At Diamond Valley College we ask that all members of our community uphold our college values of respect, responsibility and excellence. The College values are not just for our students; they underpin the actions, behaviours and expectations for all. This includes teachers, support staff, parents, volunteers and guests to the College.

The staff at Diamond Valley College are a hard working group, which continually strive to provide students with excellent learning opportunities, guidance and support. They have high expectations in regards to student learning and behaviour. When this is not being met, then there are discussions, strategies of support implemented and at times consequences. Support of parents is paramount in ensuring that students are ready for learning, engaged and setting goals that stretch and challenge.

Unfortunately there have been several occasions recently where parents have been disrespectful in their dealings with staff at the school. Under no circumstances is it appropriate for any parent to be abusive in conversation or via email to staff at the school.

I ask that parents take some time when upset about an issue or outcome and not attempt to speak with or correspond with staff when emotions are high. Take a step away and wait so that effective conversations can be held. I urge you to contact Sub School Leaders, Assistant Principals or myself if you wish to make a complaint about how an issue has been dealt with. We will follow up with all involved.

None of us come to work be treated poorly and I will do all that I can to ensure that students are treated fairly but also to ensure that my staff work in a safe and respectful environment.

I would like to refer you to our Raising Concerns and Complaints Policy that can be located on our website in the Policies and Procedures section. This will guide you in how a complaint will be handled.

I realise that this is not the usual tone I would take in my newsletter articles and hope that it is not one that I need to address again. We need to work together to ensure that Diamond Valley College is the best it can be for your children.

Allison Bennett
Principal
Hello Parents and Students,

Diamond Valley College will host a small Winter Music Concert on the 20th of June at 7pm in V1. This is a short informal evening showcasing the work our students have been doing over the course of Semester One. I’m excited to say that this will be the last concert to be held outside our newly built Auditorium! The Jazz Band, Concert Band and newly formed Junior Band will all be performing on the night plus an array of small ensembles and soloists.

Where: V1 in the VCE Centre (at school)

When: 20/6/18  7pm – 8:30pm (students to arrive by 6:30pm)

Uniform: Students to wear all black (sharper the better)

Cost: Gold coin

Pictured: Junior Band rehearsing in the F Wing. Trumpets still figuring out which end to play into.

In previous years small numbers of students have elected to stay after school to practice and help with setup. These students often walk in small groups down to the nearby shops to grab some food before the performance. Students will need written consent from parents if this is to be the case.

Please email Jim McGuffie through your Compass portal should you have any questions.

Jim McGuffie
Instrumental Music Coordinator
YEAR 9 ITALIAN EXCURSION

On the 31st of May, the Year 9 Italian class with our teacher Rose Marasco went to Carlton. We walked to the Italian museum in COASIT in Carlton, to learn about Italian migration to Australia during the 1950’s. It was amazing to find out that some of the original eateries on Lygon Street are still operating today and were created by Italian migrants who came over after World War II ended. After this, we went to lunch at Café Notturno for a lot of different types of yummy pizza and then we got to line up and choose a delicious flavor of gelato. While eating our gelato we walked back to the train station and took the train back to Diamond Valley College. It was a great day and we would like to thank our teacher Rose for providing this opportunity for us.

By Myron Mitchell and Jack Watts 9.5

YEAR 7 ENGLISH

Year 7 English - novel study 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan

In English this term our Year 7s have been studying the novel 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan.

'Trash' is the story of three young 'dumpsite' boys who live in Behala and spend their days sorting through garbage to survive. Throughout the novel they face many challenges and must stick together and be courageous in order to stay safe and create a better life for themselves.

As part of this unit of work students have looked at what life is like for children in different countries, especially children working in the Manila dumpsites, and for their assessment they have written a formal analytical essay on the novel.

Cate Hambling
English Teacher
Diamond Valley College embarked on our debating program in 2017 with one team in the Junior School Program run by the Debaters Association of Victoria. We learnt a lot about debating last year and this year seek to expand and grow our program.

It is time for students to express an interest in debating as teams have to be entered by the end of the first week next term. Each team can be made up of between four and seven students in Year 7 & 8. The program is aimed at students who are either new to debating or have not debated much before. For this reason the first night is dedicated to a training evening where students learn about the formal debating process and the roles of each speaker.

We will apply for the Ivanhoe Region, and if we are assigned to that region our debates will be on:

Tuesday 21st August (training round)
Tuesday 11th September
Tuesday 23rd October
Tuesday 13th November

We will also be allocated a debate start time of either 6pm or 6.45pm. It the responsible of the parents to arrange for transport to and from Ivanhoe Grammar in Ivanhoe for each debate. The cost of the program will be $28 per student.

If you or your student is interested in more information please have them collect an 'Expression of Interest Form' from Alex Connor, or print one from Compass.

Alex Connor
Junior Sub-School Leader

A group of Year 10 students which included Ruari, Amelia, Emily, Jess, Izzy, Charles, Nick and Anjali have recently been redoing the old locker area during their High Resolves class to make it into an art gallery to display art work made by students at the school.

If anyone would like to display their artwork please bring it in or talk to Mel Boulton.
LIVEABLE MELBOURNE:

“Last year Melbourne was ranked the World’s Most Liveable City for the seventh year in a row. As our population continues to grow there will be new opportunities and challenges for Melbourne.”

Students from 6 different metropolitan areas in Melbourne met at the State Library of Melbourne to consider what it means to be a liveable city, what matters to them and their local community. The Honourable Lily D’Ambrosio MP (Minister for Suburban Development) and the Honourable Jenny Mikakos MP (Minister for youth affairs) gave presentations.

I had the privilege of accompanying Molly Crompton-Guard from year 10 and Brydie Clapton from year 11. This is what Brydie wrote after attending this forum:

On the 7th of May Molly Compton-Guard from year 10 and myself attended the Metropolitan Partnerships Youth Forum at the State Library. Here we discussed future planning for Victoria as a whole and its Metropolitan segments. The students from the Northern Metropolitan addressed the fact that we need more frequent and better accessibility to public transport in rural areas, more facilities for people suffering from mental illnesses especially for youth and striving to educate everyone on looking after our environment and the effect we personally have on it every day.

Personally, from the Nillumbik council we want more public transport accessibility all the way up to Kinglake, the ability to clear our land of fallen vegetation to prevent fires and more school funding for our public schools.

It was a very interesting day to see what the students from different schools believe they need in their community and how it differed from what we would like to see happen in our community.

Brydie Clapton, Year 11

I thought you would be interested in knowing what the six metropolitan groups classified as their TOP 3 PRIORITIES in their communities

**South Eastern:**
- Environment: Solar Electric Turbines
- Education
- Affordable housing

**Western:**
- Reduction in violence-accessibility to resources
- Reduction of Drugs and alcohol intake-education resources
- Homelessness

**Southern:**
- Mental health
- Life skills
- Housing

**Inner City:**
- Housing affordability
- Mental health services
- Cycling safety. Improvement of lighting

**Eastern:**
- Environmental sustainability
- Education
- Public safety

**Northern:**
- Health and wellbeing
- Mental health
- Protection of the environment

It was great to hear all the discussions on the day and I was extremely proud of Molly and Brydie’s participation in discussion and mature approach.

Barbara Chiodo
This semester a group of Year 10 boys from High Resolves tackled a huge project- to turn a largely unused area of the school into a usable space for the whole school.

The end goal? To create an area equipped with outdoor classroom, bench seating, fruit, vegetables and herb plants.

The group have cleared rubbish, dug, built, weeded and levelled the area with almost 10 cubic metres of soil. They have worked with members of the wider community and will continue to do so to complete the project, so watch this space!!

Before the Renovation:

Working Hard:

The work in progress:
Here are some of the art pieces that students have been producing.

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

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**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
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 2018 at Latrobe University Bundoora.

Please register your interest and any questions to Eva Dean.

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.

Opening of the Lone Pine Memorial at Kangaroo Ground a project completed by the VCAL class
BUS INFO

TERM 3 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 are now on Compass ready for payment. If you having difficulty with 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
Bus Co-Ordinator

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.
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:

Norris Bank Tennis Club Junior Tournament

130 Mcleans Road, Bundoora VIC 3083

Competition dates Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July 2018, 8:30 sharp arrival for a 9am start, ending approximately 4pm.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS: Please complete, print, and bring entry form to tournament. Players are expected to register by 8:30am sharp for a 9 o’clock start. Applicants must not exceed the age limit by December 31st 2018. Draws to be done on the day. Tournament to be conducted over two days. Bring your own lunch and drinks. Trophies for all winners and runners up. Payments on the day, can be paid by cash, or a cheque made payable to Tennis Programs Victoria.

□ Please acknowledge by ticking the box on the left, that all photos on the day may be uploaded to website and Facebook.

Parent/Guardian Signature

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Also Available
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

Dates: Thursday 5th & 12th July

Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm

Cost: $45 per day

- Full stroke analysis
- Singles and doubles strategies
- Movement Patterns
- Fun, games and prizes
- Numbers are limited

Bring Packed Lunch and Water Bottle

Paul Mick
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