

doxa school bendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

May 2024



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It is hard to believe we are in week 4 of term 2. There is a lot happening in our space with the Job's Camps, VET, excursions and afternoon program. We would also like to mention Tony White who finished at Doxa School Bendigo after being with the school since it started. He has been with the school for 17 years and we wish he and his family all the very best for the future.

Principal Appraisal:

I will be undertaking my Formative Principal Appraisal over the next month.

As I am early in my career as Principal, I take this as an opportunity to build on my knowledge and skills in the role.

My appraisal involves two ways for the Doxa Community to provide feedback. The first is through an online survey and the second is talking to the appraisal panel.

All staff and families and selected students are invited to submit their feedback via an online survey which will be sent out on the 13th May.

If you are interested in talking with the panel, please contact Ky Rivett on 03 5442 8140 to discuss further.

I thank everyone in advance for your time and effort in this process.

Reporting Student Achievement:

This year we implemented the changes to the Victorian Curriculum Maths 2.0. As a part of implementing these changes there is a change to reporting on maths for students in yr 7- 10 at our school.

You will notice that Maths 2.0 is reported as a whole strand, with one dot, instead of three number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability).

English will remain the same and reported across the three strands of Reading & Viewing, Writing and Speaking & Listening.

This will be discussed further at ILP meetings later in the term.

If you have any further questions please contact classroom teachers.

For further info, please visit the link below.

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/reporting-student-achievement/guidance/guidance-reporting-each-learning-stage>

Important Dates to remember

Report writing day—Pupil Free Day	<u>Friday 17 May</u>
ILP day- Pupil Free Day	<u>Friday 31 May</u>
Public Holiday- King's Birthday	<u>Monday 17 June</u>
F.I.R.E carrier Whole School Excursion	<u>Wednesday 26 June</u>
End Term 2	<u>Friday 28 June</u>



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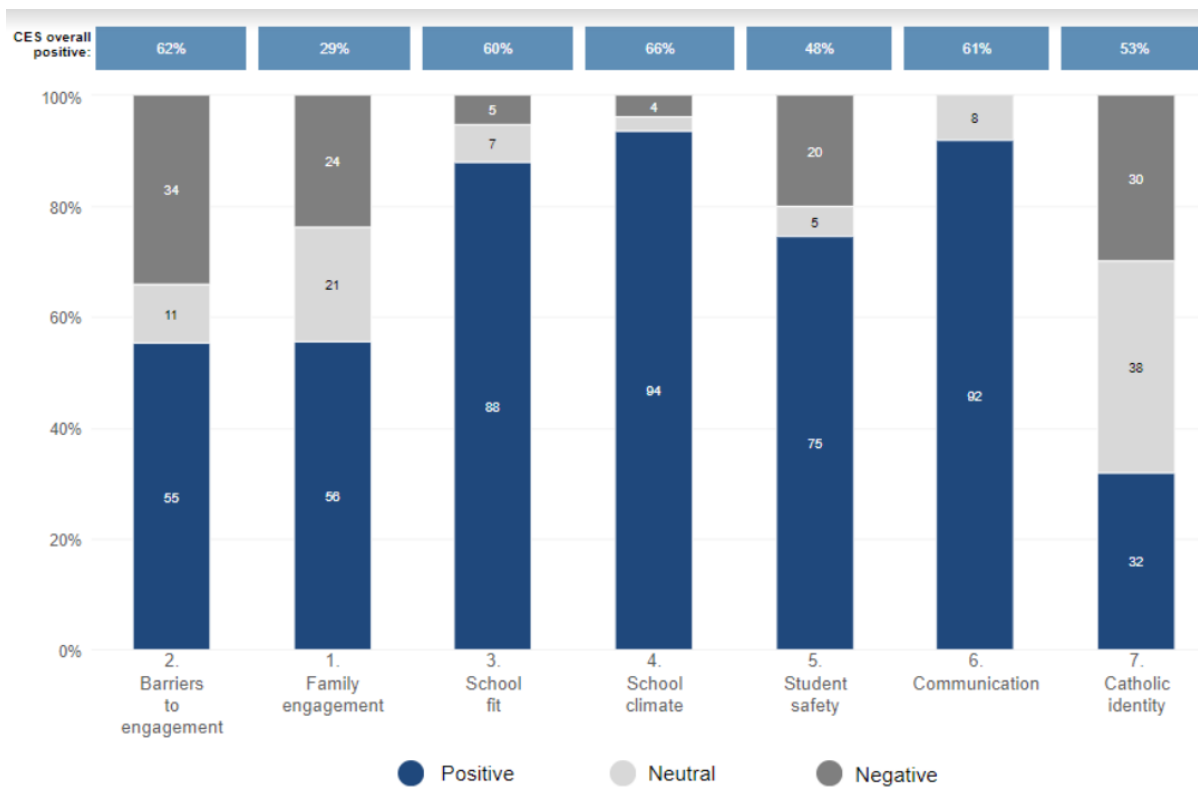
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School Survey:

Each year all students and families are invited to take part in the Doxa school survey. This usually occurs in term 3 or term 4. The survey results are then discussed by staff and goals are set to make changes based on the feedback.

Below is the Family feedback from 2023.



Based on the results we can see that our Strengths include;

- Our communication with families
- Matching young people to our program
- The feel of Doxa

Areas for consideration include;

- Family engagement into Doxa
- Catholic Identity of the space

In response to the data, at Doxa we will be

- Having more family events, including termly morning tea events for families to be welcomed into our space
- Completing the re-design of selected spaces in our school

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

AMINDA & SARAH'S CLASS

We've been working hard this term in Aminda and Sarah's class!

We kicked things off with a park hangout, dining on some tasty chicken rolls together for lunch. It was a blast to bond outside the classroom, swapping laughs and enjoying the fresh air.

Now, we're gearing up for some awesome excursions and job camp opportunities. Adventure awaits! From exploring local history to getting hands-on with potential career paths, we're ready to dive in and discover new horizons.

In class, we're diving deep into ancient cultures like the Fertile Crescent, Mesopotamia, and the ancient Sumerians. We're uncovering the secrets of these ancient civilizations and connecting the dots to our modern world.

During our Social and Emotional Learning lessons we have been all about boosting each other up by recognizing our strengths. Turns out, we're a pretty talented bunch! From leadership skills to artistic flair, there's no shortage of awesomeness in our class.

And let's not forget about Math and English - we're mastering measurements and getting slick with persuasive posters. Whether it's calculating distances or crafting compelling ads, we're sharpening our skills for the real world.

Loads of fun stuff ahead this term. We hope everyone here at Doxa has a fantastic term!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

JOSH AND LAURA'S CLASS

This term in our class has been really interesting. We've been diving into topics like ANZAC history, Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), and practical life skills such as budgeting and preparing for independent living. Alongside our studies, we've had some cool experiences too!

Some of our classmates, including Della, Laicey, Josh, and Keira, have been involved in activities like working with Righteous Pups on Mondays. And recently, Laicey and Josh had a great time visiting Edgar's Mission, where they met some amazing animals.

Josh shared, "The best part of the trip was hanging out with Tim Tam, the pig, and the goat." Laicey also loved the goat, especially how it had a little wheelchair for its back legs. It was really touching.

Job Camps started this week- we really enjoyed it. Plus, our class has teamed up with Room 3 for a cool project—building and launching water rockets! Can't wait to see them soar!

Josh and Laura



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

SCOTT & CLAIRE'S CLASS

Term 2 has started just as term 1 finished, full of fun and energy.

We have been able to develop a unit of work that allows us to complete the Financial unit of VPC whilst also getting to cook and eat food. Our literacy this term is focused on Civic Participation and what better way to explore civic engagement than to create our own civilization.

Our class is hosting the Marcellin Campagnat morning tea this term and Ruth has already started to get the creative juices flowing with the class. There will be more detail's to come so keep an eye on Facebook and your phone.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

EMILY & TONY'S CLASS

It's pretty hard to believe that it's May and nearly mid Term 2 already! We have been so proud of all the students returning after the holidays. We finished Term 1 on such a high, hosting our Term morning tea for Harmony Day, with students making and serving lots of delicious goodies! We definitely have a few chefs in our classroom. Last term, we also spent a lot of time hands on making rum balls and slime and teaching others how to do it. We also competed in the Egg Drop Challenge, with Ollie and Josh being the winning team for both teamwork and a safe egg contraption!

This term, we have also joined forces again with Josh and Laura's class to create water bottle rockets. Students have been using maths, design, science and technology to come up with both the launchers and the bottle rockets. We are excited to see how they go.

We are learning about fractions and decimals and linking this to financial numeracy. We are hoping to plan and make some cheap meals later in the term.

While in literacy, we have been focusing on short comic writing, learning about the significance and different perspectives of ANZAC Day, homophones and are about to begin our unit on The Lorax.

Some of us have also been on our chosen excursion to Edgars Mission in Lancefield and we are surprised that Emily still isn't there in the chicken paddock! Other students are looking forward to the Oxart Pottery trip later in the term. Throughout this term, some students are also undertaking the hospitality job camp including learning safe food practices, coffee making and non alcohol beverages.

We are sad to say goodbye to Tony - our legendary wellbeing worker. He will be very much missed but we all hope he enjoys his new chapter. What a term so far!



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