It has been an amazing week of celebration for our Year 12 students as they reach the end of their formal secondary education. They are to be congratulated on the manner in which they engaged in all events organised, taking the time to celebrate together in a most respectful manner.

Each event, although different, was approached with the same enthusiasm and enjoyment. The teams of teachers involved could not have spoken more highly of the student’s involvement. For me the highlights were the presentation to each student at the final assembly, taking selfies with each group as they arrived on celebration day and the graduation ceremony.

I’d like to take the opportunity to congratulate Rebecca Taylor for her outstanding organisation of this week and to Maurice Colin, Steve Chapman and to the staff who helped support the organisation of these events. Well done.

Last Friday we were asked to hold an opening for Stage 1 of our building program. It was a pleasure to welcome Danielle Green (MP for Yan Yean), Peter Maddison of Maddison Architects and Adam Waterhouse from McCorkell Construction. It was an opportunity for them to see the theatre in use and was impressive as Blake Richmond performed on piano and Olivia Stewart sang for our audience. I wish to thank them and our College Captains who stepped up at a moment’s notice to help put together the opening. Having their photo taken with Peter Maddison was a highlight though.

We were pleased to receive an election promise of $3.1 million for stage 3 of our redevelopment from Danielle but of course this is reliant on the outcome of the election. At this stage we will continue with our planning for stage 2 ($1.8 million) and the replacement of the roof in the Technology and Administration building for which we recently received $840,000 for planned maintenance. It is timely that we are able to improve our facilities to create an environment that matches our programs and the needs of the students.
I recently attended the joint Diamond Valley College and Eltham High School VCAL Working Communities presentation. This was an opportunity for each group of students to present their key projects for the year. It was a wonderful celebration of collaboration and community partnerships and certainly highlighted the fantastic work these students do. Listening to the range of opportunities offered to our VCAL students, supported by Banyule Nillumbik LLEN and a host of community partners is always special. In fact it would be great to have all students at some stage in their secondary schooling access opportunities such as these. A special thanks must go to Colleen from BNLLEN, Ben Strickland and Lynsey Betts who work so closely with our VCAL students and key community partners Diamond Creek Men’s Shed, Nillumbik Historical Society and Nillumbik Shire council among others.

As the VCE exams begin, I wish our students all the very best for the coming weeks.

Allison Bennett
Principal

ITALIAN NEWS

THE STUDY TOUR OF ITALY 2019

Just a reminder to all students and parents that there is an important meeting for the Study Tour of Italy 2019 on Wednesday 14th November at 6:30pm at our auditorium. There will be vital information which will be distributed to all parents and students so please keep this free. In addition, please continue to check your emails and Compass for the most recent meeting and any updates which are uploaded consistently. If there are any questions, please let Claire or Rose know.

Thanks
ROSE MARASCO
ITALIAN DOMAIN LEADER

REMEMBERANCE DAY—POPPY APPEAL

The RSL Poppy Appeal items for Remembrance Day are available for purchase from the DVC General Office.

The donation items available for purchase are valued at $2.00, $3.00, $4.00, $5.00, $10.00, $20.00 and $50.00.
'The Creative Side' exhibition ran from 15th-19th October in the library. It included a week-long showcase of student work from Art, VCD, Technology Wood, Textiles and electronics, as well as activities held throughout the week. Ending on Friday 19th with a dress up and pancake day.

I would like to congratulate all the students who had their work in the exhibition. The range of creative skills we had on show was testament to not only the skills and hard-work our students have put in throughout the year, but also to the broad range of skills that our teachers here at Diamond Valley College have to offer.

Opening night celebrations were held on Wednesday 17th, where guest speaker, freelance designer and former DVC teacher, Tasha Hassapis, officially opened the show. The ‘Creative Excellence Awards’ were awarded to students during the evening. These acknowledged some of the flair, innovation and exceptional practical skills we observe as teachers in our classes in both The Arts and Technology Domains. Congratulations to all recipients.

An exhibition and a week of events does not happen without the support of both staff and students, so I would like to say a big thank you to Allison Bennett, Jo Poulter, John Reade, Jim McGuffie, Sue Hamer, Jane Overton, Barbara Chiodo, Ashleigh Brett, Richard Fox, Steve Russell, Gary Nichols, Leon Kolbe, David Moore, the students of the SRC and all student helpers, especially Nick Currie for playing such sweet tunes for us on the opening night.

I believe that creativity and critical thinking are of the utmost importance for the future of a humane and diverse world. In ‘The Creative Side’ exhibition we saw just a sample of what the young minds in our own community are capable of making the future look bright, full of individuality and hope. See you all next year.

Selina Braine
The Arts Domain Leader
Premiers’ Reading Challenge 2018 – Student Celebration

This year a fabulous 50 students from Years 7 to 10 completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The ‘challenge’ is to read at least 15 books in 8 months and several students finished reading many more than this. Special congratulations must go to Benjamin Wilson, Jamie Dabrowski, Megan Jessop, Zoe Fraser and Ella Scott who all read at least 30 books this year. Hurrah!

On Monday 29th October the library held a presentation ceremony and party to celebrate these wonderful achievements. Local MP, Danielle Green, took time out of her busy pre-election schedule to speak to the students about the vital role that reading plays in developing the imaginative, emotional and intellectual foundation on which all good learning is based. After Danielle awarded each student their certificate of completion, everyone gathered outside in the sunny courtyard to continue to make merry, enjoying fresh fruit and other sweet things.

As ever, a big thank you to Sue Hamer for her constant promotion of the challenge and to all of our wonderful English teachers for ensuring our students get the most out of the Library’s wider reading program.

Jane Overton, Library Coordinator

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.” Ray Bradbury
URGENT BUS TRAVEL REMINDERS

Firstly thank you to all those parents who have paid their bus fees and also those who have returned their bus applications for 2019.

Now for some gentle reminders:

ALL parents of bus travellers please note that an Application to Travel form must be completed **every year** of your child’s travel, these applications are now overdue. This is a Department of Education requirement and travel without this form may be denied.

Email addresses should be included on your Application to Travel to ensure that you can be kept up to date with important bus information.

Payment for travel is required by the Department prior to travel, therefore those parents with outstanding fees will be required to make alternative travel arrangement for the rest of the year and into 2019 until payment is received.

Students will not be permitted to travel on a bus or via another bus without permission to the General Office from a parent or guardian.

As always, should you have any questions regarding the College Bus Network please feel free to contact me on 9438 1411.

Enjoy the remainder of Term 4 and thank you for your assistance.

Roz

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CANTEEN INFORMATION

Thursday 13th December, 2018 will be the Canteens final day of trading for the year.

Friday 14th December            CLOSED

Monday 17th December - Friday 21st December  CLOSED
MONTY COMMUNITY GROUP PRESENTS ‘SCREENAGERS’ DOCUMENTARY FOLLOWED BY GUEST SPEAKER FROM ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL

Have you ever questioned the role that screens now play in our children’s lives? Teens now have their own smartphones, toddlers have iPads and students are on Surface Pros. It recently came to the attention of the group that it was time to do something for the more junior members of the community. There have been several articles in the media highlighting the negative impacts of screen media on children. Toddlers are having language delays, teenagers seem to make less eye contact and there seem to be young children addicted to games.

Montmorency Community Group are therefore having a community movie night and we are running the documentary ‘Screenagers’ to help raise awareness about the issue of mental health and children. Dr Delaney, the documentary-filmmaker, takes a deeply personal approach as she probes into the vulnerable corners of family life, including her own, to explore struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Through moving, and unexpectedly humorous stories, along with surprising insights from authors, psychologists, and brain scientists, SCREENAGERS reveals how tech time impacts kids’ development and offers solutions on how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance.

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