

# College Newsletter

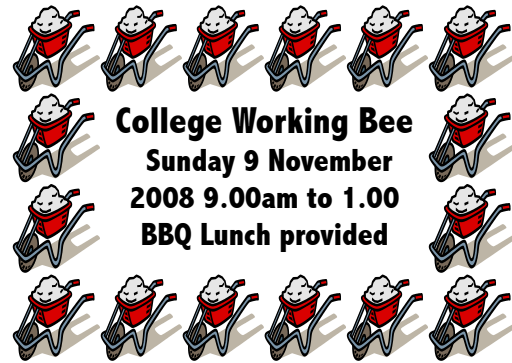
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## From the Principal

It was great to hear such positive reports and to see some great photos of the Year 9 Tasmania Trip a fortnight ago. It really is encouraging to know that our students participate in experience such as this with co-operation and enthusiasm. I am sure that this really enhances the quality of the different experiences and opportunities trips like this provide. Thanks to Michael Courts, Pat McMahon, Bec Dick and Jane Overton for their organization and running of this trip.

Our Year 12 Graduation on Wednesday 22 Oct was a wonderful and truly memorable occasion. After having the students celebrate their last few days at school with fancy dress ups, it was impressive to see them so formally dressed, complete with academic gowns and stoles to mark the significance of their tremendous achievement in completing their secondary schooling. It was also important to have Malcolm Hackett there as the keynote speak as well our local member of State Parliament Danielle Green and Peter McWilliam representing our Federal Parliamentary member, Fran Bailey. Congratulations to all students who received awards on the night. It was also good to see a number of parents and family members attend the Year 12's final assembly on Thursday 23 October. This was also a great event and opportunity for the student body to farewell the Year 12 students with a range of speeches, presentations and musical performances.

At the whole school assembly on Thursday 23 October, our 2008 College Captains presented the 2009 College Captains. I am extremely pleased to announce that the captains for 2009 are: Shea Baker, Briallen Davies, Dylan Grimes, Emma Johansson, Adriana Moore and Marnie Scott. I am totally confident that these outstanding young people will build on and further develop the excellent student leadership provided by this year's captains. They will be formally presented and awarded their badges at the Year 10 and 11 Awards Night in December. But I know that they have already begun planning and working towards a successful year in 2009.



**College Working Bee**  
**Sunday 9 November**  
**2008 9.00am to 1.00**  
**BBQ Lunch provided**



Thank you to all parents who attended the Year 7 three-way interviews last Monday. This is an important way of communicating with you about your child's learning while providing valuable experience for our students in their taking responsibility for their school work and learning outcomes.

Nillumbik Council is continuing its planning for the Stadium to be built on the site between Diamond Valley College and Diamond Creek East Primary School. I want to assure the college community that I am actively involved in the Steering Committee for this project and will be working to ensure our support for it leads to the development of facilities that will enhance the educational experience and outcomes of our students while also meeting the needs of our local community. If you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the working bee on Sunday 9 November.  
Greg Williams

**College Principal, Greg Williams addressing the graduating class**



## Class of 2008

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## Year 12 Graduation

The year 12 graduation ceremony at the Agora Theatre Latrobe was held on Wednesday the 22 October night. It was a terrific celebration of our Year 12 students' time at Diamond Valley College and their hard work during the year. We had many invited guests; from Fran Bailey's Office - Peter McWilliam chairman McEwen federal electorate council, Danielle Green MP for Yan Yean (Parliamentary for Emergency Services) and College Council President, Brett Owen. It was lovely to see many families and friends there to support and celebrate with the students. Our Year 12s looked fantastic in their robes and stoles.

There were many awards for sport, academic excellence and commitment to studies across all subject areas. Well done to all the students who received recognition for their efforts in these areas.

### Outstanding Achievement Awards

There were some very special awards for exceptional performances, leadership, community spirit and facing adversity.

Outstanding Sports Awards – Josh Adams, Stacey Cross, Ashlee Lawrence, Steven Moore, Callum Pohl and Briony Ralph  
Defence Force Leadership Award – Georgia Schrader  
McEwen Community Service Award – Phillip Gelling  
Jesse Gould Award – Jamie Hill & Steven Moore  
Caltex All Rounder Award – Callum Pohl  
Yan Yean Academic Achievement Award – Samantha Thomson

### Key Learning Area Awards

Art – Samantha Thomson  
English – Samantha Thomson  
Health and Physical Education – Emily Windisch  
LOTE – Emily Graham  
SOSE – Amy Ford  
Technology – Stephanie Andrews  
Science – Callum Pohl  
Mathematics – Callum Pohl

### Excerpts from the Valedictory Speech

'For many of us, it all started, six years ago at Diamond Valley, coming into a new school where everything and everyone is bigger than you, things are still the same for me but you get the idea...Year 7 camp was where it began and what followed was a run of many fantastic and very often funny camps...But we are not all about fun and games here, when the time comes we can be serious and respectful and we have reaped the benefits of this respect, participating in some great events from the aforementioned camps to formals and Debutant balls. These experiences have moulded us into the adults you see before you today.' Callum

'We would like to thank all our teachers, not just the ones from this year, but from every year we have been here. The support they have given each student is endless. We always knew that if extra support or help with work was needed there was always a teacher there.

Our teachers didn't just feed us the information we needed to know, they also mentored us through the stressful times...To our past teachers, you are the ones that kept us here and motivated. You all gave us our underlying knowledge to succeed this year, so thank you...Without them we wouldn't be here tonight graduating. Each teacher deserves an enormous thank you from each of us. We may not show it, but we truly appreciate everything you all have done for us...We would like to thank all our families for putting up with us, and our mess.

Ever since year 7 our friendships have been developing. We used to keep to our own groups but now we are closer than ever expected. I know it sounds corny, but we are like a family... It is incredible to see friends helping each other out in every situation without even thinking about it. We may have come together and kept together over the years. But our true success came from this year when we learnt to work together.'

Georgia

A special thank you to all the staff that attended the night and helped out in many ways. Greg Williams; Principal, Malcolm Hackett our keynote speaker, Keith King MC, Ben Strickland stage manager, our robe managers: Shane Osmond, James Anderson and Murray Knight. Anne Goddard, Jo Poulter, Allison Bennett, Glenys Kidd, Kate Boundy, Debbie Kenny, Jenny Gersh, Julie Granger, Marg LeGrys, Ivan McKinnon, John Mongan, Glenys Alexander, Karen Ball, Enza Natalizio, Geoff Portbury, Sarah Parr, Vicki Kalis, Rebecca Dick and Peter Hollier also attended. A special DVD (edited by Phillip Gelling) was broadcast at the graduation night and if any student or family wants a copy they are available for \$2, please contact the senior sub-school.



Valedictorians  
Callum & Georgia



## FINAL ASSEMBLY AND LAST DAY CELEBRATIONS

The class of 2008 celebrated their last day on Thursday 23 October. They were presented to the college at a final assembly and celebrated the day with a lunch with their teachers and a cake congratulating them on their last 13 years of education.

Karyn Myers & Grant Sargent Year 12 Coordinators



**Out of Uniform Day**  
Friday 7 November 2008  
Cancer for Kids  
Gold Coin Donation  
No thongs please



**Dressed up and having fun on the last day**



## Library News

### New Fiction Books in the DVC Library!

#### **M-City** by Robin L. Stewart

It is 2090 and the world has retreated into self-sufficiency. Trade is over, travel has ceased and big oil is no more. Australia is isolated and the land is empty. Fertility is shrinking and marriages are arranged. Teenage bride-to-be Bindy and the mysterious Victor leave their small bush settlement and cross the empty continent to rescue her childhood friend from the last metropolis. There she must face the awesome power of M-City. Can she rescue Sean in time and return to the boy she loves?

#### **Bushfire rescue (Extreme adventure Series)** by Justin D'ath

'Help me' I gasped. 'My name is Sam Fox and I'm trapped in a truck...there's a bushfire all around me!' It's the holidays and Sam Fox has gone to the high country

#### **Melting Stones** by Tamora Pierce

Four years have passed since Evvy left the streets of Chamur to begin her training as a stone mage. At fourteen, she's unhappy to be on a new journey with her mentor, green mage Rosethorn, who has been called to the Battle Islands to determine why the plants and animals there are dying. Evvy's job is to listen and learn, but she can't keep quiet and do nothing. With the help of Luvo, the living stone heart of a mountain, Evvy uncovers an important clue. Now with the island on the brink of disaster, it's up to Evvy to avert the destruction that looms ahead.

#### **The Sister's club** by Megan McDonald

Stevie Reel feels like she's the glue holding her family together, especially since Boss Queen Alex has gotten so wrapped up in her school play – and her leading man-that she doesn't have time for the Sisters Club. Is it up to middle-sister Stevie to save the day? Dive into the real-life ups and downs of sisterhood with the author of the best selling Judy Moody series

#### **Goodbye, Grace? (The English Roses series)** by Madonna (yes, the singer!)

Can the English Roses tackle a mystery?

Grace lives, sleeps and breathes football. But when she notices that her parents are acting strange, not even football-or the attention of a gorgeous new boy on the football field-makes her feel better. So what's a girl to do when she's scared her life might be changing forever? Enlist the help of her four best friends, of course. Together the English Roses are determined to figure out what's going on at the Harrison household.

#### **Cruisin'** by Brian Caswell

A story of bikinis, embarrassment and karaoke from one of Australia's favourite writers. Jenna Hamilton doesn't know you exist. Barry Barnes is trying to kill you; your family is a terminal embarrassment. You feel like an extra on Cruise of the Living Dead and your only friend just got banned from racing her wheelchair around the jogging track – in the interests of public safety. For Jules Macaffrey, the choice is simple – jump overboard or learn to enjoy cruisin'.

#### **Samurai kids: owl ninja** by Sandy Fussell

Thum. Ta-thum.Thum. A drumbeat echoes through the mountains. For ten days the drum will call the mountain ryus to war. When it stops samurai must serve with their swords. The samurai kids don't want to fight. Somehow they must stop the war. But only the Emperor can silence the drum. Will the samurai kids reach the emperor in time? Are the mysterious owl ninja their only hope?

#### **Briggsy** by Isla Dewar

Minnie thinks it's going to be a boring summer...then Briggsy arrives with the travelling fair. He's not like anyone she's ever met. He *lives life*. Takes risks. And Minnie is hooked. Will things ever be the same again?

### **New Non-fiction titles**

#### **Guy talk (Teen talk Series)** by Sharon Witt

Being an adolescent guy can be pretty tough going at times. Sometimes you can feel like you're the only guy going through stuff. In this book you'll discover: how to develop and maintain a positive self image, how and why your body is changing, why girls are so different to guys, all about pregnancy and birth, the physical changes you go through during puberty, top ten steps to deal with bullies and how to care for your body.

#### **Girl talk (Teen talk series)** by Sharon Witt

Being an adolescent girl comes with it's own set of issues. Not so long ago, you were just a little girl and now you're facing many exciting but often scary changes. Just remember, you are not alone!

In this book you'll discover: that you are a unique and very special girl, how to maintain a positive self image, everything you wanted and needed to know about the changes happening to your body! How other girls like you have dealt with periods, bras and other fun things, why boys are so different to girls, how to make positive friendships and how to make positive choices during adolescence.

#### **Teacher reference – New dvds for your perusal.**

#### **Youth for human rights: 30 rights. 30 ads.**

"Human right must be made a fact, not an idealistic dream."

#### **Mythbusters: space / astronomy**

Tonight Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman go deep into the Mojave Desert and use Buster to test the truth of a myth about a 15<sup>th</sup> century Chinese astrologer who launched himself into space.

#### **Take on technology: playgrounds**

We all like to play on playground equipment, but what makes them fun and safe? And how do those moving parts on seesaws, swings and flying foxes work? While Dodley goes off to design his dream playground, we visit others and take a close look at the materials used and how some parts work together as a system to provide movement.

#### **Alive and kicking**

Every episode of alive and kicking focuses on a separate rural community, each with one thing in common – a love of Australian Football. A mining town with a gravel oval and an independent spirit; a windswept island with two towns and three football teams; a football club in a sheep paddock and a town that became the focus of world attention when two miners were trapped for two weeks in 2006. Queenstown, King Island, Woodsdale and Beaconsfield in the Tamar Valley.

#### **Insight series: climate**

The federal government is stressing 'we must act now' to cut greenhouse gas emissions. But are we doing enough? Insight host Jenny Brockie investigates how other countries are cutting carbon emissions, sometimes with impressive results. So is the federal government's emphasis on emissions trading scheme the best way to go? Jenny Brockie brings together home owners, the head of the London Climate Change Agency Allan Jones and leaders of Australian industry such as Heather Ridout from the Australian Industry group and Maria Atkinson, global sustainability manager for Lend Lease, to talk about what else we could be doing right now to cut carbon emissions.

#### **Shake hands with the devil: the journey of Romeo Dallaire**

General Romeo Dallaire travels back to Rwanda ten years after the genocide in 1994. He revisits his time as head of UN forces and relates his subsequent breakdown and attempted suicide, and ponders evil and guilt.

#### **Australian Biography: David Williamson**

David Williamson. Australia's best known and most widely performed playwright, David Williamson, reflects on his life and career. Bridget Hiho-Library



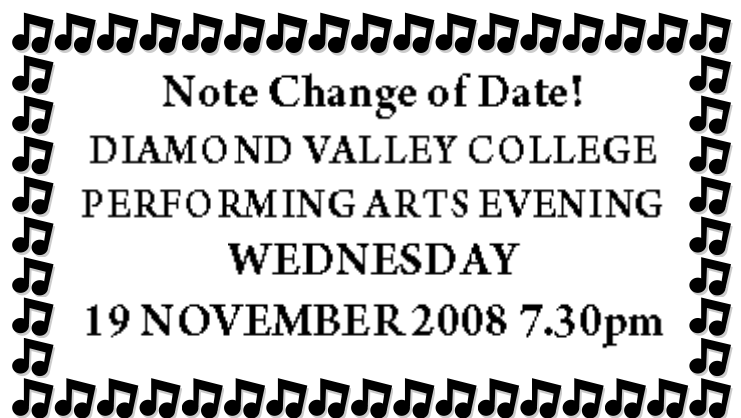
**PACTS Year 9**

*Parents As Career & Transition Support*

What preparation have you done to help your teenager with subject choices for Year 10 and beyond?  
 Do you know all the career options available?  
 PACTS Workshops have been running in Australian secondary schools since 2003, with parents saying they are really helpful in understanding the different options. Workshops are run in a set of three and include the following topics:  
 Simple careers assessment  
 How to use the Job Guide  
 Understanding TAFE, Apprenticeships, Group Training, University  
 Tackling the employment market  
 Preparing for employment  
 Each work shop runs from 7 – 9 pm in the DVC library on:  
 Wed 5 Nov  
 Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov  
 It is still not too late to join these workshops. Spaces are still available.

**DIAMOND CREEK UNITING CHURCH**

The Tasmania tour was a really great way to get to know our classmates by sharing cabins, bus trips and meals. The Cadbury factory is always good for buying discount chocolate and so far we have not broken out in spots but may have put on some kilos! The ghost tour was more scary because it made us realise what the convicts went through. Cradle Mountain was beautiful as we could see the snow in the distance and the views were captivating. The jetboat trip was the most fun and a highlight of the trip. We would like to visit Tasmania again.  
 Breanna H, Hannah D and Nick H.

  
**Note Change of Date!**  
**DIAMOND VALLEY COLLEGE**  
**PERFORMING ARTS EVENING**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**19 NOVEMBER 2008 7.30pm**

**COME TO THE FAIR**

**STALLS**  
**FOOD**  
**LIVE MUSIC**  
**BARGAINS**  
**TRASH AND TREASURE**  
**CRAFTS**  
**BOOKS**  
**PLANTS**  
**CAKES**

**Sunday 8 November 2008**  
**Time 9.00am to 2.00pm**  
**Cnr Manin Rd & Wensley**  
**St Diamond Creek**



If you've got room in your heart and your home to provide some care for someone who needs it, Yooralla wants to hear from you.

Whether it's for a night, a weekend, permanent, part time or full time, Yooralla's Family Options program coordinates alternate family-based care for children and young adults with disabilities.

Information Session to be held:  
 November 19<sup>th</sup> At 7pm  
 Diamond Valley Library  
 Civic Drive  
 Greensborough

**YOORALLA**

*People Helping People Achieve*

Please call 9899 2766 for further information and to book into information session

## Future Excursions, Incursions & Camps 2008

Group	Date	Excursion Details & Teacher in Charge-DVC Notices Web link: <a href="http://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/">http://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/</a> Click On 'Notices'	Cost	Date Due Pay/Perm/
Yr 10	Wed 5 Nov	Team Building and Personal Development Adventure Day-Debbie Kenny	\$60.00	Fri 24 Oct
Yr 9	Thu 6 Nov(new date)	Megasports Day-Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre-Karyn Myers-Evolve Grp	\$25.00	Thu 30 Oct
Inter Sport	Wed 12 Nov	Sport-Volleyball EHS, Cricket-LPFC Montmorency,Tennis girlsEHS/boysDVC\$5	\$10.00	Mon 10 Nov
Lote Yr9,10&11	Thu 13 Nov	Art Per Via Spectacular-Veneto Club Bulleen-Enza Natalizio & Rose Marasco	\$17.00	Fri 7 Nov
Yr 8 Science	Mon 17/Wed 19 Nov	Simple Machines Scienceworks-8.2/8.3 Mon 17-8.1/8.4 Wed 19-Jenny Gersh	\$20.00	Fri 31 Oct
Yr 7 Sport	Thu 20 Nov	Sport-Volleyball boys & girls-EHS, Tennis -girls EHS/boys DVC (Tennis \$5.00)	\$10.00	Tue 18 Nov
Yrs 11 & 12	Fri 21 Nov	Senior Formal-San Remo Ballroom Fitzroy-Grant Sargent/Keith King	\$75.00	Fri 24 Oct
Yr 9	1-12 Dec	Work Experience Program-Anne Goddard	-	Fri 7 Nov
Yrs 7 & 8	Mon 15 Dec	End of year Excursion to Melbourne's Luna Park-Allison Bennett	\$30.00	Fri 28 Nov
	<b>Note Please::</b>	<b>There is an 80% attendance requirement for all excursions. If this is not met by the due date the excursion will be cancelled and money refunded.</b>		

### 2008 College Council Members

Debbie Kenny, Brett Owen, Belinda Clarkson, Kate Boundy, Beth Sneddon, Kerrie Burrell, Steve Fleming, Dianne Smith, Lynne Keith, Mark Mann, Paul Kitchell, Geoff Portbury and Greg Williams

Please Note: The College Council email address [dvccouncil@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dvccouncil@optusnet.com.au)

is available for parents to email College Council with any queries.

### IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES 2008

DVC Web link-<http://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/> Click on 'Calendar'

Fri 31 Oct	VCE Exams begin with English
Mon 3 Nov	No Classes-VCE Exam students only
Tue 4 Nov	Cup Day
Sun 9 Nov	Working Bee term 4
Mon 10 Nov	Sub Committee Meetings-Curr 5.30pm Fac/Fin 7.30pm
Wed 12 Nov	Intermediate Round Robin Sport
Wed 12 Nov	Yr 7 2009 Parent Information Evening
12-18 Nov	Typo Residential Camp
Fri 14 Nov	Yr 11 Study Day
Tue 18 Nov	Last Day of Year 12 Exams
17- 20 Nov	Yr 11 Exams
Tue 18 Nov	College Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wed 19 Nov	Yr 11 English and Maths Exams
Wed 19 Nov	Performing Arts Evening 7.30pm
Thu 20 Nov	Yr 8 Round Robin Sport
Fri 21 Nov	Yr 11 Make-up Exams
Fri 21 Nov	Yr 9 English and Maths Exams
Fri 21 Nov	Senior School Formal
20-23 Nov	HPV RACV Energy Breakthrough-Maryborough
24-28 Nov	Yr 11 to 12 Transition
25-28 Nov	Year 10 Exams
Wed 26 Nov	Performing Arts Evening-7.30pm
Fri 28 Nov	Last day for Yr 11
Fri 28 Nov	Finalisation Yr 10 Subject Choice
Mon 1 Dec	Report Writing Day-No Formal Classes
1-12 Dec	Year 9 Work Experience
2-5 Dec	Yr 10 to 11 Transition
Fri 5 Dec	Last Day for Yr 10 Classes
Fri 5 Dec	Due Date for 2009 Bus Fare payments
Mon 8 Dec	Yr 10 & Yr 11 Awards Night Ashton Manor 7.30pm
Tue 9 Dec	Yr 7 2009 Orientation Day
Mon 15 Dec	Year 9 debriefing-Last Day for Yr 9
Thu 18 Dec	Last day of classes- dismissal time 3.00pm
Fri 19 Dec	End of Term 4-Students by appointment only
Mon 2 Feb	Yr 7 Classes Begin for 2009 other year level start dates to be confirmed.

### Diamond Valley College Uniform Shop

The normal opening hours for the Uniform Shop are:

Tuesday: 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Thursday: 2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Please ring Roz on 94388250 to arrange a ½ hour personal fitting appointment if times are inconvenient.

Not open student free days or holidays. Cash or credit only.

Thank you

<http://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/> uniform

Roz Saladino –Uniform Shop Manager

#### Special Opening Hours

Wed 12 Nov 08-6.00-7.00pm Yr 7 2009 Information Night

### WANTED- For TECHNOLOGY

-To run student Picaxe models.

-Any old mobile phone or battery drill chargers.

-Any old SONY remote controls from TV's, Videos, DVD players etc ( These are 38 KHZ and talk to the Picaxe chips to run robots etc.)

Thanks Pat McMahon

### Bus Travel 2009

There are still a number of families who have not returned their applications to travel. All students intending to use the college bus network must complete yearly applications. Copies were sent home attached to the September 19 newsletter and may be downloaded from the college website .

Anne McMahon-Bus Network Co-ordinator

**Absence Line-94388200**

**Bus Enquiries 94388202**