From the Principal

It’s the beginning of a new term and time to set goals for the completion of semester one. I hope parents and guardians were able to find the time to attend parent teacher interviews, they are such a valuable opportunity to discuss your child’s progress and plan for future success. If a staff member was absent or you were unable to attend, please contact teachers via COMPASS and arrange a time to discuss how we can work together to support your child.

We began the term with a College assembly and as always it was a celebration of student achievement and promotion of opportunities. Students presented on a range of events that included;

- Shaye Clancy sharing her experience in Vietnam whilst participating in World Challenge
- Willow Mcfadzean and Elise Rueter promoting the 2019 Italian Study Tour
- Oliver Greenall sharing his experience as an exchange student in Canada
- Amelia Sharp, Emily Quinton and Izzy Cooper from the High Resolves class announcing their fundraising efforts for the Good Friday Appeal and
- Olivia Smith highlighting the focus of SRC for the term.

This was complimented by a stunning performance by Blake Richmond.

It was also an opportunity to present the year level leaders for Year 7 to Year 11. Students are to be commended for applying for these positions and we look forward to working with them throughout 2018. My congratulations goes to them all, I know they will be wonderful representatives of the College and their peers. Our leaders are:

Year 7  Mia Ball, Larni Bullock and Molly Flint
Year 8  Piper Bradford, Guy Breaden and Ben Wilson
Year 9  Kylah Bullock, Andrew Elward, Molly Maddox and Brock Mauldon
Year 10 Molly Crompton Guard, Maureen Delos Reyes, Lauren Duke, Riley Kennedy and Genevieve Weiland
Year 11 Bridie Clapton, Nick Curry, Oliver Greenall and Hayden Swift

At the assembly I spoke to students about their responsibility to be prepared and ready for learning. This includes having the necessary resources for each class including an operational and fully charged device. All students should have an iPad or laptop (depending on year level) ready for use in every class, every day. It is a disruption to learning when planned activities cannot be completed due to electronic equipment being left at home or not charged. For families that are unable to provide a device for their child, a limited number of netbooks are available for loan from the library.

The building project is progressing well with infrastructure complete, plastering and painting are underway, and joinery to begin shortly. It is all taking shape and it is now easy to see the vision we had for these spaces becoming a reality. I’m particularly excited for the Performing Arts students who have been so patient and continuing to work under very difficult circumstances.

Term 2 is a long one and not one without a few disruptions. We have a number of four-day weeks with parent teacher interviews, public holidays and a curriculum day. I encourage you to keep a close eye on the COMPASS calendar to see how this affects our students.

Welcome back and I hope everyone has a successful term.

Allison Bennett
Principal
**YEAR 8 FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

**Year 8 HAP Food Technology Project – From Grass Roots Up**

We researched about our herbs and found out how to plant and grow our particular herb correctly. We had to answer questions about our herb so we could get a better understanding. During Maths we left class to clear out the garden beds. We got rid of all of the weeds and rocks. Today we planted our herbs by digging holes and watering our plants. We then had to put wooden stakes into the garden bed and over the wooden stakes we put a net so the birds couldn’t get to our plants. We will be watering and maintaining our plants during PDL. Once our plants have grown we are going to make a meal out of it in Food Technology.

Tiana, Emily, Sadee, Poppy, Pauline 8.3

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**ITALIAN**

On Friday March 23 our VCE Italian class had an opportunity to eat Italian food whilst speaking Italian with each other. It was a great way to finish the term and it gave us motivation to continue on given how stressful we were feeling. Rose gave us strong Italian coffee to keep us going in her traditional espresso cups.

By Amy MCMAHON and Indi Stratton

*Educational Tour of Italy Language, Food Technology and Appreciation 2019.*

Some exciting news! We have finalised the itinerary for the Study Tour of Italy 2019 which involves the two domains of Italian and Food Technology. The itinerary includes from Rome, Naples, the Amalfi coast, Positano, Sorrento, Florence, Pisa and finishes in Venice. It involves students having the opportunity to visit historical buildings like the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, participating in cooking classes like pizza and pasta making and even having the chance to visit an Italian high school in Avellino to meet pen pals.

There was a great turnout at the Information Evening on April 17th at Diamond Valley College. A special thankyou to Tara Robertson and Declan Duffey who attended the evening to provide their experience to the parents about the tour last year. If you are still interested and you missed out on attending this evening, please contact Rose Marasco or Claire Lee at the school for further information. Just a reminder that the deposit needs to be paid to the school by Thursday May 3rd 2018.

Claire and I are looking forward to another successful study tour of Italy in 2019.

THANKS
ROSE MARASCO AND CLAIRE LEE
TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Are you CREATIVE, COOPERATIVE, a good TEAM PLAYER, ORGANISED, have CRITICAL and CREATIVE THINKING skills, are CONFIDENT, CURIOUS, a good COMMUNICATOR, enjoy RESEARCH, WRITING and DRAMA??

THEN WE WANT YOU!!

In 2018 DVC will once again be entering a team of seven students into the Tournament of the Minds. We are looking for inquisitive, dedicated and creative students from Year 7 to Year 9 to participate.

Teams are required to solve two demanding, open-ended CHALLENGES - a Long Team Challenge (six weeks) and a Spontaneous Challenge (10 minutes).

Both Challenges are presented on TOURNAMENT DAY which will be the weekend of 25-26 August 2017 at Latrobe University Bundoora.

Please register your interest and any questions to Eva Dean. There will be a short information meeting held on Wednesday May 2 at Lunchtime in A2.

Tournament of Minds is a problem solving program for teams of students from both primary and secondary years. They are required to solve demanding, open-ended challenges from one of the following disciplines:

- Science Technology
- Engineering Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Language Literature

Tournament of Minds is an opportunity for students with a passion for learning and problem solving to demonstrate their skills and talents in an exciting, vibrant and public way.

Tournament of Minds has been one of the fastest growing national inter-school programs to challenge the youth of Australia and is now expanding internationally. It provides for the ever-increasing demand for sophisticated, educational opportunities. The rapidly increasing and widespread involvement of thousands of participants throughout Australia and internationally, demonstrates that Tournament of Minds is not only a worthwhile investment in the education of our youth, but is also an integral part of our collective future.
Hello from the Music Program,

Well done to Music Students on a great start in Term 1. Students have settled in well to lessons and are hard at work learning solid technique and music reading skills.

A big congratulations to our guitar teacher Tim Matthew and his wife Grace on the arrival of Rylan, the newest member of the Matthew family! You can see Rylan practicing his rock star moves in this picture. Thanks to Fiona Casson who has stepped in to continue with guitar tuition whilst Tim takes carers leave.

A reminder to the parents of Instrumental Music students – fees are now due and first semester payments will be needed to ensure that lessons continue!

School assemblies are a great opportunity for Diamond Valley College students to display their hard work and excellence through musical performance. Congratulations to Blake Richmond and Guy Breaden on outstanding performances at school assemblies. It can be a daunting experience playing in front of a huge audience of your peers but it is always a worthwhile challenge! I would also like to thank and congratulate members of the Concert Band on their performance of Journey Through the Void at the Junior Sub School assembly in Term 1. It was fantastic to see so many music students receiving awards and recognition for Excellence, Respect and Responsibility.

If you are interested in playing for an assembly, get in contact with me at school!

Music Captain Blake Richmond preparing for his performance and the Diamond Valley Concert Band.

“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music. I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.” — Albert Einstein

Jim McGuffie
Instrumental Music Co-ordinator
ART CLUB

Every Wednesday at lunchtime in S3

Open to all year levels.
Please eat on your way

CREATIVE MINDS

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NILLUMBIK VCE ART & STUDIO ART STUDENTS OF 2017

Thursday 22 March – Monday 23 April 2018
Showcasing: Catholic Ladies College, Diamond Valley College, Eltham College, Eltham High School, Plenty Valley Christian College, St. Helena Secondary College

Opening Saturday 24 March 2018, 2pm – 4pm
To be opened by Nillumbik Shire Mayor Cr Peter Clarke

Eltham Library Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham
WELCOME TO TERM 2

BUS FEES ARE OVERDUE
APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS STILL OUTSTANDING

Welcome back to Term 2,

Bus fees for Term 2, and in some cases Term 1 are now overdue. Contact Roz on 9438 1411 to discuss.

Some parents have still not completed an Application to Travel form for 2018. Forms must be renewed each year if the student is to use the College Bus Network for travel between their home and the College.

Parents please be aware that student without the correct bus pass or who have not submitted an Application to Travel form 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, completed the appropriate form or contacted the college to discuss the matter with the Bus Co-ordinator, Roz on 9438 1411.

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 Wednesday @ 12:45pm in S3
Open to all year levels and all skill levels
PLEASE EAT YOUR LUNCH ON THE WAY

IMPORTANT COLLEGE DATES

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