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DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 2

13th June-16th June- Year 10 Exams

19th June-24th June Year 10 Work Experience

Term 3

16th August - Year 7-11 Curriculum Day

24th July - Winter Concert for DVC Instrumental Students, Choir and Ensemble

16th August - Year 12 Practise Exams

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts this term. It has been a short one, but it has been full of activity and everyone is looking forward to a break. As it is end of semester, reports will be released to families, and I encourage you to take the time to read them with your child. It as an important opportunity to reflect, celebrate achievements, set goals for the remainder of the year and discuss what supports can be put in place at home and school to achieve these goals. Learning goals, whether large or small, short or long term allow a sense of achievement and improvement. Families are a key contributor to the identification and success of these, working alongside the college.

The end of term is also a time when we say farewell to some of our staff, which is always sad for us but exciting for them as they take on new challenges and adventures.

Firstly, I would like to wish Alice Potashnyk all the very best as she takes leave for Term 3. I know she is excited about travel plans and look forward to hearing about those on her return. We might be able to convince her to send some photos of her time volunteering while away.

Thank you to Franz Mandler who has been with us this semester, teaching Science and Maths. He did us a huge favour, having finished teaching full time, he agreed to join us temporarily and it has been an absolute pleasure to have him as part of our team. And to Chloe Krivan, who has been with us this term teaching art. Chloe is just beginning her teaching journey and has accepted a position in her hometown of Geelong. We very much appreciated her stepping in, to ensure our students could continue their arts studies. All the best Chloe for a long and successful career in education!

Holly Morgan left us last week to take up a position at Hurstbridge Primary School. A valued member of our learning support team, she will be missed by those she has worked closely with. Again, another staff member who was offered an opportunity to extend their career by taking on a broader role in the area of disability inclusion.

Tania Whelan has worked with DVC on and off for a number of years. Another valued member of our community who stepped in when we were in desperate need of a Food Technology teacher. Tania is someone who gives 100% to everything she does and has decided that the life balance of work, family and study can be a difficult one. We wish her all the very best as she continues her studies and look forward to hearing where this leads her.

A huge loss to the college is Hannah Dalgliesh. While we are saddened to see her leave, it is to take up a Leading Teaching position at Whittlesea College. Opportunities such as this have to be encouraged, as career development and ongoing leadership growth is key to the success of any school. We wish her well and I thank her on behalf of all, for her contribution to the Maths and Science faculties, her support of our VCE Psychology program and her support of students she has coordinated. She will be missed but we know she will do great work at Whittlesea.

As some staff leave, new staff arrive. We have already welcomed to the college Karyn Humble (Food Technology), Laura David (Disability Inclusion Leader), Francesca Formoso (Mental Health Practitioner), and Heidi Kasper (Literacy Tutor). We are currently making appointments for Term 3 and I will introduce them in my next newsletter.

I wish you all the best for the holiday period and look forward to everyone returning, refreshed and ready to achieve their goals.

Allison Bennett

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DVC - Italian Poetry Competition

Dante Alighieri Poetry Competition

On Wednesday the 31st of May, six of our Diamond Valley College students went to an Italian poetry competition at Melbourne University to recite a poem we had been learning for the past few months. Clementine, Phoebe, Mackenzie, Maggie, Jasmin and Zac all caught the train to the city with the help of Chloe and Jackie. We then recited the amazing poems in Italian with a fun day out after the hard work was done. Afterwards, we went through Lygon street to indulge in some delicious Italian food including gelato, pizza and other tasty treats. The day ended with some sightseeing around Melbourne Central before catching the train back to Diamond Valley College. Thank you to Chloe for planning and organising this wonderful experience, and thank you to Jackie for her helping hand.

DVC - Library News

News from the DVC Library

This Term we started the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge with our Year 7 and 8 classes.
The goal is to read 20 books (30 for HAP students) between now and the end of August. It's a great way for students to experience short narratives and also in some cases, have a blast of nostalgia with picture books they remember from childhood. Students get together in small groups and read aloud to one another from our picture book collection. This is great for both their reading and their public speaking skills and it's been a lot of fun so far. Of course not all our picture books are designed for young readers, there are a large number that are written for an older audience. Some of the subjects they deal with are challenging, and students are surprised by their own reactions. We've had a few teary moments over the books with sad themes, and it's good to see that our Year 7 and 8 students allow themselves to feel the impact of these stories. As part of the VPRC students write a short review of each book, and the library staff are going through the reviews to get students' feedback on the book collection. It's a useful process for us too!

Regards
Andy Moore
(they/them)

Library Manager
Diamond Valley College

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School for Student Leadership CLP Food Drive Update

The success we had from the Free Dress Day was amazing. It was unimaginable seeing the support from staff and students. As the boxes of donations kept rolling in all we could think of was how much this was going to help our community. And although this was a great day, it was even better when Robyn and Bernard from Diamond Valley Foodshare came to pick it up. They were overjoyed to see the amount of food donated and extremely grateful for the school's support, adding to their resources so they could provide to those in need. The Diamond Valley SSL team and Diamond Valley Foodshare would like to thank you for your donations, encouragement, and assistance throughout this project. Your donation may have changed someone's day, so thank you.

Yarra Valley Chocolaterie Tour

The Year 12 Business Management class have been studying the topic 'Operations Management' where they learn all about manufacturing and service businesses. The class have become experts on how different businesses use a variety of inputs and processes to create an output that is purchased by the consumer. To consolidate their knowledge, they attended the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and learned about their operations system. The class was lucky enough to be speak to the owner herself, Leanne Neeland who led their chocolate tasting session. Leanne did a great job explaining different strategies the business uses to increase efficiency and effectiveness. The class also learned about the history of the Chocolaterie, specifically the efforts taken to ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander land was protected throughout construction. This supported the businesses efforts to uphold corporate social responsibility.

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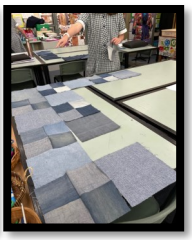
DVC - Year 9 &10 Textiles

TEXTILES AT YEAR 9 & 10: A celebration of creativity, individuality and skill development

During semester one, year 9 & 10 Textiles students were extremely busy learning new sewing skills and producing beautiful work they should be proud of.

Year 9: Textiles and Fashion

Product 1: A patchwork denim quilt/picnic rug.



Learning intention: To learn the craft of patchwork. To appreciate the art of upcycling. To repurpose denim jeans to cut shapes for the construction of a quilt.
Success criteria: Completion of samplers, design and carefully applying sewing skills to construct the quilt.

- Students learned how to measure and mark out accurately by producing paper templates for their patchwork quilts. They practised using rulers and tape measures.
- Their numeracy skills were important as they constructed four samplers using a variety of geometric shapes while experimenting with denim.
- The most challenging part was lining up the shapes accurately. Measuring 1 cm seam allowances and how accurate this was completed made a huge difference.
- After practising, students designed their 6 by 6 square quilt. Each square measured 200mm or 20cm. Students were allowed to come up with their own combination of shapes.

Construction of the entire quilt took a while but every student achieved great results.

As this was a successful project, I am still seeking **DENIM JEANS DONATIONS.** Please continue to deliver your once loved jeans. We will put them to use in the Textiles classes.

Product 2: A yukata (Japanese inspired Summer dressing gown)

Learning intention: To learn simple garment construction techniques
Success criteria: To carefully apply each sewing technique in the construction of the yukata.

- Students learned to use a variety of pattern pieces and accurately cut the shapes that would make up the yukata.
- Students had a choice in the fabric that was used. Some students chose contrasting colours for the bands and tie.
- Students learned how to sew the pieces together using the following garment construction processes: sewing seams, overlocking, binding, hemming

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DVC - Year 9&10 Textiles (cont.)

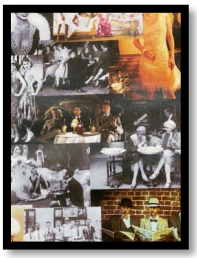
Year 10 Fashion by design:

Product 1: A denim challenge: Bag

Learning intention: To appreciate how to repurpose denim jeans to construct a functional bag. To appreciate the art of recycling, upcycling which is kinder to our environment.
Success criteria: Undertaking the product design process. To produce a mini folio before constructing a functional bag. Keeping some of the original features of jeans in the design. Applying a series of processes to construct the bag.

- Students selected their own style of bag to suit the end user and their bag requirements
- Students illustrated the original pair of jeans making sure that every detail was drawn
- Students completed an end-user profile, design brief, conducted research on bags, drew sketches and final designs
- Modifications were made to the jeans in the construction of the bag.
- Students constructed tote bags, satchels, laundry baskets, clutch bags, etc

Product 2: Costume work



Learning intention: To participate in costume making or costume modification for the upcoming College Production of 'Annie'.
Success criteria: Learning how to successfully apply a series of garment construction processes or embellishments to costumes.

- Students interviewed Gary Nicholls to gain information
- Students viewed the original film to get a better insight into the story line and see the costumes
- Students conducted research into the late 1920s the era the story was set. This provided them with a clearer insight into the fashion of the day.
- Students collaborated in choice of costumes, recommendations on modifications of existing costumes and trialing costumes on the students playing the parts.
- Students learned how to hem, construct pleats, frills, take in seams, alter the original design of the outfits to suit the era in which the storyline of Annie is set.
- It was important for the students to be aware of what different people were wearing at the time.

Product 3: Own choice of garment/product

Learning intention: to have choice in one's own garment. To be able to practice and refine garment construction or embellishing techniques.
Success criteria: The careful construction of a garment.

- Students learned how to read the commercial pattern instructions
- Students practiced and refined the construction techniques.

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DVC - Regional Cross Country

On Wednesday the 14th of June, 37 students ventured out to the Kilmore Racetrack to participate in the Regional Cross Country.
We would like to congratulate every student on their efforts and look forward to seeing them shine at State next term! A special mention to 8 students who qualified and a special congratulations to Grace Robinson who managed to lead and win the 12/13 Girls race.

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Expression of Interest – 2024 Study Tour to Italy

Dear parents/students of Diamond Valley College,

The Languages team is delighted to announce a study tour in the works for 2024. The study tour has been run multiple times in previous years, and this will be our first since COVID. However, the fate of the study tour is in your hands! If you have a genuine interest in furthering your Italian language skills and cultural understanding, this is the tour for you.

The tour will begin in the last week of Term 1 on the 26th of March, into the first week of school holidays to avoid too much disruption to student learning and maximise cultural and language opportunities.

The cost of the tour will be between $7,000 and $8,500. There will be payment plans available for you to pay in instalments.

The maximum amount of spots for the trip would be 28 with 4 teachers. The price of the trip will change according to the amount of students (more students = cheaper trip).

Students wanting to go on the tour are required to write an application and submit this by Wednesday next week and a deposit of $190 needs to be paid by Friday 23 June. Please contact the office to make this payment. A recording of the online briefing will be available for anyone who missed it this week.

Students must be year 9 or above in 2024, and studying Italian, Food or Art as an elective. Please speak with a member of the Italian Team, Allison or Reg if you are interested and want to find out more.

DVC- Bus Information

BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT

Term 3 Bus Fees are due to be paid by 23rd June 2023. Thank you to the families that have already paid.

Payment is required before travel. Due to the high demand for the College Bus Service students who have not paid for Term 3 by 23rd June 2023 will not be allowed to travel. Seats will be offered to students on our waitlist.

Kate
School Bus Co-Ordinator

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DVC - Community News

DVC - QuickCliQ Canteen Orders

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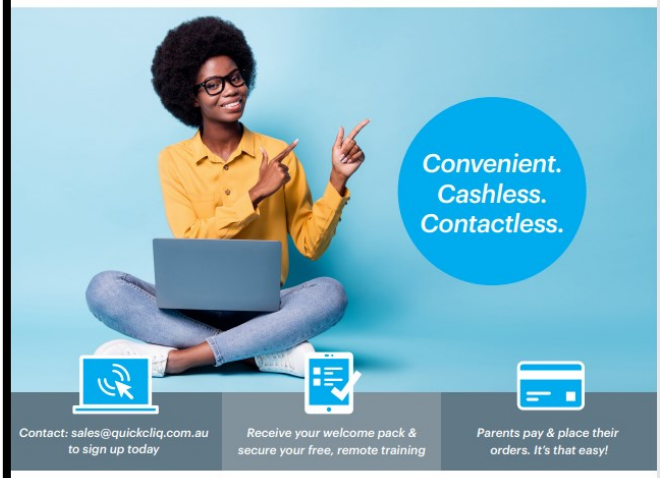

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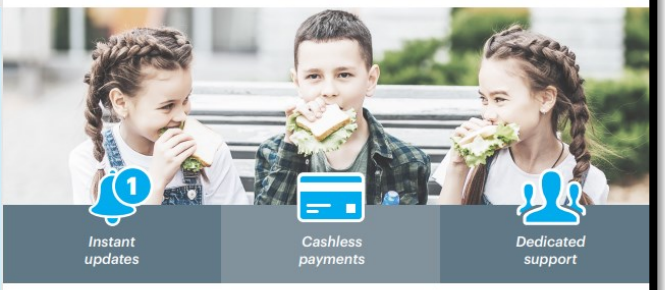

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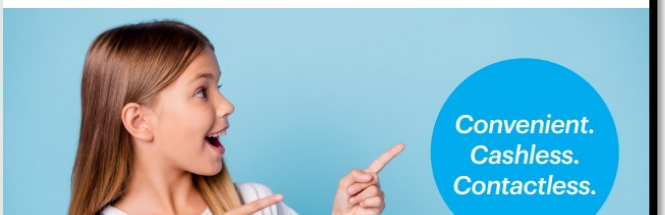

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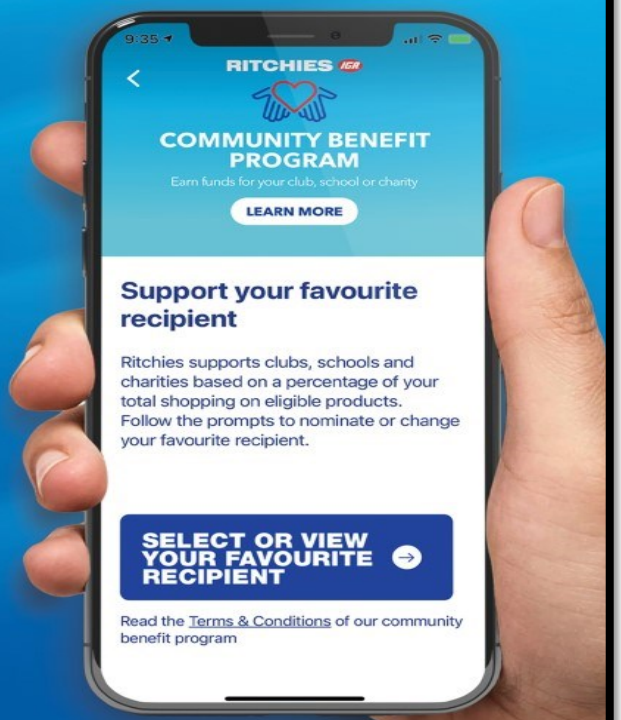

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