In the past fortnight, I have attended a number of events that have been an absolute pleasure. They have provided the opportunity to mingle with parents and students, obtaining feedback that includes positives and opportunities for improvement.

The Year 7 Parent Barbecue was well attended, providing the opportunity for parents to meet with their child’s home group teacher, classmates and their parents. It was a very casual evening with lots of conversation and sharing of information. The feedback we received was so positive, reassuring us that the transition program we have in place is on track. I appreciate the efforts of the Junior Sub School team and the College Captains who supported by cooking the barbecue for our guests.

The Year 12 camp provided our students the opportunity to establish good work practices right from the beginning of the year. The study skills program is extremely valuable, as is the lecture presentation and time with home group teachers. I was impressed with the manner in which the students approached their study sessions, always ready to use their time wisely and work together to support each other. It sets the tone for the busy and challenging year ahead. I wish them nothing but the best and encourage them to aim high.

The College Swimming Carnival was a fun day, with students dressed in their house colours demonstrating creativity and flair. Many students participated in the competitive and novelty events. It always impresses me how students come together on days such as this, offering to help in any way they can and enjoying the activities on offer.

College Council nominations are currently open and we are seeking six parent, two staff and two student members for council. This is a valuable opportunity to have a say in aspects of the decision making processes of the school. It is so important that each group be represented, so please consider taking advantage of this opportunity. Council meets on the third Monday of the month from 5.30pm to 7.00pm and members are asked to sit on one Sub Committee whose meetings are held at varying times between 5.00pm and 8.00pm on the first Monday of the month. The opportunity for student representation on Council is a great initiative mandated by the Department of Education and Training from May 2018. We welcome our College Captains to Council meetings, their opinions are valued but their input is limited as invited guests. It will be a positive step to enable students to have a legitimate role on council with voting rights. If your child is interested in nominating and you have reservations about the commitment, please feel free to call me. Student voice is powerful and needs to be encouraged.

The College values of respect, responsibility and excellence are not just words that we display around the College, they are actions that we expect to see and hear. They underpin all that we do at Diamond Valley College and we expect them to be considered by our students, teachers and parents. I ask that you support us with a few issues that have arisen recently, including compliance with the Council endorsed College uniform, attendance at whole school College events, disciplinary consequences if required and compliance with requests regarding parking to ensure student safety. Working together, we can provide the best opportunities and a safe environment for our students and staff.

Allison Bennett
Principal

Year 7 Barbecue
Term one continues to be a big year for our Year 7 cohort. Following the Year 7 Start Up day and just before the Year 7 Camp next week, we welcomed all Year 7’s families with a BBQ at the college on Tuesday February 13. In perfect weather students, parents and staff were able to meet in an informal setting. I know that the teachers certainly enjoyed meeting all the parents who attended. It was fantastic to also meet a number of siblings. Families had the chance to meet their child’s new friends and see where their child has classes. Parents were able to meet our College captains who stayed after school and cooked our BBQ; even though a number of them had SACs starting the very next day.

Next week the Year 7’s head off on camp. We will be on Phillip Island for three days participating in a range of adventure activities. Year 11 leaders will mentor our junior students through their first camp, helping them with challenging activities and making sure they stay organized. Camps are designed to allow students to further cement the new friendships that students have started to make.

Quickly following camp is the athletic sports day – just like swimming sports student are encouraged to dress up and participate in house events to gain points for their houses.

Year 7 Parent Barbecue
ART NEWS

Art Club has commenced for the year. We meet every Wednesday lunch time in S3 and it is open to students in all year levels who wish to work on personal projects or extend on the art/design skills. So far we have had a few participants and I’m hoping to see many more smiling faces in the weeks ahead.

Year 10 and Year 7 Art students have been working on ceramic pieces. Year 9 Art students are working on dry point etchings.

The Year 10 Digital Design class have been working amazingly well this term. Our first task has been to design personalised emojis using Adobe Illustrator, and the results have been outstanding. Please refer to student pictures below.

The Year 11 and Year 12 Art classes will be going out to view the NGV Triennial next Friday March 2. The Triennial is a celebration of contemporary art and design. Featuring the work of over 100 artists and designers from 32 countries. Students will have the opportunity to look at work through the eyes of some of the most creative minds working today.

FUN ‘ARTY’ FACT:
For those of you who may not know Yoko Ono turned 85 this week. Ono is not only famous for her relationship with John Lennon and The Beatles. In fact, Ono has long been an amazing contemporary artist and is famous in her own right. Her career started in the Fluxus movement in the 60s and 70s. She is most well known in the art world for installation work such as ‘Ex It’ and many performance works, where she invites the audience to participate.

“You change the world by being yourself.”
Yoko Ono

Selina Braine
Arts Domain Leader

ITALIAN

Italian Morning Tea

On Friday February 16, the Year 11 and Year 12 Italian class had an Italian morning tea consisting of Italian coffee and special cake called ‘Panettone’. It gave us an insight into some Italian food and how the Italians would typically spend their morning breakfast. It was a nice way to start the morning off before it became stressful for the Year 12 students.

We would like to say thank you to Rosa Marasco for organizing this.

By Amy McMahon 12.4 and Keenan Carr 11.1
CONGRATULATIONS

Luke Johnson

Congratulations to Luke Johnson of Year 8 who competed in the 2018 Southern 80 last weekend.

Well Done Luke!!

Sian Gould

Congratulations also to Sian Gould of Year 9. Sian competed in the 2018 Victorian State Ten Pin Bowling Championships Tournament over 2 weekends where she bowled singles, doubles and team events to make it into the top 20 last weekend. On Saturday Sian qualified in the top 10. On Sunday in the Masters finals she came 3rd in the Female Section and 5th overall for the State. She will now qualify in May to compete in the East Coast Tournament held in NSW in Sept.

Congratulations Sian!

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out these New Titles

Unbound: A Novel in Verse by Ann E. Burg
This beautiful poetic book is set out in verses and the words move and sway and tell an emotional story of a young girl sent to a life of slavery. Nine year old Grace, called from the slave cabins to work in the Big House, Mama makes her promise to keep her eyes down. Uncle Jim cautions her to keep her thoughts tucked private in her mind…

The Goldfish Boy by Lisa Thompson
Matthew likes sparkling clean surfaces, staying safe in his bedroom and making notes about his neighbours. He hates germs, going outside and feeling like a disappointment to his mum and dad.

When a toddler staying next door goes missing, Matthew finds himself at the centre of the mystery. Every one of his neighbours is a suspect – and Matthew is the key to working out what happened, even as his own secrets begin to unravel.

A story about finding friendship when you’re lonely – and hope when all you feel is fear.

The Greenglass House by Kate Milford
It’s Wintertime at Greenglasshouse. The creaky smugglers inn is always quiet during this season, and twelve-year-old Milo, the innkeepers’ adopted son, plans to spend his holidays relaxing. But on the first icy night of vacation, out of nowhere, the guest bell rings. Then rings again. And again.

Soon Milo’s house is bursting with odd, secretive guests, each one bearing a strange story that is somehow connected to the rambling old house. As objects go missing and tempers flare, Milo and Meddy, the cook’s daughter, must decipher clues and untangle the web of deepening mysteries to discover the truth about Greenglass House and themselves.

Showstopper by Hayley Barker
Ben, the teenage son of a powerful government minister, attends an opening night and falls under the spell of Hoshiko, the tightrope walker and star attraction.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT
IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!
A NEW BUS APPLICATION
MUST BE COMPLETED EVERY YEAR.
HAVE YOU DONE YOURS?
TERM 1 BUS PAYMENTS ARE NOW OVERDUE

Welcome back to the 2018 school year.

Parents please be aware that as of Monday 26 February 2018, students without the correct bus pass are no longer able to travel via the bus network to and from the College. Parents will need to make alternative arrangements until such time as they have paid outstanding fees or contacted the College to discuss the matter with the Bus Co-ordinator, Roz on 9438 1411.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CAREFULLY
Students travelling via the College Bus Network:

- Must adhere to the College Code of Conduct and expectations of behaviour;
- Must carry a valid ID bus pass. A bus pass is valid only if the appropriate applications and payments have been made each year;
- Fare paying travellers must present their bus pass to the teacher on duty before boarding a bus;
- Irregular travellers must apply for a pass from the bus co-ordinator and bring a permission letter from their parents with the appropriate payment;
- Bus passes must be carried at all times;
- A placement on the Diamond Valley College Bus Network is a privilege not a right and is subject to the strict adherence to the College Code of Conduct;

Be aware that bus passes remain the property of the College.

Failure to abide by the College Code of Conduct may result in bus travel privileges being suspended or lunchtime detentions.

Should you have any questions or queries regarding your child’s bus travel please contact Roz on 9438 1411.

Dobsons Uniform Shop

Dobsons have upgraded their website and you can now browse and purchase uniforms online. Delivery can be made to your home or office and they offer an immediate ‘Click and Collect’ facility. The website can be found using the following link:


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

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES
TERM 1 2018

28 February -2 March  
Year 7 Camp
06 March  
College Athletics Carnival
12 March  
Labour Day Public Holiday
28 March  
Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews 4pm-7pm
29 March  
Last day Term 1—2.10 finish
COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WIN $500 CASH**

**Hard Yards**

**children who challenge**

**art competition**

Get creative and win!

Show us what putting in the ‘hard yards’ looks like to you for your chance to win $500 and see your work in the official Hard Yards conference poster.

Entries open:

14 February – 16 March 2019

See competition guidelines for more information

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**Guidelines**

- **Category:**
  - **Junior:** 6 to 10 years | **Senior:** 11 to 16 years
  - **Blind:** 17 years

- **Title:**
  - 14 lines (maximum)

- **Medium:**
  - Any medium, including digital, oil, acrylic, pencil, pen, charcoal, watercolour or collage

- **Originality:**
  - All works must be your own work and not submitted from another source

- **Description:**
  - What your artwork shows. Describe your inspiration in 100 words or less

- **Signature:**
  - Name, Address, Phone number, School, Artwork description

- **Entry:**
  - Entry form to be submitted before 16 March 2019

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**WRITERS WANTED**

$1000 CASH & YOUR CHOICE OF

**write+fun.com**

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**THE COMPETITION**

Write+fun.com is offering all Australian students in years 7 to 10 the chance to win $1000, a Sony PlayStation 4 or a Fitbit Charge 2. The only rule is your writing has to be at least 400 words long.

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**THE PRIZES**

**Poetry Prizes**

1st: $1000 Cash, 2nd: Sony PlayStation 4, 3rd: Fitbit Charge 2

**PlayStation Prizes**

1st: Sony PlayStation 4, 2nd: Fitbit Charge 2, 3rd: Apple iPad 32GB & Book

**Short Story Prizes**

1st: $1000 Cash, 2nd: Sony PlayStation 4, 3rd: Apple iPad 32GB & Book

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**THE BOOK**

**Entry:**

Visit the website to enter your submission.

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Enter online: www.write4fun.net

Entries close: 16 March 2019

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**write4fun.com**

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**The Rules**

- Only one entry per student – either a poem or short story.
- Entries to be submitted via the website.
- Entries should be in one piece.
- Entries must be submitted by 16 March 2019.
- Entries must be at least 400 words long.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of judges.
- The judges' decisions are final.
- Entry form and rules at www.write4fun.net

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**For more information on competitions and awards, visit www.write4fun.net**