The last week has been a celebration of community. We held a wonderful student-led assembly that provided the opportunity for students involved in leadership, music, debating, Tournament of Minds, sport and public speaking shine. The highlight for me was hearing College Captain Georgie Alvarez present her English oral presentation. It was stunning - not only the compelling arguments she put forward on how current culture has not learnt from historical mistakes but the manner in which she presented. The pace and emphasis was truly engaging. Every student would admit that she has set the bar very high. Well done Georgie.

Thank you to Rob Rostolis, Principal of Diamond Creek East Primary School, for inviting me to their Forever Young concert. It is always a pleasure to attend their concerts, not only to see the future of Diamond Valley College but to celebrate with our families as we watch all of their students get involved in creative performances. The preps were just a pleasure to watch, to see their delight at glimpsing family members in the audience. So special!

Preparations are underway for the Diamond Creek town fair with members of our SRC and Interact Club getting ready to participate in the parade and the day’s celebrations. Thanks to those students and staff who are willing to give up their time to participate in the day representing their College.

Congratulations to our Tournament of Minds teams. Although this year we were not fortunate enough to have a team make their way to the state final, it is the collaborative approach to the presented challenges that is unique. No individual can carry a ToM team, every member has a role and contribution to make. The combination of creativity, communication and problem solving presents students with an opportunity to be challenged in a way that is very much appreciated by those involved.

Congratulations to Ruby Moore of Year 7 who entered a beautiful water colour painting in the Wattle Festival Art Competition. She received the Secondary School People’s Choice Award, which is a terrific acknowledgement of her talent. You can see the original in the school foyer, as Ruby has kindly lent the piece to the school for a period of time.

Our VCAL students are also actively involved in the community. They are currently participating in the Stories from My Life project where they interview and record the story of some of our respected community members. This is the second inter-generational project taken on by the VCAL for the year and I cannot speak highly enough of the benefit of this type of project for our students and those involved. The feedback from members of the Eltham Men’s Shed who are supporting the project has been extremely positive.

I encourage the continued involvement of our College with its local community.

Allison Bennett
Principal
ITALIAN ROLE-PLAY AT THE DRAMA SEASONS PERFORMANCE

The following Year 9 students will be participating at the Drama Seasons Performance Evening on Wednesday 12th September:

Emily Galizi, Remy Hunter, Megan Jessop, Georgia Kilgour, Molly Maddox, Nikola Mannix and Kate Wilson.

The role-play is based on the traditional Commedia Dell’arte and the famous carnevale in Venice. Students will be wearing costumes and Venetian masks based on characters such as, Columbina, Isabella, Arlecchino and Dottor Balanzone. They have been practicing for the last few weeks and have developed confidence in speaking Italian. I would like to say a big thank you to these Year 9 students who have come out of their comfort zone and have been encouraged to develop their oral language skills. We are looking forward to performing this so please come along.

THANKS
ROSE MARASCO
ITALIAN DOMAIN LEADER

VCE ENGLISH HOLIDAY EXAM PREPARATION

Over the term break we will be running VCE English Exam Preparations Sessions and a practice English exam. These are being offered to both year 11s and 12s to help support them in preparing for success on their English Exams. We are also running a viewing of the film 'Rear Window' which our current year 12s are studying, but the year 11s will study in 2019. This is a brilliant opportunity for any year 11s who want to get a head start on year 12.

Monday 24th September
This day is aimed at looking at the expectations for all three sections of the English Exam to help students achieve their best!

One hour on each section of the exam - Note: These are not lectures on the texts, but rather lectures on what each section of the exam requires.

Monday 24th September
The day will run as follows:
10am -11am - Section A Expectations
11am - 11.15am - break
11.15am -12.15pm Section B Expectations
12.15 - 1pm - lunch - you can go down to the shops etc during this time.
1pm - 2pm Section C Expectations

Tuesday 25th September
10am Start watching Rear Window with stop / start discussion and analysis.
This session aims to support student understanding of, and ability to dissect and analyse, the film.

Students MUST sign up for any sessions that they plan to attend using the Google Forms on Compass, as each session requires a minimum number of attendees to run.
We will confirm which sessions are running on the last Wednesday of term – this means students must commit before the end of term (once sessions are confirmed as running students can still come on Monday/Tuesday if they have not signed up).
These sessions will take place in the Auditorium.

Thursday 27th September
If there is enough interest we will run a practice English Exam on Thursday September 27th (the first Thursday of the holidays).
This will run from 9am-12:15pm inline with the real English Exam.
This is a wonderful opportunity to practice writing to time, in response to blind topics/prompts.
Students will also get feedback on their responses to help them improve their writing.

Students MUST sign up for this if they intend to attend.
The practice exam on Thursday will be held in C4.

The practice exam requires a minimum number of attendees to run.
We will confirm whether it is running on the last Wednesday of term – this means students must commit before the end of term.

Students must sign up for any or all of the sessions they want to attend using the Google Forms on Compass. If students have any questions regarding any of the above sessions they should speak to Cate Hambling.
Hello from the Music Program,

Performance opportunities ahoy!

DVC Art Exhibition: 15th October – 19th October (Lunch time performances)

DVC End of Year Concert: 1st of November (Evening performance) 7:15pm – 8:45pm

Bookings essential for the End of Year Concert, limited seating only.

Go to www.trybooking.com/YBJP to book your seat.

Perhaps you are not already a part of our music program at school but are keen to get involved and perform? This is your opportunity to get in on the musical action!

If you play or sing music and would be interested in performing for a school night, get in contact with our musical staff Eva and Gary or any of the instrumental music staff – Jim, Lisa, Tim and Jordan! The week of the Art Exhibition will feature the school Junior Band in the Auditorium and numerous musicians in the library and courtyard across the week. Contact Selina in Art for more information.

The End of Year Concert on the evening of 1st of November is a must attend for all instrumental music students – put this date away in your diaries. This performance in the auditorium is your chance to play solo, small ensemble or large ensemble pieces in front of parents and friends.

Interested in learning a musical instrument? Get enrolled for Term 4 now! We have spaces in all instrument areas including brass, woodwind, percussions, guitars and voice. At just $100 for a term worth of lessons this is a great opportunity to get involved with Music at DVC and to learn a life long skill! Come see Jim in the music area or speak with office staff to grab a signup sheet!

Here is a shot of Will Butterfield absolutely tearing it up over some changes in the Auditorium. Pictured: Ben Wilson, Alisha Goldspink, Jenna Sharp, Nicholas Currie, William Butterfield, Guy Breadon.
On Friday August 31st, a keen group of students and teachers arrived at DVC before the sun was up (3:45am) to head up to Mt Buller for the day.

After a decent breakfast in Mansfield at Alzburg Hotel we braved the windy incline and were rewarded with deep snow, and beautiful, soft, fresh falling snow!

Students started their days with a lesson and then spent some time practicing their skills. It was great to see so many first timers having a go at either skiing or snowboarding! By the afternoon most students had explored some ski runs and improved on their skills.

After returning to Alzburg and eating dinner, we set off back home, arriving back at the College just after 9pm.

Thank you to parents for the early drop off and late pick up! A big thank you to the staff who made this day possible: Alex Connor, Bec Taylor, Ben Strickland, Graham Sinclair, and Steve Maxwell for attending, and Mel Boulton for helping to organise the day.

Congratulations to everyone who came along! Overall it was a wonderful day, and the students were mature and responsible while representing the college.

Cate Hambling
School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days’ notice of a potential Code Red day closure via COM-PASS using email and SMS. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

Depending on which Bureau of Meteorology district is impacted bus route cancellations may affect our school.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters.

Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.


For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season see:

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If you have already paid, please contact the General Office on 9438 1411. Payment cannot be made via Compass after 21 September 2018; parents will need to contact the General Office to arrange permission for further travel after this date.

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 are available, for download from the Diamond Valley College website. 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 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.

It would be appreciated if students travelling via the PTV buses could also complete an Application Form as this record would be helpful in the case of any bus related incidents.

TRAVELLING VIA A DIFFERENT BUS

There are still a number of instances occurring of student wishing to travel on the College Bus Network or via a different bus to visit a friend. Please note that while there is no issue with students doing this, the College MUST have proof by either a note or phone call from Parents giving permission for this, with a $2.00 fee. In this way we are assured that you are aware of your child’s change of normal routine. Students will not be permitted to travel unless these procedures are followed.

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