From the Principal

It is a time of decisions for students currently. Our Year 12’s are fast approaching their exams and decisions that will significantly impact on their future are being confirmed as they place their preferences for university and other avenues for further education and training. Year 10 and 11 students are finalising their VCE/VET/VCAL selections and Year 8 and 9 students are completing course selections.

For some students this process is easy, they have a clear goal in mind, know exactly what they need to do to get there and the subjects they need to ensure success. For many though, the path is not so clear. They may not know what they want to be or what they want to do, they have many appealing options or they may want something different to what their parents envision for them.

Learning is a life long journey; at times it will be full on, at times it will be put aside and not seem important and at times it will be incidental. At Diamond Valley College, all we ask is that students be open to possibilities. There may be options and pathways that may not have been considered.

I strongly encourage you to use the resources available at the college. Our careers team are supported by the sub school teams to provide the resources required to make informed choices. They will ensure that all options are considered and discussed and are a resource for students and parents to access.

Parent teacher interviews are coming up and I strongly encourage you to attend. They are an opportunity to address concerns and issues, and for our students to set goals for the remainder of the year. Bookings are currently open.

If you are able to, it would be great if you could support the college this weekend. It is a very busy one. The Diamond Creek Town Fair is being held on Saturday, and our SRC will be operating a stall. They need as many helpers as possible to help promote the college within the community. While on Sunday, there will be a working bee at the college. These happen once a term and are an excellent opportunity for families to help at the college. College Council member Lee Williams is coordinating the working bee. Along with the Year 10 formal on Friday night, it is a full weekend!

Allison Bennett
Principal

Year 8 students enjoying the Snow Trip

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES
TERM 3 2017

10 Sept 14 Sept 18-22 Sept 22 Sept
College Working Bee Year 7-11 Parent Teacher Interviews Year 9 City Experience Last Day Term 3 - 3.00pm finish
On Friday 1 September, a keen group of students and teachers arrived at DVC before the sun was up (3:45am) to head up to Mt Buller for the day.

After a decent breakfast in Mansfield at Alzburg Hotel we braved the windy incline and were rewarded with snow, beautiful sunshine, and blue sky!

Students started their day on the snow with a lesson and then spent some time practicing their skills. It was great to see so many first timers having a go at either skiing or snowboarding! By the afternoon most students had explored some ski runs and improved on their skills.

After returning to Alzburg and eating dinner, we set off back home, arriving back at the college just after 9pm.

Thank you to parents for the early drop off and late pick up!

Congratulations to everyone who came along! Overall it was a wonderful day, and the students were mature and responsible while representing the college.

Cate Hambling
In the last two weeks, we all participated in Gender Day. On this particular day, we split up into our genders and went out to do activities.

The boys all went down to the beach, and we played a huge game of Dodgeball/Capture the Flag/Trench Warfare. We set up by digging one big and multiple small trenches. We then got into two teams and let loose! We threw sponges at each other, trying to get the other team out. It was awesome fun. We then had one of the best BBQ's I have ever had, which consisted of meat patties, onion and Toad in a Hole! We then reflected on who our role models are and who we would like to be as a person.

The girls did something similar in the form of a commando course and playing in the mud (their words), as well as talking about “girl stuff”. In the commando course, they did some team activities, climbed a large net and tried to balance on a balance beam. They also sang songs and learnt a new dance called “This is how I bungalow”.

We are all having the time of our lives here, and can’t wait to share our new experiences with everyone when we return.

Sincerely,

Jacob Gambin, Laura Olsen, Oscar Clarkson and Lauren Treloar.

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**YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE**

**CITY EXPERIENCE CAMPUS**

As the Year 9’s are aware City Experience is quickly approaching. During the last week of this term all Year 9’s will take part in a week of learning in the city. They all have a group project that will be completed during the week and early next term.

All students will take part in cultural, sporting and pathway activities. We are incredibly lucky this year to be teaming with the Beacon Foundation to offer our students access to two city work sites. In addition some of our students will take part in a full day Polish Workshop, again organized through Beacon Foundation. Here students will take part in a range of skills required of work places.

In addition students will experience sporting activities such as indoor rock climbing and ice skating.

When not out on an activity students will attend our campus in the city where they will undertake group work. On Thursday October 26 next term each group will present their work to the college principal class. Parents are also invited to attend this afternoon presentation.

**BUSES FOR CITY EXPERIENCE**

It is important that all bus travellers understand that all buses will leave each stop 15 minutes early in the morning for the full last week of term 3. This is so the Year 9’s will be able to catch the train on time from Diamond Creek Station.

The college program for the term will conclude at 3pm on Friday September 22, the last day of term, allowing all Year 9’s to return from the city and catch the school bus home.
On the back of the success of last year’s Toastmasters we are excited to be able to offer the course again this year. Toastmasters is an international public speaking organization, run by volunteers. They teach a range of public speaking skills, from formal presentations to comic routines; breaking down people’s nerves around the task of speaking in public. They nurture a supportive environment in which students from Year 7 through to Year 11 can work on and improve their ability and confidence in public speaking.

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Congratulations to DVC Team 1 for winning the regional competition!

Jenna Sharp (7), Benjamin Wilson (7), Jemma Sheppard (8), Tom Stewart (8), Kylah Bullock (8), Myron Mitchel (8) and Amelia Sharp (9) will be competing at the Victorian State Final on Sunday 10 September.

Best of luck Team T.O.M!

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TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Challenging the World

TOASTMASTERS RETURNS 2017

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ITALIAN EXCURSION

On Friday 25 August, Rosa and Fiona took 8.5 into the city to have an Italian feast. We caught a train into the city and got off at Melbourne Central. First we stopped in at Brunetti an Italian cafe, where we fortunately got free cannoli, it was fantastico. We walked to COASIT, a research centre and immigration museum, where we completed an activity on Italian migration to Australia after World War two. There were many visual activities that taught us a lot about the Italian history in Melbourne. After that is was lunch the part of the day we were all waiting for. We walked down to Il Gambero, an Italian restaurant. We first got a bowl of fries and soft drink and then came out our pizza, it was delizioso! We then rushed back to the station so we wouldn't miss the train! We all had a fantastic day! Grazie Rosa e Fiona, couldn't have asked for a better day!

By Heidi and Tara 8.5

L'ESCURSIONE DI ITALIANO DEL 25 AGOSTO

Venerdì 25 agosto Rosa e Fiona hanno portato noi della classe 8.5 in città per una giornata tutta italiana. Abbiamo preso il treno per la città e siamo scesi a Melbourne Central. Per prima cosa ci siamo fermati da Brunetti, un bar italiano, dove ci aspettavano dei cannoli gratis, è stato fantastico. Poi abbiamo camminato fino al COASIT, il centro di ricerca e museo sull'immigrazione, dove abbiamo completato un'attività sull'immigrazione italiana in Australia dopo la Seconda Guerra Mondiale. C'erano anche molti video che ci hanno insegnato tantissimo sulla storia degli italiani a Melbourne. Ma il pranzo era la parte della giornata che tutti aspettavamo. Siamo infatti andati al ristorante italiano “Il Gambero”, dove abbiamo preso una bibita e delle patatine fritte mentre aspettavamo che arrivasse la pizza, è stato tutto delizioso! Dopo siamo corsi in stazione per non perdere il treno! Grazie Rosa e Fiona! È stata una giornata fantastica che non sarebbe potuta essere migliore!

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Congratulations to Myron Mitchell from 8.5 for completing his Preliminary AMEB Piano exam. Myron was awarded a commendable pass with Honours. An outstanding effort Myron, well done!

The Australian Music Examination Board provides the opportunity for instrumental music students around the country to participate in graded examinations for a range of musical instruments (including voice) covering classical, popular and contemporary styles and techniques. Practical examinations comprise the presentation of technical work, studies and pieces, aural tests, sight reading and general knowledge.

A number of students from DVC have participated in the external examination process this year and have found the experience both challenging and very rewarding. This opportunity is available to all music students on the recommendation of their instrumental music teacher. It is an ideal way to set both short and long term goals and to receive constructive feedback from an expert in the field.

For further information or to register your interest for 2018 please contact your instrumental music teacher.
Check out these New Titles

**Before You Forget by Julia Lawrinson**

Year 12 is not off to a good start for Amelia. Art is her world—but her teacher hates everything she does. Her best friend has stopped talking to her. Her parents may as well be living in separate houses. And her father is slowly forgetting everything. Even Amelia.

At times funny, at times heartbreaking, this is an ultimately uplifting story about the delicate fabric of family and friendship, and the painful realization that not everything can remain the same forever.

**Tartin of the Mammoths: The Exile by Jo Sandhu**

Tarin longs to be a hunter, but his twisted leg means he is feared and bullied. After a disastrous mishap, Tarin is forced to leave his family and travel alone across the wild, unknown land to save the Mammoth Clan.

Battling the hostile and savage Boar Clan, a deadly illness, and treacherous terrain with twins Kaija and Luuka and their wolf cubs, Tarin realizes that if they are to survive he must conquer his greatest fear—his true self—and embrace the magic that is hiding within him.

**The Elephant Thief by Jane Kerr**

When pickpocket Danny buys an elephant at auction, he’s swept up on an unforgettable adventure. Offered a job by a zoo owner, all he has to do is ride Maharajah from Edinburgh to Manchester in one week. Everyone is watching, even Queen Victoria, but the journey is filled with drama and danger, and it’s soon clear that not everyone wants them to arrive in time…

**Running on the Roof of the World by Jess Butterworth**

I focus on my beating heart. I know Mum and Dad are still alive. My heart would feel different if they weren’t, wouldn’t it…?

After twelve-year-old Tash’s parents are seized by soldiers, she and her best friend Sam resolve to rescue them. But to do so, they must escape Tibet, cross the mountains and seek help from the Dalai Lama in India. And so an extraordinary journey begins…

A vivid, richly atmospheric story of adventure, survival and hope.

**VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE**

Well DVC students have done an outstanding job so far with 61 students completing the Victorian Premiers’ Readers Challenge ahead of time! It officially finishes on Friday September 8.

Prizes will be given for the most read books and a celebration will take place next month, stay tuned.
Parents please note, the college has received several complaints from the bus companies regarding vandalism to their buses caused by students from this college. The College Bus Network runs at the discretion of the PTV and Department of Education and is a privilege, not a right. Continued vandalism may result in the suspension of bus services and the students involved. Those students and/or their parent/guardian will be required to meet the cost of any repairs.

City Campus will run from 18-22 September 2017. Buses will run early as per previous years, however due to increased traffic along certain bus routes we ask parents to make sure ALL students are at their appropriate bus stop 15 minutes early. Drop off points will be at Hurstbridge, Wattle Glen and Diamond Creek stations as per previous years. Please be aware that these arrangements affect ALL bus travellers not just Year 9 students.

Buses will depart the college as per normal in the afternoons, this includes Friday 22 September, the last day of Term 3.

SAVE THE DATE - Thursday October 5
The day will be held in the Textile Room at Diamond Valley College
from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
If you can make it on the day it would be greatly appreciated, it’s a fun day and such a worthy cause. Lunch will be provided
We are looking for donations of knickers.
All donations can be left with Annie in the canteen

SEWING FOR NEPAL

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 your 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
Dear Parents & School Community Members

As part of our plan to raise funds for Diamond Valley College PERFORMING ARTS we are running a fantastic Routleys Bakery Fundraiser.

Routleys Bakery has been making Pies & Cakes for over 60 years, so have perfected their recipes over a long time.

I am pleased to announce that for this drive we have selected a range of Routleys most popular products as part of the fundraiser. For every pack that you sell, DVC will make approximately a 30% profit.

All of our profits will go towards the College Production Fund.

You will be able to collect your special Routleys Order on Tuesday 19 September.

We suggest you sell to family members, colleagues in the workplace, friends or neighbours. It is recommended that children involved in selling do so under adult supervision, especially if selling door to door.

We ask that all orders and money collected be returned to the General Office no later than Friday 8 September.

Fundraising activities such as this make a vital contribution towards improving facilities and resources for the benefit of our students. In anticipation of a successful fundraising drive, I thank you for your support.

Please print the order form on the next page and return completed with payment in a sealed envelope to the general office.

Eva Dean  
Performing Arts  
Fundraising coordinator
## PIE DRIVE ORDER FORM

### PIE DRIVE
Support DVC Performing Arts

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**FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER**

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Charli’s story...

Charli is a kind and loving 6-year-old girl who lives in Diamond Creek and attends Concord School in Watsonia. Charli was born with an extensive brain malformation; the right side of her brain did not form correctly. As a result, Charli has epilepsy, autism, an intellectual disability and mild cerebral palsy. Charli bravely tackles multiple seizures every day. After years of trying a range of different medications and treatments the next step for Charli is brain surgery to remove almost 50% of her brain.

Charli needs a special friend, an unconditional friend that will assist her through life and help keep an eye on her. A friend that can tag along to the scary hospital and doctors’ appointments, comfort her after a seizure or just be there to calm her down when she is confused, anxious or struggling in our sensory overloaded world.

An Assistance dog will change Charli’s life.

Charli’s parents are desperate to ensure Charli has every chance to bond with her assistance dog before her upcoming brain surgery, an operation which will require rehabilitation to get Charli back on her feet. We are asking for help to raise the $29k needed to make this happen.

A VERY SPECIAL FRIEND FOR CHARLI
COME AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR RIGHTEOUS PUPS SO CHARLI CAN FIND HER SPECIAL FRIEND

21st October 7pm - 12am
Bridges Restaurant
1075 Hurstbridge-Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge.

Tickets: $85pp
Includes Food and Alcohol
PLUS meet the Dogs, Live Music, Auctions and more!

DONATIONS
Account Info
BSB: 633-000
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