

# doxa school bendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

September 2022



## A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

It's hard to believe it is the end of another busy term at Doxa School. We have finally welcomed a few sunny days.

John has gone on Leave until the end of the year. He will be returning for the Celebration night in early December, before he retires as the principal.

We wish John and his family many days filled with love and laughter as he spends term four travelling.

This term has been a busy one with the running of the Warrnambool and Marysville Camps. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved with organising and running the camps program. The young people that were able to participate this year had a lovely time exploring some of the wonders of Victoria and making memories with their peers.

Thank you to all families that participated in last months ILP meetings. These meetings form an important part of your child's journey at Doxa and enable them to contribute to setting their own goals for the remainder of the year.

Just a reminder that students finish at 1pm on Friday. Our office will be open for the first week of the holidays.

We wish everyone a safe and relaxing term break and see you all for the return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

**Vanessa**  
**Acting Principal**

### Important Dates to remember

Friday 16th Sept - last day of term , students dismissed at 1pm

Monday 3rd Oct - student return for first day of term 4

Wednesday 26th Oct - Bendigo Cup public holiday



**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

The students in Aminda and Claire's room have been reflecting on all the wonderful experiences that we have been fortunate to have over the term. After 2 long years, we were finally able to have a school camps. Both groups of students that had gone on the Warrnambool and Marysville camps have returned very tired after having some great experiences.

Our class were able to watch the new Elvis film after visiting the exhibition last term. Furthermore, the students had finished reading the novel "The Outsiders" together as a group.

It has been fantastic to have our third uninterrupted term in a row and we look forward to returning to Doxa in term 4!

**Aminda & Claire**

## RUTH'S CLASS

We are heading to the end of Term 3 which has been a busy one for the school. It was wonderful to hear of the stories from the Warrnambool camp and the enjoyment that all the students had while there.

Tony and I were lucky enough to go to the Marysville camp where we had a terrific time with the students and staff.

We had a great time exploring the regions attractions and a day of snow play on Lake Mountain. All the students were fantastic and so supportive of each other.

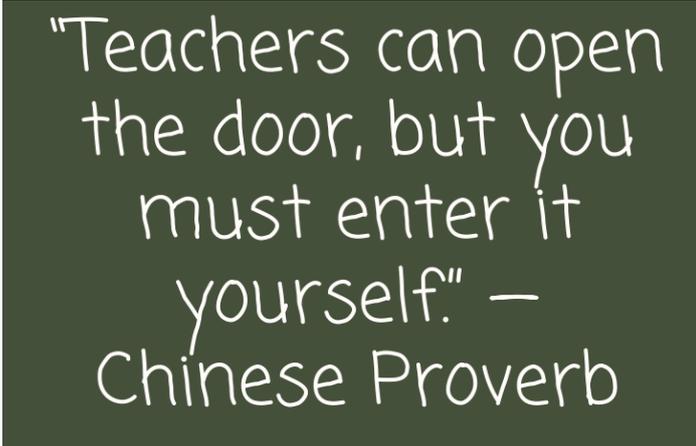
Our class managed to complete their ILP meeting this term and work towards ticking off some goals. Keep doing your best.

All students have spent time with Ruth building on their understanding of their Numeracy outcomes and where they want to be by the end of the year. We will be working hard on this in Term 4 and all students will be able to gain success from their output.

May you all have a wonderful break, enjoy the warmer days and stay safe.

Till next term,

**Ruth and Tony**



"Teachers can open the door, but you must enter it yourself." – Chinese Proverb

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## LOU'S CLASS

Well another term is almost at its end and what a term it has been.

Students spent time working towards being ready for camp experiences and most students were able to make it to the camp of their choice, demonstrating persistence and resilience along the way. It is no mean feat to build to being away from home for the week, with school, when we haven't been able to participate in camps for the last couple of years. Well Done Mady, Lateasha, Kyrah, Nick, Jaxson, Jai, Ned and Oliver!!!

As we move into term 4, it is important that student attendance continues to be strong, with students coming with a willingness to participate in the best way they can.

We have some great things planned and hope to share them with as many as possible.

Have a safe and happy break, we look forward to seeing you all after the holidays.

**Lou & Carla**

## KY'S CLASS

The VCAL group have been working with Artist Alicia Huddy this term on a Mural for the backyard. There has been planning, OHS discussions, teamwork and a lot of hard work. Through rain, hail and shine Alicia and the students have worked on this masterpiece.

The mural represents a few aspects of life here at Doxa, The inspiration began with our 3 expectations 'Be Safe, Be Kind and Be Curious' On the mural we have the hive and the bee's symbolising the community that we have here at Doxa with everyone working together to help each other to be Safe, Kind and Curious.

We also have the edible native plants, for us these symbolise how food brings people together. The gold base colour is a nod to the goldfields that brought people to Bendigo from far and wide.

We love what it has done for our backyard space and hope that you all do too.

Have a safe and happy break and we will see you all at the start of term 4.

**Ky, Jac & Amy**



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCES

This term we saw the preparation for camps pay off, with both of our camps going ahead, in spite of some pretty ordinary weather.

The first camp, to Warrnambool, saw 19 students board the busses for the long journey. Once there, students unpacked and finalised shopping lists and headed off to the supermarket. Most group totals landed within a dollar of their budget.

Over the course of the next 3 days, we spent time fishing, exploring nature, learning about the shipwreck coast and enjoying each other's company.

Our second, smaller camp to Marysville, headed off on Monday the following week with 8 students on board. Students spent time exploring the beautiful natural attractions of the area, enjoyed the games room at the park and spent time on Lake Mountain, enjoying the snow.

Thank you to all students who participated in our camps program this year, the enthusiasm and preparedness to step outside your comfort zones meant that the experiences we were able to provide were meaningful and hopefully will stay with you into the future. Well done everyone!!!

Don't forget to check out our Doxa School Facebook page for camps and excursions photos and information.

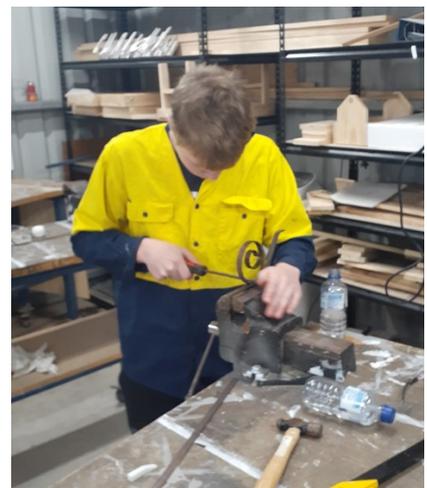
### The student experiences team

## SHED WITH JACKO

Term 3 in Shed has seen students continue to develop their metalworking skills through completing small projects, the standard of these projects has been very high and Doxa is producing some really skillful welders.

Term 4 will see some students continue on their personal projects, some will dabble with some basic electronics and others will just continue to sharpen their skills.

### Jacko



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## Introducing the VPC at Doxa

There are significant changes taking place in the Senior Certificate options from 2023. Next year, Doxa will be offering the VPC (Victorian Pathways Certificate) at years 10, 11 and 12, replacing VCAL. Students will also have the opportunity to complete their VETis certificates in Building and Construction, Automotive, Engineering, Allied Health, Animal Studies or Kitchen Operations (based on availability)

The purpose of the VPC is to:

- equip students with the skills, knowledge, values and capabilities to be active and informed citizens, lifelong learners and confident and creative individuals.
- empower students to make informed decisions about the next stages of their lives through authentic workplace experiences providing them with the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals and aspirations in a rapidly changing world.

For interested parents/carers we will be having an information session on early next term. We will advertise dates once confirmed.

More information can be found at <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/curriculum/VPC/Pages/AboutVPC.aspx>

Spring has sprung!

Here's to lots  
of warm and  
sunny days to  
come!



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