

# DVC Newsletter

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## Important College Dates

### Term 3

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

## **Principal's Report**

It is great to be able to share the news that we have employed an experienced Wood teacher, Simon Beriman, who joins us next week.

I want to thank our amazing staff who have been working incredibly hard over the last few weeks to ensure all classes are covered, preparing work to ensure a viable and consistent program, in some cases re-shuffling their schedules to ensure our students are supported whilst we wait for employment of two new teachers in the areas of Food and Italian. With a general teacher shortage across the state including replacement teachers this poses a new problem for both state and independent schools. Our leadership team have had to be very solution focused to ensure our programs and extracurricular activities can go ahead with minimal disruptions to our students and supporting the health and wellbeing of our staff. Whilst these issues in the short term can be challenges, in the long term they provide us with an increased range of tools and strategies that we can implement in the future.

We have had so many exciting events on our calendar including excursions and incursions some of which are Year 9 Man Cave, Monash University coming to speak with our aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, Chocolate Factory Tour, Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Finals, Women's Soccer World Cup – Nigeria vs Canada, just to name a few. We also continue many programs to support our students including Literacy and Numeracy tutoring, Raise, Edendale Farm and Open House, a weekly visit to Ellis Cottage, Tri Tactics and a new program for a number of our Kinglake students – Blue Edge, and many careers focused opportunities and experiences.

The production of Annie is full steam ahead with all of Act 1 being completed and now focusing on Act 2. We have a number of students who are part of our choir, and it was a privilege to attend the Winter Concert on Monday night and watch our students support one another and work together to produce a fabulous evening. Well done to all our students who performed and thank you to our Performing Arts staff for ensuring our students have these opportunities to develop their skills and talents, perseverance, and resilience to perform in front of family and friends.

Year 7 and 9 will get their NAPLAN results in the coming days by post. This year new standards for assessing NAPLAN have been introduced - Exceeding: Strong: Developing: Needs additional support. A number of our Year 9 students have achieved certificates for the exceeding category which is fantastic, and we will hand these out in a Year 9 assembly in the coming weeks.

We had our college assembly last Friday which was run by our School Captains and Vice captains and featured our choir, a Year 12 oral presentation, student promotion of Annie, College Principal address and sporting achievement presentation. These are great opportunities to come together as a college to celebrate the wonderful things that our students are doing and achieving in the college. A big thank you to Kim Faulkner – Transition and Community Engagement Co-ordinator for organising this event. Leadership has signed off on the mid cycle review of the AIP and we begin to prepare for our upcoming college review starting in the next few weeks. More about this in coming weeks.

Next week it will be great to welcome Allison back to the college. It has been a pleasure to step into her role for the last few weeks and work with the college community to ensure our students continue to strive to achieve their best.

Shona McEnaney  
Acting Principal

Respect

Excellence

Responsibility

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## **DVC - 2023 Opinion Survey**

### **2023 Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey:**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. A random sample of parents / caregivers / guardians will be selected and invited to participate in this year's survey.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The Survey will be open from Monday 7 August to Friday 8 September 2023.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

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## DVC - Welcome New Staff

DVC has welcomed some more new staff this term, with Sam Weavell in the Art space, and Hayley Kleinsman in Science and PE. If you see them around say hello and make them feel welcome in the College.



Hi DVC, I've been teaching for 7 years in schools throughout Victoria, and have moved here from the Yarra Valley. I'm really excited to be making DVC my new school, and have already felt profoundly welcomed by everybody. I'm teaching VCD and Art, and love both drawing and painting. So I can't wait to see what wonderful artwork the students here can create! Sam



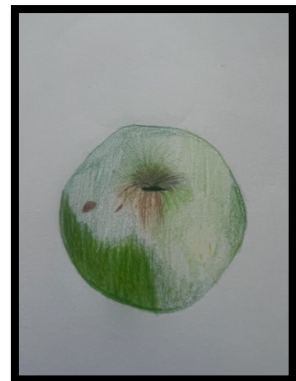
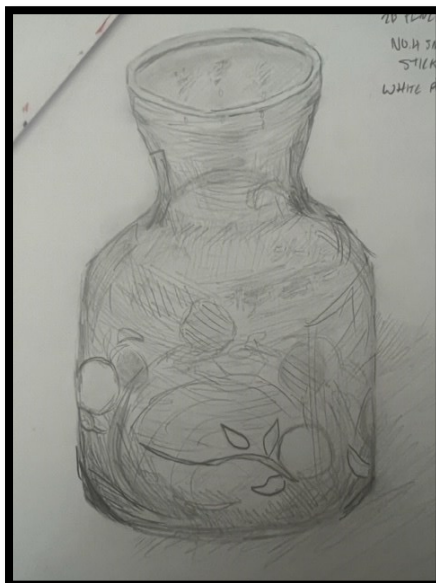
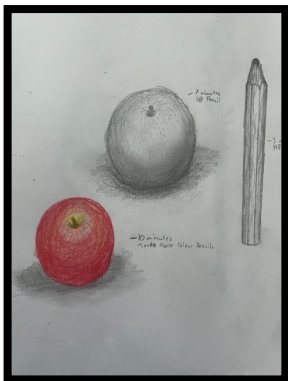
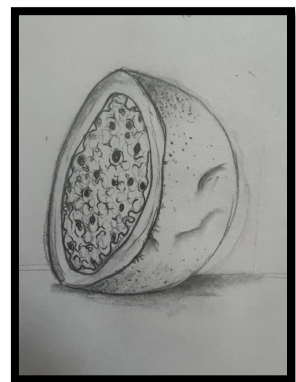
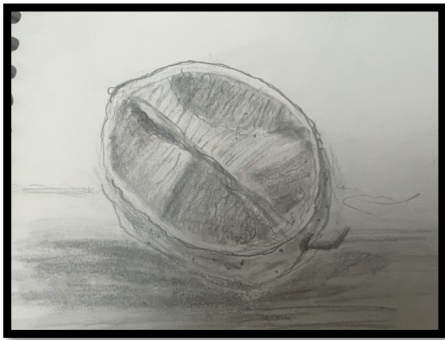
I am Hayley Kleinsman. I am excited to be starting at Diamond Valley in Term 3 teaching Psychology and PE. I recently completed my degree in teaching Health, Physical Education and Psychology. Before becoming a teacher, I worked in the fitness industry for 5 years sharing my passion for health and fitness. My sport is CrossFit which I started 3 years ago and I also coach. I am looking forward to starting at Diamond Valley!

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## DVC - Year 9 Art - Still Life Drawing

Year 9 students are exploring rendering and tonal drawing techniques to create form in observational still life drawing. Observational Drawing is observing the subject carefully and paying attention to its shape, form, texture, light and shadow, and other details are essential in observational drawing. Students have started to explore a variety of mediums, and drawing techniques to assist them in creating an ultra-realistic representation of their object.



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## DVC - School Production Annie

Hi, my name is Jayme and I'm playing the role of Warbucks . It's been really inspiring being surrounded by such loving and creative people during our rehearsals, and we've forged such a supportive and hard working environment. Everyone participating is really enthusiastic and I'm really excited for the final product.

Myself, along with Hayley Beeston and Mikayla Kelly, have been working tirelessly on choreography for the scenes which has been extremely difficult but also extremely rewarding. Having been in past musicals, I definitely feel more involved in Annie, as I've been given the opportunity to run scenes and connect with everyone involved. Mikayla has been doing an outstanding job with organising rehearsals. As we progress we watch an already close group become closer, having lots of fun activities run to boost our morale.

We encourage everyone to come along to our performances on the 24th, 25th and 26th of August, as it will be a night of action packed fun and it's greatly appreciated by the whole Annie cast!



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# DVC - School Production Annie



At the DVC Performing Arts Centre

**Diamond Valley College Presents**

# Annie

## Tickets

**Adult \$15**

**Children \$10**

**Family \$40**

(2 x adult 2 x children)



**7:30 pm**

**Thursday 24th August**

**Friday 25th August**

**Saturday 26th August**

# Annie

**Lyrics by  
MARTIN CHARNIN**

**Book by  
THOMAS MEEHAN**

**Music by  
CHARLES STROUSE**

**Original Broadway  
Production Directed by  
MARTIN CHARNIN**

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## DVC - Sports Awards

On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> July, Aimee of Year 11, presented our swimming, athletics and cross country champions with their individual medals. Congratulations to all the students who received these medals.



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## **Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Competition Results!**

On Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 6 DVC students went into Melbourne University to recite Italian poems for the Dante Alighieri poetry competition. Due to their hard work and preparation, we had 2 fantastic finalists, Phoebe Whitworth and Jasmin Dabrowski.

The finalists went back into the city on Friday July 21<sup>st</sup> with the wonderful Jackie Hamlet as their guide, and the results came to me in an email this morning. A massive congratulations to both finalists, with Phoebe winning first prize in the Year 10 Non-Italian category! What an amazing achievement for both girls and a very proud moment for me as their teacher, and DVC as their school. What a way to represent our wonderful community.



The next step is for Phoebe to recite her poem to all the families of the other winners at the presentation ceremony, which will undoubtedly be a nerve-wracking but exciting experience. Please give both finalists a big congratulations when you see them, they have absolutely earned it!

Chloe Rogers (Teacher of “Year 10 Italian - Ciao Italia”)



## DVC - Winter Concert

On Monday 24th July our Instrumental Music program welcomed a full house into the Diamond Valley College Performing Arts Centre Auditorium to celebrate a variety of music.

We want to congratulate the 50 brave students for stepping up and performing. It is a big challenge and a considerable achievement to stand up in front of an audience and share their music. We thank all the students for their magnificent performances.

We are looking forward to seeing these young musicians grow and flourish.



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# DVC - Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery

## VCE Visit to the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery

Last Monday, VCE Food Studies and Year 11 VM students attended an excursion at the Yarra Valley Chocolate Chocolaterie & Ice Creamery to enhance their knowledge of sustainable practices, business management and operations and of course the journey from a cocoa bean to the delicious chocolate products we know and love.

Students had an educational talk on how the Chocolaterie runs their business with a focus on sustainability (did you know they catch and store all the water they need to use?), got to try a range of various chocolate products, made their own chocolate lollipop, and topped off the visit with a scoop of ice-cream. The students were all chocolated out by the end of the day!



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# DVC - Sports Report

## July Highlights

What a month we have had in sport!! Below you will find information including

- Sports Recaps from our District & Regional Round Robins
- Staff vs Year 12 Volleyball
- Athlete of the Month
- Dates of Importance for August

## Sports Recaps

Diamond Valley College AFL students have been busy over the past few weeks as we have had our junior AFLW, Year 7 & Year 8 boys off representing the Nillumbik Division in the Regional Round Robin Days.

- Our Junior girls came out on top with some classy football, going through the day not only undefeated, but keeping all of their oppositions goalless and only conceding 2 points for the day! They now progress to the Regional Grand Final on Tuesday against Greensborough College.
- Our Year 8 boys had a fantastic day out, convincingly winning their first two games against the Australian International Academy and Greenvale College, before going down by 2 points in their final game of the day.
- Our Year 7 AFL boys had a clean sweep of their round robin, also now progressing through to The Regional Grand Final Day.

Training for the up-and-coming Term 3 Division Round Robin is now well and truly under way. With Year 8, 9 and 10 students working well to improve their connections.



## Staff vs Students – Volleyball - The Gauntlet will be thrown!!

The first of a series of challenges will begin in the next week, where the Year 12 students try to prove they are younger and fitter than the staff!! But, will they be able to get over the line in our first challenge: VOLLEYBALL!

On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August**, students from all over the school will be encouraged to pack themselves into the gym at lunch time to watch this spectacle of power, agility and trash talk!

- Will Ben be able to beat his streak of 10 aces in a row!
- Will Zack, Zach or Zac of year 12 be able to block Bec into last week?
- How many moves does Murray have left in him!!
- Can Charlotte bring the heat?
- Who will be able to stop Shane!!!

These are all valid questions.... the only way to know is to come along!!!

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## DVC - Sports Report (Cont.)

### Athlete of the Month... Grace Robinson (Year 7).

If you don't know who Grace is yet, you will soon!! Since arriving at the College she has been dominating the sporting fields and tracks. She broke an athletics 3000m record that had stood for over 20 years, before winning both the school, division and regional cross country and finished 6<sup>th</sup> in the State. This week, based on her fantastic results at the "All-Schools Cross Country", she has been invited to run for the Victorian State Cross Country team!

Grace will be competing in Canberra from August 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. We wish her all the best!



### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Intermediate Boys Netball Regional Finals
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – Junior Girls and Year 7 boys Regional AFL Finals
- Tuesday August 8<sup>th</sup> – Intermediate Round Robin
- Monday August 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 Girls Netball & Soccer Regional Finals
- Wednesday August 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 8 basketball Round Robin
- Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> – Regional Athletics Carnival
- Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 7 Round Robin Day (and Inter Girls Hockey)

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# **BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT**



## **ATTENTION** **APPLICATION TO TRAVEL FORMS 2024**

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THESE PROCEDURES ARE DIRECTIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PUBLIC  
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Parents and students please note that **all** bus travellers **must** 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 [2024 Bus Application](#). Applications should be completed **in full**, including a **valid personal parent email** 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 **not be permitted to travel** 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

[katherine.muston@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:katherine.muston@education.vic.gov.au)

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- Aged between 16 and 25?
- Wanting your voice to be heard on issues affecting young people—such as mental health, or alcohol and other drugs?
- Living, working, studying or have connections to the Banyule, Darebin, Nillumbik or Whittlesea area?

### What are the qualities of a YRG member?

- Passionate about issues relating to youth aged and want to make their voice heard
- Motivated, willing and committed to participate in monthly meetings throughout the year
- Have availability during business hours to attend and co-facilitate youth-focused events, such as presentations, stalls and activities
- Participate in a Facebook group between meetings
- The ability to balance health, mental wellbeing, other responsibilities (such as work and study), alongside the YRG position

**Apply now!**



### What are the benefits of being a YRG member?

- Have your say about important issues relating to young people in your community
- Meet other likeminded young people and professionals who are invested in youth mental health and wellbeing
- Develop skills, such as working in a group on a community project, and taking lead on topics of personal interest
- Learn more about mental health, alcohol and drugs, and other youth-related topics
- Shape and participate in community awareness and engagement events
- Consult on service delivery, improvements on documents and processes
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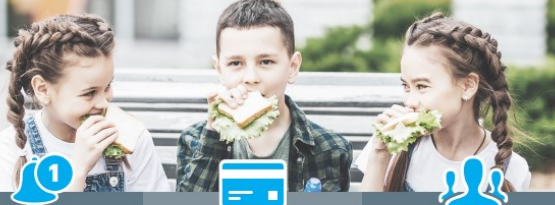
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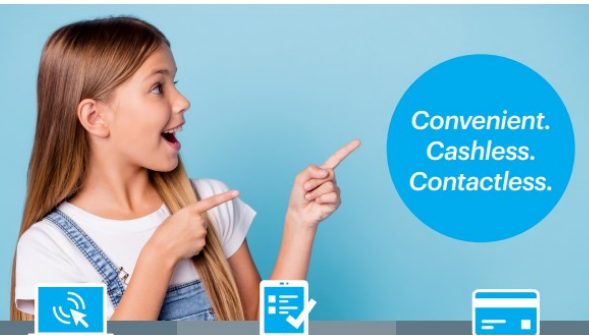
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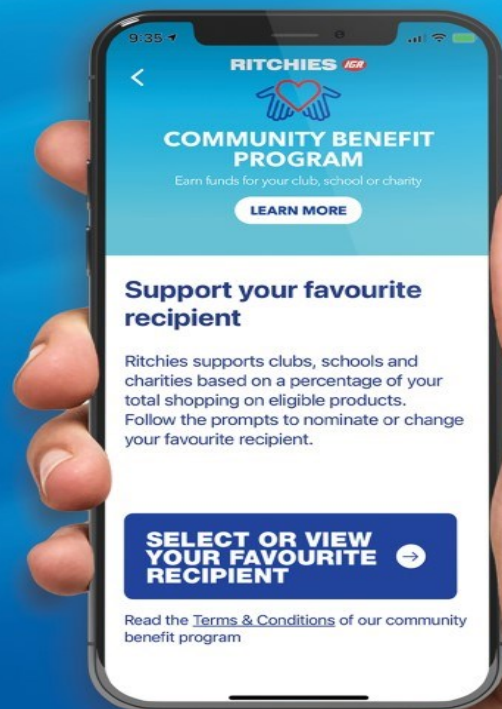
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