The past weeks have been a time of celebration. VCE results were released at the end of last week and I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate our students on their efforts. In particular, congratulation to Nathen Polenikos who is the Dux for 2019, achieving an ATAR in the 90’s. We wish him well as he pursues a career in Chinese medicine. A number of students have been in this week to seek counselling on their pathways options.

Awards ceremonies have been held for Years 7 to 11, which have been an acknowledgement of students’ academic success, commitment to studies and commitment to our College values. It was wonderful to have parents able to join these celebrations. In particular the combined Year 11 and 10 Awards celebration was a lovely evening held at La Trobe University. It is always a pleasure to see students take pride in their achievements and those of others.

Congratulations goes to the Dux of each Year level

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Year 10  Ainsley Cronin Sporys
Year 11  Jemma Hall

And to the recipients of the Principal’s award for contribution of the College and upholding College Values

| Year 7 | Zoe Templeman       |
| Year 8 | Jenna Sharp          |
| Year 9 | Luka Kennedy         |

Year 10  Elise Reuter
Year 11  Vy Nguyen

Last week I travelled to Glen Ormiston to the Gnurad Gundidj campus of the School for Student Leadership. Kylah Bullock, Wade Cartledge, Tara Jones and Molly Maddox have spent the past nine (9) weeks residing at the camp, participating in a unique leadership program. At the CLP presentation day, principals and liaison teachers were able to see each school present the project that they aim to complete on their return to school in 2019 and give a pledge to ensure its completion. It is always interesting to see the personal growth that these young people experience, mostly in confidence, communication and independence all of which are great life skills. I look forward to taking part in the selection process for a Year 9 team of 6 to attend in Term 2 of 2019.
We had the opportunity this week to formally thank our volunteers, most of whom have supported Annie in the canteen or have been members on College Council. In two separate events we were able to give a little bit back to them by enjoying conversation and refreshments. The time that our parents and students give is so important in developing connectedness to the College, particularly for parents who have limited opportunities to be involved in the College.

We look forward to the establishment next year of a Parents and Friends group that will provide a wider range of opportunities for involvement.

I want to take the opportunity to thank all members of the Diamond Valley College community for their support and wish you well for a safe and relaxing holidays. Merry Christmas and see you in 2019!

Below are photos that were taken at the Year 10 & Year 11 Awards Evening which was held at La Trobe Uni.
The final week of the school year was an exciting and fun filled four days for all our Year 7, 8 & 9 who choose to take part.

Those students who stayed at the College took part in a range of activities from Art to Computer Games and everything in between.

Monday saw 94 students and staff head out to Fun Fields. Here we joined a range of other schools to celebrate the conclusion of the year. Students rushed to board rides and have a go on the water slides. The aim of the day was fun – after all it is Fun Fields – and students had just that.

Tuesday saw a group of 37 get on the train and head to the city for Rock Climbing and a group of 27 travel by train to Skaterz in Eltham. Again fun was had by all – especially the skaters who, in the short time of an hour an a half, really improved their skills and ability.

Wednesday was a big day with 44 students heading to 10 Pin Bowling in Greensborough and 39 going to the new ice skating rink – IceHQ in Reservoir. Again both groups had heaps of fun before returning the College and have a final BBQ.

It really has been a big, yet exciting week for the students who have taken part.
To be able to deliver an effective teaching program at Diamond Valley College, we require students to bring a suitable device to allow access to online content. From 2018 a laptop is the preferred device, and the uptake by the Year 7 classes has opened up a whole new range of opportunities. More information can be found on the College website at: http://www.dvallcoll.vic.edu.au/teaching-and-learning/byo-device-program/.

In 2017 we completed agreements to be able to provide a range of software and online services for students. These include the following:

**Microsoft Office 365** – students can download and use the Office suite for use on up to 5 devices at school and home, at no cost. They are also able to use various collaborative tools such as OneNote.

**Google Apps for Education** – this gives students a Google account that can be used with online applications such as Google Docs, Google Sheets and other products.

**Adobe Creative Cloud** – applications in this software suite, including Photoshop, Illustrator and Dreamweaver are also available for students to install on their laptop.

Access to these requires students to use an eduPass user account provided by the Department. Current students in Years 7 to 12 were issued with login instructions for this last year. eduPass accounts will be set up for new students beginning in the first week of school next year. We expect more services to require the use of eduPass in the coming years.

Because some of these services allow students to share information online, there is a provision for parents to opt-out of these services if they are concerned about their child using them.

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**VCE Boost Through VCE Plus**

This year we had four students complete studies at La Trobe University via their VCE Plus program. The students having completed and advanced placement in 2017, the applied to complete the VCE plus in 2018. The students studied a first year university unit (this is completed with current university students) and which can provide them with Pathway access to La Trobe courses as well as credit off their first year of study. In the short term these students received incremental points towards their ATAR, with one student achieving the equivalent to a study score of 45 (out of 50) which helps to boost the ATAR calculation. This student was also the top ranking student for this particular course.

Congratulations to all of our students who stepped up to the challenge of university studies whilst studying VCE.

Graham Sinclair
Careers Coordinator
These were conducted late term 3 at the Meadowglen Stadium

Diamond Valley College was represented by:

Grace Davidson (year 7) who competed in the Girls 12-15 1500 m walk. She finished in 8th place in a time of 11 min 10.59 sec

Courtney Dagg (year 7) 12-13 Girls Triple Jump. 2nd with 9.46 m and High Jump. 4th (on a countback) with 1.35 m.

Joshua Homewood (year 8) 14 Boys Discus. 6th with 19.94 m

Andrew Elward (year 9) 15 Boys 800 m. 2nd in 2 min 15.97 sec; 400 m. 2nd in 57.76 sec; 1500 m 10th in 5 min 30 sec.

Ashlee Elward (year 7) 12-13 Girls 1500 m. 10th in 6 min 18.64 sec.

Pacey Dunston (year 10) Open Boys 3000 m. 8th in 11 min.

In order to qualify for the State Final, competitors were required to win their event on the day. Courtney and Andrew came very close and they missed out by 4 cm (TJ) and 1.2 sec (400) respectively.

Grant Sargent
HIGH RESOLVES FUNDRAISER: STARTING OVER DOG RESCUE

This semester in High Resolves Aiden, Shelby, Nik and Miles organised a fundraiser for Starting Over Dog Rescue, a charity aimed at rescuing, fostering and rehoming dogs.

The fundraiser was a success! The students were able to donate food, toys, blankets and money to this worthy cause.

ITALIAN NEWS

In the last few weeks students from Year 7 and Year 8 Italian have been studying various topics such as ‘Italian Traditional Celebrations’ and The Amazing Race’.

Isabella Blackney and Alanna Thwaites in 7.5 made beautiful bombinere. These are thank you gifts which are given at weddings or christenings or other important celebrations.

For the Year 8 Italian Amazing Race William Mcgnity in 8.1 made a cake with the Italian colours on it for everyone to eat and enjoy and he explained the historical importance of the 3 colours of the Italian flag. Well done.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all students, teachers and parents a Merry Christmas and a great new year.

Buon natale e un felice anno Nuovo.

Grazie
Rose Marasco
Italian Domain Leader
The Year of The Tree

The leaves high above us were kissed by the sun
The sun pierced the shadows
The sun floated down through the leaves, like a veil of netting
The leaves shadowed the earth below, like a sheet of green
The sun was warm like a campfire
Warm, like clothes straight out of a dryer
The clouds beyond were stretched and connected, like a freshly woven blanket…

The ground was moist from the early morning mist
Flaming red and orange covered the ground, like shredded skin
The leaves were sharp and serrated
The tree was tall but skinny and you could tell that he was wise, from his old skin
The fury moss speckled the grey skin of the tree
There were fine, wispy streaks of clouds…

When Winter came, the tree had withered
And it faded, like old paint on a brick wall
The tree froze, leaves had shed and branches stiffened, as the cold slowly settled in
The Winter tree was naked
The water droplets fell from its branches, like children’s tears dripping from their cheeks
The clouds acted like tornadoes, twisting and turning…

We stood together beneath an umbrella of green
Greener than Winter’s kin
Birds perched on the arms of the wise old tree
The birds’ song echoed through the crown of leaves
The wind lightly blew, as a crow loudly squawked
Long twisting branches, like a shield of green,
Sheltering us from the worries of the world.

Pat McMahon was invited to present last week, two workshops at The National Australian Design and Technology Teacher and International Research Conference, at Swinburne University. He had over 20 participants at his first workshop with four teachers from Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and locally plus one from Sweden. Pat was able to share his developments and experiences at Diamond Valley College, with a wide variety of teachers. He has been asked to once again run 4 workshops for DATTA VIC in Victoria, in 2019. He was honoured to be also asked, to present in Perth and Brisbane next year, at their State Conferences.
GENERAL INFORMATION
Parents please note: invoices for 2019 bus travel were emailed out on Wednesday 28th November and Wednesday 5th December. Payment was required by Friday 14th December 2018 at the latest. Please contact me after Tuesday 29th January 2019 if you did not receive an invoice.

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. Please check your emails.

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

If an Application to Travel and the appropriate payment was received by the College by close of business Friday 14 December 2018 a valid bus pass will be EMAILED TO YOUR CHILD’S COLLEGE EMAIL ADDRESS by the end of Week 1, Term 1 2019. Students without a valid pass after this time will be unable to travel via the College Bus Network until further notice. Should your child require a hard copy of their pass, please notify me as soon as possible and I will arrange it.

Late Applications may result in your child being placed on a waiting list for Bus travel. Seats are allocated in order of receipt of Application Forms not prior travel. Forms are available from the General Office or can be downloaded from the College web site.

CODE RED DAYS
Yes we are a Code Red 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 holidays and thank you for your assistance throughout 2018.
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BOYS 10AM–11:30AM

MERCHANDISE MOUTH GUARD AND JUMPER FITTINGS
PANTHER PLACE ELTHAM 9AM–2PM
WANTED BOYS U9–U17 GIRLS U10–U18

GIRLS 12PM–1:30PM
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