

doxa school bendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

November 2022



A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

With only 4 weeks to go until the end of term, Doxa is a busy place at the moment. With current ILP meetings and plans for our end of year celebrations, the Doxa awards night and our students' plans for 2023, the year is quickly coming to an end.

Welcome to our CRT Emily who has been helping out in various classrooms and building relationships with our students and staff. The students particularly love Emily's style of teaching with hands-on activities and Numeracy games. Emily has joined in with Participation Programs and is a wonderful addition to our school.

Thank you to our Doxa families for attending ILP meetings. This is a time to support all students to reflect on their school year and begin setting goals moving forward into 2023. Although many students will be staying with us next year, there are also many students that will be moving on from Doxa School. This transition journey can be both exciting and a bit stressful.

I have been appreciative of the kind and curious behaviour of our young people in supporting each other through this period of change and I encourage everyone to continue to ask lots of questions, show kindness to someone every day and give everything a go!

The staff have begun planning for the 'fun activities week' late in November. A great week that builds joyful memories for all. More information will be sent out to families over the next few weeks.

The Doxa Celebration evening is on the 5th December at St Killians Hall. This is a night for our families to celebrate the efforts and achievements of their young people. This year it will also be a chance to say goodbye to John as he moves into the next phase of his career. Further information has been sent home this week.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the communities that have been affected by the recent floods. May they all feel comfort and support during this difficult time.

Do all things with kindness.

Vanessa
Acting Principal

Important Dates to remember

Monday 14th Nov - Report writing day, Student free day

Monday 5th Dec - Awards night



Ways to contact the school on 54428140 or 0417 108 870 or message us on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo/>

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

AMINDA'S CLASS

Well, we can't believe that is almost half way through the term! It has been great to see so many high attenders still going strong. At the beginning of Term 4, a number of students from Aminda and Claire's room were still away overseas for an extended holiday. We welcome back Louis and Hunter to the class and hope that they enjoyed their trips away!

We have been delving into our revision for the term. In Numeracy, we have been covering Financial Mathematics, Location and Transformation as well as some Number and Algebra. This term we have started our Ancient History unit. We have learnt about the Fertile Crescent in Mesopotamia, the civilisations of Babylon, Akkad, Lydia and even all the way up to the Greeks! It has been fascinating to see the events that led to the modern world and our class has been fully engaged every step of the way.

We hope that everyone has had a great start to the term and we look forward to celebrating everyone's achievements at awards night!

Aminda & Claire

RUTH'S CLASS

Can you believe it is already November? It has been great to see our students back in the classroom and completing their learning tasks this term.

Our focus has been on our writing tasks completing Informative, Imaginative and Persuasive writing pieces.

In Numeracy our focus is to complete as much work as we can on Measurement and Geometry for our reporting this term.

Please encourage your students to continue to give their very best for the last few weeks of the term and put their names on the list for our activity's week in week 9 that our Student Experiences team are busy organising for all.

There have been some terrific results in Shed this term as students have been working hard in the welding bay, producing cats, chicken, plant stands and wine racks.

Well done to Jacko and the students for their engagement and taking on new opportunities.

Keep checking in with Tony for your wellbeing and transition needs for 2023 and keep focusing on your goals.

Till next time,
Ruth and Tony

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

LOU'S CLASS

As we begin the road towards the end of the year, students are working on some great projects and achieving some really impressive milestones. Kyrach gets a special mention this week, she worked with such purpose to achieve her goal of getting her Learner's Permit and is now on our roads, driving very responsibly with her supervising drivers; Well Done Kyrach!!!

ILPs started this week, thank you for making and keeping appointments when you could. It's always a great opportunity during term 4 to celebrate your achievements and to plan for the next few weeks ahead. We look forward to continuing our ILP meetings next Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Oliver and Jai were brilliant together in the shed last week, working together to complete Jai's horseshoe project. What a great job with the skateboard Oliver! We encourage everyone to keep turning up and giving things your best go, we are halfway through and nearly there.

Lou & Carla



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

SHED WITH JACKO

This term in shed has seen a number of different projects from within all classes with students pushing into some personalised projects. This has enabled a number of them to put into practice what they have learnt throughout the year and also try different processes that they may not have had the chance to try yet.

The projects range from renovating a dog kennel, creating ornamental garden accessories, phone holders made with scroll work and figurines (Cats, Dogs, Deer, Ducks, Chooks, Frogs) made from old horseshoes.

All students have had the opportunity to have a weld this semester and there are a few who are already producing some quality welds.

For the rest of the year we will continue to work on student driven projects and shed is also being included in the next couple of elective rotations where we will make a BBQ Caddy, complete with a set of BBQ tools and then some small Christmas trees.

Jacko.

KY'S CLASS

Many of the VCAL students are transitioning out of Doxa this term into various opportunities including apprenticeships, work and further study. We wish everyone well and thank all students for the contribution they made to the VCAL program this year. We also can't wait to see all our returning students who will be with us in the new year.

Earlier this year VCAL students participated a unit of work called 'The kindness Pandemic'. The unit of work had students exploring what it means to be kind, and how one simple act of kindness can help bring positive impact in the world.

Students discussed people in our society who are most vulnerable and investigated ways that they could help through kindness. We ended up making our 'Kindness Cards' for people who are in Bendigo Health's psychiatric inpatient ward, to help them to feel less isolated, especially over the Christmas season. This term Daniela Bradley from Bendigo Health came to collect the cards that we made and spoke to the students about the positive impact such a small gesture would have for those within the ward. She is also using the students' card designs as posters around Bendigo to promote the donation of more cards. In the spirit of Doxa's Safe, Kind and Curious motto, please consider supporting this Kindness Pandemic by donating a card. Check out the attached flyer for locations and the originating story.

Hoping to see you all at the Awards night on the 5th of December.

Jac and Ky.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

A WORD FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM

Exciting Times for Students Leaving Us...And Those Coming In

As the year progresses, exciting times lie ahead for many of our students who are transitioning to other opportunities. There's a real mix of destinations for our students and it's a credit to their goals - and the effort they have made to achieve them - to make these a reality. What is most heartening is the variation of pathway opportunities our students will transition into. This tells us that the individual needs of students can be met when they are supported in the right ways. This includes students who are entering:

- apprenticeships
- paid work opportunities
- Bendigo Senior Secondary College
- other mainstream school settings
- NetSchool, and
- TAFE training courses

As the year progresses we will continue to support students to begin their transition and/or refine their transition plans to ensure they have the very best chance of making their shift a successful one.

The other side of this is the opportunity to welcome some new students into the Doxa community. We're currently in the middle of meeting potential new students and we will look forward to orientating them to our program at the end of this year and the beginning of 2023. We will be able to confirm what this means for the composition of our class groups for next year once we have finalised this process. It's exciting times all round!

"Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful." – Herman Cain

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

BENDIGO HEALTH DECEMBER CARDS PROJECT

December Cards



Join us to
sprinkle some
joy this
Christmas!



Imagine spending Christmas and
New Year's on a psychiatric inpatient unit,
while families and friends are celebrating together.
It would be easy to feel isolated and lonely.

Join us to let these people know that we are thinking of them!

A small act of kindness can make a big difference

1. Choose a card you like and fill it with a message of hope, kindness and solidarity.
IMPORTANT: Please do not seal the envelope as we will insert a flyer explaining the project.

2. Place your card into the 'December Cards Project' letter box here by Thursday 22 December, or post it to Bendigo Health by Thursday 15 December:

*Bendigo Health
Mental Health Professional Development Unit 'December Cards'
PO Box 126, Bendigo VIC 3552*

Bendigo Health will deliver your card in time for Christmas.

3. Enjoy your Christmas, knowing that you have made a difference to somebody on the psychiatric inpatient ward.



Find some of the wonderful cards written last year on the back of this poster.

Scan the QR code for more information or go to bendigohealth.org.au, click on *News & Events*.

If you need someone to talk to, call:

- Lifeline on 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline on 1800 551 800

- Suicide Call Back Service on 1300 659 467

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