

# NEWSLETTER

April 2014

## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to everyone to the start of term 2. I hope everyone is feeling rested after the break and looking forward to another busy term at Doxa.

We welcome Samantha Holland to our Student Support team. Sam takes over from Kylie Heasley, who left us at the end of last term. Some of our students and their families are familiar with Sam from her time at Crusoe College. All Parents/guardians are invited to our morning tea on Thursday 15th May at 10.30am to meet with Sam and the other staff members. Those attending will be asked to complete a small survey about the Doxa School. This will assist us with our annual school review which helps us to improve the services we provide for you and your family.

### Work Experience for Senior Students May 12-16

Students in the Doxa Senior Program are currently investigating preferred workplaces for Work Experience during the week May 12-16. With the support of senior teachers, students investigate three potential workplaces and make contact with employers. Parents will receive a Work Experience Arrangement Form to complete prior to the student commencing work experience. We are hoping that all students in the senior program will take advantage of this program. Please phone the school if you have any questions.

Thanks to the parents who are participating in the Bendigo Councils immunisation program. Those families involved will be notified by the school office when this will be taking place.

All parents will be contacted in the coming weeks to organise ILP/transition meetings that will take place on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th May. These 2 days will be student free, however, your child is expected to attend the scheduled meeting with you at the school. These meetings are designed to help with any issues you or your child may be having with their learning plan and/or transition to school or other appropriate programs

Included with the newsletter is some information about a presentation on positive body image in teens and young children. More information can be found at [www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au](http://www.thebutterflyfoundation.org.au)

John Russell  
Principal

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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 25th April - Anzac Day Public Holiday  
**10.30am** Thursday 15th May - Parent Morning Tea  
**5.30pm** Thursday 22nd May - Family Pizza night  
Tuesday 27th May - Student Free Day  
Thursday 29th & Friday 30th May - ILP/Transition Meetings (both days will be student free)  
Monday 9th June - Queens Birthday Public Holiday.  
Thursday 26th June - Last day Term 2



# About the Anzac Day

## When is Anzac Day?

Anzac Day falls on the 25th of April each year. The 25th of April was officially named Anzac Day in 1916.

## What does 'ANZAC' stand for?

'ANZAC' stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps.

On the 25th of April 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers formed part of the allied expedition that set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula. These became known as Anzacs and the pride they took in that name continues to this day.

## Why is this day special to Australians?

On the morning of 25 April 1915, the Anzacs set out to capture the Gallipoli peninsula in order to open the Dardanelles to the allied navies. The objective was to capture Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey), the capital of the Ottoman Empire, and an ally of Germany.

The Anzacs landed on Gallipoli and met fierce resistance from the Ottoman Turkish defenders. Their plan to knock Turkey out of the war quickly became a stalemate, and the campaign dragged on for eight months. At the end of 1915, the allied forces were evacuated. Both sides suffered heavy casualties and endured great hardships. Over 8,000 Australian soldiers were killed. News of the landing on Gallipoli and the events that followed had a profound impact on Australians at home. The 25th of April soon became the day on which Australians remember the sacrifice of those who had died in the war.

The Anzacs were courageous and although the Gallipoli campaign failed in its military objectives, the Australian and New Zealand actions during the campaign left us all a powerful legacy.

## The Last Post

In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities. It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

The Last Post is one of a number of bugle calls in military tradition that mark the phases of the day. While Reveille signals the start of a soldier's day, the Last Post signals its end.

