From the Principal

This week is NAPLAN testing and I would like to thank our year 7 and 9 students for the manner in which they are approaching each session. As a trial school for online implementation of NAPLAN we are finding that students are more engaged in the process and are approaching each aspect of the testing with a positive attitude.

We understand that standardised testing can cause anxiety for some students and that some parents do not agree philosophically with NAPLAN testing. We appreciate that parents are using the correct process to withdraw their children. We provide supervision for these students while testing occurs and then they join their regular classes, far better than being absent for a number of days.

2019 is going to see a significant change at Diamond Valley College as our much loved canteen manageress Annie Brownrigg takes leave prior to retiring. Annie’s support of our staff, students and parents has been fantastic, one only has to attend the end of year volunteers morning tea to see how much she is appreciated.

College Council has already begun preliminary discussions on how we plan and manage the future of the canteen, importance of volunteers at DVC, meeting the needs of our students and staff along with considering the financial viability of the canteen. Annie has agreed to assist in our discussions as she brings a wealth of knowledge to the process. I also invite parents to contact me at bennett.allison.a@edumail.vic.gov.au if they would like to participate in a focus group led by College Council members.

Five weeks to go before our building program is complete and it is amazing how it is all coming together. The program still impacts heavily on our school community as rooms are unavailable, The latest being the gym being out of action for a week while painting of the new wall occurs. The patience and understanding of every one has made things so much easier.

Although the handover is scheduled for June 27th, it will take a number of weeks to decant furniture and resources back in to these spaces. Once it is set up, the students will enjoy their new facilities.

On behalf of the college community we would like to wish Jacqui Last all of the best as she begins her family leave. It is an exciting time for her and we wish her well.

Allison Bennett
Principal
ITALIAN AT DVC

TUESDAY 1ST MAY – THE ITALIAN CAFÉ/RESTAURANT

On Tuesday the 1st of May in R9 our Italian class opened up our own Italian Cafe named Il Sapore D’Italia. Everyone invited either a family member or a friend from another class. We came in at lunch-time to set up. Once all the guests got there we all sat down, had pizza, tiramisu, coffee and cake. We taught some Italian phrases to our guests from our Italian phrasebook that we made for them. The whole afternoon was a huge success. There was a total of 35 people in R9 and it was buzzing with Italian, laughter and food. Rose our Italian teacher came around and asked if anyone wanted coffee in Italian and they had to respond in Italian. Huge thanks to Laura Caine (Harry’s mother) for bringing the free garlic bread and pizza from Caporossi in Kinglake and Filo Neophytou (Georgia’s mother) for making the Tiramisu. In addition, we would like to say thanks to Rose Marasco our Italian teacher who organized this and made Italian come to life.

Thanks
Shelby Purcell and Aiden Dollimore. Year 9 Italian class

TUESDAY 8TH MAY – ITALIAN 8.1

On Tuesday 8th May 8.1 had an opportunity to eat an Italian breakfast during our class. It comprised of Italian coffee, bread (pasta dura), sopresa, mortadella, breadsticks, Italian biscuits, chocolate sponge cakes and Italian lollies. We all loved it and in order to eat the food we had to speak in Italian to Rose. It was such a wonderful and fun way of learning Italian. We would like to say thanks to Rose Marasco our Italian teacher for organising this opportunity.

Thanks
Lahni Franks
MUSIC

We’ve had a solid start to Junior Band in 2018! As you can see, we are using classrooms for rehearsals in lieu of a performance space, so we’d like to say thanks to students and staff in the F Wing for listening weekly to our rehearsals and lessons. Students and staff are excited about the progress of the auditorium, music classrooms and practice rooms and we should begin moving equipment down in Term 3.

Congratulations to students who have auditioned for roles in “The Importance of Being Earnest”. It’s no small thing to perform for teachers in a high-pressure situation, so well done!

*Pictured is the Junior Band of 2018 rehearsing in F4.*

As you can see we have a range of instruments that you can learn at DVC. If this interests you, regardless of your level of experience or age, get in contact with the Music Department!

Jim McGuffie
Instrumental Music

CSEF (CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND)

If you hold a Health Care Card or a Centrelink Pensioner Concession card you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding). A successful application provides your family with $225.00 per child which can be used to pay for the excursions and/or camps that your child participates in throughout the year.

If you have not already submitted an application for this and you feel you are eligible, the final date for applications is **22nd June, 2018.**

To apply:
- You will need to complete a Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application form which is available from the General Office.
- Submit the completed form with the DVC General Office and we will lodge this form on your behalf.
- Successful applications will then have $225.00 placed onto their family statement once the department processes the pay cycle to the school.

If you have any questions please contact the General Office.
Diamond Valley College will again be hoping to send off a group of budding young enthusiasts to Space Camp in Term 3 of 2019:

Space Camp involves the following:
- 7 Day Space Camp immersion program.
- Visit to local high school
- Attend Friday Night Gridiron Game
- Visit Cape Canaveral NASA Florida
- Theme Parks visits in Florida, including Disneyland
- Science Museum visit in San Francisco

Whilst the itinerary may change from previous years, Space Camp is always an excellent learning and growth experience for participants. When on camp, the students will form new friendships with students from schools near and far as they work in diverse groupings.

Which Students are suited to attend?
All. If students are fascinated by science, space travel, or travel in general, then coming on the trip will be very rewarding.

Students who have had no particular interest in science have loved the 7-day intensive space camp, and then had endless amounts of enjoyment on the remaining parts of the trip. The Camp is available to students in Year 10 and above in 2019. Both experienced travelers and novices have attended and thrived on the previous trips.
Why Space Camp?

The predicted growth in jobs in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) in Australia and across the globe is significant. Students who can demonstrate and apply skills in these areas will have a distinct advantage in the employment market.

The federal government’s latest budget included the exciting announcement that they were looking to establish the Australian Space Agency. Investing $26M in the project, providing inspiration perhaps to budding engineers, computer scientists and scientists more broadly. The students of today will be the scientists of the future, and will no doubt be the generation to see humans landing on Mars, perhaps even establishing mining and manufacturing facilities on the red planet.

Above all, space camp is an excellent and enjoyable experience for students involved. They will come away with life long memories and personal growth.

There will be an initial student information session on Thursday the 24th of May, in A2 at 12:40. Students who are interested should attend this meeting as a starting point to gauge interest. A parent meeting will be arranged in early term 3.

If you have any enquiries regarding Space Camp 2019 please feel free to contact me either via email or phone.

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Check out these new titles

**Neverland** by Margot McGovern
After doing herself near-fatal damage, Kit Learmonth has come home. But it’s a place she hardly recognises: the mermaids are hiding, the witch has packed up her cauldron and the pirates have sailed to more bountiful shores. In their place is Neverland and its inhabitants – damaged teens too sick to be in regular school, but not sick enough to be institutionalised, watched over by her psychiatrist uncle. And Kit is one of them.

Kit has a choice. She can use illicit night-time adventures with her friends and mysterious new boy Rohan to avoid the truth. Or she can separate harsh reality from childhood fantasy and try to remember what happened on the night of her parents’ deaths. What really prompted her family’s departure from the island? Was there a monster who drove them away? Is the monster still there?

**The Girl who saw Lions** by Berlie Doherty
Two girls, from very different places, are brought together in a tale of loss, courage and family.

Abela has lost everything, and now she must leave her home in Tanzania and flee to Britain.

Rosa’s struggling to cope with her mum's wish to adopt a child.

When they are brought together, will Abela and Rosa ever be able to love one another like sisters?

**Twelve Nights** by Andrew Zurcher
Kay’s father is working late - as usual. Fed up, her mother bundles her daughters into the car and drives to her husband’s Cambridge college to collect him herself. But when they arrive, the staff claim that nobody by his name has ever worked there.

That night, Kay is woken by voices at her window: the voices of Will and Phillip, the Removers. But they are not human. And Kay shouldn’t be able to see them. Except she can . . .

**I am Sasha** by Anita Selzar
It is German-occupied Poland in 1942 and Jewish lives are at risk. Nazi soldiers order young boys to pull down their trousers to see if they are circumcised. Many are summarily shot or sent to the camps.

A remarkable mother takes an ingenious step. To avoid suspicion, she trains her teenage son to be a girl: his clothing, voice, hair, manners and more. Together, mother and son face incredible odds as their story sweeps backwards and forwards across occupied Europe.
Unmasked by Turia Pitt

Telling the story of Turia's life before and after the fire, this young readers' book un-masks the real Turia: funny, fierce, intelligent, flawed. With a new foreword from Turia, additional content and a new Q&A section, this edition covers topics such as confidence, goal-setting, family and friends and happiness that will resonate strongly with tweens and teens.

*Unmasked* reveals the woman behind the headlines, and in so doing, uncovers the grace, humour and inner-steel that gets Turia Pitt through every day – and which leaves the rest of us watching on in amazement.

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Diamond Valley College is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for students to read a set number of books by 7 September 2018.

Students from Year 7 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All students who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Good luck, and enjoy the 2018 Challenge

Sue Hamer
Jane Overton
Library Staff
WELCOME TO TERM 2

PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE VIA COMPASS
BUS FEES ARE OVERDUE
APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS STILL OUTSTANDING

Great News,
Bus payments will now be available on Compass.
Please note that Term by Term bus payment is now available via the Compass portal. Semester or Yearly payment can still be made by Cash, Direct Debit or Credit Card over the phone or in person at the General Office.

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 students 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.
Entertainment books for 2018/2019 are now available.

Explore your city with an Entertainment Membership!!!! Not only can you save hundreds at many of the local businesses below but 20% of your purchase will help support our School. Hurry, they’re selling fast!

Books can be purchased from the General Office or on line at the following link:

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TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018

UNDER THE WATTLE TREE, HURSTBRIDGE

4PM