From the Principal

Last week I attended the Year 12 Motivation Dinner and was very fortunate to hear Scott Harris speak to our students. It’s not often that a keynote speaker engages a group of young people with their story, keeping them captivated for an hour. Scott’s key message to the students as they head towards the final semester of their studies is appropriate for all of our students.

He discussed firstly the importance of choices and the importance of taking responsibility for every choice we make whether they are good or bad. Some choices may not not seem within our control but he emphasised the importance of owning every decision and the resulting consequence.

He then spoke of the benefits of a growth mind set and how this can strongly influence behaviours and outcomes. That a positive mindset allows us to reach for things that may not have seemed possible or that others might not think are realistic.

Lastly he spoke of the importance of setting goals; short term or long term they should always challenge and provide direction.

I encourage you to talk to your family about these three key areas: choices, growth mindset and setting goals. In reflection we can see how they influence everything we do, so it figures that we should spend more time focusing on them as we move forward.

I really hope that the year 12 students took something away from Scott’s message.

We also invited three past students Rebecca Keith, Jordyn Knights and Nathan Stuart, who participated in a Q & A panel to respond to students” questions about their experiences of year 12 and how they maintained their motivation. They also spoke about what they were currently doing and put this year into perspective for this year’s Year 12 students.

Staffing has been a difficulty in the past few weeks and a number of unavoidable changes have been made in the last week. I emailed the parents of Peter Holler’s classes, providing an update on teacher replacements and reporting. The understanding of students and parents is very much appreciated.

Allison Bennett
Principal
Students in 7-10 Art classes have been working diligently on their ‘Individual Achievement Tasks’ this term. These tasks help students learn self-direction, concept development, motivates problem solving skills and creative thinking. Imperative tools for an ever-changing world in the creative industries and beyond.

Some students in Year 7 and 8 are working on paintings in acrylic and watercolour, illustrations with graphite and markers, digital photography skills, sculptures and much more. Students are motivated and eager to work during these tasks, it is a really great time in the semester.

This month marked the unveiling of Melbourne based artist Reko Rennie’s work for the Stolen Generations Memorial on Wurundjeri Land at Atherton Gardens, Fitzroy. The artwork was commissioned by the City of Yarra and is titled ‘Remember Me’ made from granite and cast bronze. Rennie is a renowned contemporary artist who some students have been researching in Year 11 Art.

Selina Braine

ART NEWS
THE STUDY TOUR OF ITALY 2019

We would like to announce that the combined Food/Italian Study Tour of Italy 2019 has been organised and we have a wonderful group of students participating in this once in a life-time opportunity. It will occur from Tuesday 2nd April to 16th April, 2019. It is an exciting trip which includes visiting cities like Rome, Florence, Naples, Avellino, Pisa, Sorrento and Venice. It includes activities such as, visiting an Italian high school in Avellino, learning how to cook a pizza and visiting famous historical monuments like the Colosseum. Further details and meetings will be organised.

BY ROSE MARASCO AND CLAIRE LEE

DVC SPORTS ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

Please join us to find out about the 2019 DVC Sports Academy program on Wednesday 20th June, 2018 @ 6 pm.

In 2019, the program will expand to incorporate Boys and Girls in Year 7, 8 and 9 across AFL and Netball programs.

To book your spot for the information night register at Try Booking:

https://www.trybooking.com/WECC

Applications - visit dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/academy

Contact Zoe Slatter DVC Sports Academy Co-ordinator for further information

Our program offers:
- Sports Specific Development
- Athletic Development
- Seminar Program – Leading professionals discuss nutrition, leadership, teamwork, sports psychology and coaching
- Supports local club, representative and elite talent pathway programs
Congratulations to the following teams who have qualified for the Northern Metro Region finals:

- Senior Girls Netball
- Year 8 Girls Netball
- Senior Boys Hockey

Our schools Year 7 Netball team missed out on the finals by percentage only but it was an impressive effort all-round.

The Year 7 & Year 8 AFL teams won 2 of out their 3 games but will not advance to the finals. The Year 7 Soccer team won 1 game and drew 3 game.

Congratulations to Mia from Year 9 for her performance in the Victorian Gymnastics Championships. The Championships were held in late April at MSAC and featured Victoria’s best athletes in Men’s and Women’s Artistic Gymnastics. Mia competed in Level 8 and achieved an amazing 2nd All Around, coming 1st on Floor, 2nd on Bars and 3rd on Vault. Well done Mia!
In Semester One English, Year 7 students explored a variety of tales from different times and places. They then created their own tales.

**Dreamtime stories** told by Aboriginal Australians are ‘creation’ stories, concerned with explaining the origin of the land, the weather and the flora and fauna.

**How the plants came to grow** - a Dreamtime story from Olivia 7.4

It was long ago, when only the sun ruled the earth, way back in the Dreamtime. The sun was angry, very angry, for it had been far too long since he had seen a beautiful landscape. The more angry the sun, the hotter it got. The clouds had fled because they did not want to see the sun so angry.

When the sun awoke from his slumber, he observed the dry, cracked earth. Brown flakes of soil moved through the landscape, like flakes of skin. The ground was nothing but rocks and the sun’s reflection made the ground steam. The sun was getting angrier by the day.

The people weren’t surviving. It was FAR too hot for them to travel far and find water. The people tried many things to please the sun, but nothing worked. They tried offering pictures, carved into the rock, but the sun was displeased and the people realised that nothing they could do would make the sun happy.

It came to be that the sun was so drained from anger that he began to cry. Hot, sizzling tears fell from his eyes, to the world down below. The sun’s golden tears were so powerful that they made everything sprout out of the ground and grow a bright, healthy green. Beautiful gum trees grew out of the ground and the leaves were so fresh they glistened in the sunlight. When the sun saw the beauty that his golden tears had created, he began to laugh. The clouds came back when they saw the sun was joyful and they began to laugh as well. The clouds laughed so hard that tears fell out of their eyes and fresh rivers, lakes and ponds filled the earth’s crusty dirt and turned it into fresh, brown soil. From that day on, the sun was happy, because he had a beautiful world to look down upon.
Family statements will be emailed to you on **Friday 1st June, 2018**, could you please take time to look at your statement.

**For Year 9 and Year 10 students**

Any levies for Semester 1 electives that your child is doing should already be paid for, if this is not the case it does need to be paid now.

Any levies for Semester 2 electives that your child has chosen needs to be paid for by **16th July, 2018** if you have not already paid for it. For example, Food Technology, Wood & Metal, Art

**Music**

Term 3 Music instalment payments for $100 are also due by **16th July, 2018**.

**2018 Central Australia**

Final payment for this camp is due in **June, 2018**. Please check Compass for details of the camp and also to pay the remaining amount.

**DVC Sports Academy**

Students who are participating in the DVC Sports Academy, the final instalment payment is due in **June, 2018**.

**Payments for the above items**

To pay for items that are mentioned above:

- Log into **Compass** and make payment through there

- Ring the **DVC General Office** and make a payment over the phone

- **Direct Deposit** the amount into the DVC bank account ensuring there is a suitable description of who and what is being paid

- Pay via **BPay**, ensuring that you email DVC to advise what the payment is to be allocated to. The email address is diamond.valley.co@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please check your family statement to see whether CSEF is on your family statement, If you had applied for CSEF in 2017, these applications were rolled over for 2018. So please check your family statement to see whether there is CSEF on there. Remember, these can be used for any excursions and sporting events that your child may be doing.

If there is no CSEF on your statement and you think you may be eligible (generally for holders of Health Care cards or Pensioners):

- 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.
BUS INFO

PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE VIA COMPASS APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS STILL OUTSTANDING

Firstly thank you to all those parents who have paid their bus fees for Term 2, it is great to see.

Please note that Term 3 fees will go on Compass Tuesday June 12th.

If you have any issues regarding payment please contact me as soon as possible to discuss.

A notification was recently sent via Compass to those parents who have still not completed their “Application to Travel” form for 2018. Please check your notifications, complete the form, and return it to the General Office as soon as possible. It is a Department requirement that this be completed EVERY year. Applications for Travel 2019 will be called for in August, as we need to notify the Department of anticipated numbers. If an application is not received your child will not be eligible to travel via the College bus network for the 2019 school year.

Again, if you have any queries regarding bus travel please feel free to ring me.

Roz Saladino

THE ROTARY GREAT COMMUNITY RAFFLE

The Rotary Great Community Raffle is on again this year. This is a fantastic fundraising opportunity for Diamond Valley College as the money from every ticket sold comes back to the school.

The prizes for the raffle this year are:

1st Prize: Holden Equinox LS valued at $29,990 drive away
2nd Prize: $1,000 Westfield Gift Voucher
3rd Prize: $500 Westfield Gift Voucher

A child from each family has been given a raffle ticket booklet. These booklets with the money must be returned to the Diamond Valley College General Office by 1st August, 2018.

If you have not sold any of the tickets, the unsold raffle ticket book still needs to be returned back to the school by the 1st August, 2018.
Cath and Wren are identical twins, and until recently they did absolutely everything together. Now they're off to university and Wren's decided she doesn't want to be one half of a pair any more - she wants to dance, meet boys, go to parties and let loose. It's not so easy for Cath. She's horribly shy and has always buried herself in the fan fiction she writes, where she always knows exactly what to say and can write a romance far more intense than anything she's experienced in real life.

Simon Spier is sixteen and trying to work out who he is - and what he's looking for.

But when one of his emails to the very distracting Blue falls into the wrong hands, things get all kinds of complicated.

Because, for Simon, falling for Blue is a big deal . . . It's a holy freaking huge awesome deal.

Greg Heffley and his family are getting out of town. With the cold weather and the stress of the approaching holiday season, the Heffleys decide to escape to a tropical island resort for some much needed rest and relaxation. A few days in paradise should do wonders for Greg and his frazzled family. But the Heffleys soon discover that paradise isn't everything it's cracked up to be. Sun stroke, stomach troubles, and venomous critters all threaten to ruin the family's vacation. Can their trip be saved, or will this island getaway end in disaster?

Written with exclusive access to Elon, his family, and his friends, this book traces Elon's journey from a kid in South Africa to a young man in the United States, his dramatic technical inventions, and his world-changing companies. Elon has sparked new levels of innovation in the world, and this book gives young readers a detailed but fast-paced look at his story.
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

Good luck, and enjoy the 2018 Challenge

Sue Hamer
Jane Overton
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