

# doxaschoolbendigo

valuing the diversity, resilience and potential of young people



**May 2018**

## **A WORD FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

Well, winter is nearly upon us again. Most of the staff and students have dragged their winter wool-lies out, to fend off the dreaded flu season. Already we have had a number of staff and students away and most of us are struggling to find the motivation to get up on these fresh mornings. Could I remind parents to keep their children home if they are unwell, as sending them to school spreads the illness amongst the rest of the community.

I will be taking some leave for the last 3 weeks of term 2. In my absence, Vanessa will be looking after things with the support of the rest of the Doxa staff. I will return to work on the first day of term 3.

Paul and his family are heading off overseas for 10 weeks from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Brad Gargiulo will be working with Group C until Paul returns on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Tony is taking a well-earned break also. He will be heading off for the last 2 weeks of term. Tony will be back on board at the start of term 3.

ILP meetings will be taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 11am to 7pm. Students are only required to attend school for their allocated meeting time. Colleen will be in touch in the coming days to organise a suitable time with you and your child. ILP meetings are an important part of your child's learning. These meetings are designed to discuss your child's progress and their plans for the remainder of their time with us. Use this time to discuss any concerns you may have with your child's teacher and support staff.

Most parents would have received immunisation information recently in the mail. If you want your child to be part of this program, please return the consent forms to the school as soon as possible. There are a number of catch up days scheduled for Doxa until the end of the year.

Remember to check out our [important dates below](#).

I hope everyone manages to stay warm and healthy during the remainder of term.

John Russell

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Immunisation day at Doxa  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June - ILP meetings from 11am to 7pm  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Queens Birthday public holiday  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Report writing day - Student free  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Last day of term 2  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July - First day of term 3

**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

## 'A TEAM'

Term 2 is in full swing for the A Team and many have completed structured writing tasks on an individual information report, started writing persuasive paragraphs on various topics of interest and working on building awareness of the 1967 Referendum, Mabo and Reconciliation.

In numeracy, students continue to grasp times tables, concepts of basic algebraic equations and the concepts of perimeter and area. In social and emotional learning, students are focusing on strategies to better manage conflict and recognise triggers that can cause personal feelings of frustration, anger and anxiety. Report writing starts soon so all students are strongly encouraged to start submitting those work samples! As always, ask for assistance if unclear of the learning focus and outcome.

We look forward to seeing all of our young people and their families and carers in the coming weeks for Individual Learning Plan meetings. The aim of these meetings is to discuss students' progress in both their academic and social, emotional learning. Lou will step in for Carina in running these along side Tony this term.

The whole school projects have commenced with many students actively contributing to fundraising for our proposed camps to Canberra, Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road. Students have been responsive and many are getting involved in raising much needed funds by helping with sausage sizzles, selling cookie dough and distributing phone books. Watch this space as there are many community fundraising events coming up soon!

Well done to our Year 9 students who completed the NAPLAN 2018 testing. These tests assess a range of skills including Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy (Calculator and Non-Calculator). We would like to congratulate the students on the manner in which they completed these tests and the approach they adopted to doing their best on each test. The results for each test will be available for parents late in Term 3.

***Term 2 is a long term, 11 weeks, so do ensure you are looking after yourself!***

The door is always open, families are encouraged to share their time and skills in the classrooms whenever possible. ***"For behind the parent, stood the school. And behind the teacher, the home."***

Take good care, Lou, Tony, Carina & Brad

## HOSPITALITY

With Term 2 well underway, so too is our latest Hospitality unit 'Basic Methods of Cookery'. Most of our regular participants have finished the theory for this unit, so are well on the way to getting it 'ticked off', with the remaining part of the unit being the fun, practical elements of cooking. It has been great to see so many of our Hospitality students actively engaging in the practical sessions being offered on a Wednesday.

The Hospitality uniforms have arrived and have been distributed, with students keenly wearing their black shirts to school Wednesdays and looking smart in their aprons and chefs hats.

Please remember that some of our more experienced Hospitality students run the coffee shop on a Tuesday morning, serving our regular parishioners and parents and families who come in for a hot drink and a chat in the backyard. The students who participate in this really enjoy it and are grateful for the support of our local community and families, as they continue to develop their customer service and coffee making skills. Please feel free to come in between 10am and 11:30am Tuesdays and say hello to staff.

Please remember that it is really important that students who are enrolled in Hospitality attend on time each week, this allows them to maximize their learning and progress through the units without too much confusion or stress.

***"Nothing builds self-esteem and confidence like accomplishment."***

Lou & Amy

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE TRAPS cont.

## The B team.

The B's and B+'s have had a busy couple of weeks working on their vocabulary through their spelling lists and continuing to develop their writing skills by using the paragraph hamburger. We then celebrated with actual hamburgers!

As a school we are in full swing for fundraising and the B's, along with the rest of the students and staff have been active in delivering Yellow Pages as a fundraiser for camps that will be coming up later this year. These community projects are a great incentive for the students, enabling them to work towards their goal of partially funding the camps planned for later in the year. Keep an eye out for future fundraising activities and details regarding the different camps that will be on offer.

A reminder to all parents/guardians that ILP meetings will be happening on Thursday 7th June. This will be a student free day but all students will be expected to attend for their allocated meeting time. Times will be arranged over the next week.

Jacko, Ky, Mick & Nick

## Group C

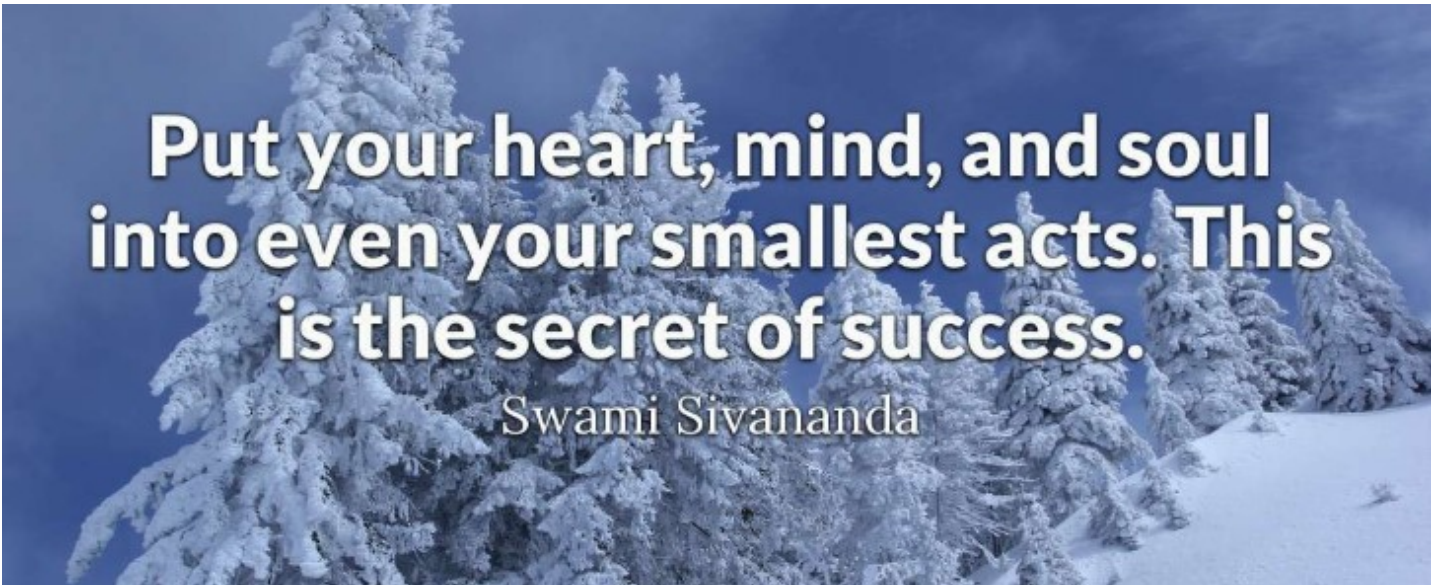
It's been an extremely busy and fun term two in the C group VCAL class. A number of students have started to organise work experience and some are looking into other training at TAFE.

The Cafe has been running very well with lots of new visitors coming to enjoy our amazing Hot Coffee's and Hot Chocolates. Cafe students also independently ran a Mother's day Coffee shop for St Killian's Primary School.

Engineering is now a very busy place with a number of students busily designing and creating all kinds of decorative and practical metal creations. They have made a garden butterfly sculpture, a pot belly, a metal crab and many more great things.

We have also had visitors from the ABI road crew and we have gone to the careers expo at the Bendigo Basketball Stadium. This term is just getting better and busier every day.

Paul & Jacinta



**Put your heart, mind, and soul  
into even your smallest acts. This  
is the secret of success.**

Swami Sivananda



