The official celebrations for our Year 12 students are now complete with the formal being held last week. It really was a pleasure to spend the evening with our exiting students. They were keen to catch up with the many teachers who attended and with each other. There was a great deal of fun, dancing and a few tears shed as the students departed for the final time as a part of Diamond Valley College.

Now we wait for the final results to be released in early December and all the decision making that goes with the excitement and disappointment that invariably occurs at this time. The Careers and Sub School team are available at this time to support all students as they review their pathway options.

Exams are now over and orientation is in full swing for VCE. Our students are to be commended on the manner in which they are approaching their studies. They are keen for their English texts to arrive and are already using the study centre wisely to begin their holiday studies.

We have welcomed new students to the college who will be joining us next year, and I appreciate their effort to ensure they are part of the orientation program.

Our Year 9 students finish their formal studies this week and begin work experience next week. This is such a valuable opportunity for them to gain real life experiences in the work place. Signing off on their applications for placement, I am amazed by the range of opportunities available for these young people and how many of our local businesses are willing to take on the responsibility of a work experience student. On behalf of the college I would like to thank them for their support of our students. We look forward to visiting them over the coming weeks.

The weekend’s election result has meant we can look forward to a further $3.1 m for redevelopment of the College. I look forward to hearing the time frame for these funds but hope that it is possible to join these funds with the current $1.8 m allocated to the College. This would mean that a substantial development can be planned that will provide outstanding facilities for our young people. A presentation of the master plan, currently being developed, will be presented at our next College Council meeting. If you are interested in having input, please join us at Council or make a time to see me.

Congratulations to students who have contributed in a manner that impacts on others in a positive way. To the High Resolves students who asked staff and students to send messages of kindness and gratitude to each other, it was so nice to see the smile on people’s faces as they received a short anonymous message. It was a lovely project that really made others feel good.

Our World Challenge team had a huge day on Election Day as they ran a sausage sizzle and drinks stall. All funds raised go toward their community project in Nepal, so well done on raising $900 for this cause.

I’m looking forward to travelling to Glen Ormiston next week to see our School for Student Leadership participants present their Community Learning Project at Gnurad Gundidj. I know they have been working hard on this and look forward to completing the project early in 2019.

Allison Bennett
Principal
For students looking to come to Diamond Valley College in 2020 the dates have been set for our Information Evening and Open Day,

Thursday 2nd May, 2019  Year 7 Information Evening (2020 students)
Friday 3rd May, 2019  Diamond Valley College Open Day

Diamond Valley College will also be conducting school tours every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at 9am for Term 1 and Term 2, 2019. You will need to book to attend these tours.

Information and times are available on our website and you can also book your spot for a tour, Information Evening and Open Day at:


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

Friday 14th December  CLOSED

Monday 17th December - Friday 21st December  CLOSED

7.2 have been testing the new Laser Cutter in their Technology classes
The 7.1 and 7.2 Design & Technology students, completed Copper/Brass Etched Clocks. Following the design process, each student developed their own individual clock face design which Barbara etched in Term 3, before she went on long service leave. This term with Pat, they mounted them on a wooden frame which they worked, added the clock mechanism, to proudly finish their final product. Both 7.1 and 7.2 will finish the semester again designing and producing their own small wooden puzzle or pencil holder. They will learn to Value Add or Reuse Sustainable Timber offcuts, that Pat has sourced from commercial companies, that would normally go to waste or be burnt as firewood.

On the 16th of November the Year 9, 10 and 11 Italian students met at Diamond Creek station and caught a train to Melbourne Central.

Then we walked to Carlton where we went on a tour around the Italian museum in COASIT and completed an activity about Italian Immigration to Australia after World War 2. It was interesting to find out the different stories about the lives of the Italian migrants and what they bought to Melbourne. We then walked to Brunetti in Lygon Street, Carlton, where Rose organised a free chocolate or vanilla cannoli for all of us. Later on we had to make our way to Cafe Notturno, where we got all we can eat pizza and soft drink and we received a scoop of gelato.

It was an amazing day that Rosa organised and everyone enjoyed themselves. We would also like to say thank you to Fiona Whelan who came along.

Kate Wilson 9.3
On Wednesday 28th November, the Year 12 Art Orientation class was lucky enough to have Elizabeth Steel come to the college to talk to us about VCE Art and her journey after year 12.

Elizabeth graduated from Diamond Valley College in 2017. She is currently studying Fine Arts at RMIT university. Her artworks from VCE and works made in her first year at university were both inspiring and imaginative. Elizabeth opened up to our class about her time at Diamond Valley College, studying Art with Selina, and how it helped her in her current art practice and passion for creativity. She encouraged us to stay inspired and challenge ourselves throughout year 12, as she explained it can lead to countless opportunities. She told us all about her lectures and experiences at university, which sounded both daunting and exciting. Her emotional and complex artworks left the class enlightened and motivated us to make work of our own.

It was really amazing to hear from a former DVC student about how art can really change the way you perceive the world. We thank Elizabeth for coming to the college and opening up about her artmaking and journey into university. We wish her all the best for her future artmaking.

By Caiden Robertson

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**URGENT BUS TRAVEL PLEASE READ**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Parents please note: invoices for 2019 bus travel were emailed out on Wednesday 28th November. Payment is required by Friday 7th December 2018. Please contact me as soon as possible should you have any question.

Students who have outstanding fees or have not completed an Application to Travel form will be ineligible to travel until such time as these issues have been rectified.

Student eligible for free travel are also required to complete the appropriate paperwork every year.

**CODE RED DAYS**
Yes we are a Code Red Day School
Yes we are on the Bushfire at-risk register
Yes we will close on Code Red declared days
Yes we will try to give as much notice as possible
No buses will not run on these days
No Staff will not be in attendance on these days

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
P.S. 3 weeks to go
Diamond Valley Singers

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we are seeking cowboys & cowgirls for adult and youth roles.

Find your inner cowboy! Discover the story of the Wild West's most famous woman sharpshooter! Sing some of Irving Berlin's best loved songs, including 'There's No Business Like Show Business' and 'Anything You Can Do, I Can Do Better!'

info session
WEDNESDAY 5th DECEMBER @ 7.30pm
Diamond Creek Uniting Church

AUDITIONS
Feb 8, 9 & 10

SHOW DATES
June 5th - 19th
Contact: Merinda 0431 159 657

GO ON, GIT YOUR BOOTS ON!
KINGLAKE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

KJFC
Reg Night and Pre-Season Training
AUSKICK KIDS TOO

Come along and join in the fun.
Free Soft Drink for all players.

December 9 & 16 5-6.30pm
Kinglake West Primary School Oval

Register to play with Kinglake on the NFNL
for Juniors on the night.

$10 Merchandise voucher for all Junior
Players Registered through the NFNL
before the 9th December 2018.

Auskick registrations:
Kinglake - Start date to be confirmed

Junior Football -
www.kinglakejfc.sportingpulse.net
All new players will be required to upload a birth certificate.
ELTHAM LACROSSE COME & TRY DAYS!

Eltham Lacrosse Club is looking for new players in all age groups.

December Come & Try days:
Tuesday 4th @ 5-6.30pm
Sunday 9th @ 4.30-6pm
(Sunday includes a free BBQ)
Lower Eltham Park
Equipment provided

For more information on Come & Try days or how to join the club please email us at info@elthamlacrosseclub.com.au or call Nick Finlay on 0408 008 245 or Eldridge Smith on 0408 040 196.
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