

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL

Wow we are at the end for Term 3.

The sun is shining, and the warmer weather is upon us. Before we know it the end of the year will be upon us. Like every year, the second half of the year seems to fly away.

Thank you to all students who have been involved in the School Improvement group. They have worked hard to beautify the school from finishing the front Garden with a beautiful quiet place to making sure the shed is ready for our up-and-coming elective.

Thank you to all the staff for their continuing wonderful work that they do in the classrooms, electives and upon excursions. There have been many exciting opportunities throughout the Friday program from Escape rooms, visiting Pink Cliffs, experiencing music at the Engine room and finishing the term celebrating individual sporting colours day. A little something for everyone.

The last few weeks have been jam-packed from celebrating R U OK Day, Lego Exhibition and Melbourne Museum. There has been something exciting each week during the elective time from cooking delicious fried rice, banana fritters and meatballs to producing beautiful photography for the Bendigo Show or getting fit through golf and sporting activities.

May you have a safe and blessed break and we look forward to seeing everyone return on Monday, October 6th for the final term of 2025.

Teneille Smith  
Acting Principal

# ROOM ONE

## Jim and Hayley

The Room 1 team have involved themselves in interest-based exploration presentations and discussions for literacy. We have students providing engaging talks on people of interest like Bob Ross and Danny DeVito. Further talks on scientific explorations include Psychopathy, Lobotomies, Chimpanzee Brains and one of my favourites, the benefits of Brussel Sprouts.

Our Mathematics include finding the areas of composite shapes to measure the area of our classrooms and compare sizes, so we appreciate the generous area we work in. Fractions with long/short division and algebra were mastered to overcome some of the aversions to this wonderful topic.

PD/SEL focus allowed students to celebrate their achievements by producing Quality World posters including building inspiration Quality Pathways. Exploration on the negative effects of Vaping and how to manage stress was complimented with the making of slime (gross). Room 1 has enjoyed many activities to build a repertoire of engaging learning experiences. Visits to Tech School at Latrobe University allowed for an insight into the developing genre of technology with its exponential growth.

Students enjoyed Work Related Skills, building their understanding of working in teams. A precursor to this supported some students in teaching their peers to make therapeutic slime. Their patience and teaching abilities was highly noted.

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Extra curricular activities allowed for students to participate in Photography, Dungeons and Dragons, Sport, Cooking and Café. Students in Photography focussed on 3 themes involving Blurred backgrounds, Nature/Wildlife and Passage of Time. We're producing master pieces for the Bendigo Show Photography exhibitions and we found inspiration with attending the Oak Forest in Harcourt, Lake Weeroona and the Botanical Gardens.

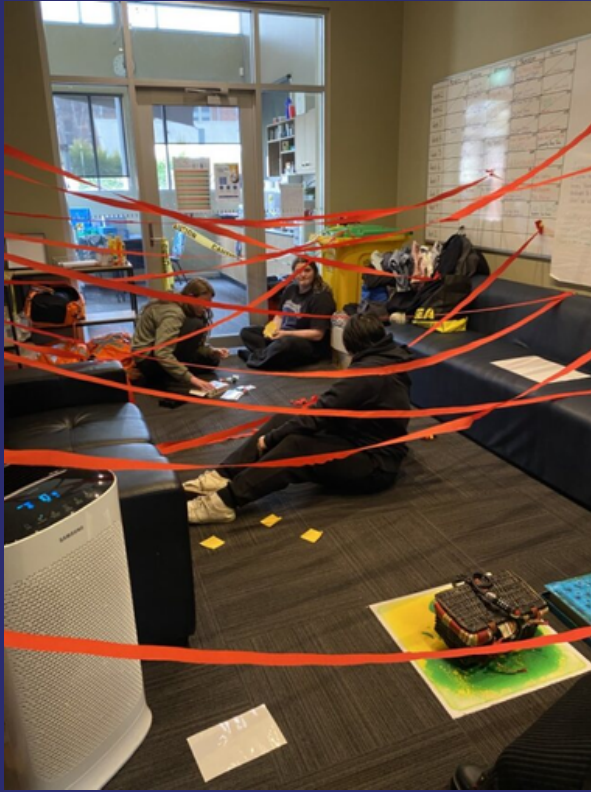
Room 1 swooped into the Book Week Parade with a DC Comics takeover! From caped crusaders to magical heroes, our students turned the catwalk into a comic book adventure—and even managed to take home a bunch of awards along the way. Batman showed off their eco-friendly style with a costume made from an upcycled bedsheet, while Raven wowed in a hand-sewn purple velvet cape fit for a superhero. It was a day full of colour, capes, and creativity—well done, heroes of Room 1!

Jahzara is keen to further explore a path in Art - below is a piece of her Artwork she created for Doxa - absolutely AMAZING!



# ROOM ONE

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# ROOM TWO

## Aminda and Kim

We've wrapped up our journey through Morris Gleitzman's *Once* and have now stepped into a new story – Stephen King's *The Body*. To go along with it, we've been watching *Stand By Me*, sparking some great chats about friendship, courage, and growing up.

In Maths, we've continued to stretch our brains, building on our knowledge of length and angle relationships.

Book Week was a huge highlight – our class dressed up as Gru and the Minions (with students as the mischievous Minions and Aminda leading the crew as Gru).



To top it all off, we joined the whole school on an excursion to the Melbourne Museum, exploring history, science, and culture all in one big day out.

# ROOM THREE

## Josh and Sarah

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the amazing experiences we have had together.

We have had a blast exploring the world of science by making fluffy slime and visiting the Melbourne Museum to see the incredible Star Wars Lego exhibition. It was thrilling to see our students' eyes light up as they discovered the wonders of the universe.

We also took the time to celebrate R U Ok Day with a fun colour run activity that was a hit with everyone. It was a great opportunity for us to come together and show our support for each other's mental well-being.

Book week was another highlight, with our class taking out a major prize and Chelsea and Matilda also winning individual honours. It was a testament to the love of reading and storytelling that we foster in our classroom.

For the students who attended the Escape Room challenge, they had a fantastic time solving puzzles and testing their skills. It was a great way for them to work together as a team and showcase their problem-solving abilities.

Lastly, we want to take a moment to wish Tyler all the best as he transitions from Doxa into employment starting next term. We are so proud of his accomplishments and know that he will succeed in whatever he sets his mind to. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

As we look ahead to the next term, we are excited for all the new adventures and learning opportunities that awaits us. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education.

Warm regards,  
The Room 3 Team

# ROOM THREE

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# ROOM FOUR

## Ruth and Claire

This term, Ruth's Class has had many reasons to celebrate!

We are proud to share that three students have successfully completed units required for their VPC, which is a fantastic achievement. Several students have also taken important steps toward their future pathways by being referred to employment services, exploring TAFE options, and completing valuable work experience.

ILP meetings this term provided a great opportunity to sit down with students and families to discuss their progress and confirm transition plans for our Year 12 students. These conversations have been an important part of supporting students as they prepare for life beyond Doxa.

Across the class, all students continue to work steadily on their individual learning goals, with a strong focus on achieving their VPC unit outcomes for the term.

Looking ahead to Term 4, our priority will be to continue supporting our Year 12 students as they complete their VPC, strengthen their transition plans, and most importantly, celebrate their time here at Doxa.

# MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE

On Friday we ventured down to Melbourne to visit the Melbourne Museum and the Star Wars Lego Exhibition.

We had 16 students and 7 staff attend, heading off early to beat the rush of traffic. We arrived at 11 am and went directly into the exhibitions.

The Star Wars Lego exhibition was fantastic with life size models made with thousands of Lego pieces. Darth Vader was made with 45,000 Lego pieces and was amazing you could almost see his cape moving. In each area of the Lego exhibition students had opportunities to build their own creative pieces that were scanned and projected onto the wall along with hundreds of others amazing creative pieces.

Students also explored the museum within the exhibitions of Melbourne Story, Forest Gallery, Bugs Alive, Dinosaur Walk and Dynamic Earth.

To finish off the day we visited the IMAX theatre where we viewed the documentary of "Deep Sky". This was a remarkable informative movie that followed the high-stakes global mission to build the James Webb Space Telescope and to launch it into orbit one-million miles from Earth, in an attempt to answer questions that have haunted us since the beginning of time: Where did we come from? How did the universe begin? Are we alone?

The students and staff really enjoyed the documentary with lots of discussions in the vehicles on the way home.

We had a lovely day out with the students and staff and look forward to our next excursion.

# MELBOURNE EXPERIENCE cont'd



# R U OK DAY

On Thursday, September 10th we celebrated R U OK Day at Doxa School Bendigo.

It's a time to reflect on the wellbeing of all members of our school community and the greater communities we are all a part of.

Class groups spent the first session participating in class activities relating to the theme and exploring what R U OK Day is all about. We then walked to Ewing Park where we shared a morning tea prepared by the staff and students in room 4.

A highlight was the frogs in a pond!

We also had bubble play and participated in a colour run where all the staff and students had a fabulous time seeing who we could cover in colour the most.

I think Kim and Amy were the winners on the day.

A terrific day to check in on our mates.

# R U OK DAY



# Cafe

This term the students have been working on building their skills in the Cafe. Students that have participated in the program are Sav, Eli, Gemma, Lydia, Alex, Josh and Lachy.

They have learnt the set up and pack down of the Cafe as well as serving customers.

They are very comfortable now making Coffees, Chai's and Hot Chocolates and we look forward to serving more customers in Term 4.

A reminder our Cafe is open every Tuesday between 9.30am and 11.00am

Coffee \$5.00 - Slices \$2.50



# Other Reminders and Updates

## CLOTHING:

A gentle reminder to all that we do require students to wear clothing that is appropriate for all school activities.

Please ensure that your child is wearing closed in toe shoes and sun smart clothing.

## FACEBOOK:

Please join our school Facebook page to be informed and updated on message, outings, all other fun thing the school get up to.

## ABSENCE:

If your child is absent from, has an appointment or needs to leave early from school please contact the office on 5442 8140 or 0417 108 870