A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes at a school that many are not privy to. The majority of it ensures the smooth running of the school and the opportunity to meet the needs of our students, the staff who work at the College and the broader school community.

One such aspect took place this week. After many months of preparation, College Council moved to tender for our uniform supplier. The current contract with Dobson’s will expire in June and it is a valuable opportunity for Council to reflect on the current service provided and explore new opportunities that may benefit our community.

A number of uniform suppliers were invited to present towards the end of 2018. Based on a criteria that included uniform quality, cost, service provision to parents and sustainability, the Uniform Sub Committee shortlisted three companies – Dobsons, Academy Uniforms and Noone. Each were invited in to present on Monday to a panel of eight that consisted of DVC staff, parents and students. A recommendation will be made to College Council on Monday.

This process does not mean a change of uniform. All suppliers are capable of maintaining our current uniform offerings. The only new item to be implemented will be an option for girls’ trousers, which will be implemented as soon as we are able to work through a selection process.

I wish to thank Carol Jenkinson and Jodie Versteegen for giving up their time to represent parents in this process. Also to Hayden Swift, Willow Mcfadzean and Elise Rueter who were valuable members of the panel, ensuring that students had a voice in this process. I was incredibly impressed with the manner in which they considered each presentation, the range of questions they confidently asked presenters and the input given in the final decision making.

Our World Challenge team are continuing to raise funds for their community project in Nepal later this year. I hope you were able to support them at the election day BBQ held at the College. The time that they, and their World Challenge teachers Ben and Serene have put in is a credit to them. They are committed to ensuring that they can do their very best for the Nepalese community they will be asked to support in November.

The Interact Club is a small but dedicated group, supported by Diamond Creek Rotary. They are required to complete each year, one local and one international fundraiser. This year they have decided to support the work of the World Challenge team and support their fundraising. They are to be commended for not only thinking of the needs of others but also providing support to their peers. They will be promoting a series of activities to be held later this term.

At a recent meeting with the College Captains, a proposal was put forward for activities that support NAIDOC week. This will be held towards the end of this term as well and will include a range of activities that celebrates indigenous culture.

These are just a few examples of the fantastic work our students engage in beyond the classroom. I am proud of their willingness to get involved and the social awareness that they raise. Congratulations to all. It is a pleasure to support them.

Allison Bennett
Hello from the Music Program,

Performance opportunities!

**DVC Nearly Winter Concert:** 30th May 7:15pm in the Auditorium

**Bookings essential for the Nearly Winter Concert, limited seating only** [https://www.trybooking.com/BCORH](https://www.trybooking.com/BCORH)

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! Collect a signup sheet from Jim in the Music Area or send him an email.

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 Nearly Winter Concert on the evening of 30th of May 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.

**Pictured:** Elly Synan (vocals) and Tess Purchase (guitar) performing in front of the whole school assembly.

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The 2019 Great Community Raffle, which is run by Diamond Creek Rotary, is on again. This year the prizes are:

- 1st Prize - Nissan Qashqai ST Values up to $33,970.00
- 2nd Prize - $1000 Westfield Gift Card
- 3rd Prize - $500 Westfield Gift Card

The Raffle Draw is taking place on **19th August, 2019**.

Pick up your raffle ticket booklet/s from the DVC General Office. Tickets are $2.00 each with each raffle ticket booklet having 10 tickets. Raffle ticket booklets are to be returned to the DVC General Office with money by **31st July, 2019**.

All the money that is raised by the sale of the raffle tickets goes directly to Diamond Valley College. Any funds raised will contribute to the replacement of our shade sail that was destroyed last year during a storm. If every family purchased one book of tickets, we would be able to replace the shade sail for our students by spring.

Diamond Valley College thanks you in advance for your support and we hope that one of our community will be one of the lucky winners.
ITALIAN AT DVC

I would like to say a big thank you to Sophie Makin in 8.2, Alanah Latu in 8.3 and Cameron Coucill in 10.1 who assisted in the Information Evening last week. They gave up their time and wore traditional Italian costumes to demonstrate their dedication to their learning of a language. In addition, all 3 students had prepared a brief speech in Italian and English to present to future parents. It was a great night.

Just a reminder to the current year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students studying Italian to pay for the excursion to Lygon Street on the 30th May. It will be an enjoyable day and a wonderful opportunity to develop confidence in students ability to speak in Italian.

THANKS
Rose Marasco
Italian Domain Leader.
Head lice will be a problem from time to time in any school, not just primary and pre school, and it is important to work together as a school community to minimise the frustration caused by the problem.

Recently we have had a report of a student having head lice. Parents and carers have the primary responsibility for the detection and treatment of head lice.

Responsibilities include:
- not sending their children to school with untreated head lice
- using safe treatment practices which do not place their child’s health at risk
- regularly checking for lice or eggs in the hair of their child and other household members
- notifying the school:
  - if their child is affected
  - when treatment commenced.

For more information on the detection and treatment of head lice please refer to https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits

Your cooperation and diligence in this matter is appreciated.

Allison Bennett
Principal

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) may be available to you if you have a health care card. The benefit of CSEF is that you can receive $225.00 from the Department of Education to assist with paying for your childs camps and excursions throughout the year.

Applications for CSEF close the end of June 2019. If you have not applied as yet, or you are unsure if you are eligible please come to the DVC General Office and get a form to complete and the school will lodge it on your behalf.

If you have received your CSEF allocation for the this year and wish to use this you can either:

- Phone or email the DVC General Office (diamond.valley.co@edumail.vic.gov.au) to advise that you would like the CSEF to be applied to a particular event and we will do this and also mark payment off in Compass so that you then have the ability to mark consent on Compass for that event

- Print off and complete the consent form in Compass and send it into the DVC General and write on there - CSEF Funds and we will allocate the funds and mark payment and consent off on the event in Compass.

If you have any questions about this please contact the staff in the DVC General Office and we will be able to help you.
The SSV Swimming Championships was conducted at MSAC on Wednesday April 24th and Diamond Valley College was represented by one student – Anjali Watson who participated in the 17 year old girls 50 m backstroke. She was able to place 7th in the final with a time of 37.39 s. She is to be congratulated on making the State Final and being so competitive. Well done!

The District Athletics competition was conducted at Meadowglen on Monday May 6 and DVC was represented well by 46 students. At the moment we do not have the detailed scores except for the names of the students who have qualified for the Northern Metro Finals on Wednesday September 4.

The names and events of the 24 who placed first or second last week are:

Andrew Elward boys 16 1500, 800, 100, 400.
Taya Agosta girls 20 1500, 800
Sam Temple girls 20 1500, high jump
Abbie Pearson girls 20 400
Josh Homewood boys 15 discus
Rhianna Kirwen girls 15 discus
Grace Davidson girls 15 high jump, triple jump
Liam Homewood boys 17 javelin, 800, high jump, 17 triple jump
Courtney Dagg girls 14 triple jump

Zoe Fraser girls 14 100
Andrew White boys 20 100
Luke Pearson boys 13 1500
Will Cole boys 14 1500
Charlotte Beddoo girls 14 1500
Meg Coffey girls 14 200, 400
Noah Jablonski boys 13 400
Ashton Leary-Ramsbard boys 13 800
Larni Bullock girls 13 800
Ruby Moore girls 14 discus
Guy Breaden boys 14 high jump
Liam Easton boys 20 high jump
Zoe Campbell girls 15 shot
Matt Humphries boys 16 shot
Keenan Carr boys 20 shot

20 girls relay consisting of Taya, Abbie, Sam and Charlotte
LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK
20–26 May 2019

Borrow a book and go into the prize draw

Look out for THINK posters going up in your classroom

Interested in libraries? Want to find out more?
Sign up for our Library Apprenticeship Program

What’s happening in the library this week:

Every day - Colour the library letters and help create our banner.

Monday - Book Club. Come and chat about books. We have biscuits!

Tuesday - House of Cards competition. Build the best house of cards and win a prize.

Wednesday - We reveal the new library logo and announce the winner of the design challenge.

Thursday - Biggest Morning Tea. Cupcakes and hot chocolate for sale, all proceeds to the Cancer Council.

Friday - We’re hanging up the library banner you helped create.

Return your overdue books and go in the prize draw
Are you CREATIVE, COOPERATIVE, a good TEAM PLAYER, ORGANISED, have CRITICAL and CREATIVE THINKING skills, are CONFIDENT, CURIOUS, a good COMMUNICATOR, enjoy RESEARCH, WRITING and DRAMA?? THEN WE WANT YOU!!

Tournament of Minds (TOM) is a well-respected educational program developed to engage teams of bright and creative students. The team members work together for six weeks (during term 3) on one of the four Challenge disciplines: Language Literature; Social Sciences; STEM; or The Arts. They endeavor to develop a creative way to communicate their solution to a panel of judges and an audience. They must work using their own ideas, with pre-determined parameters, managing complex criteria and the deadline of Tournament Day.

DVC has a successful history of participation in the TOM program with students participating at the State level. I am currently asking for expressions of interest for participation in the 2019 TOM program. Based on interest levels, teams of 7 students will be registered to participate.

Further information regarding commitment levels and time will be forwarded to interested students. At this stage, all interested participants MUST be available to present on Tournament Day held on the weekend of the 24th – 25th August 2019 at Latrobe University Bundoora.

Please register your interest and any questions to Eva Dean or speak to your HG teacher and come along to an information meeting on Monday 27th May at lunchtime in A1.
This term has been a difficult one concerning the receipt of bus fees for the term. Please note the following important information regarding future payment.

Bus payments are required by the Department to be paid prior to travel. It is a courtesy by Diamond Valley College that late payments are accepted. Please be advised that payment is due BEFORE travel is permitted. In future if payment is not received by the due date, and no contact has been made with me prior to the BEGINNING of Term, travel via the College Bus Network WILL NOT BE ALLOWED and you will be required to make alternative arrangements for your child’s travel to and from school.

As previously mentioned, passes are now emailed to your child’s College email account. This method is proving to be very successful in the majority of cases. Should your child be having difficulty with downloading their pass, please ask them to see either Murray Knight or myself.

As always, I encourage you to contact me at any time to discuss any issues relating to bus travel.

Roz Saladino
Bus Co-ordinator
SPRING 2019 REGISTRATION

Early bird registration closes midnight May 31st

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LEARN NEW SKILLS AND IMPROVE YOUR GAME! 3 DAY SPORTS CAMPS FOR 6 - 16 YEAR OLD'S

- Experienced coaching panel and guest stars attending.
- Have fun playing and keeping active with your friends.
- Our structured skill development programs run 9am - 3pm daily.
- Meet your sporting idols, learn and be inspired by the best.
- Individual written coaches report reinforces learning.
- Video analysis and coach feedback sessions for fast improvement.
- Coach to participant ratio of 1:10 ensures individual attention.
- Careful group selection to maximize enjoyment and results.
- Autographed group photo and certificate of achievement.
- SEE WEBSITE FOR CAMP PRICING AND SPECIAL OFFERS

ASC PARTNER PROGRAMS

- Get active with a new range of partner programs.
- New sports, new programs, new areas.

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