Welcome back to Term 3, I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break. This is the big term for all year levels. New subjects are being taken and VCE students are on the last leg of their journey prior to exam preparation. It can be a difficult term, where motivation and goals are challenged. I encourage all students to use their teachers, home group teachers and mentors to successfully navigate their way through these.

Term 3 is also a time where a great deal of planning and counselling occurs for 2019. For some this seems such an early time to be asking about intentions for the following year, but it is important for our planning that we know whether students are returning and the types of subjects they wish to pursue. All students in Year 7—11 will be surveyed over the coming week asking their intentions for 2019. It helps enormously if our information is as accurate as possible. Students in Years 8 to 11 will also begin preliminary subject selection. These selections give us a clearer picture of the programs required for the following year.

We are excited to gain access to our newly renovated buildings this week and the move has already begun. The Library, Music and IT teams along with the support of many are doing a fabulous job to ensure that our new facility is available for student use as soon as possible. It looks absolutely wonderful and in particular the theatre is going to be an asset for all types of events.

I am still seeking volunteers to form a focus group to investigate options for our canteen operations in 2019. I would like to have the voice of parents on this important decision and currently only a small number have taken up the opportunity to be involved. I would like to begin these discussions in the next few weeks. Please contact me if you are interested.

There are a few staffing changes for Term 3 that will impact on a number of students. Enza Natalizio will be on leave for the term and we are investigating every avenue to find a replacement for her as quickly as possible. We hope to have this resolved shortly. Cate Hambling, Murray Knight and Andrew Budisa are taking short stints of long service leave at varying stages throughout the term.

We welcome back Grant Sargent, who has had six months long service leave, Bridget Hiho, Richard Fox and Gary Nicholls. All have had wonderful adventures as they have enjoyed well deserved leave.

Lastly I would like to thank Steve and Justin who covered my absence towards the end of last term. An opportunity to travel to Singapore, Hong Kong and Vietnam was just what I needed after a very long term. I’m not sure about this cold weather I’ve returned to however!

Allison Bennett
Principal
WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents’ perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Mandarin, Chin (hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September.

Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information.

GIULIA FORLANI

I would like to introduce Giulia Forlani. She is an exchange student from Italy who will be living and studying in Melbourne for the next 5 months. Giulia is 16 years old and lives in a city called Ravenna, Italy. Giulia has provided a brief introduction about herself in Italian. She states that the school in Italy is different. Giulia attends an Art school and studies mostly Art subjects, for example, Art History, Philosophy, Literature and Architecture. When she finishes high school she would like to continue her studies at University, but she is unsure about what to subjects and pathway to choose.

It is very exciting to have the opportunity for Giulia to participate in the combined VCE Italian class where she is able to interact with the students and demonstrate her Italian language.

Ciao Mi chiamo Giulia, ho 16 anni. Abito in Italia in una citta’ chiamata Ravenna e sono venuta a studiare un semestre in Australia. In Italia la scuola e’ molto diversa, io frequento il liceo Artistica e studio per lo piu’ materie umanistiche, come storia dell’arte, filosofia e letteratura. Finito il liceo ho intenzione di continuare gli studi in un’universita’, anche se non so ancora quali scegliere.
Welcome back for Semester 2. This semester is another fun-filled one, where VCE students will submit final folios, artworks, design presentations, music performances, drama performances and of course end of semester/year exams.

It is also a very exciting time as we will be holding the annual Arts and Technology Exhibition, so please watch this space for updates.

I would like to welcome back all our Art-clubbers for 2018. Please join us in S3 every Wednesday at lunchtime if you feel like being creative outside of classroom hours.
Year 12 English Oral Presentations

As part of their English studies, all year 12s are required to present a persuasive oral presentation to their peers and teachers.

On the last day of Term Two, our students explored the overarching theme that ‘Nineteen Eighty-Four was meant to be a warning’, by exploring the current threats and challenges that our society faces.

The speeches were well researched, developed and considered, and presented interesting and thought provoking aspects to the debate.

It was wonderful to hear what the students had to say about the world that we live in, and what is and is not important. The year 12 English teachers were blown away by their contributions to this important discussion.

Below you can read one of our student’s presentations and see the level of complex ideas and thinking that were presented.

Thank you to the year 12 students for sharing their ideas and opinions. Please continue to weigh in on these important issues!

Cate Hambling
English Domain Leader

Speech presented by Georgie Alvarez, Year 12 Student and College Captain 2018

Oral Presentation Topic: ‘Society needs to start learning from the past.’

Ignorance is not strength.

Today we live in a world that is too horribly familiar to the dark past of humanity. Where dictatorships, terrorism and violence are still an everyday part of life; and where the progression of society and of humanity as a whole, is at a standstill, because of our ignorance and failure to learn from the past. How are we still allowing such terrible things to happen? When are we going to stop making the same mistakes? Why are we being so ignorant?

Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Saddam Hussein. Only three of the many dominant and terrible dictating tyrants of the past, who single-handedly catapulted our world into horrendous tragedy. Saddam Hussein’s heinous crimes were so abhorrent and unforgivable, that he was executed because of them.

The International Business Times estimates that the total number of deaths caused by Joseph Stalin in his dictatorship of the Soviet Union is upwards of 20 million. That is 20 million people. Dead. Because of the unrelenting power of one man.

And what about the millions of Jewish people, prisoners of war, disabled people, Jehovah’s witnesses, gay men, gypsies, you know what who cares “what” they are, the millions of human beings that died in the holocaust and in the hands of the Nazi regime, spearheaded by Hitler himself.
Today, there are 49 dictatorships in the world. By ignoring our past, we have managed to dig ourselves into the same hole we’ve been in a thousand times before. Under the current dictatorship of Kim Jong-Un, the people of North Korea experience inconceivable suffering and are forbidden to access non-state-controlled media or even leave the country without direct government permission. We have seen in the past, how this kind of dictatorship and control, all too often ends in disaster and tragedy. We must stop ignoring the fact that this kind of adversity and hardship has happened in the past and is still happening today and actively condemn and stop this kind of un-humanitarian behaviour, so that history does not repeat itself.

There are a striking number of similarities in the way the past and present world choose to divide humanity into a good side and a bad. There is always an enemy, there is always someone to fight. And this great weakness of humanity has now embodied the form of terrorism. Waleed Aly declared that “ISIL’s strategy is to split the world into two camps”. It is us vs them and we have chosen to fight fire with fire, and spread hate when what the world needs is a whole lot more love. We have ignored the countless warnings about the dangers that arise when humanity is divided. We have ignored that we are all one species, and that deep down we are all the same. Ignorance is not strength. We must learn from our mistakes in order to change our future and become one united force, the human race.

For thousands of years, violence has been a tolerated and even accepted part of life. From mass genocide to domestic abuse, we have always managed to turn a blind eye, and ignore it. The Sydney Morning Herald reported that since the year 2000 the year I was born, over 90 Australians have been killed by a cowards punch. And according to the research of the Australian Government “1 in 5 women in Australia have been sexually threatened or assaulted since they were just 15.” And that … is disgusting.

Eurydice Dixon is the latest victim to have her story, her death hurled into the spotlight of the media, when she was raped and murdered on her way home. And its just sad that she is merely another name that has been added to the list of lives cut short, due to the violence and barbarianism of humanity. How tragic? That our ignorance has allowed all of this to happen. And how embarrassing? That it’s bound to happen again.

It is true that our society is more modern and decent than societies of the past. Corporal punishment has been removed from schools, and thankful the drowning of witches is no longer considered common practice. But we are simply not learning fast enough! Trump’s “wall of shame” between America and Mexico is chillingly alike the infamously divisive wall that split Berlin in 2 for over 28 years. And the separation of Mexican families at the US border, where children are being snatched away from their parents is eerily familiar to the stolen generations of Australia. How can we stand here and say that we are progressing when we are still electing people that stand for violent solutions and a divided humanity? How is this learning from the past? It’s just not good enough.

Sir Winston Churchill vowed that “Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” When he said this I doubt he thought that still, in 2018 the whole world would need to listen to his advice. Dictatorships, terrorism and violence should not be an everyday part of our lives anymore. We must learn from the past to ensure our future generations don’t have to live with the consequences of our mistakes. Ignorance is not strength.
Mia G competed as part of the Victorian team at the Border Challenge in Queensland recently and what a great competition it was. From the 23rd June to 26th June, four teams of Women's Artistic Gymnasts travelled to Caloundra, Queensland for the Border Challenge.

Mia helped the Victorian level 8 team achieve a 2nd place victory, as well as placing 2nd all round individually.

Congratulations Mia, we are all proud of you!

On Sunday there was a presentation held at the National Gallery of Victoria to recognise the years of services that teachers have dedicated to education.

Our own Pat McMahon was presented with an award for 50 years of Teaching Service from the Deputy Premier/Minister of Education.

Congratulations Pat!
ATTENTION

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND NOTE BUS TRAVELLER PROCEDURES

APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS 2019

Parents and students please note that ALL bus travellers MUST complete an Application to Travel form for the 2019 school year, these forms will be available, for download from the Diamond Valley College website, for return to the General Office during the dates below.

Regardless of your child’s years of travel, these processes need to be followed for each new year of travel.

Date that Application Forms are to be returned:

Students approved for free travel Years 8-12 2019: 06 – 17 August 2018
- This includes students travelling between Hurstbridge and Diamond Valley College.

Fare paying students Years 8-12 2019: 13 - 24 August 2018

Students beginning Year 7 2019: 20 August – 31 August 2018
- Eligible or fare paying

All other Non-DVC (Primary & Secondary) Students: 27 August – 07 September 2018

Applications should be completed IN FULL and returned to the General Office no later than Friday 5 October 2018 to allow planning for the 2019 school year.

PLEASE NOTE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BEFORE THESE DATES AND MUST BE ON THE CORRECT APPLICATION FORM, COMPLETED IN FULL INCLUDING THE CORRECT BUS AND STOP

INCOMPLETE FORMS WILL BE RETURNED TO PARENT/GUARDIANS WHICH WILL DELAY PROCESSING SO PLEASE ENSURE ALL SECTIONS ARE FILLED IN.

Late forms will be accepted however no guarantees are given regarding a place on the bus. Every endeavour will be made to accommodate students on their requested bus.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Bus Co-ordinator on 9438 1411.

Roz Saladino
Bus Co-Ordinator
ATTENTION

TERM 3 BUS FEES OVERDUE

Please note: There are a number of families with outstanding bus fees for Term 3. As of Monday 30 July 2018 those students who have not paid will no longer be able to travel via the College Bus Network.

It is Department policy to require payment prior to travel, this policy will be strictly adhered to as of Term 4, therefore if your Term 4 fees have not been paid prior to the end of Term 3 you will need to make alternative arrangements for your child’s travel as of Monday 8 October 2018.

Term 3 Fees are still available for payment via Compass or the General Office. Term 4 Fees will be available from Tuesday 12 September 2018.

For payment or any queries please contact the General Office on 9438 1411.

Roz Saladino
Bus Co-Ordinator

Open Space Precinct Plan, Graysharps Road Hurstbridge

Nillumbik Shire Council is asking for your feedback on the Draft of the Open Space Precinct Plan. For information regarding this and to provide feedback go to - https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hospp

THE ROTARY GREAT COMMUNITY RAFFLE

REMINDER

All raffle tickets whether sold or unsold need to be returned to the Diamond Valley College General Office by Monday 30th July, 2018 as Rotary will be picking these tickets up from 1st August, 2018.
HURSTBRIDGE CC NEEDS YOU!

2017/18
U14 PREMIERS

JUNIOR & SENIOR REGISTRATION DAY
FRIDAY AUGUST 31ST
BEN FRILAY OVAL, 5-7PM

PLAYERS REQUIRED FOR
- MODIFIED RULES
- GIRLS TEAM
- U12’S, U14’S, U16’S
- SENIOR GRADES

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MILO IN2 CRICKET PROGRAM WILL COMMENCE IN OCTOBER
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:

GIRL CRICKETERS WANTED

SEASON 2018/19

Are you a girl aged between 10 and 16?

Have you always wanted to play cricket?

Now is your opportunity! Contact Hurstbridge Cricket Club to find out more about our girls cricket program.

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WANT TO PLAY BASKETBALL?

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