

doxa school bendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people

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A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who was able to take part in our camps program this term. Two groups headed off to Melbourne Doxa City Camp for three days and enjoyed seeing many sights around Melbourne.

A special Thank you to all the staff of our school and the Doxa City Camp. Camps are a lovely experience that helps to build quality relationships, however they do take a lot of time to plan, support, run and recover from. I appreciate all that everyone has contributed to ensure that we continue to provide a range of experiences for our community.

The warmer weather has begun to show itself and I want to remind everyone about being sun smart. Students are encouraged to use sunscreen, wear hats and stay in the shade where possible.

A reminder that all students are required to wear appropriate footwear and clothing to school. This includes shoes that have covered in toes. Please do not wear slippers, thongs or slides. Our students participate in various activities that require protective footwear, this includes the kitchen, shed, art and travelling to parks etc.

We do not have a school uniform; however, students are encouraged to wear neat casual dress. Please do not wear cropped or low-cut tops, short shorts or offensive logos.

Thank you to the students, staff and Parent/ Carers that completed the Doxa School Engagement Survey this year. Your feedback is a valuable part to helping our school grow and develop.

As we approach the end of the school year, many students will be taking part in transition to new education or work-based agencies. Although this part of the Doxa journey is very exciting, it can also be a little stressful. I encourage everyone to give new things a go with a positive mindset and seek support when you need it.

Stay safe,
Vanessa Brown
Principal

Important Dates to remember

- Monday, Nov 6th - Student free day due to ILP meetings
- Friday Nov 24th - Student free day due to Report writing
- Tuesday Nov 28th - Student free day due to staff training
- Wednesday 6th Dec - Awards night from
- Friday 8th Dec - Last day of term - students dismissed at 12pm



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS

AMINDA'S CLASS

This term, the students of Aminda and Carla's class began hitting the ground running with the Melbourne camp. Two groups of students over two weeks went to explore all of the fun activities available on offer! This fun and slightly joyous disruption to the beginning of the term has not gotten in the way of any great learning that is happening in our space!

Our class has been reading the novel "Red Dog" by Louis De Bernieres and exploring the vast expanse of Australia through the story. Reading this together as a class has been the highlight of our learning each week. It has been great to see so many students engaged in this book.

Our class has been wrapping up our testing for the year in preparation for reports and graduation time. Students have been writing information reports on topics of interest such as music, gaming and important figures in history. Some students are trying their hand at word processing for the first time, as well as using AI (chatGPT) to help plan and write their texts. We have been practicing solving problems using the order of operations, as well as exploring some algebraic equations to solve. It has been great to see that our students are still working hard every day four terms in! Hopefully we can continue to maintain this until the end of the school year!

Aminda & Carla

RUTH'S CLASS

It is hard to believe it is already the middle of Term 4. We have had a busy few weeks at Doxa for students and staff. As most people know Jacinta has left to take up a fabulous opportunity at Bendigo Community Health and we wish her all the best for this opportunity as well as celebrating the 10 years of service she provided to all the students she worked with at Doxa over the years.

The beginning of the term saw our students attend camp in the city of Melbourne. We would like to congratulate the students that took up this opportunity and should be very proud of themselves for their terrific behaviour.

Thank you to those families that have attended ILP meetings in the last couple of weeks to discuss the success your students have had during the year as part of our class group.

Keep attending and keep doing your best for the remainder of the year.

Ruth and Jacinta

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

EMILY'S CLASS

We were so lucky to begin the term with camp! Many students ventured to Melbourne for a few days or enjoyed a day trip to the Melbourne Zoo. We are also thrilled to have Tony back in the class with us (and many Dad jokes!)

We've spent the term finishing off work to complete VPC units, looking at the likelihood of events happening through data and graphs and discussing aspects of our legal system in Australia.

We have spoken a lot this term about the benefits of being connected to our community and how we can give back to the community in one small way or another. Students selected to voluntarily clean up a local park for our Personal Development Skills task, an awesome effort.

Students have achieved so much this year and we are so proud of all of their achievements.

Emily & Tony

JACKO'S CLASS

This term Jacko & Claire's class has been flat out, with two groups in different weeks experiencing the Melbourne camp, what a way to start the term.

We started Literacy for Civic Participation and have been investigating democracy, rights and power (we potentially have some world leaders in our midst). We will next explore action and partake in a law review.

We are well into our Civic numeracy around data and chance and have used coins and dice to predict outcomes as well as determine whether games are based on skill or luck.

Students have also had the opportunity to undertake a personal interest project PIP. With a wide range of topics chosen, from LGBTIQ+ rights to skunks and rogue lions. I also found out that the story of a hippopotamus eating a small person in a circus was in fact fake news and never happened.

Claire has been leading some amazing SELs classes around relationships and conflict resolution.

With the end of 2023 rapidly approaching there is still so much to cram in the following weeks such as wrapping up units for our VPC, PIPs and our end of year class and whole school activities that will culminate in our celebration night.

Jacko & Claire

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

