The celebrations are over and exam period for our Year 12 students is well and truly underway. We had a wonderful celebration for our graduating students, a time that allowed family and friends to share in the final event prior to exams. Congratulations to Rebecca Taylor and the Senior Sub School team who put in hours of preparation to ensure that the evening went smoothly. Thanks also to ex-student, Heath Drew who presented the keynote address, sharing his journey towards a well-established career in the police force. It was insightful and highlighted that not all pathways are clear cut and that when one door closes another one opens.

This week we officially said farewell to Peter Hollier, celebrating 32 years as a teacher at Diamond Valley College. It was an opportunity for Pete to catch up with friends and colleagues both past and present, to share stories and wish him all the best for the future. Pete is best known for his tireless support of the Performing Arts at the college, supporting the establishment of performing arts evenings and productions. His good humour and support will be missed and we wish him well for the future.

I had the pleasure of attending the VCAL Working Communities presentation recently. A combined celebration of the projects initiated by students at Diamond Valley College, Eltham High School and Montmorency Secondary College. I was impressed with the range of projects and community groups these students are associated with. For DVC students they celebrated ongoing projects with the Nillumbik Historical Society, the Diamond Creek Men’s Shed, the Diamond Creek CFA and Nillumbik Council. To see our students speak with confidence and pride in their achievements was a pleasure to be a part of. The value of the VCAL program is so important; these students are provided a unique opportunity to build competencies that will be so important as they seek employment in the future. Quinn and Steph did a great job acting as MC’s for the occasion and overall every one of our VCAL students should be proud of their achievements this year.

This week we welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to the DVC community at a number of information sessions. With 175 students enrolling for 2020, we are looking forward to welcoming many new families to our community. We hope to have a long, happy and respectful relationship with them over the coming years.

Allison Bennett
Principal
Hello from the Music Program,

**Performance opportunities ahoy!**

**DVC End of Year Concert:** 19th of November (Evening performance) 7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Bookings essential for the End of Year Concert, limited seating only**

https://www.trybooking.com/BGINX

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!

If you play music or sing 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 End of Year Concert on the evening of 19th of November 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.

Interested in learning a musical instrument? Get enrolled for 2020 now! We have spaces in all instrument areas including brass, woodwind, percussions, guitars and voice. At just $100 for a term worth of lessons this is a great opportunity to get involved with Music at DVC and to learn a life-long skill! Come see Jim in the music area or speak with office staff to grab a signup sheet.

**Pictured:** DVC Year 12 Music Legend, Nicholas Currie
Year 7.5 Hockey

The Year 7 students were lucky enough to have ex Australian Hockey player Georgia Nanscawen give them a few tips on the Hockey Field. Georgia made her debut for Australia at the age of 17 and became the youngest player to play 100 and 150 games. She has currently switched codes and is playing for Essendon in the WVFL. We would like to thank Georgia for giving up her time to educate our Year 7 students on the game of Hockey.

Jemma Sheppard in Year 10 is currently an exchange student in Bologna Italy until January 2020. This is a description of her time in Italy.

‘As of September this year, I departed on a flight to Rome with a group of students from Melbourne to participate in an exchange program. During our layover in Abu Dhabi we met with the other Australian students from New South Wales and Queensland; all together there were 22 of us. When arriving in Rome we met with the people from WEP Italia and started to meet students from different countries making up over 50 students. I stayed in Rome for 5 days. During the stay I toured all over Rome seeing the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and more! It was an amazing experience to be able to see all the classic sights and explore what Rome has to offer along with friends from all over the world!! After Rome I departed for Bologna to meet my host family which consists of a mother, father and their 10 year old daughter. I am staying in a nice area called Castel Maggiore and go to a scientific school near the city centre. I have an awesome relationship with my family and I am very grateful for being placed with them. Together we have gone to the city centre and I’ve seen the two towers of Bologna, the University of Bologna (which is the first university to have ever been built) and some museums. We have also gone for some forest walks and I’ve been shopping in Florence. School is very different to Australia and I’m very grateful to my friends for their support. My classmates are really nice and I’ll spend my time with different people each day. Unlike what I’ve heard of others experiences my class is friends with everyone and won’t just spend their time in their main group but with everyone. Everyone here is very “polleg” which is bolognese slang for chill making them really easy to get along with. I have already experienced so much and wish my stay here could be longer! There is also nothing like the Italian cuisine, cake for breakfast and classics from different regions for lunch and dinner are definitely going to be missed when I get back to Australia.’

From Jemma Sheppard
Colour me Happy!

The Year 9 High Resolves team wanted to offer a fun and energetic event that the entire school community could participate in. After some research we decided to host a Colour Run, with the focus on improving the mental health of the Diamond Valley College community.

On the 18th of October, after a semester of planning and hard work (especially making the powder!) a large number of students (and teachers) participated in the run. Leading up to the day we all made colour for the fun run which paid off as it was a very successful day. The weather was definitely on our side and there was music playing throughout the run for some entertainment.

Everyone involved had lots of fun, got very colourful, and the excess profit was donated to the school’s Wellbeing Centre.

We would like to thank all the students and staff that assisted us before and during the day, and everyone that participated.
DVC COLOUR RUN

Statement of Commitment

DVC is committed to Child Safety. We want children to be safe, happy and empowered. We support and respect children, as well as staff and volunteers.
Thank you all for your Term 4 bus payments. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

Please note that some buses now have waiting lists for 2020.

If you have not completed an Application to Travel Form please do so and return it to the General Office as soon as possible. Permission to travel is based on the receipt of the appropriate form, payment, (if necessary) and seating availability. Please do not assume seating will carry over from one year to the next. Students who do not complete an Application to Travel form for 2020 will be unable to travel and parents will need to make alternative arrangements.

**REMEMBER ALL STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORM EVERY YEAR.**
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REGISTRATION DAY
2020 FOOTY SEASON

“FUN, FAIR, FOOTY”

U9-U17 Players Wanted

Sunday 24 November 2019

10am – 1pm at DCJFC Club Rooms Coventry Oval, Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek

Merchandise, Mouthguard Man, Coaches available

Note: Registrations and Payments available on the day, although DCJFC preferred option is online via: https://nfnl.org.au/ (Football)

Online Registrations open Friday 8 November

Email enquiries: dcjfcsecretary@gmail.com

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