

A word from our Principal

Well, hasn't term 3 rushed past us! There have been a few things that have happened for both the senior and junior groups this term that have provided some great learning opportunities for our students and some fun experiences as well.

We have been lucky to have Kerry Longridge join us to provide some targeted literacy support for students across the school. Kerry has been able to engage a number of students in writing and the kids have produced some excellent work. *(see pages 3 & 4 of the newsletter)*

Two events that stand out for me this term were the Footy trip to the Friday night game between Hawthorn and Port Adelaide and the Dreamtime Camp in the Grampians. The footy trip on the train to Etihad stadium was a great night with the students who chose to attend having a great night and for some of them it was their first time at the stadium and at a game of footy. We were also lucky to have four of our girls attend the Dreamtime Camp and Tony and Sam were lucky enough to go along with them. Both staff members have been raving about the camp since they got back and raving about how fantastic our girls were.

Staff have a professional program on Thursday September the 17th which is day four of a program we have been involved in since February. This means that Wednesday the 16th will be the last day for all students this term. Term four will begin on Monday October the 5th and we look forward to seeing all the students back safe from a restful and enjoyable break.

Term 4 will be busy, with the senior students finishing up in early November and transition meetings and enrolment interviews for 2016 happening. There will be some community celebrations for senior and junior students during the term as well as our Doxa's Awards Night on December 7th to finish the school year. Keep your eye on future newsletters and Facebook to be up to date with what's happening at Doxa School for the end of 2015.

I hope all students have a great holiday and return rested for the last term. If families have any need to contact the school during the holidays the office will be open on some days if there is an emergency don't hesitate to call the school or my mobile 0407 343 614.

John Russell - Principal

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at www.facebook.com/DoxaSchoolBendigo



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 10th Sept - Junior Melbourne excursion
Wednesday 16th Sept - Last day of term for all students.
Monday 5th October - students return for start of 4th term



NEWS FROM THE SENIOR TEAM

It's certainly the business end of the year in the Senior Unit. With this term rapidly coming to a close and next term the senior students are only being in class for 5 weeks we have a lot of work to do!

The students are working busily to wrap up their Enterprise assignments with delivery expected to be next week for most of the projects. The students have been working very hard on a variety of projects including, wind chimes, face scrub, cakes and greeting cards.

The VET program will also be coming to a close so your students are also working hard on finishing these units.

We are also running the canoe trip again next term. This will happen in late October and run in conjunction with our sister school MCP (Shepparton) and Borinya (Wangaratta). More details to come shortly!

Recently the students were given a permission slip for a Melbourne trip the first week of next term. The excursion involves a visit to the Hosier lane and the ACMI / Davis Bowie exhibit. Your support would be appreciated in getting these forms signed and back to the school ASAP so that we can confirm numbers and finalise our planning.

It is important to remember that after the students finish next term the senior staff are available to assist them with work placements and further discussion of pathway options for next year.

Thanks heaps Ky, Paul, Peter and Jacinta.

NEWS FROM THE JUNIOR TEAM

Junior News! Welcome Spring.....

Nearing the end of Term 3 and students are well underway adding the final touches to math, literacy and inquiry projects.

National Food Court Day is fast approaching and students are required to plan and implement their country's National Food Dish. This will be shared amongst the Junior cohort.

Students have listed their highlights for Term 3 as "the Bubbler Soccer"- Ruby, "Attending"- Kiahna, "the footy"- everyone and "flexible learning environment"- Ebonie. Most students now have worked with our literacy educator Kerry and from all reports students are responding favorably to the 1:1 learning opportunity. All students should be immensely proud of their have a go attitude and efforts to establish and maintain positive and effective friendships with peers and staff.

We are looking forward to an end of term excursion and our final day will be spent having some fun at The Zone.

Happy and safe holidays to all our Juniors and their families and friends.

Louise, Carina, Vanessa, Tony and Kerry.

DOXA STAR STUDENTS

Jack Lea- for making positive choices

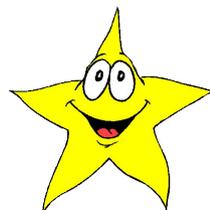
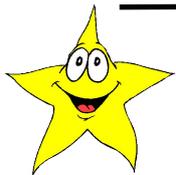
Jake Heyma- for his sense of humour and fun

Ebonie Kopczynski- for attending and participating

Erica Gittins- for literacy excellence

Kayla McDonnell- for attending and participating

WELL DONE JUNIORS!!



.....FROM THE STUDENTS

Review of 2015 Honda cbr1000rr Sportsbike

By Jake Heyma - junior group



The Honda cbr1000rr is a great all round bike from comfort through to performance. Acceleration is instantaneous and smooth.

The Brakes are the best of their kind; they are anti-lock brake and testers rave about how well they work. The Ohlins suspension is fully adjustable front and rear and this makes riding the bike a dream. All the components are handpicked for weight and balance.

This is my dream bike and I hope to own one soon!

Poems by Kara Delahunty Junior group



Life' s a game

If life wasn' t a game
And we didn' t play it
Would we cease to exist?
Would life even be a thing?
If we choose to give up
At the first challenge life gives
us...
Crawling
Walking
Talking
Even opening our eyes
From the moment of birth...
What if we choose not to do those
things?
Would there even be a world at all?

The good sister

She' s like a flower
Pretty
Delicate
Survives only when looked after
I look after her
She looks after me
She' s my big sister
The one I look up to
She' s the one I speak to...
About everything
She' s like my second mum
My sister
My best friend
We do all the things sisters do
We shop
We hangout
She' s my lifeline
She' s the most important person...
In my life
She' s my best friend
My twin
My life
My beautiful big sis...



.....FROM THE STUDENTS cont.



Craig Charles Aboriginal Artist



Sacred Journey



Pregnant Emu



Nighttime Travel



Mungo's Journey

Craig Charles is my uncle and he grew up with my mother. My uncle was separated from his mother to go live with his Nanna. Nanna Barb was my great grandmother but I didn't get to meet her.

Nanna Barb helped my uncle to find and explore his aboriginal culture. In his art he shows Traditional Aboriginal painting style and he tells the Dream time stories.

I love my uncle's work because it shows a good side of him and his love for aboriginal culture and art and I am also proud of him for achieving his goals in aboriginal art work

Sacred Journey

For me a sacred journey is exploring myself. I would want to discover my culture and my totem because I don't know what it is

Night time Travel

In this picture there are three sacred turtles. Turtles are a symbol of parenthood from birth. Mother/parenthood is not always easy

Pregnant Emu

The emu is used for food and medicine.

In men's ceremonies the emu feathers are used for body decoration and parts of the emu's body are used for tools and weapons

Mungo's journey

Mungo is my cousin and he is my uncle's son, and this picture is about Mungo from before he was born.

By Jamarly Kerr—junior group

