Welcome back to term 2. I hope everyone had a relaxing break and are ready for the busy term ahead.

We have had a number of staffing changes this term and I am confident that the transition for staff and students will be a smooth one. At the end of last term both Mark Ellul and Shane Osmond made the decision to resign from Diamond Valley College. I thank them for their contribution to the college and in particular Shane who has been a member of the Diamond Valley College community for 30 years. Geoff Portbury and Pat McMahon will have extended leave for 2017, whilst Jo Poulter is on long service leave for term 2. On behalf of the college I wish them all the very best.

As a result, we welcome a number of new staff to the college; they include Michael Courts who is returning to Diamond Valley College after four years at Peter Lalor Secondary College and ONTTC. Not only do we know Michael as a well respected Design and Technology teacher, he also brings with him a wealth of knowledge of the VET system. Jim Gibney has returned to Australia after a number of years teaching VCE English in China. He will be a welcome addition to the English and Humanities team this term as he picks up classes previously taken by Shane and Geoff. And lastly Isaac Mercado will be taking an Art/Visual Communication load this term. We are looking forward to seeing him bring his passion for Art and Design to his classes.

A reminder that Parent Teacher Interviews are an important means of feedback regarding your child’s progress. If you are unable to attend, please ensure that you make an effort to contact your child’s teachers via COMPASS. It is important that you understand strategies put into place to support and challenge your child and how you can best support them in their learning journey. For students affected by staffing changes, can I request that you wait a week or two and then make contact via COMPASS or call the new staff member for feedback? They need a little time to get to know their classes.

We are looking forward to our Information Evening and Open Day being held on Thursday and Friday of next week. It is an opportunity to highlight our college and the wide range of programs we have on offer. Please encourage those that you know with children in grades five and six to come and meet us. We look forward to sharing what makes Diamond Valley College a great community school.

I was privileged to attend the Italy Study Tour at the end of last term. We had 23 fantastic students ranging from Year 8 to Year 12 who immersed themselves in the language, culture and food of a very special country. Granted it was an exhausting trip, but we made the most of every minute and if we were struggling at any time, we just stopped for a moment and... eat gelato! Thank you to the tour organisers Claire Lee and Rose Marasco who spent months planning the trip and ensured that the tour ran smoothly. I appreciated them taking the time away from their families for such a long period to benefit our students.

Planning for our building program is well underway and families can see the designs on the College website and Facebook. Have a look; it is very exciting to see how the project is evolving.

We have a busy term ahead and I encourage everyone to get involved and for students to set challenging goals.

Allison Bennett
Principal

Study Tour of Italy
THE COMBINED FOOD AND ITALIAN STUDY TOUR OF ITALY 2017

From Sunday 26 March to Monday 10 April, 23 students and three teachers visited the beautiful Italy. We visited many places including Rome, Sorrento, Siena, Florence, Venice and Milan.

While we were there we explored the wonderful historical streets and saw many glorious buildings.

We saw many beautiful churches including the Duomo in Milan, St Peters Basilica in the Vatican, and Doges Palace and St Mark’s Basilica in Venice.

We enjoyed the Italian cuisine and ate lots of pizza, pasta and of course delicious gelati.

Everywhere we went we saw another beautiful sight, especially in the Tuscan countryside when staying at Castelfiorentino, and along the Amalfi Coast when we stayed in Sorrento.

We had a few cooking classes, where we learnt to make chocolate truffles in Perugia, we watched a gelato demonstration and ate lemon gelato in Sorrento, we made homemade pasta and tiramisu at the Farmstay, and had a pizza cooking class in Florence. It was really fun to learn how to make some famous Italian dishes. We also had an opportunity to practice our Italian oral skills.

Many historical monuments and places were truly amazing to see, like the colosseum and roman forum in Rome, the leaning tower of Pisa in Pisa, the ancient ruins of Pompeii, the piazza del campo famous for the Palio in Siena, the rialto bridge in Venice and Ponte Vecchio in Florence.

We also visited museums such as the Ferrari factory in Maranello, the Perugina chocolate factory famous for baci in Perugia, and also the San Siro Stadium in Milan.

Other things we were able to do was visit a leather market and a food market in Florence, enjoy a gondola ride in Venice, and meet up with last year’s language assistant, Ilaria Rotili, in Rome.

It was a wonderful trip with a great group of people. We would like to say a big thankyou to Allison, Rose and Claire for organizing the trip.

By Keely Thomas, Ebony Hall and Sarah McEwan (Year 12)
YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to all the students who applied and were nominated for the position of Year 11 Leader. Your involvement conveyed a sincere willingness to work for the benefit of others.

On behalf of everyone here at Diamond Valley College, we would like to sincerely congratulate your efforts and commitment.

We are pleased to welcome Ethan Stuart, Sheridan Bennett, Darcy Williams and Ian Jenkinson to the role of Senior School Year 11 Leaders.

Our Leaders represent the very best qualities in our students and they have already demonstrated leadership and a spirit of participation which serves as a model for others. We are eager to have them work with us on important Senior School issues and functions, such as team assemblies, school tours and supporting the senior school structure. We see their skills as a valuable addition to our school community.

Once again, our congratulations.

The Senior School Team
Steven Russell & Rebecca Taylor

GOOD LUCK BROOKE

Brooke Searle (Year 12) is representing the College in the Interschool National Horse Qualifiers. With a number of trials throughout the year it is a very busy schedule for Brooke who manages to juggle her studies and her commitment to her sport. We wish her all the very best and look forward to hearing how she goes.
Visual Communication Design Excursion

On Friday 24 March our Visual Communication Design class had an excursion to Top Designs, which is a space in the Melbourne Museum where all of the top design students of 2016 had their work displayed.

Before our session at 'Top Designs' we ventured to the Emporium to have a look at the building as we have been studying it for the whole of term one, taking aspects of the original Emporium building to create our own designs. Looking at the Emporium from a designer’s perspective was way different and interesting than how we usually would view a building and gave us more insight to what we are actually working on.

At 'Top Designs' we were given a seminar by two guest speakers, firstly a representative of VCAA, who explained the process of the folio which we will commence at the start of next term. This gave greater insight to what we will be creating and examples of high scoring sections of the folio. The second speaker at the seminar was Kate Pullen who we are basing our current assignment on, as well as her talk being really interesting, it was a great source of research for the assignment.

After the seminar we had time to view the top scoring folios of last year which I found quite intimidating and exciting at the same time. The work that these students had created was truly amazing, there were diagrams of buildings, designs on packets, layouts of apps and so on. Although these folios made the next few terms of Viscom look challenging it also gave me lots of guidance and ideas of where to take my own folio.

By Montana Bahr

7.2 Working on ‘My Special Place’ painting at the end of Term 1
DVC Art and Music Expo
15\textsuperscript{th} June 2017

The Year 10 High Resolves Team are hosting an Art and Music Expo on \textbf{Thursday the 15\textsuperscript{th} 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
Keep Calm and... Worry Less
Do you find that stress and worries are... stressing you out? Come along to our FREE workshops to learn why anxiety sometimes gets the better of us, & get some tips on how to manage stressful times.
These workshops are suitable for young people aged 14—17 years who are experiencing emerging symptoms of anxiety.

When: Wednesday 24th, 31st May & June 7th 3:45pm—5pm

Where: headspace Greensborough
Level 1, 78 Main Street
Greensborough

Contact: 9433 7200—spaces are limited so register early.

Parent Info Session
Come along to our Parent Information evening to find out all about the services & supports available at headspace Greensborough.

When: Tuesday 9th May 6:30pm—8:30pm

Where: headspace Greensborough,
Level 1 78 Main Street
Greensborough

Contact: 9433 7200 to book a space.

Headspace Greensborough
term 2 programs

I Made Art Mondays
Get creative at our weekly art workshops. Totally FREE and no artistic background required.

When: Each Monday from 3pm.

Where: headspace Greensborough,
Level 1, 78 Main Street
Greensborough

Contact: 9433 7200

Job Seeking Skills
These workshops will focus on how to format a Resume, where to look for and apply for jobs, how to prepare for an interview and how to manage interview & first day nerves.

When: Thursday 11th, 28th & 25th May.
2:30—4:00pm.

Where: headspace Greensborough,
Level 1, 78 Main Street
Greensborough

Contact: 9433 7200—spaces are limited
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 as of Monday 24 April 2017.

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 afterschool 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.

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

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If you won a prize at the Whittlesea Show in 2016 could you please pick up your prize money from the General Office.
Price Changes in Canteen

Unfortunately due to rising costs and petrol charges on delivery we need to increase the prices on several items in the canteen as from Thursday 27 April.

DVC IS RAISING FUNDS - HERE’S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Help us raise funds for our School by buying an Entertainment Membership from us. You'll receive hundreds of valuable offers for everything you love to do, and help our fundraising at the same time!

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!