

# doxa school bendigo

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**October 2020**



## **A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

How great it is to see the students back on-site after such a tough few months, but a little scary to think that term 4 is almost half way through.

Only 5 weeks until the end of term, with things looking a bit different than normal. Due to current restrictions on group sizes and the number of people being allowed on site, we are unable to conduct our end of year awards celebration as normal. Unfortunately, the restrictions only allow students and staff to attend these gatherings and we are currently planning how we will conduct the event and how to best include our families and supporters. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

What a busy time for the school with ILP/transition meetings taking place. After these meetings students should have a clearer plan of what 2021 looks like for them, whether it be returning to Doxa or moving on to a new school, job opportunity or other exciting prospects. How we wish there were more hours in the day.

Congratulations to Tara, one of our Animal Studies VET students who has been shortlisted for a state-wide VET award. Great job Tara and good luck with the nomination.

I hope everyone is enjoying the longer daylight hours and warmer days. It's great to be able to get out side and make the most of the beautiful spring sunshine. Hopefully the warmer weather and the diminishing number of COVID 19 cases in Victoria will see us open up more in the coming weeks.

A big thanks to families for supporting the staff and students during the past 6 months of COVID 19 restrictions. Our community appreciates the manner in which our families and supporters have respected the safety message the government has put out and done their bit to keep our community COVID free and safe. We don't know what the new normal will be but hopefully we will be able to participate in our community in a way we were used to prior to the pandemic.

Remember to call us if you have any questions or concerns regarding the remainder of the year. Stay safe and we look forward to catching up with everyone as soon as we are able.

**John Russell**

## **IMPORTANT DATES**



**Monday 2nd Nov - Student Free day due to whole school ILP**

**Tuesday 24th Nov - Student Free day due to report writing**

**Monday 7th Dec - School celebration - Last day of school year**

**Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook**  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

## KY'S CLASS

Welcome back everyone to Term 4. It has been so nice to see everyone in person. This term we are focusing on work readiness, transition and finishing off tasks to complete VCAL. Our students have been very busy catching up on the practical tasks for Work Related Skills and Personal Development Skills units. Jacko has been doing a great job supporting our students in his technology subjects which is helping with Work Related Skills tasks.

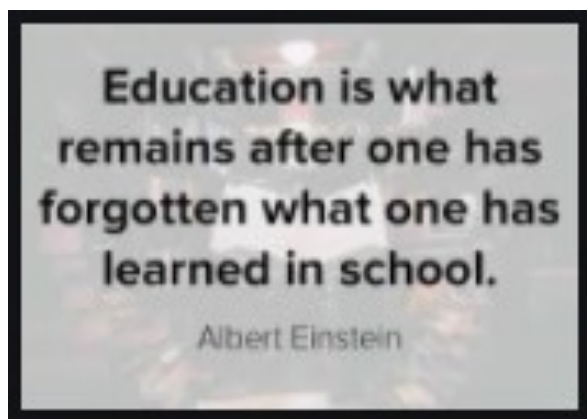
We have a few congratulations for our students who are kicking goals and making us proud. Tara has been nominated and shortlisted for the Young Achiever of the Year for Bendigo Tafe for her Animal Studies course this year. She has also been nominated for the Victorian Young Achiever award. We wish her the best of luck and congratulate her on her perseverance during this tough year.

Liam and Nick are also due for congratulations. Nick has been offered an electrical apprenticeship, after a successful work experience that he organised. This has been his pathway for most of 2020 and it is a great outcome for him. Liam is working part-time at the moment and completing his VCAL. His work hours will be extended once he finishes his school year. It is such a fantastic opportunity for him. Congratulations to you both.

Montana and Brock are both doing work experience at Bunnings every Thursday afternoon. We hope they learn some skills and make connections that will benefit them when they start employment next year.

Ky and Jac both look forward to supporting our other students into their transition pathways and updating everyone with more good news stories!! Happy Term 4 everyone.

Jac , Ky & Lillie



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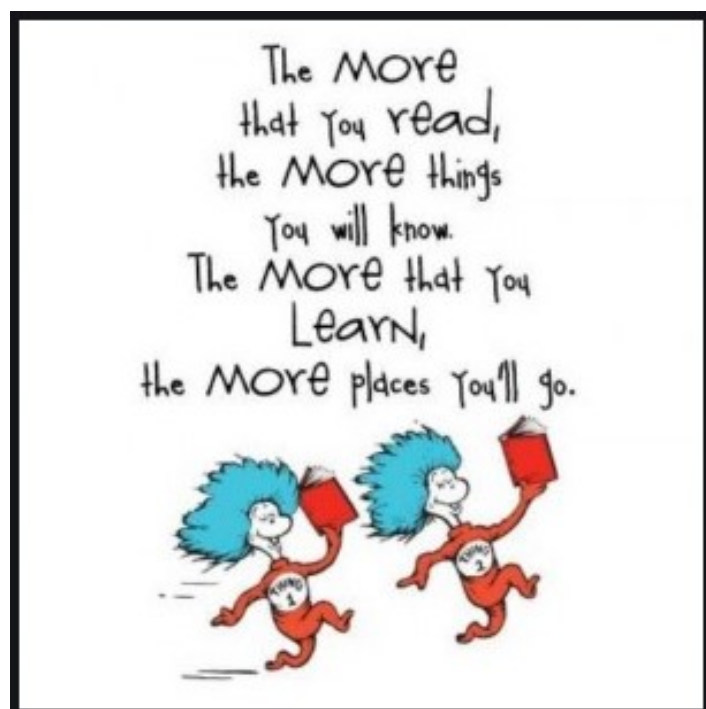
## LOU'S CLASS

How good is it to be back?! It has been so fantastic to see most of our students make a return to on-site learning this term. Our room has seen some fantastic Narrative pieces of writing emerge, with students demonstrating their flare for creative writing beautifully.

Our VETis students have returned to on-site learning at TAFE, completing practical components associated with the theory units they completed during remote learning. With TAFE days finishing up over the next couple of weeks, students are encouraged to really give it one last push to satisfactorily complete the units they are able to. Well done to those of you who have persevered during a really tricky time.

Term four is quickly passing us by and students have been engaging really positively in conversations about their ILP goals in preparation for the meetings that are coming up over the next two weeks. Mick, Nick, Jacinta and I are very much looking forward to discussing progress and goals with students and their families.

Lou, Mick, Nick & Lillie



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## RUTH'S CLASS

Welcome to Term 4, we are almost half way through which is a little daunting. We have settled back in to the classroom and have been working really hard on our literacy and numeracy tasks.

Our group has completed reading tasks of Paper Planes and watched the movie with great feedback as part of our literacy unit.

Our aboriginal unit is still continuing with the focus on Indigenous Athletes and we look forward to reading the projects from students.

Shed has been a busy time with many of the students engaging in making tool boxes, jewelry boxes, tackle boxes and BBQ caddies as well as individual items of interest for the more experienced students.

Our SELs sessions have been running weekly focusing on community and participation with students engaging positively in these sessions.

We are looking forward to meeting with all our families at our term 4 ILP meetings in week 5. We will finalise goals and have the opportunity to cement a pathway for your student heading towards 2021.

Ruth, Claire & Amy



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## ROHAN'S CLASS

It has been a great year, and especially great term for the Outreach students. We have seen a number of students significantly increase their class time and join in with elective programs and whole school activities.

The Book Week event was really enjoyed by the students and was a great opportunity for them to see staff and students in a new light.

With the year drawing to a close a number of students are transitioning into regular Doxa classes and we look forward to seeing those students in class next year.

All the students have increased their engagement and belief that Doxa is the school for them. The Outreach program was new to Doxa this year and has been a great addition to the Doxa program.

**Rohan & Carla**

## SHED WITH JACKO

We have hit the ground running, albeit completing something that we started in term 1. So far we have completed approximately 20 habitat boxes and they will be delivered shortly to a Land and Conservation instructor at Bendigo TAFE to be used in local bushlands for our local birds and wildlife.

Students have adapted well to this task as it was put on the back burner for almost 2 terms due to restrictions placed on the Shed.

For the remainder of 2020 we will produce some quicker projects that will take between 1 and 2 lessons, they should start to get home soon, and then get into some individually designed projects.

**Jacko**





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## SOME PHOTOS FROM ELECTIVES & BOOK WEEK

