DVC NEWS

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From the Principal

After 13 years, our Year 12 students have completed their schooling journey. Last week a number of celebrations were held to signify the end of their secondary schooling and it was a wonderful way to end their time at Diamond Valley College.

Their celebration day, final assembly, morning tea and graduation were very special events that allowed our students the opportunity to celebrate with each other, their families and school community. In particular, the graduation evening was a huge success and I would like to congratulate our students on their participation.

It was wonderful to hear Jemma Hollway and Chris MacFarlane perform, while Jordan Mulvaney and Summer Robinson gave one of the best Valedictory speeches we have had. Past student Shae Audley was inspiring to listen to, sharing her journey to become a teacher and AFLW player for Carlton. Her experience shows that not everything goes to plan and that there is always another way to achieve your dreams.

It was a pleasure to hand out academic awards to so many students, acknowledging their efforts. Also to those who received the Jessica Grundy Memorial Award for the manner in which they care for their peers and the Jessie Gould Award for overcoming adversity to achieve the VCE. All award recipients have demonstrated qualities of commitment to be proud of.

I wish all of our students success in the future; for the exams ahead, for study placements and work opportunities. No matter what their pathway, I hope they achieve success and satisfaction.

Last week I attended the opening of the Lone Pine Memorial at Ellis Cottage. Our VCAL students have worked with the Nullumbik Historical Society to understand the significance of this project and members of the Diamond Creek Mens Shed who guided them through the hard labour of construction. If you are in the area, I encourage you to visit Ellis Cottage and see the memorial.

A second event that involved our VCAL students, was a joint celebration with Eltham High School of their Work in Communities projects. Each group gave a presentation, with the Diamond Valley College students celebrating the Lone Pine Memorial, historical archiving and display at Ellis cottage, History of My life interviews, a blood drive and a bake stall to raise awareness for the Epilepsy Foundation. Each project was different but all relied on collaboration, communication and problem solving.

You may have noticed that our electronic sign is constantly updated and celebrates the achievements of our students and upcoming events. More recently, it is being used to send messages that make us think of our social responsibility. Congratulations to the High Resolves class who are sending the message that racism is not OK and does not reflect our college values and for asking us to participate in World Kindness Day.

I was very impressed with Kiarna and Emma from 7.1 who presented their poem on bullying to me. What a powerful piece. I encourage you to read the poem that is published in the newsletter. Thank you for the message you are sharing with us girls.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful support that the Hurstbridge Country Women's Association provide the college. This year they generously sponsored a year 12 student in an effort to ease the financial burden that may in some cases result in a student not completing their VCE. This year's recipient was able to attend the Study Camp, excursions, purchase texts and uniform that may not have been possible without their support. This opportunity was highly valued by the recipient. In 2018 the Hurstbridge CWA will sponsor two students, as they recognise how much of a difference their scholarship has made. On behalf of the college, I would like to thank the CWA for their generosity and continued support.

Allison Bennett Principal







President of Hurstbridge Country Women's Association Pat Lovegrove presents funding for the 2018 scholarships

YEAR 12 CELEBRATION DAY & GRADUATION CEREMONY

At the start of term four our Year 12's hit the ground running as their final school day quickly approached. Students were busy completing practice exams, attending revision lectures and seminars, revising coursework, and completing final tasks and assessments.

The practice exam week gave students the chance to experience similar conditions to what they will be entering into from Wednesday November 1 with their first VCAA Exam; English. Students were provided with valuable feedback on these exams in order to assist them with their preparations.



On Tuesday October 24 many of our Year 12 students participated in the Year 12 Celebration Day. This day

aimed to celebrate the students' achievements so far, but also to provide a break from the stress in the lead up to their exams, in order to help them best prepare.

After breakfast and a costume parade in the morning, we set off to Latitude to bounce, climb, and 'fly'. Following this we enjoyed a BBQ lunch at Bundoora Park, and the students fought it out in a tug-of-war battle, and bobbed for apples.

All in all, the day was full of laughter and smiles.







On Wednesday October 25 the College said goodbye to our Year 12 students in their final assembly. Graduate students were presented to the College and our 2017 College Captains gave a speech reflecting on their time at Diamond Valley College, and sharing some advice for the exam period ahead. At the conclusion of the assembly, the students and staff had a morning tea to celebrate the occasion. Thank you to Annie Brownrigg, Ronda Steele and the parent volunteers for their assistance.

We also had our formal Year 12 Graduation evening at Planetshakers in Lower Plenty on Wednesday evening.

This evening formally acknowledged and celebrated the hard work and achievements of our Diamond Valley College Year 12 students in 2017. All students are to be commended for their efforts in attaining this important milestone.

We thank our keynote speaker, Shae Audley, who graduated from the College in 2006, for sharing her experiences and insights with our students. She left the students with some advice for the future and gave a personable insight to the challenges and opportunities she has encountered in achieving her goals. Thank you to Danielle Green, State Member for Yan Yean and the Grundy family for supporting some of our major awards, and to Mrs. Carol Jenkinson, College Council President for attending the evening and presenting the Yan Yean Academic Excellence Award.

The College Captains for 2018 did an excellent job as the master of ceremonies in their first formal role as captains.

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on satisfactorily completing their VCE/VCAL certificates, especially to those students who achieved Commitment to Study Awards, Academic Excellence and to the recipients of the special awards. It was certainly a tribute to their hard work. It was also a proud moment for staff and parents watching each of them walk across the stage to accept their certificate of graduation.

Every year we have two Year 12 students present a Valedictory Speech on behalf of the year level. This year Summer Robinson and Jordan Mulvaney delivered a great speech, reflecting on the journey the Year 12's have, and will be, taking, and reminding their fellow graduates that it is 'all about the climb'.

We wish all of the Year 12's the best in their preparations for their end of year exams, and their future endeavours! It has been a pleasure working with the Graduating class of 2017!

Cate Hambling Year 12 Coordinator



2017 YEAR 12 DOMAIN & SPECIAL AWARDS

Domain Area Awards

English - Philippa Hillier Physical Education & Health - Jasmin Elkin

Humanities - Emily BealeScience - Philippa HillierLOTE - Italian - Sarah McEwanTechnology - Keely Thomas

Mathematics - Lochlan Parkinson Information Technology - Lochlan Parkinson

Performing & Visual Arts - Noah Churches VCAL - Elise Guest

Special Awards

Outstanding Achievement in Sport - Germaine Otieno Lossi

Yan Yean Academic Excellence - Philippa Hillier

Caltex All Rounder - Elana Currie

ADF Long Tan Leadership Award - Jacinta Swift

Jessie Gould Award - Cooper Bullard

Jessica Grundy Memorial Award - Indigo McFadzean

DUX 2016 - Megan Verinder

BULLYING POEM

BULLYING

You should know bullying hurts
It starts with one word, one word that you blurt
Fat, Ugly, Pointless
These are the words they hear,
You're their biggest fear

It takes so long for hearts to mend,
All they need is one true friend
You make them want their lives to end
Everyday they wakeup with regrets
All they want to do is forget

Its not just violence,
Its the words you say
They hurt so much
They just want to disappear
This is when enough is enough
They're sick and tired of playing strong
They're sick and tired of playing tough

You may not have ever known,
but they always knew
Of course your words still hurt,
But they have been pieced back together again
Someone leaves a group and lends them a hand,
They learn its time to take a stand
Their smile is no longer fake,
Now they have no reason to be upset
You see all they ever needed was a friend,
Someone to stand by them,
if the bullying came again

By Kiarna and Emma from 7.1

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to the sixteen students who competed in the Australian Mathematics Competition, last term. On the day, students arrived at the Competition Centre brimming with enthusiasm, and each persevered with the challenging problems until the very last minute.

Results have now arrived and we have much of which to be proud, with fourteen students receiving merit certificates, ranging from proficiency level through to high distinction.

Special congratulations must go to Jonathan Ezard of Year 12 for our top result, a High Distinction, placing him in the top 3 percent of his Year level. This is a fitting end to Jonathan's run of competition results, beginning in Year 7 with our

College's first prize in the competition and achieving no less than a High Distinction each time he competed across the years. An outstanding achievement.

Jonathan's brother, Gabriel, is also to be highly commended for receiving a Distinction award, placing him in the top 5 percent.

Credit certificates were awarded to Jenna Sharp and Ben Wilson of Year 7, Myron Mitchell, Tom Stewart, Jemma Sheppard and Kylah Bullock of Year 8, and Amelia Sharp of Year 9.

Proficiency certificates were received by Joshua Chambers, Trinity Eygelaar and Molly Maddox of Year 8, Aaron Stuart of Year 10 and Ian Jenkinson of Year 11.

Well done to all who participated. Certificates will be presented to students at upcoming Year-level Assemblies.

Glenys Kidd, Mathematics Domain leader





Jonathan Ezard in Year 7 & Year 12

ITALIAN

EXPERIENCE FROM OUR LANGUAGE ASSISTANT GUIDO BODINI

La mia avventura australiana è stata fin qui molto bella e soddisfacente. Qua al Diamond Valley College ho dovuto affrontare diverse sfide: dalla creazione di materiale per le classi di italiano, che mi ha spinto a migliorare le mie abilità informatiche per raggiungere l'obiettivo richiesto, al confronto con un contesto scolastico molto differente rispetto a quello italiano. Quando ho cominciato a seguire le lezioni di italiano in classe, infatti, mi è sembrato che il metodo di insegnamento adottato da un college qui in Australia sia più vicino a quello di un università italiana anziché essere più simile a quello di un liceo. L'insegnamento della lingua straniera avviene in maniera molto diversa rispetto a quanto ero abituato in Italia e proprio per questo motivo è stato molto interessante osservare le varie differenze tra la mia esperienza personale nell'apprendere una lingua straniera, sia all'università che al liceo, e quella degli studenti del college.

Italian Translation

My Australian adventure has been really amazing and satisfying so far. Here at Diamond Valley College I had to face some new challenges like the creation of new materials for the Italian classes (that improved my computer skills a lot) and an education system that's very different from the Italian one. When I started following the Italian classes, my first impression was that the teaching method used in a college here in Australia is more similar to that used by a university in Italy. In fact, the actual teaching of a foreign language here is very different from the method I was used to in Italy. It has been very interesting for me to notice the different way the students at Diamond Valley College learn a foreign language compared to my personal experience in studying languages both at High School and university.

ITALIAN YEAR 12 ORAL EXAM

The Year 12 students who have studied Italian this year participated in their oral exam on Monday October 23. They were very nervous but I was very impressed that through courage, commitment and lots of practise, they were able to maintain a conversation in Italian.

Well done. Good luck.

Rose Marasco Italian Domain Leader

CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

'YOU CAN GIVE HOPE WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST'

Diamond Valley College's first CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE!!

We have partnered with the Salvation Army for your opportunity to donate to those who are less fortunate to get presents during this Christmas season.

Start to bring in your presents from the dates mentioned below and make everyone's holiday brighter. If you have any enquires please see us or Mel Boulton.

Emily, Laura, Anjali & Sabine - Year 9 High Resolves Team



MUSIC

DVC Music students have been busy this term working on their repertoire for the upcoming Spring Soirees. Details of the soirees are as follows.

Where: School Library

When: November 8 and November 29

Time: 7:30pm – 8:30pm Uniform: All black

There will be light snacks and coffee to compliment the evenings. The Jazz and Concert Bands will be performing on November 8, and the Junior Band has been preparing for November 29!



Pictured here are the Brass Frogs deep in a very serious practice session. Make sure you put these dates in your calendar to come along and support DVC students doing what they love!

EX-SCHOOL IMAC COMPUTERS FOR SALE

We have a number of older iMacs that have come out of Music and Art that we are offering for sale to school families. These will be sold on an immediate first-come, first-served sale basis, with no warranty or support offered.

Price: \$250 paid to DVC Office

Apple iMac "Core 2 Duo" 3.06 21.5-Inch (Late 2009) Specs

Processor: 3.06 GHz Core Duo

RAM: 4GB

Hard drive: 500GB

21.5" screen

Mouse and keyboard

DVD drive built-in



Note that these will have a recent version of Mac OS installed, and the usual bundled software (Photos, iTunes, etc) but not the MS Office suite or any other licensed software.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out these New Titles

Shaozhen buy Wai Chim

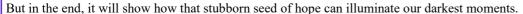
Shaozhen has no intention of staying in his remote Henan village and becoming another poor farmer: he'll finish school, and then, hopefully, work in a factory in one of the major cities, just like his father. But when Shaozhen returns home for the summer holidays, imagining days filled with nothing but playing basketball with his friends, he's in for a shock. The worst drought in over sixty years threatens the crops that the entire village relies on for income. As the water situation becomes dire, Shaozhen realizes he must come up with a plan. But will it be enough to save his family and friends and secure the future of his village?

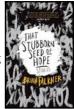


That Stubborn Seed of Hope Stories by Brian Falkner

I can tell you when you're going to die. It's when you finish reading this book. Fear of dying. Fear of the unknown. Fear of rejection.

This collection of short stories from internationally acclaimed author Brian Falkner will take you on a nail-biting journey through your worst nightmares.





Ballad for a Mad Girl by Vikki Wakefield

Everyone knows seventeen-year-old Grace Foley is a bit mad. She's not afraid of anything-except losing. As part of the fued between two local schools in Swanston, Grace accepts a dangerous challenge. That night she experiences something she can't explain. The funny girl isn't laughing anymore. As she's drawn deeper into the twenty-year-old mystery of missing girl Hannah Holt, she can no longer tell what's real or imagined. Is she moving closer to the truth? Or is she at risk of losing everyone – including herself?



Spellbook of the lost and found by Moira Fowley-Doyle

One stormy summer night, Olive and her best friend, Rose, begin to lose things. It starts with simple items like hairclips and jewellery, but soon it's clear that Rose has lost something bigger, something she won't talk about. Then Olive meets three wild, mysterious strangers: Ivy, Hazel and Rowan. Like Rose, they're mourning losses-and holding tight to secrets.



When they discover the ancient spellbook, full of hand-inked charms to conjure back lost things, they realize it might be their chance to set everything right. Unless it's leading them towards secrets that were never meant to be found...

The Ones That Disappeared by Zana Fraillon

"One night" Miran tells us, "we will stand in the wild and the river will lead us home. We will be free and happy, and that is when our living will begin. This is how his stories start every time. His Tomorrow stories he calls them. Esra, Miran and Isa work tending plants in the dark and airless basement of a house they aren't allowed to leave. They've been told they belong to the Snakeskin gang, but Ezra knows that she belongs to no one — and she is determined to find freedom.



A powerful and moving story of three trafficked children searching for peace and hope.

Please return all overdue books to the Library

As we prepare for the end of the year can you please search your lockers, under beds and in your bags for any books that you have forgotten to return.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



BUS NEWS

URGENT





TERM 4 BUS FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Parents please note, fees for Term 4 bus travel are now **overdue**.

All parents with outstanding fees have now been notified via email. As of Thursday 26 October 2017, those students will no longer be able to travel via the College Bus Network until contact is made with the College.

APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS 2018

Application Forms for travel in 2018 are now overdue. All travellers are required to complete a new form every year. If you wish for your child to use the College Bus Network in 2018, you MUST complete an Application To Travel Form and return it to the General Office as soon as possible to enable accurate seating allocations. Under Department Policy, Student without the appropriately completed form will not be permitted travel via the College Bus Network. Forms are available from the General Office or can be downloaded from the College web site.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Roz on 9438 1411.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

TERM 4 2017

7 November Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday

Year 11 Exams 20 - 24 November

World Challenge Departure 22 November Year 12 2018 Orientation 27 Nov-1 Dec

27 Nov-1 Dec Year 10 Exams

4-8 December Year 11 2018 Orientation 4-15 December Year 9 Work Experience

SEW HAPPY CRAFT CLUB

Every Monday @ lunchtime in F2

For all those who are Creative, Crafty and love to work with Textiles

Work on your own project or catch up with vour textiles work



ART CLUB

Every Friday @ 12:45pm in S3 Open to all year levels and all skill levels

PLEASE EAT YOUR LUNCH ON THE WAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

JUNIOR FUTSAL COMPETITIONS

DIAMOND CREEK

COMMUNITY BANK STADIUM

UNDER 14s & UNDER 16s

LIMITED PLACES
AVAILABLE



REGISTER YOUR TEAM AT

WWW.SOCIALSPORT.COM.AU





Take part in the Pat Cronin Foundation
Walk to the Valley 2017
to End The Coward Punch

Sunday 19th November 2017 10:00 am start

\$25 for Adults and Children over 12 (includes T Shirt) Kids under 12 walk free 4 legged friends welcome

See Facebook page to register

https://www.mycause.com.au/events/walktothevalley2017

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME! QUALITY SPORTS COACHING FOR 6 - 16 YEAR OLD'S

ASC 3-DAY CAMPS

- Careful group selection to maximize enjoyment and results.
- Autographed group photo and certificate of achievement.
- . SEE WEBSITE FOR PRICING AND SPECIAL OFFERS

ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS

- Get active with a new range of partner programs.

NEW SPORTS EXPERIENCES FOR SUMMER 2017/18



Golf
Want to hit the ball as far as Jason Day or as accurately as Adam Scott? There is no better place to start than our ASC Golf Holiday Program. Our expert coaches will teach your children skills from driving to putting and everything in between.







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Melbourne, VICTORIA

ASC 3-DAY CAMPS

Basketball 20, 21 & 22 December

15, 16 & 17 January

22, 23 & 24 January VIC Basketball Camp

Harkey 22, 23 & 24 January VIC Hockey Camp, Hawthorn

Netball 18, 19 & 20 December

18, 19 & 20 December

16, 17 & 18 January VIC Netball Camp, Hampton

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR ASC 3-DAY PROGRAMS
• Early Bird's 25% Off * Family's, Groups & Clubs see website

SPECIALIST CRICKET PROGRAMS

ASP HIGH PERFORMANCE

ASP Cricket Program



ASC Twenty20 Program

ASC's one-day Twenty20 program is perfect for players 6-16 years old. Learn all the specialised techniques & tactics from expert T20 coaches. One-day program 9am - 3pm,Cost: \$100. See website for more details and to book!

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR ASC, ASP & T20 PROGRAMS

• Call us for offers for multiple camp bookings

ASC have teamed up with some amazing and reputable partner companies to offer a wider variety of sports in your areal Duration and pricing for these programs will differ depending on the program, please visit our website for all the details and choices!

11 & 12 January CSC Cricket Program.

17 & 18 January CSC Cricket Program

11, 12 & 13 December

17, 18 & 19 January Futsal Oz Futsal Program

15, 16 & 17 January Albert Park Driving Range Golf Program, South Melbourne

4 & 5 January UpUnlimited Rock Climbing Program, Richmond #1

22 & 23 January UpUnlimited Rock Climbing Program, Richmond #2

24 & 25 January UpUnlimited Rock Climbing Program, Moorabbin #2

Soccer 11 & 12 January CSC Soccer Program, Blackburn

Tennis
20, 21 & 22 December
Boroondara Tennis Centre
Tennis Program, Bulleen #1
10, 11 & 12 January
Boroondara Tennis Centre
Tennis Program, Bulleen #2
15, 16, 17 & 18 January
World Tennis Australia,
Tennis Program, Brighton East

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS
* Family's & Groups see website * Please note that the early bird offer doesn't apply to partner programs