

March 2017

## A word from our Principal

Term one has rushed by once again and as usual it's been a busy one at Doxa. Both senior and junior groups enjoyed an orientation week excursion, with the seniors spending the day at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre, where they had the chance to master the art of surfing in the complex's wave machine. The junior group spent the day at Torquay and had a terrific day trying out the surf. Apparently, plenty of pictures were taken but a big wave caused an issue and the camera was swept away, never to be seen again. A great day was had by both groups and it was so pleasing to see that most of the students joined in the Doxa orientation adventures.

For parents of junior students, you will find a copy of your child's new timetable for term 2 enclosed.

Please take note of the important dates to remember below. The first day back for students for term two is Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April due to a staff training day on the Tuesday.

The school office will be open for most of the holiday break, so if you need assistance with anything, please call to speak to one of the staff.

Thank you to all the parents and carers whom we have worked with this term, your continued support is appreciated and we can only help our students be the best young people they can be if we continue to work together.

Wishing all Doxa family and friends a safe and happy Easter and an enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing everyone all rested and relaxed when school resumes on the 19<sup>th</sup> April.

John Russell

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday 18 April - Student FREE day**

**Wednesday 19 April - First day back for students term**

**Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC day - No school.**

## Senior Team Term 1 Newsletter

What a busy start to the year in the senior program! Term one is primarily about helping the students to feel comfortable with us and the space, establishing boundaries and setting the students up to their best selves. We have really enjoyed getting to know the students in the craziness that is Term 1. Our students have done a variety of fun activities this term such as; making puppets, going to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatics Centre, tent building, spaghetti towers, swimming and getting the Doxa cafe project started.

Our VET program is underway with the students engaging well. It's timely to remind parents that VET is an important component of the VCAL course and students need to undertake a number of VET hours to qualify for the VCAL certificate.

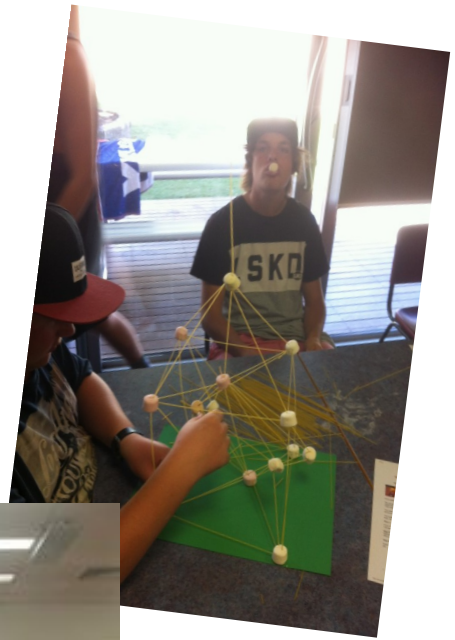
The majority of Term One ILP's have been completed and as always it has been a fantastic opportunity for everyone to sit down and discuss your student's goals. We love meeting with families and feel that these discussions are an important element of your students success at Doxa.

Next term is shaping up to be busy as well, with an excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance and MCG on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May to compliment some of our classroom activities.

**Have a happy safe Easter and see you all next term!!!**



# Senior Term 1 Fun!!





## JUNIOR TERM 1 NEWSLETTER

Wow! What a whirlwind of a term we have had learning and sharing together. 9 weeks went by so fast and many of us have established some strong connections with staff and other peers.

Juniors have enjoyed a Learn to Surf trip at Ocean Grove, outings to the Bendigo Library, English's Bridge, Rocky Crossing Rapids, Bendigo Bowl, Laser Tag at the Zone and the swimming pool.

New and returning students have settled in mostly well and have mastered how to read the timetable! Well done! Special thanks to Mitch and Keisha for supporting many of our new Junior students.

Individual Learning Plans have been a fantastic opportunity to unite school and home for your child. This is a special and valuable experience that is held each term to discuss growth and goals. Thank you to all those families who have attended- we have had excellent interest. Parents and carers are welcome at any time throughout the year to catch up with Junior staff.

### Star students

Heidi- for being kind and helpful to others

Nick- for being responsible to self and others

Keisha- for being fair to self and others

Seth- for being safe



Students have completed a procedural and information writing sample for Literacy. Students are expected to read daily for up to 15 minutes. Numeracy has involved tasks that require students to think mathematically, angles, measurement, time, money, shape and worded math problems. Healthy Me and Mind, Body, Spirit have been challenging and for many an engaging session.

***Top individual effort by all to submit completed work.***

***Happy and safe Easter holidays!***

***Lord, thank you for a new day***

Vanessa, Lou, Carina, Christine, Tony & Nick

A graphic with the text "miStAkEs are proof that you are TRYING" inside a thin blue border. The words "miStAkEs" and "TRYING" are in a colorful, multi-colored font, while "are proof that you are" is in a simple black font. The letters in "miStAkEs" and "TRYING" are in various colors including red, green, blue, and yellow.

# Junior Term 1 Fun!





# Child Safe Standards

In December 2015, the Victorian Government released a document focusing on the responsibility of schools to keep their students safe. As part of this commitment, the government outlined a number of 'Child Safe Standards' that all schools must implement.

Doxa School Bendigo has spent considerable time reviewing our practices and working closely with the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria (CECV) to ensure we provide the safest and most nurturing environment possible. This includes using principles adapted from the CECV publication 'Catholic Schools, Child Safe Schools' of:

**1. Having as our primary concern the safety and wellbeing of children and young people.**

*At all times, the ongoing safety and wellbeing of all children and young people will be the primary focus of care and decision-making.*

**2. Empowering families, children, young people and staff to raise concerns.**

*Schools, in partnership with families, will ensure children and young people are active participants in making decisions, particularly for decisions that may have an impact on their safety.*

**3. Careful planning and effective practices.**

*Schools will continually identify any risks to children's safety and aim to reduce/eliminate them wherever possible. Schools will also have open and well-understood policies, procedures and practices.*

It is our intention to keep in regular communication with students and families to ensure everyone understands the way the Child Safe Standards impact our school community. We believe they are a very positive step toward making sure all of our children are safe, all of the time. If you have questions about the Child Safe Standards, please feel free to get in touch with John (Principal) or Nick (Wellbeing) to discuss.

Further information is also available on the Doxa School Bendigo website, or via the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria website [www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Our-Schools/Child-Safety](http://www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Our-Schools/Child-Safety) or The Victoria Department of Education website [www.education.vic.edu.au](http://www.education.vic.edu.au)

# What's on across the region...

*CatholicCare Sandhurst offers a wide range of programs for parents, children and couples.  
Unless otherwise indicated all programs are held at CatholicCare Sandhurst.*

Information on programs available at CatholicCare Bendigo.

## **Supporting Separated Families for Professionals**

**When:** Thursday 20th April  
**Time:** 6.30pm - 9pm  
**Contact:** Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

## **It's About the Kids – 2 day program** (post separation parenting program)

**When:** Saturday 22nd and 29th April  
**Time:** 10am - 3pm  
**Cost:** \$40 (\$20 concession)  
**Contact:** Kate Kerlin on 5438 1300

## **Seasons for Growth – Children's Program**

**When:** Mondays, 1st May - 26th June (8 weeks)  
**Time:** 4pm - 5pm (3.45pm afternoon tea)  
**Cost:** \$25 (\$15 concession)  
**Contact:** Jo Rodriguez 5438 1300

## **Tuning in to Kids**

**When:** Tuesdays, 2nd May - 6th June (6 sessions)  
**Time:** 6.30 - 8.30pm  
**Cost:** \$40 (\$20 concession)  
**Contact:** Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

## **Life Partnership Workshop**

**When:** Sunday 7th May  
**Time:** 9.30am - 1.30pm  
**Cost:** \$200 per couple (negotiable)  
**Contact:** Anne-Maree on 5438 1300

## **It's About the Kids** (post separation parenting program)

**When:** Fridays, 12th May - 9th June (5 weeks)  
**Time:** 10am - 12.30pm  
**Cost:** \$40 (\$20 concession)  
**Contact:** Kate Kerlin on 5438 1300

## **Parenting Conversations – Birth-5 year olds**

**When:** Thursday 15th June  
**Time:** 10am - 11.30am  
**Contact:** Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

## **Stepfamilies**

**When:** Saturday 17th June  
**Time:** 9.30am - 1.30pm  
**Cost:** \$20 (\$10 concession)  
**Contact:** Ky Gregg on 5438 1300