From the Assistant Principal

In Allison Bennett’s absence, welcome to the last newsletter for term 2. Allison has had leave for the final week of the term and we look forward to her return Monday 16th July.

Term 3 is a very busy term for staff and students. The first focus is for Year 10 students who are now preparing for their transition into the VCE or VCAL programs. The first phase of the transition is the VCE information Evening and I encourage all year 10 parents to attend this informative session. Year 12 students will be building their knowledge as they move towards the completion of their studies and students in years 8-11 will also begin the process of subject selection for 2019.

Curriculum Day 20th July:
The first Friday of the new term will be a curriculum day which will see the teaching staff complete their work on continuous reporting in preparation for its introduction early in the term. Diamond Valley College has been trialling continuous reporting in the Physical Education/Health Domain since semester 2 2017. With the trials now complete, we have decided to utilise the features within Compass to provide feedback that is more regular for students and parents rather than wait for the semester reports. Teachers will be reporting on the outcomes at their completion, in a timely manner, rather than at the end of the semester. You will still receive a semester report, which will be a compilation of assessments and comments already provided.

Further information will be provided early in the term, but I must emphasise the importance of checking Compass regularly for College communications.

VCAL Celebration:
I was very proud to represent Diamond Valley College on Tuesday at a function, which celebrated the work of our VCAL class with elderly members of the Hurstbridge community. The VCAL class met regularly with the community to produce meals with for them. In doing so, they created a strong bond between their generation and the elderly. A cook book has been produced as a record of their outstanding efforts. The project has been a partnership between Diamond Valley College, Nillumbik Council and our local LLEN (Local, Learning, Employment Network). Congratulations to all involved.

Steve Chapman
Assistant Principal
ART NEWS

YEAR 11 ART EXCURSION

On Tuesday the 19th of June, our year 11 art class, led by Selina, visited the NGV Top Arts 2018 exhibition and ‘Dwelling politically: Mexico City a case study’ exhibition at ACCA (Australian Centre for Contemporary Art). We all met up outside the general office at home group and from there, walked to the train station and headed towards the city.

We got off at Flinders Street, and from there proceeded to head towards the Top Arts exhibit at the NGV. We got inside and luckily the heater was on (I personally was worried about catching frostbite because of my freezing fingers) and viewed the show. It was very difficult to believe that the artworks were done by students only one year older than us as the artworks were incredibly advanced, detailed, and each artwork had a very deep and profound meaning. One of the artworks that personally grabbed my attention was “The Wonderland 2017”, created by Yeon Kyung Kim with a fibre tipped pen. The artwork reminded me of a massive treehouse almost, and you could see the incredible amount of detail in it, and considering the medium, it must’ve been extremely time consuming. The exhibition was truly a sight to behold for everyone.

Next, we were escorted to see the visual diaries that showed the book work and planning that lead to all the finished artworks in the exhibition. Each artist showed a huge amount of research, trials and brainstorming. The amount of work put into these visual diaries was enormous and really set the bar for us for next year.

From there, we all split up to get lunch from the extensive amount of cuisine in Melbourne. After that we walked across the bridge over the Yarra and passed the NGV International to go ACCA in South Bank.

We got to the “Dwelling politically: Mexico City a case study” exhibit and were accompanied by a tour guide, named Shannon, who helped us grasp the meaning of the whole show and the artworks. Each artwork powerfully talked about everyday life in Mexico, mainly the issue of poverty, as well as mentioning the architecture of the land. These were portrayed in a dark and unorthodox fashion by placing certain objects and videos accompanied by powerful audio tracks. I found it almost confronting and eye opening to see this side of Mexico City.

After that, we all took the train home, trying not to fall asleep remembering the fun we had throughout the day. I personally really enjoyed this excursion to galleries and I hope we do more!

By Glen Fishlock
STUDY TOUR OF ITALY

This year we have been given the opportunity to travel half way across the world to Italy. The trip will take place in April 2019 where we will set off on our 23 hour flight, arriving in Rome. In Italy we will be visiting four major cities, Rome, Sorrento, Florence and Venice. We will also be meeting our pen-pals in Avellino. We are so excited and grateful to be able to experience this once in a life time opportunity. We would like to thank Rose and Claire for sharing this experience with us and taking us on this journey.

Jenna and Jamisyn 8.3

I would like to remind all the families participating in the Study Tour of Italy 2019 to pay their first instalment by the end of this term and there are also forms to be completed and returned. Please continue to read the emails to keep up to date with all the necessary information. In addition, if there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Rose or Claire at school.

THANKS

ROSE MARASCO
ITALIAN DOMAIN LEADER

MUSIC NEWS

Hello from the Music Program,

Congratulations to members of the Junior, Concert and Jazz bands and various other Diamond Valley College musicians for a successful Winter Concert on the 20th June. It was a big day of setup and rehearsal, but it was all made worthwhile by the high quality of performances students were able to deliver.

“The Winter Concert on the Wednesday the 20th of June 2018 was fantastic! I had one of the most amazing nights ever! I got to learn all about how the music equipment works and I got to perform with all my friends to my family about something I am truly passionate about.” - Molly Flint, Year 7 Saxophonist

Junior Band
Myles Burchfield    Courtney Dagg
Grace Davidson     Thiviru Dias Wickramanayake
Molly Flint         Samuel Gambin
Gordon Hughes      Joshua Long
Zoe Templeman      Jonathan Webb

Concert Band
Guy Breadon         Kylah Bullock
William Butterfield Cameron Coucill
Aisha Goldspink    Joel King
Jack O'Dwyer       Matthew O'Gorman
Blake Richmond      Jenna Sharp
Benjamin Wilson

Jazz Band
Cameron Coucill     Kylah Bullock
Nicholas Currie     William Ezard
Jasper Gunn         Lachlan Nash
Blake Richmond      Noah Churches
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.
BUS NOTES

TERM 3 PAYMENT IS NOW OVERDUE

APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS STILL OUTSTANDING

Firstly thank you to all those parents who have paid their bus fees for Term 3, much appreciated..

Please note that these fees are now overdue and on Compass ready for payment. If you have already paid or are having difficulty with payment please contact me as soon as possible to discuss. Should no contact be made, your child’s travel cannot be guaranteed for Term 3 and onwards.

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 July / 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 on 9438 1411.

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.

If you have any queries regarding these please contact the General Office.
Huntbridge Primary School
Presents ArtsBridge Junior Exhibition
Wattle Festival - Sunday, 26 August 2018 - 10am - 4pm

Artists, aged 5-16, are invited to submit one artwork only.
Prizes awarded to Primary School & Secondary School entries.
Registration form and $5 entry fee due upon artwork submission
on Wednesday 15th August 2018, 8:30am - 10:30.

Email: hpearlsbridge@gmail.com
REGISTRATION FORM: www.hpearlsbridge.tumblr.com
https://www.facebook.com/ArtsBridge.jr/
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: