DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 3

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

16th August - Year 7-11 Curriculum Day

16th August - Year 12
Practise Exams

24th, 25th, 26th August -School Production 7.30pm Annie

6th September - Parent Teacher Interviews Welcome back to Term 3, I hope that as families you had a chance to reconnect and spend some quality time together.

Schools are such vibrant and dynamic communities with lots of things on the calendar and within our programs to support our student's overall growth, academically, socially and emotionally to prepare them for life beyond school, in a world that can present challenges. Our committed and caring staff are always here to support students and families on this journey, offering guidance and resources to build these qualities.

To begin this Term, we have had Year Level assemblies to set the tone for learning in the classroom and expected behaviours we want our students to exhibit in their interactions with all members of our community. This includes a refocus on our values of Respect, Excellence and Responsibility and the behaviours expected of our students on the way to and from school and whilst they are here including:

- Being in full school uniform
- In class with appropriate equipment and ready to learn
- Ensuring their mobile phone is switched off and in their locker, headphones only used as directed by teacher for learning purposes.

We will continue to support our students with these expectations over the coming weeks.

The senior sub school have also been working hard to provide clear communication sessions and advice to our students and their families in the upcoming Transition Information Sessions to support them to choose a suitable pathway with their subject selection for 2024. A big thank you to this team in their preparation and support of this process.

At the end of Term 2 you should have received your child's semester report. We would encourage you if you haven't done so already to have a conversation with your child in regard to their learning behaviours and completing expected assessment tasks in relation to the positives and areas for improvement. The latter can be used as a great opportunity for reflection for goal setting and improvement.

By setting clear goals and creating a plan to achieve them, our students learn to navigate their path. They also learn how to do this by observing the actions of the adults around them and how we remain committed and show resilience during testing times.

As Allison said in her last correspondence earlier this week, we have welcomed a number of new staff which is fantastic and are still working towards hiring teachers in the areas of Italian, Food Technology and Wood. For each of these classes affected work is being provided by our teachers and we continue to aim to have consistent replacement teachers as best we can. We appreciate our teachers who continue to go above and beyond to ensure classes still have access to an appropriate program.

Shona McEnaney

Acting Principal







DVC - Welcome new Staff

This term at DVC we are warmly welcoming Kellie Muller to the Arts team, Emily Hawley and Katie Crawford to the Science team, and Steph Clapp to the PE team.



Hello Diamond Valley College community. My name is Emily Hawley and I am excited to be starting my teaching career with the Science and Maths teams at DVC, having previously worked in engineering and science research. I grew up in the UK but have been living in Melbourne for over 14 years. In my spare time I enjoy playing board games with my family, exploring new places, reading, and drinking tea.



Hi, I'm Katie Crawford and I'm so excited to have joined Diamond Valley College in Term 3. Before becoming a teacher, I completed a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Genetics and was a science researcher at La Trobe University. More recently I taught at Mount Ridley College and Macleod College. In my spare time, I like spending quality time with my family including my son and furbables. I look forward to getting to know everyone in the Diamond Valley College community.

DVC - Welcome New Staff (Cont.)



I'm Kellie Muller and I'm very excited to be joining Diamond Valley College this semester. I am currently teaching Arts & Visual Communication Design and I am a practicing painter and ceramic artist. I go for North Melbourne (...a very sad story for this season!) and have two fur babies by the name of Doc and Monty.



Hi, I'm Steph Clapp. I've been teaching Health and PE for a number of years now – I was at my last school for approximately 8 years. My sporting activity of choice is dancing, which I'm still involved in both as a coach and an athlete, however other interests include athletics, gymnastics and being outdoors in general. My greatest sporting achievement has been competing at an international level for dance both in 2012 and 2018 at the World Dance Championships in Florida, USA. I'm really happy to be a part of the DVC community.

DVC - NAPLAN

Upcoming changes to NAPLAN reporting

Good morning parents and carers of Year 7 and 9 students,

Ahead of NAPLAN results for students being released from Monday 17 July 2023, I'm writing to inform you of some changes to this year's reporting. These are changes being introduced nationally by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, and grammar and punctuation but the results will now be presented in 4 proficiency levels:

These are:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

This change will give schools, parents and carers clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency levels.

Students' NAPLAN reports will continue to show how they are tracking against their peers and provide an indication of their skill levels against national averages and where we would expect them to be in order to get the most out of schooling. This provides valuable information to teachers about how we can continue to support your child.

Each set of NAPLAN results is an important milestone but it's also important that students know that one result does not define them – these results are about making sure every student gets the support they need so they can continue to get the best from their learning.

When we provide you with your results, you will also receive information about what the new proficiency levels mean.

As ever, you're welcome to speak to me, or your child's teacher with any questions about these changes.

Shona McEnaney

DVC - Sports Update

SPORTS UPDATE

After a phenomenal finish to Term 2 we are back for Term 3 with a lot going on!

Please see the following information below:

- · Term 2 Round Robin Wrap Up
- State Cross Country Report
- Term 3 Sports
- Dates of Importance

Term 2 Round Robin Wrap Up

We had a fantastic finish to Term 2 sport with amazing sportsmanship shown and a lot of success as well. Our Year 8 AFL, Year 7 AFL and Junior AFLW, all won their Division Round Robin and progress through to the Regional Round Robin. As well as that, our Year 8 girls netball and soccer teams also won their division competition and will now play at the Regional finals over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone that participated in Sport during Term 2.







School Sport Victoria State Cross Country Championships

A big congratulations to the 5 students that qualified for the State Cross Country this year!

Grace Robinson, Tori Williams, Jaycee Thomas, Samuel Raftery and Maggie Spriggs all had the opportunity to compete at the event in Yarra Glen on Thursday.

It was a fantastic day with the Rebel warm up area, hundreds of schools and the sun shining, everyone gave it their all. Highlights from the day include Grace (Yr 7) finishing in 6th place overall, Tori and Jaycee competing at this level for their first time (they will learn so much from this and be back with more experience next year) and Maggie finishing in her highest position yet!! *Unfortunately Sam broke his foot over the holidays and couldn't compete this year, but we look forward to him coming back stronger and faster next year!

Well done guys!!



DVC - Sports Update (Cont.)

Term 3 Sports

This term we have a range of sports on offer including basketball, hockey, table tennis and Futsal (indoor soccer). Students are able to sign up now via Compass to nominate a sport if they would like to play.

Trainings and trials will be advertised, usually around 3-4 weeks prior to the event.

Intermediate (Year 9's and 10's) will compete on Tuesday August 8th, while Year 7's will have to wait until Thursday 7th September before they have their round robin.

*Unfortunately the Year 8 Sports Round Robin is due to fall on Diamond Valley's Curriculum Day (Wednesday 16th August). What does that mean for Year 8's... We are still planning on sending our basketball teams to compete in the round robin. Busses will depart from Diamond Valley College at 8.50am and will return to school by approximately 2.30pm. Students wishing to play any of the other sports will join with the intermediate students and play on Aug 8th instead.

Term 3 Dates to Remember

- Friday July 21st Junior AFLW Regional Round Robin
- Tuesday July 25th Year 8 AFL Regional Round Robin
- Thursday July 27th Year 7 AFL Regional Round Robin
- Tuesday August 8th Intermediate Round Robin
- Monday August 15th Year 8 Girls Netball & Soccer Regional Round Robin
- Wednesday August 16th Year 8 basketball Round Robin
- Wednesday August 30th Regional Athletics Carnival
- Thursday September 7th Year 7 Round Robin Day (and Inter Girls Hockey)

DVC - School Production News

ANNIE THE MUSICAL IS COMING!

Diamond Valley College excitedly presents -Annie, The Musical!

Rehearsals are well underway! Our wonderful cast and supportive staff have been working busily after-school and during the holidays to bring together our first school musical in 3 years. Barb and textiles students have already begun the gorgeous costumes and our sets are being planned and prepped! So save the dates August 2023 - ticket information and sales coming soon!

Hear what some of our clever cast have to say!

Annie/Lucy Galpin - During Rehearsals everyone has been so supporting of each other, it's been such an amazing experience being able to learn and act with other people who are passionate towards it. Being the main Character in Annie is a life changing experience, not only am happy to be a part of the Production but I get to work with amazing people who are full of support and encouragement.

July/Matilda Oaten - So far, I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the production and being able to indulge in something I am passionate in. I can't wait for the actual thing.

Annie/Lucy Galpin - During Holidays, the Cast have been working hard for 2 days straight doing 4 hours and putting in full effort to get this production done. Joining this production has brought out the best in people, Its building self-esteem and confidence.







DVC - Performing Arts News

DVC Winter Music Concert

Our Instrumental Music students are excited to showcase their musical talents at the upcoming DVC Winter Music Concert.

Come along to see performances from our DVC Choir, Percussion Ensemble, Rock Band and Year 9 Music Ensembles and solo performances across a wide range of instruments taught here at DVC.

When: Monday 24th July

Time: 7pm

Where: Diamond Valley College Performing Arts Centre 165-179 Main Hurstbridge Road, Diamond Creek

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We look forward to seeing you there!

DVC - Library News

News from your DVC LIBRARY

What's coming up in Term 3

Term 3 is a busy time in the library, but then again we are never not busy!

During the next few weeks, we will have Book Week Celebrations, (21-25 August) and we will also complete the Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge with our year 7 & 8 students. Every class with 100% completion will have a party in the library so please encourage your family to **read more!** And of course, add the books they've read to their VPRC profile.

New displays will be going up to coincide with International Chess Day (20th July), and World Friendship Day (30th July). We will also pick out stories themed around winter to encourage students to snuggle up with a good book on cold days!

Collection development - our student led approach

At DVC we encourage students to help us choose resources so that the library reflects their interests, and so that they are eager to see what new books we have coming in.

Based on this philosophy, we have grown our collection of both manga and large format non-fiction sport books to almost double the amount we had last year. For students wanting current information on their hobby or interest, we have an ever-growing range of magazines covering topics from horse riding to muscle cars. We keep track of the new releases from publishers, as well as books that are trending online, so our selection of romance, fantasy, supernatural, and horror books has been expanding too. There's always something new to look at on our shelves.

Clubs in the library

As a reminder, we have the following clubs running in the library at lunchtimes:

Monday - Pride Club

Tuesday - Good Books

Wednesday - Super Smash Bros

Thursday - K-pop Club

Friday - Chess







Regards Andy Moore (they/them)

Library Manager Diamond Valley College

DVC - Semester 1 Woodwork















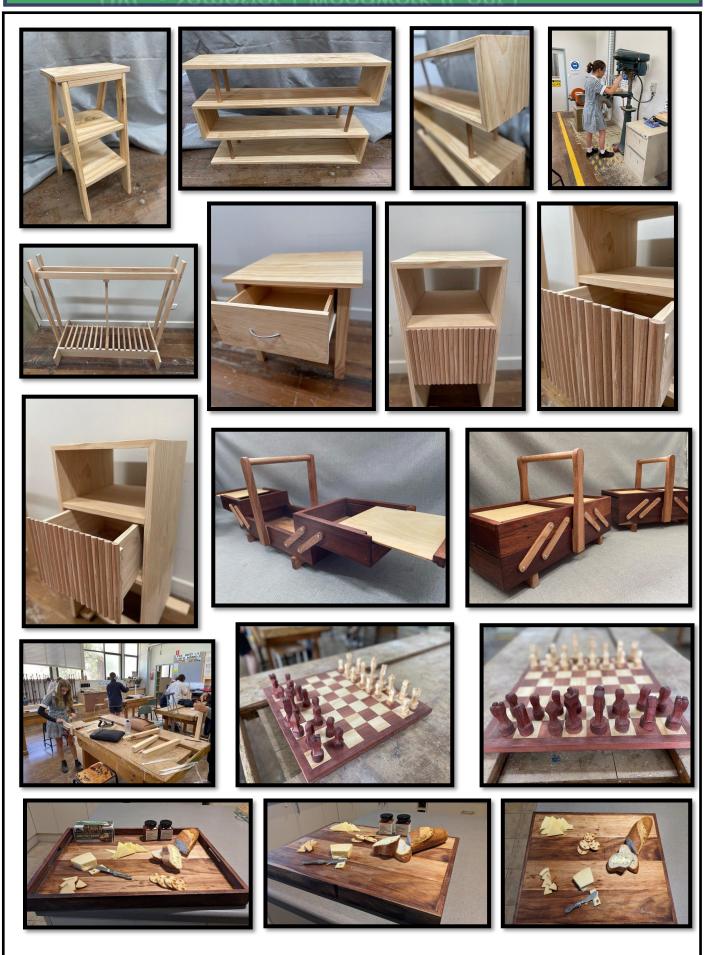








DVC - Semester 1 Woodwork (Cont.)



DVC- Bus Information



BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT



ATTENTION APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS 2024

PLEASE READ ALL INFORMATION AND NOTE BUS TRAVELLER PROCEDURES.

THESE PROCEDURES ARE DIRECTIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA.

Parents and students please note that <u>ALL</u> bus travellers <u>MUST</u> complete an Application to Travel form for the 2024 school year, these forms are available for download from the Diamond Valley College website or by clicking on the following link <u>2024 Bus Application</u> Applications should be completed <u>IN FULL</u>, including a <u>VALID PERSONAL PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS</u>, please do not use a business email address and returned to the General Office no later than Friday 15th September 2023 to allow planning for the 2024 school year. Students will <u>NOT BE PERMITTED TRAVEL</u> via the College Bus Network without a current "Application to Travel" form, regardless of eligibility.

Regardless of your child's years of travel, or eligibility these processes need to be followed for each new year of travel.

The application form must be completed in full including the **CORRECT BUS** and stop as indicated on the relevant timetable available on the College website. Should you not nominate a preferred bus, one will be allocated to you on the basis of location and availability.

Late forms will be accepted, however no guarantees are given regarding a place on the preferred bus. Every endeavour will be made to accommodate students on their requested bus.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me on 9438 1411.

Kate Muston
Bus Coordinator

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DVC - Comedy for a Cause



DVC - Ice Bucket Challenge



WIN A CHANCETO FREEZE A TEACHER!

Donations will be collected in Homegroup!

TICKETS!

Look out for ticket sales in the lead up and on the day!

1 ticket for \$3 2 tickets for \$5 5 tickets for \$10 12 tickets for \$20

3RD AUGUST

Donate a gold coin and you can wear free dress!

Buy a tickets for chance to dunk a teacher or school captain with water and ice!

Located @ the Courtyard during Lunchtime!



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DVC - Community News



DVC - QuickCliQ Canteen Orders



DVC - Community News

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