We have funding! The recent State Budget confirmed an extra $3.1 million dollars for our stage 2 redevelopment. This will be added to the funding of $1.8 million dollars that we were granted last year. The combined fund of $4.9 million will see the building of a new Science facility that will complement the learning focus of the College. As we had anticipated the allocation of the additional funding in this budget, we have been able to work with the Victorian Schools Building Authority and our appointed architects to have the project well underway. It’s an exciting time for the College!

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Nearly Winter Concert, a celebration of our talented music students. It’s wonderful for them to have the opportunity to perform for an audience, particularly as they spend many hours rehearsing both at school and at home.

The Junior Band were a delight; to see the pride written all over their faces after the performance was very special. With performances in piano, wind, voice and percussion, the audience were treated to a very entertaining night. We had Chopin, Mozart, funk, pop and Broadway hits.

A special shout out to the VCE students who performed pieces that they will have assessed later in the year. To Olivia, Tom and Kylah who sang, all I can say is wow! Everyone in the school community needs to hear you. Congratulations Kylah and Cameron on taking up the challenge of hosting the evening.

The Year 12 Motivational Dinner was held last week, an opportunity for our students to gather together, socialise and refocus on goals. It can be a difficult time mid-year as SACs are piling up, the weather is cold and motivation can wane. Past students responded to questions from our College Captains on how they maintained motivation and a desire to do well. While ex AFL footballer Brent Harvey spoke to the students about his journey and the way he maintained motivation through a very long and successful elite sporting career.

We had the opportunity to formally farewell five retiring staff members in a recent joint function. It was lovely to celebrate the careers of Chris Misale, Annie Brownrigg, Enza Natalizio, Glenys Alexander and Pat McMahon. All of them have contributed to the Diamond Valley College community for many years and will be remembered fondly by students and staff for their efforts. We wish them all the very best for their future adventures.

The cold weather has really hit us and as usually happens at this time of year the students wishing to stay warm are wearing extra layers. While we want our students to be warm and comfortable, they must also comply with our uniform policy. Jumpers and hoodies that are not Diamond Valley College issued are not permitted. Students can wear items under their uniform as long as they are not visible.

College Council has completed the process of appointing Academy Uniforms a three year contract to supply the Diamond Valley College uniform. They will maintain an on site shop and have a store in Thomastown that will stock the full uniform range from July. The first priority will be working with Academy Uniforms on introducing pants for the girls, which we hope can be done in a timely manner. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the team at Dobsons who have served our school community well for over two decades. Thank you.

Allison Bennett
A couple of weeks ago, the VCAL class were invited to visit the Montmorency-Eltham RSL to learn about the importance of the RSL and to look at some of the important memorabilia they have collected over the years and now display in a museum.

From this visit, the students learned so much that we decided to continue delving into this important area by visiting the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance. The VCAL class, along with students from Eltham High School, were given a guided tour of the building, learning about its construction and why it is so significant to people, especially those who have served in the armed forces.

I would like to congratulate all of the students on their wonderful behaviour and how respectful they were towards the members of the Shrine and the general public. It is always a pleasure to see young people engaging with some of our senior citizens and learning so much from them.

Ben Strickland
VCAL Coordinator
For our High Resolves project we wanted to fundraise for an organisation called Water for Life. The ideas came flooding in for how we could raise the money for such a great cause. We went through many stages of evolving this idea and eventually we found one to suit us and the organisation. We decided that we would purchase powder paint and a drop cloth (that painters use) and get people to throw the powder paint at the cloth making it look extremely colourful. Where we would hold this fundraiser was a question on all our minds. We eventually decided we would hold this event at the St Andrews Festival on the 4th of May.

Leading up to the day there was a lot to organise and a few people we had to see about our idea. On the day, we got there early to set up the table, the prices and posters (filled with information about Water for Life) covered the table along with our donation tin for people that did not want to throw but wanted to donate any spare change, we also had our money tin to collect the money off people that wanted to throw and for change.

Getting there early, we also had to set up the big cloth with the black spray painted writing saying ‘Water 4 Life’. We had to screw the cloth onto long pieces of wood and then hang it up with one piece of rope on each end of the sign.

The festival started off slow as the weather wasn’t the greatest. As the day went on we slowly got more customers. At the end of the day, we packed up our cloth and table not knowing how much we actually raised. The suspense killed us. In our next high resolves session we counted the money and celebrated our success of the rainy day. We raised $144 which will supply clean water for 30 people. We are very happy with the amount we raised and will be sent off to this fantastic organisation.

By Elysia, Mia.W, Mia.G and Elly
Cupcakes For Sale!
There will be chocolate and vanilla cupcakes with special yellow icing.
These cupcakes will be sold for $2.00.
Win a Prize With Raffle Tickets!
Buy a raffle ticket for $1.00 to win a prize.

Lunchtime, Thursday the 13th of June

All the money raised goes towards the Cancer Council for people in need of help.

You Can Also Buy Drinks!
There will be nice hot chocolates, coffee and tea brewed perfectly by the High Resolves group.
These drinks will be sold for $1.50.

Sponsored by priceline
I would like to congratulate all of the World Challenge Students on a wonderful effort during the election day BBQ. They managed to raise over $1700 which will be used to support people in Nepal during their visit in November.

A huge thank you to Mr Jeffrey Purchase for donating the trailer of wood to be raffled (and thank you Ben for donating your day to this cause).

I would also like to congratulate Laurie Rigoni, a local resident in Diamond Creek, who was lucky enough to win the trailer load of firewood. As you can imagine, he was extremely happy when I rang him and told him the good news.

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Congratulations to the Year 11&12 Girls Netball team who had a very successful day at the Nillumbik and Banyule Sports Division netball round robin, winning the day very comfortably. The girls played 3 full games of netball resulting in some very tired bodies by the end of the day. Congratulations to all the girls who gave it their all and participated on the day.
On Thursday 23rd May the Diamond Valley College Senior boys football team walked down to Coventry oval in Diamond Creek for the inter-school round robin against Eltham High School and Montmorency Secondary College. The first game started at 10am with DVC and Eltham going head to head. Each game consisted of two 25 minute halves with a 10-minute half time. It was a chilly start but it turned out to be an absolutely beautiful day. The DVC boys were a little slow to start but once they hit their stride they managed to challenge in a very close game. Unfortunately, Eltham scored a goal very late in the second half and sealed the game.

The second game was between Eltham and Monty. This time Eltham was the slow starter having just played 50 minutes against DVC, but found their second wind further into the game. Monty started strongly but Eltham over-ran them by the end.

Eltham won both of their games which meant they automatically go through to the next round over DVC and Monty. The third and last game for the day was between DVC and Monty. Both teams played well in the warm sun but it was DVC that triumphed by 11 points.

The whole day was conducted in good spirits and all 3 teams should be commended on their efforts, attitudes and goodwill.

Everyone in the DVC team represented our school extremely well both on and off the field. A special thanks needs to go out to 3 of our students who volunteered to umpire during the DVC games. Tanisha Gerke and Justin Thuys took care of the boundary and Jemma Burgess held the forte in the goals. Field umpires were supplied.

Dave Carnie


Front L-R Mitch Guy, Daniel Pontefract, Kai Tancredi, Declan Williams, Jemma Burgess, Tanisha Gerke, Caleb Flanagan, Kane Boxhall.
The badminton team (above) participated in the Regional competition at Montmorency SC on Thursday May 23. Most of the team is studying Year 12 except for one Year 11 student.

The players were:
Front: Keenan Carr
Middle: Vy Nguyen, Brydie Clapton, Liam Easton, Nick Currie, Abbey Mijatovic
Back: Zayne Swan (year 11), Jordyn Crawford, Shaylen Ridsdale-Wellington

The team participated to the best of their ability and the boys and girls were able to place 3rd in each competition and is to be congratulated on its performance. Well done to all players.

Tiarna Green of Year 11 participated in her fourth National Championships at the Melbourne Arena from May 20-23. She participated in the level 10 section. After the qualifying round on May 20, Tiarna was placed equal 4th after completing the four pieces of apparatus – vault, parallel bars, beam and floor.

This qualified Tiarna to participate in the finals on the evening of Thursday May 23.

The results were: All-Round 3rd with 103.975, Bars 1st with 26.775, Vault 19th with 26.000, Beam 10th with 25.525 and Floor 5th with 25.675.

As well as winning the bars competition, Tiarna was also a member of the Victorian team which won the All-Round team event.

Tiarna is to be congratulated as winning a national championship in any sport is a fantastic achievement.
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.
An email has been sent to Parent / Guardians of all registered bus travellers reminding them Bus fees for Term 3 are now due and payable until June 21st 2019. If you have not received this email please contact me as soon as possible as students who have not paid their fees by this date will not be able to travel via the College Bus Network and you will need to make alternative arrangements.

Applications for 2020 travel will be called for at the end of July. Please keep an eye out in the newsletter, and read ALL information carefully, as ALL travellers are required to complete a form and return it to the college by the dates requested.
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Boys and Girls teams now open for registration

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