From the Principal

The past two weeks have been so busy, with a number of large college events taking place. We began the term with the Parent Teacher Interviews for Years 7 to 11 students, which were well attended by parents. It was great to receive positive feedback and I am open to suggestions to further improve the evening. Unfortunately, I have no control over staff absences on occasions such as this and in future will endeavour to communicate this to families much earlier in the day. I understand your frustration at arriving only to find that a staff member is away.

Staff participated in a Curriculum Day that emphasised student wellbeing. With a guest presenter from the Austin School and our own Jen Brown training staff in Safe Mind strategies. It was a very rewarding day, with all staff building on their capacity to support our young people.

We held our Information Evening and Open Day this week and were offered the opportunity to showcase our school to hundreds of guests. The feedback we received was so positive and I anticipate that this will equate to solid enrolments for next year. The highlight of these two sessions was the number of students who presented and spoke with confidence about the College and their secondary journey. We did not have the usual speakers, rather allowing students the opportunity to be tour leaders. With representatives from Year 7 to Year 12, they were fantastic engaging with our guests and discussing all aspects of our school. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Alex Connor (Junior Sub School Leader) and Justin Matt (Assistant Principal) for all their efforts in putting together such a successful event and to all staff and students who contributed.

Celebrating the achievements of our students is important and offering them a forum to promote ideas and programs is equally so. We held an assembly this week and it was an opportunity for many students to address the whole college community. Jack Synan performed to an appreciative audience. The college captains kept the assembly on track. We celebrated the achievements of our swimming champions, heard from those that went on the Italy tour, updates from our SRC, Drama, Music and Environment captains and heard from the Year 10 High Resolves class. It is wonderful to allow the students to lead our college assemblies.

Congratulations to Jacob Gambin, Oscar Clarkson, Laura Olson and Lauren Treloar all from Year 9 who have been selected to attend the Gnurad Gundidj campus of the School for Student Leadership in term 3. They will attend a nine week residential camp, a unique and exciting opportunity that we have been fortunate to have been able to offer our students for the past six years. There is a vacancy for a female student, so if there are any girls who had thought of applying and did not take up the opportunity, please come and see me.

I would also like to congratulate Tiarna Green (Year 9) and Jasmine Elkin (Year 12) on their selection to represent Victoria at the National Gymnastics Titles. We look forward to hearing how they go. Good luck girls!

Allison Bennett
Principal

Jacinta Swift and Claudia Levings attended the Diamond Creek Anzac Day service
2018 INFORMATION EVENING & OPEN DAY

Last week we held our Information Evening for prospective students. This is an important evening for our college and one that required much work by staff and students alike.

This year we had a brilliant team of volunteer students who helped out on the night, supporting teachers in classrooms to explain subjects and learning at different year levels. In addition we had a team of tour leaders who were made up of our college captains, as well as students from Years 7, 8 & 11. The feedback from parents and teachers about the pride and warmth with which our students spoke about our college has been amazing. It is clear that our students are excellent ambassadors for our college.

Some of our student helpers

CONGRATULATIONS BRENT

Congratulations to Brent Camilleri in Year 10 for his achievement at the Australian National Junior Athletics Championships held in Sydney. Brent achieved 3rd in the U17 2km Steeplechase. Well done Brent on this fantastic result.
TOP ARTS EXCURSION

For Year 12 Art, we journeyed into the city to the National Gallery of Victoria to gauge how other young artists such as ourselves were creating their 'footprint' in the art world. After a brief introduction we were free to cautiously and diligently search through past students' folios to gain an insight into how they achieved a Top Arts title, having their work viewed by 1000's of civilians over 14 weeks.

The folio viewing was followed by a lecture to help us understand how we can attain a position in the exhibition, with the curator Ingrid Wood being the ultimate decider. Concluding our day out, we got to see the art that was portrayed in the folios, allowing us to also feel a sense of accomplishment and pride in their work, letting us believe that we can achieve the same result that these students have. One piece in particular resonated with me, 'male in a melancholy state' by Praise Jeong, depicting 'a male openly displaying his emotional state' and 'challenging the stereotypical notion that real men do not express feelings'.

Jeong's artwork caught my eye as I saw pieces of myself and those around me within his blank expression. Visiting the NGV motivated our Year 12 class to pursue our own artistic talents.

By Emily Dimech

Weeping Woman Creative Pieces - by 7.2

If I crawled into the Weeping Woman's head, I would see all of her thoughts racing around me.
I would see the river of tears running to her eyes, and down onto her face.
I would see the terror and sadness going through her mind.
I would see all of her bad memories replaying over and over again.
I would see whatever is terrifying her. I would see the room she is hiding in.
I would see the figure in the doorway, looming over her.
By Jess Wellington 7.2

If I crawled into the Weeping Woman's head I would see a blurry hospital bed, with a lifeless soul, that had once belonged to her mother. All around her friends and family surround. I knew what she was thinking, what would she do without her.
-Tayla Swan 7.2

If I crawled into the weeping woman's head, I would see... A very long dark hallway. I would see a white dancing ghost in the background. A wall with moss between the cracks. Little rats roaming around the brick floors. Pieces of glass on the floor.

By Jacob Lewis in 7.2
On Thursday morning, before the Year 7-11 parent teacher interviews, many of our Year 12’s attended a revision lecture on ‘This Boy’s Life’ presented by Alex Connor. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to help support them and best prepare them for their SAC in Week 2.

During this lecture key content, skills and ideas were revised and Alex offered suggestions and tips for the upcoming assessment.

It was wonderful to see so many students taking up this opportunity! Good luck!

Cate Hambling
Acting Year 12 Coordinator

TECHNOLOGY

Last year I was approached by Cathy Hart from the Yarra Regional Library to set up a Robotics Display at the Eltham library for the month of May. Cathy came to the College and viewed the exciting models our students make and code and she wanted to show these to the wider community.

Unfortunately most of the Robot Models are in Display Cabinets as static displays but we were able to leave out 14 models to be played with and viewed by visitors.

I will bring them back to the College for the Nillumbik/Banyule Teachers Smorgasbord on Tuesday 9 May and also for the Annual DATTA Vic Conference at Harvester College Sunshine on Friday 12 and Saturday 13 May.

Pat McMahon
Design & Technology Teacher.
I would like to introduce Guido Bodini, the Language Assistant from Italy who will be working with the Italian Domain at school this year.

ROSE MARASCO
ITALIAN DOMAIN LEADER

Hello everyone! My name's Guido and I'm the new Italian Language Assistant. I'm 26 years old and I come from Cremona, a small city South of Milan in Northern Italy. I attended the Catholic University in Brescia where I graduated in Foreign Languages for International Relations. I chose this curriculum because I really wanted to learn Spanish and also because during my High School final interview one of the examiners told me I had a knack for Political Sciences. Studying in Brescia meant a great change in my life as I had to travel one hour by train to get to university and one hour to come back home everyday. This allowed me to develop one of my main interests, reading fantasy books. Most of all, I love those with a medieval setting and my favourite authors are Christopher Paolini, David Eddings and Stan Nicholls, though my favourite character ever is Luna Lovegood created by J.K. Rowling for her Harry Potter series. My other big interest is punk rock music. I started listening to it thanks to my older brother who gave me Warning by Green Day when I was 11. From that moment on I never ceased to listen to punk rock and I always look for new bands, even those unknown to most people. When I was 17 I also started playing guitar. As nobody was really interested in this kind of music in my city, I started writing my own songs and this allowed me to live a fantastic adventure in California where a few months ago I recorded my first EP. My favourite albums are 1,039 Smoothed Out Slappy Hours and Kerplunk by Green Day and It's a Girl by a short-lived band called Sweet Baby.

Now I'm very curious to begin this new adventure as a Language Assistant here in Australia. It's something I've never done before but I'm sure it's going be a wonderful experience.

Ciao a tutti! Mi chiamo Guido e sono il nuovo assistente linguistico di italiano. Ho 26 anni e vengo da Cremona, una piccola città del nord Italia a sud di Milano. Ho frequentato l'Università Cattolica di Brescia dove mi sono laureato in Lingue Straniere per le Relazioni Internazionali. Ho scelto questa facoltà perché desideravo studiare lo spagnolo e perché durante il colloquio della maturità un esaminatore mi ha detto che avrei fatto bene a studiare Scienze Politiche. In questo modo sono riuscito a combinare il mio desiderio con il consiglio di quell'insegnante. Studiare a Brescia ha portato un grande cambiamento nella mia vita in quanto tutti i giorni dovevo affrontare un viaggio di due ore in treno per recarmi all'università e poi tornare a casa. Questo mi ha permesso di sviluppare una delle mie passioni principali: leggere libri fantasy. Adoro soprattutto quelli con ambientazione medievale e i miei autori preferiti sono Christopher Paolini, David Eddings e Stan Nicholls. Il mio personaggio preferito è però Luna Lovegood, creato da J.K. Rowling per la serie di Harry Potter. L'altra mia grande passione è la musica punk rock. Ho cominciato ad ascoltare grazie a mio fratello maggiore che, quando avevo 11 anni, mi fece ascoltare Warning dei Green Day. Da quel momento non ho più smesso di ascoltarla cercando sempre nuove band, a volte sconosciute ai più. Quando avevo 17 anni ho anche cominciato a suonare la chitarra e, siccome quasi nessuno approfondiva questo genere di musica, ho cominciato a scrivere canzoni originali che mi hanno permesso di vivere un'avventura fantastica in California, dove proprio pochi mesi fa ho registrato il mio primo EP. Gli album che preferisco sono 1,039 Smoothed Out Slappy Hours e Kerplunk dei Green Day e It's a Girl di una piccolissima band chiamata Sweet Baby.

Adesso sono molto curioso di iniziare questa nuova avventura come assistente linguistico qua in Australia. È un compito che non ho mai svolto prima d'ora ma sono sicuro che sarà un'esperienza bellissima.
DVC Art and Music Expo

15th June 2017

The Year 10 High Resolves Team are hosting an Art and Music Expo on **Thursday the 15th of June**.

Throughout lunchtime and part of session 5, the courtyard will be alive with live music, art competitions, art displays, food for sale and various activities.

This event will give students the ability to display their creative talents and maybe even earn some money. We want to celebrate DVC’s talents and skills!

If you would like to feature your creative talents during the day by hosting your own stall please contact either:

Nick Currie- Event Organiser: cur0007@dvallcoll.vic.edu.au

Mel Boulton- High Resolves Teacher: melinda.boulton@dvallcoll.vic.edu.au
Dear Parents,

The PEERS study is coming to our school!

Researchers from Murdoch Children's Research Institute will be visiting us, testing a new app that has been created for measuring social skill development in children. Our school appreciates the need for the PEERS app and are excited to assist in the testing process.

The PEERS app is fun to play and students will receive a certificate for participating. There are also some brief questionnaires online for parents/guardians to complete.

Further details about this study are provided in the Parent/Guardian Information Statement and Consent Form attached to this email. Please read through this document carefully.

If you decide that you would like to participate in this study please complete the consent form by following the link below.

https://redcap.mcri.edu.au/surveys/?s=9HJT4JXR4K

Please note you are under no obligation to participate and you and your child’s involvement is completely voluntary. If you have any questions about this study please do not hesitate to contact the PEERS team via email (peers@mcri.edu.au) or by phone (03) 9936 6262.
On Thursday 27 April 2017, the Year 11 physics class went on an excursion to La Trobe University to attend a radioactivity workshop. The best part of the excursion was when we went on a guided tour of the physics department at La Trobe. We saw some of the equipment and the telescope that they have on campus. We were provided with the chance to use a Geiger counter to measure the radioactivity of certain substances, which was really interesting, because we could relate it to a topic we had previously covered in class. Despite the wet, chilly weather, it was still good to wander around and have a look around the campus. Doing the experiments allowed us to physically prove to ourselves that gamma radiation has a higher penetrability of material than other types of radiation. We did this by putting a substance with a barrier under a Geiger counter and comparing the difference in radioactive pulses. We swapped out different thicknesses of aluminium, lead and plastic, and compared the reading to each other and to a control reading. Overall, it was a worthwhile excursion and it was a valuable experience as it allowed us to conduct relevant experiments that we could not have done at school, due to a lack of equipment.

By Chelsea Parker
IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ

OVERDUE BUS FEES

A NEW BUS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR
HAVE YOU DONE YOURS?

PLEASE NOTE TERM 2 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE.

Students with outstanding bus fees or no Application to Travel will not be permitted to travel.

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student,

It is important that Parents and Students understand the importance of advising the college of any change to bus travel in advance for legal and safety reasons. Should your child wish to travel on a different bus a note MUST be provided by you stating that you give approval. This note should be given to the Bus co-ordinator the day prior to travel. Permission is granted provided there is sufficient seating on the requested bus. Should prior permission not be sought, or there is insufficient seating, your child will not be allowed travel and you will need to make alternative arrangements.

A large number of students are continuing to travel without their bus passes.

It is a condition of travel that all students using the Diamond Valley College Bus Network complete an Application to Travel form every year and carry a valid pass with them at all times. If you have not completed an Application to Travel 2017 or have not paid the appropriate fee your child will not receive a valid pass. Students detected without their pass on more than three occasions will be given an after school detention, this will continue throughout the school year. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements for their child to be collected after the detention. Students who have not completed an Application to Travel 2017 are unable to access the College Bus Network.

Please ensure your child has a valid bus pass with them at ALL times.

Please contact Roz on 9438 1411.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Messy Play Day!

10am – 1pm
Saturday 3rd June

Experience the messiest fun at kindergarten! Mud, slime, paint and more! Ideal for children aged 2 to 6.

For more information call 9438 2663 or the Enrolment Officer on 0402 129 644

28 Conston Street, Diamond Creek

OPEN MIC & JAM NIGHT

ages 14-25

6PM-8PM,
TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017

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Young musicians of any ability are welcome to come and use our professional music facilities and instruments or bring your own. Meet other local musicians, practice with your own band, experience performing in front of an audience and be part of the audience and appreciate live music.

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