Well done to our staff and students on an excellent Term. It has been such a busy one and even this week it has not stopped.

The Year 10 and 11 Central Australia tour is well underway and despite very hot weather they are making the most of every opportunity to explore Darwin and the outback. Teacher in Charge, Ben Strickland, has been impressed with the students engagement in learning about their surroundings, particularly as it is a new area of exploration for most of them. Thanks to the teachers who have given their time to ensure the success of this trip.

Year 9 City Experience has been a huge week for the Year level. Travelling every day into the city and exploring a range of activities has been a wonderful opportunity for them. Although I imagine there are some weary students and teachers at the end of each day. Thank you to Gary Nicholls, Year 9 Coordinator, who has managed the logistics of what is a busy week for the students.

Footy Colours Day has been organised by the SRC and supported by our VCAL students. It’s an opportunity for students to celebrate their team no matter what code, although it does seem that Richmond, Collingwood and Melbourne supporters have come out of the woodwork! It is a shame that our annual staff Vs Year 12 football match has been postponed until term four but with so many teachers out of the school this week, we were struggling to field a team.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish Kylah Bullock, Wade Cartledge, Tara Jones and Molly Maddox from Year 9 all the very best as they begin an adventure of a lifetime. They are attending the School for Student Leadership residential program in Term 4 based at Gnurad Gundidj in Glenormiston. For 9 weeks they will live with 40 other students from metropolitan and rural schools within North West Region. It is an exciting time for them and I am sure they will return to Diamond Valley College having grown in maturity, independence and confidence. Good luck.

Steve Chapman, Rebecca Taylor and I have had the pleasure of selecting College Captains for the remainder of 2018 & 2019. The position of College Captain is an important role within the school and our applicants have contributed in many ways to the College and the community. It is always a pleasure to meet with our young leaders and hear their vision for the college. The difficulty is that not all can be granted the position. I encourage all applicants to remember that leadership is not just a title or a badge, it is about actions and behaviours. They are all highly regarded leaders in our eyes. College Captains will be announced early in Term 4.

I am calling for student nominations for College Council. This year Darcy Williams represented the College Captains on Council and Campbell Duncan of Year 12 represented students. As their exams approach it is now time for them to relinquish their positions. I thank them on behalf of the College and our Council for their input and ensuring our students have a voice in decision making that affects our students and staff.

There are two positions on College Council for students, one will be filled by a College Captain and the other by an elected student representative. The commitment is two meetings a month, held on the first and third Mondays of the month beginning at 5.30. Please talk to your child about their interest in this role. I am calling for nominations now.

Enjoy the Term break, I wish you all the best and look forward to seeing you in Term 4.

Allison Bennett
Principal
CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TOUR

YEAR 9 CITY CAMPUS EXPERIENCE
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Vet Sport and Recreation (Year 1)

On Tuesday 11 September, 23 students from this class ventured to Belgrave.

First stop was the Kokoda Track Memorial Walk (also known as 1000 steps).

In brisk conditions and with a number of the public walking the narrow track, students set a great example by giving way to other walkers and were complimented on their behaviour.

As the temperature and the wind picked up, students attempted the various coloured/skill level courses with the high ropes at Trees Adventure - Glen Harrow Park. This was our second activity for the day. Students found their own level to challenge themselves depending on their confidence and skills. All came away with smiles and were content with the challenges that they had overcome. Thank you to Grant Sargent who assisted on the day.

Planning for Term 4 excursions is underway with horse riding and orienteering amongst the planned events.

Murray Knight
(Vet Sport and Recreation Staff member)
VCE ITALIAN EXCURSION ON FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

The Italian VCE class went to the Italian museum at COASIT in Carlton on Friday 7th September. This wonderful and creative place was full of precious items that the Italian migrants brought to Australia during the 1950’s such as, Italian coffee machines, cooking utensils, and handmade bed linen. It was amazing to see what the Italians sacrificed in their lives and came to Australia for a better life especially after World War 2 ended. This was an eye opener for me and the rest of the students. After this we went to Café Notturno on Lygon Street in Carlton and ate a scrumptious lunch. We would like to say thank you to our teacher Rose and her student teachers Brinnah and Michela for organizing this day for us.

Thanks
Shaye Clancy
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VCE ITALIAN EXCURSION ON FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

Venerdì scorso ho partecipato alla gita scolastica con la classe di Italiano. Siamo andati a Carlton, dove abbiamo visitato il COASIT Museum, riguardante la migrazione degli Italiani in Australia. Camminando per Lygon Street abbiamo potuto notare in quale bar i calocata la prima macchina, il caffè e subito dopo siamo andati a pranzare ad un ristorante italiano ‘Caffe Notturno’. Vorrei ringraziare la nostra professoressa Rosa di cui ha organizzato questa gita per noi.

by Giulia Forlani (the exchange student from Italy)
VCE English Holiday Exam Preparation Sessions Confirmed

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.

Monday and Tuesday sessions will take place in the Auditorium.

Thursday 27th September - Practice Exam

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.

The practice exam on Thursday will be held in C4.

Students can come to Monday’s and/or Tuesday’s sessions even if they did not sign up, but may only attend the Thursday practice exam if they signed up or have approval from Cate Hambling before the end of the day on Friday September 21st.

If students have any questions regarding any of the above sessions they should speak to Cate Hambling.
Following our training night our two junior debating teams spent many lunchtimes researching and planning their debating speeches. Tuesday 11th September was our first chance to put our skills to the test. The topic that we were given was:

“That all female athletes should have the same pay and conditions as male athletes”

Team One, Zoe Templeman, Angel Borg & Molly Flint debated against Our Lady of Mercy College. Our team drew the ‘negative’ side of the debate and had to prove that female athletes should not in fact be paid the same as male athletes. Our team debated very well and due to some excellent rebuttal skills came away with a one point win for their very first debate.

Team Two, Ben Wilson, Myles Burchfield & Thiviru Dias Wickramanayake drew the ‘affirmative’ side of the debate against Ivanhoe Grammar 3. This was a tough debate with both sides preparing well; unfortunately our team was not able to beat the persuasive powers of Ivanhoe Grammar 3, losing this debate.

Our teams will next debate in Term 4 on Tuesday 23rd October.

Our topic next time is:

“That emojis reduce our ability to communicate”

All students are looking forward to the challenge.

Alex Connor
Junior Sub-School Leader

Phoenix Milner received second place at the 2018 Northern Melbourne Skills Competition for his creation of an aluminium mallet. The Engineering competition was part of Phoenix’s participation in Certificate II in Metalwork and Engineering. The judging criteria included process and planning, machining processes and product finish. Well done Phoenix!
URGENT BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

TERM 4 BUS FEES

Parents please note; Term 4 Bus Fees are now overdue. These fees are no longer payable via Compass, If you have already paid, please contact the General Office on 9438 1411. Parents with outstanding fees will need to contact the General Office to arrange permission for further travel after this date.

TRAVELLING VIA A DIFFERENT BUS

There are still a number of instances occuring 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 childs 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.

ELECTRONIC BUS PASSES

Many students have requested electronic bus passes as they lose their hard copy. Students in Year 12 have been trailing this form of pass this term. Term 4 will see Year 11 students added to the list with the rest of the school following for 2019. Hopefully this will ensure students have their pass with them at all time.

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.

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.
NOTE: Order can be placed on line at the Dobsons website and be picked up from the Uniform Shop at Diamond Valley College
Eltham Cricket Club was founded in 1862 and for the past 150 years it has provided an outstanding home to local cricketers.

As season 2018/19 approaches, we are seeking girls and boys aged 5 to 16 who are looking to play cricket, meet great people and importantly have lots of fun. Eltham provides an inclusive and supportive environment for players of all ages and skill levels, from those playing cricket for the first time to experienced players seeking elite development pathways.

For more information about Eltham Cricket Club and the opportunities our club provides, please contact our Junior Coordinator at ejcccoord@gmail.com
Alternatively, you can find us at elthamcricketclub.com.au or search Eltham Junior Cricket Club on Facebook!

RUN FOR THE FIRIES 2018

Sunday 28th October

4km, 6km or 10.6km walk/run

Raising funds for Research & Kangaroo Ground CFA brigades
MONDAY 15 - FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER 2018
in our new Library Precinct

Official opening night celebrations on
Wednesday 17th October 2018
from 5 - 7:30pm
Speeches and awards at 6:30pm

Showcasing student work from Year 7 to 12 in Art, Visual Communication
Design, Wood Technology, Textiles, Electronics, Multimedia, Music and Drama

Open during usual library hours and until 4:45pm on Thursday 18th

Please sign in at the General Office if you are a visitor to the school

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