Community spirit and support of the college is so important to its ongoing success. The role a parent can play in supporting a secondary school is very different to a primary school with parents often commenting on how they are unsure of how they can get involved. Time is such a precious resource and often weekends and during the working week, parents are not available to help out.

Our working bee held last weekend was an example of where a few willing helpers can make such a difference. We ordered the largest skip we could find, so that the shed could be emptied of many years accumulation of broken bits and pieces and things stored just in case we might need them. It was a huge job and a continuing one. Lots of mulch was moved and garden debris tidied up. With four staff, three parents and a handful of students, we really did accomplish a lot.

Thank you to all the families that supported our Community Raffle. I know that it can be difficult to support each and every request for fundraising and we try to limit the requests to our families. This raffle however is one of those exceptions, as every cent spent on raffle tickets is donated by Rotary to the school. At this stage we have raised $1472 which will be put towards replacing the shade sail that was damaged in high winds a few weeks ago.

Please, if you are able to support our fundraising for the shade sail by purchasing raffle tickets that you still have or you simply feel able to make a donation to the college, we would very much appreciate your support. Our aim is to replace the shade sail before the weather gets warm again. The community raffle is drawn on August 20 so we still have a little bit of time to get outstanding tickets to the organisers. Last year a Diamond Creek East Primary School parent won the car, let's hope this year we are the lucky winners!

I have previously requested support from parents to attend focus groups, seeking input in upcoming decisions that will impact on our students. I want parents to be heard in these processes, beyond those that represent you on College Council. I am holding a focus group on Monday 20 August at 5.00 pm that will provide an opportunity to consider the future direction of our canteen service. A similar group will be held for students. If you would like to attend, please contact me via email at Bennett.Allison.A@edumail.vic.gov.au.

We continue to experience a few changes in staffing and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our students for their patience. We have finally replaced Enza Natalizio who had to unexpectedly take leave for Term 3. We welcome Bruno Gabriele who brings a wealth of teaching experience in both Italian and English. Frances Jennings will also be taking leave until the end of Term 3, we are currently working towards replacing her and hope this will be sorted in the coming days.

Good luck to Zahn Agosta who is currently representing Australia at the World Junior NBA Championships in Orlando. This is a wonderful opportunity for Zahn and his teammates from Eltham Wildcats who won the National Under-14 title last year. Zahn’s team will be competing as representatives of the Asia Pacific region and will compete against 8 teams from the USA and 7 teams representing Africa & Middle East, Canada, China, Europe, India, Mexico and South America. Good luck to the boys!

Allison Bennett
Principal
It is exciting to announce that Diamond Valley College will have two teams in the Debater’s Association Junior Schools Program this year. The college has requested to be in the Ivanhoe Region. The teams will be made up of students from Year 7 & 8. Each team will have five students. Students will take part in four evening debating sessions. The first evening will be a training evening where students learn the skills of formal debating. Following this they will know their topics for the following three debates. This year our debaters are:

Kai Ardley, Angelina Borg, Guy Breaden, Myles Burchfield, Thiviru Dias Wickramanayake, Molly Flint, Joshua Long, Jenna Sharp, Zoe Templeman & Benjamin Wilson

We look forward to an interesting and engaging debating program, which challenges our students to engage in current issues, firming up their public speaking, research and team work skills.

(not pictured: Kai Ardley, Angelina Borg)

This is an exciting term for Year 9 as their City Campus week draws closer. Gary Nichols (Year 9 Coordinator) has been working on creating an exciting program for this year. There are some minor changes from last year’s program. A wonderful opportunity has come up for students to visit the new Metro Tunnel Project to learn about Urban Planning, an important focus of our rapid expanding city. In addition students will visit the Shrine of Remembrance, the Old Melbourne Gaol, The State Library, as well as taking part in sporting activities such as indoor rock climbing and ice skating. On the final day students will have the opportunity to choose their own three places to visit as they explore Melbourne. We will again have use of Eltham College’s City Campus, a wonderful space where students will work on some independent research skills to decide their own places to ‘explore in Melbourne’.

The event has now been added to Compass and those students who have not paid need to finalise this payment before August 20th.
Senior Girls Netball

Congratulation to the Senior Girls Netball team who made it to the Northern Metropolitan Region finals. The girls played some outstanding netball throughout the day, going through to the grand final undefeated.

Diamond Valley College came up against the SEDA school in the grand final, who were also undefeated throughout the day. It was a tightly contested game, with the SEDA school racing ahead to a 6 goal lead at three quarter time. The girls dug deep and played some amazing netball in the 4th quarter, resulting in a draw at the conclusion of the game. The girls were then required to play two five minute halves, but unfortunately we couldn't manage to convert our turnovers and we ended up going down by 2 goals. A huge congratulations to the entire team, who gave it their all. We would also like to thank Brooke George (Academy Netball Coach) for coaching on the day.
WORK FROM OUR ART STUDENTS
Hello from the Music Program,

It’s been a big few weeks moving music gear back into the new Music Department but lessons and rehearsals are back underway. Students and staff are loving the new facilities including the amazing Auditorium. Putting gear in the right places and finding how the new space will operate is a work in progress but it feels great to have an area to call our own again!

A reminder to parents and students that it is compulsory for students enrolled in the Music Program to be part of a school based ensemble. Ensembles and rehearsal times are listed below.

- **Jazz Band – Tuesday Lunch**
- **Concert Band – Friday Lunch**
- **Junior Band – Timetabled lesson on Friday**

Congratulations to 2017 Year 12 student Noah Churches on his successful audition to join the Victorian Youth Jazz Collective. With over 70 statewide applicants, it’s a testament to the practice and dedication Noah has put in over the years to his guitar and music study.

“It feels like a tangible acknowledgement of my hard work and skill. I feel nervous and out of my depth, but exciting times. I can barely wait to get stuck in!” – Noah Churches

On the 25th of July 7.2 Italian class had the chance to try Italian food. Some food we tried was lollies, coffee, pasta dura bread, sopresa salami, cheese, mortadella, Nutella, lady fingers and much more. Our favourites were the bread and salami. The coffee was very strong and not many liked it. Thankyou to Rosa for organising this. – Lily Cosgrove and Hayley Versteegen
VET Sport and Recreation - Cross Country Ski Experience

The Year 11 (Year 2) Sport and Recreation students attended a Cross Country Ski day last month at Lake Mountain. Participating in this day gave students a practical application of how different user groups access a recreational activity. This was linked to meeting one of the units of competency as part of their coursework. In addition, they were also required to complete an assessment task prior to attending.

This was a new experience for many of the students and it was rewarding for them to develop their skills as the day progressed. They are to be congratulated on how they approached this task as part of meeting the requirements towards gaining their VET certificate.

Rebecca Taylor
VET Sport and Recreation Teacher
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
The new train stations at Mernda, Middle Gorge and Hawkstowe will open on Sunday 26 August 2018. Buses in the Plenty Valley network will be adjusted to give the community convenient connections to the new stations. This means new bus routes and timetables will also start from Sunday 26 August 2018.

Further information can be found on the PTV website (under “Plenty Valley buses will connect you to your new stations”), in the attached brochure or by calling 1800 800 007.

New route maps and timetables are available from:
• ptv.vic.gov.au
• PTV app
• Staffed stations
• Face-to-Face:
  * Mernda, Hawkstowe and Middle Gorge Stations sneak-peek, Sunday 19 August, 12noon to 3pm
  * PTV pop-up hub at Laurimar shopping centre, 12 to 4pm, 23 to 25 August

Route 381 Mernda Station to Diamond Creek Station will stop at Diamond Valley College at the following times:

8:24am (departs Mernda Station at 7:31am)
3:20pm (arrives at Mernda Station at 4:17pm)

Buses that go to Mernda Station include:

386 Mernda Station to Bundoora RMIT via South Morang

387 Mernda Station to Bundoora RMIT via Hawkstowe Parade and South Morang

NEW ROUTE! 388 Mernda Station and Doreen (anti-clockwise loop)
NEW ROUTE! 389 Mernda Station and Doreen (clockwise loop)

These services will replace the current school special service between Mernda Village and Diamond Valley College.

Students who want to catch routes 388 and 389 should also be aware that, due to road works, these routes will have temporary changes between Eminence Boulevard and Bridge Inn Road (map attached):

From 26 August 2018, it will travel along Eminence Boulevard and Bassetts Road

Once the works are finished, it will travel along Painted Hills Road.
For the information on:

Route 381 timetable (starting 26 August 2018)

Brochure about the Plenty Valley bus changes

Map of buses that connect Mernda Village to Mernda Station and Diamond Valley College from 26/08/18

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: