

DVC Newsletter

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Important College Dates

Term 3

6th September - Parent
Teacher
Interviews - No
Students on Site

15th September - End of
Term 3 Early
Finish 2.10pm
Buses will run at
this earlier time

Principal's Report

We are nearing the end of Term 3 and what a wonderful term it has been. It has been extremely busy and everyone is tired but there is so much going on that provides fantastic opportunities for our students.

The excitement of our production Annie is slowly receding. The students involved in the production are to be commended for their long term commitment and the joy they brought to the audience. Of course, there were a few hiccups, as with any live performance but the team managed with a laugh and a willingness to adapt and grow as each performance took place. I was fortunate to attend two nights and therefore see the understudies perform as well. They were all terrific. Well done!

Each year our senior Vocational Major students participate in the Stories of our Life project that is supported by Banyule/Nillumbik LLEN and Nillumbik Council. I attended their final presentation last week at the Hurstbridge Hub, where each team of students presented what they had learnt about a citizen of our community that they had been connected with to interview over several meetings. This cross-generational project is an excellent learning experience for our students and community members. To witness them easily conversing about books read, interests and travel experiences was very special, along with seeing the confidence with which the students presented. Our students represented the college with pride, and I could clearly see how engaged they were with the project. Well done to all year 12 VM students, and Ben and Ozzie for their support.

This weekend we have 12 students and 2 staff leaving for Huntsville Alabama, where the students will participate in the NASA space camp. It may be a small group but along with a planned 25 students attending Italy in late March 2024, it is great to see international travel back. I wish the space camp students all the best and hope they enjoy the unique experience of this residential camp. Thank you to Graham and Bec for their support of our students, as trips like this are not just about the two weeks away, there is a huge amount of work that goes on for 12 months prior.

We are excited to welcome Lucy Blackburne to the college for Term 4. Lucy will be the Acting Assistant Principal, taking over Reg's portfolio while he is Acting Principal in my absence. Lucy is joining us from Eltham High School and brings a range of experience in leadership roles.

This is my last newsletter for 2023! I was only saying this week, that putting aside one extended period off for a health issue, this is the first break of this length in twenty-five years I have had. I must say I am looking forward to our trip to Malaysia, Cambodia and Vietnam which we had to cancel due to COVID and then a trip to visit family in America. While I will probably be checking in with Reg and the team periodically and of course I won't be able to resist checking emails, I do intend to have a real break from work to refresh. So I will take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all the very best for the remainder of 2023!

Allison Bennett

Principal

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Responsibility

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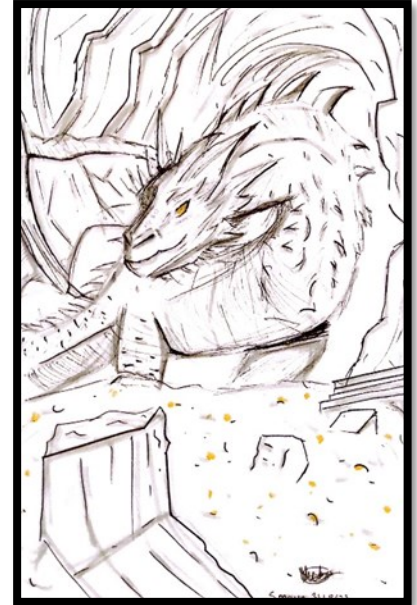
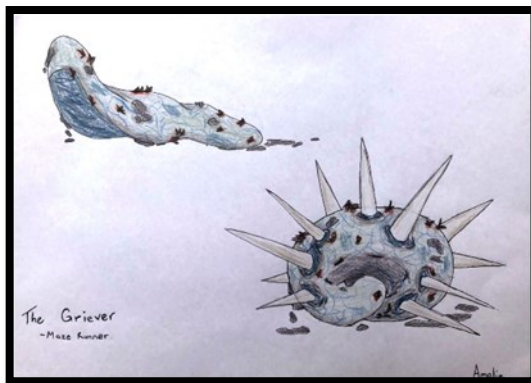
News from the DVC Library

Book Week

It's been a very busy couple of weeks at the library! We just finished our Book Week activities and it was a huge success. Our online activities were a hit, with quizzes and creative tasks alike. We had some fantastic artwork and awesome short stories submitted as well!

We also had an Alice in Wonderland scavenger hunt going on, which was a lot of fun! Or perhaps I should say is a lot of fun; There's still some characters around the school waiting to be returned to the library!

A huge thanks to every one who participated in Book Week, and we hope to make next year's even bigger and better! Winners for the canteen vouchers will be announced on Monday!



VPRC has Ended

This week also sees the end of the Victoria Premier's Reading Challenge. We had such a huge amount of participation in the challenge, reading just over 2000 books as a school! The students have blown us away with their tenacity and eagerness, especially when it came to reading picture books to each other.

Next term we will be celebrating with the students that completed the challenge, which we are so keen for!

Overdue Books

With only a week or so until the school holidays, we'd just like to remind everyone to bring in their overdue library books. We're so happy to see so many students reading, we'd just like to have overdue books back so the next person can read them!

If you're still reading your book and it's overdue, come and speak to us at the library, we can renew them for you!

Lucas Palermo
(he/him)

Librarian - Diamond Valley College

DVC - Music Achievements

Congratulations to two of our Year 8 students, Matilda Baldwin and Zoe Arnott whose impressive music compositions caught the attention of the directors at MusicEDU! During their music classes, students studied musical elements and composition techniques suitable for Computer Game Composition. Following an investigation into this style, they worked on developing an original game theme, character profiles and leitmotifs (musical themes) that effectively portrayed their characters' attributes. Their final pieces were submitted in the form of a digital portfolio, where students developed skills in web design. Matilda and Zoe are to be commended on their display of musical aptitude, creativity and attention to detail. So much so, that their portfolios were selected by the team at MusicEDU to showcase in of *theSCORE* e-magazine as an "In the SPOT-LIGHT" feature article (pg. 14)!

You can access a copy of *theSCORE* e-magazine, Issue 8 here: [theSCORE - Issue 8 - September 2023](#)

Click on the links in the article to view the digital portfolios and experience the world and characters of Tayla's Trap by Matilda and Gem Escape by Zoe.

Eva Dean – Classroom Music

STUDENT SHOWCASE - GameComposer - Diamond Valley College

In the SPOTLIGHT

GameComposer - Character Creation & Digital Portfolios
Year 8 - Diamond Valley College, Victoria, Australia

Tech skills are becoming a vital necessity to life as we know it. In the classroom, integrating technology with traditional music lessons is helping students build relevant skills while exploring their creativity in fun and engaging ways.

In GameComposer Session 1, students let their imaginations run wild as they invent their very own video game characters.

Students compose, play, and record a leitmotif to successfully

portray each character in their game. While building their characters themes, students learn how to invoke emotion and communicate through music. They must carefully consider the sounds they want for their heroes, villains, or side-kicks, and whether each composition matches the character profile they have developed.

Next, students can create a digital portfolio to submit and showcase their work. Developing music technology

and web building skills (while providing a fantastic way to submit work) is an excellent way to solidify skills for the future. A digital portfolio can be shared with family and friends, and builds a bridge between the classroom and home.

Here are two great examples of GameComposer digital portfolios created by Year 8 students sent in by Eva Dean at Diamond Valley College.

STUDENT SHOWCASE - GameComposer - Diamond Valley College

Tayla's Trap by Matilda

Gem escape

Gem Escape by Zoe

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DVC - Welcome New Staff



Hi, my name is Sarah Sheehan I am a busy mother to 3 crazy humans, and 2 fur babies. My background is as a Chef and Pastry Chef and I ran my own restaurant for 10 years in Mount Dandenong which I loved! I then moved on to TAFE teaching for 6 years before deciding I needed another change and started working in a primary school as Education Support Teacher's Aide. This was supporting children with a whole range of additional needs and behavioural challenges, such as ASD, ADD & trauma. I found this to be challenging but very rewarding. I set up and ran a cookery program to support these kids. I'm looking forward to working at DVC as a Food Technology teacher - from little kids to big kids!



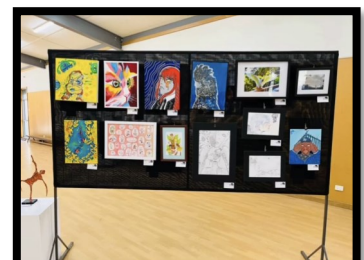
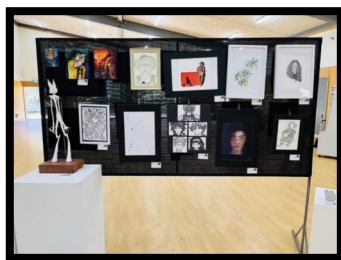
My name is Simon Berriman and I've started working in the Woodwork and Technology space. I have been teaching Woodwork for the past 9 years and my other backgrounds in teaching are in Art and Design. I'm excited to join the Diamond Valley community and start my new journey here at the school.

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DVC - Wattle Festival Arts Bridge

Diamond Valley College was super excited and proud to have 22 pieces of our student's artwork on exhibit at the Arts Bridge Junior art prize exhibition. The exhibition was viewed by many during the Wattle Festival last weekend. A big congratulations to all students involved, and a Massive congratulations to Lilly Sandford from year 7 for winning 3rd prize in the exhibit.



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BUS INFORMATION IMPORTANT



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 **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.







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- Brisbane & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Edinburgh & Adelaide Fringe Festival
- Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase Tour
- ABC TV, Live on Bowen
- 'Something for the Drive Home with Nick Cody' - Podcast

"A joy to watch. **"** - The Age



Matt O'Neill (UK)

- Edinburgh Fringe Festival
- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Opening act - Steve Hughes at the Athenaeum
- 'Best New Comer' at Kings of Comedy

"rule breaking, genre bending stand up"



Leigh Qurban

- Adelaide, Perth & Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- 2015 Winner of Adelaide Comedian of the Year
- 2018 Kings of Comedy - Comedian of the Year

"Has the audience in hysterics...relateable comedy at its finest" - Glam Adelaide *****



Sonia Di Iorio

- Melbourne International Comedy Festival
- Perth Fringe Festival
- 'Hits & Giggles' MICF's best up and coming artists!
- 'Stand Up at Bella Union' (SBS2)
- Live on Bowen (C31).

"Quick witted, tight & oozing with confidence" - Pop Culture-y

Friday 8 September 2023

Doors: 6.30pm / Show: 7.30pm (13+ Only)

Tickets: \$35 at comedyforacause.net/DVC

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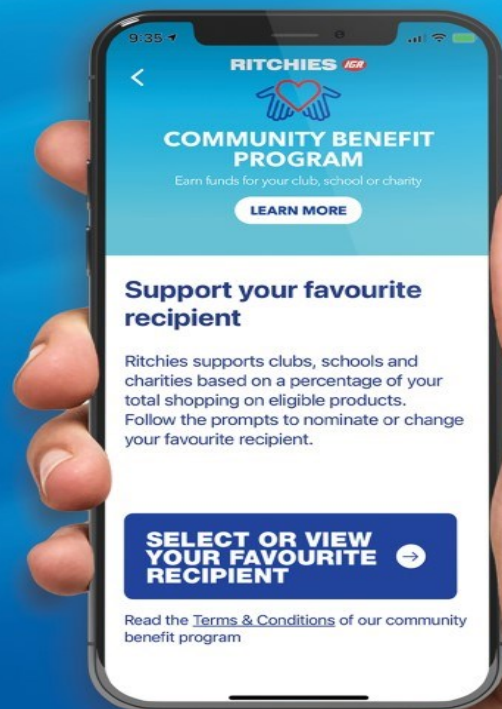
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