Principal Team Report

College Building Program – Underway

AWAY WE GO …. The stage 1 Phoenix P-12 building program is underway .... A $10 million project that will see the construction of three ‘state of the art’ learning / community spaces come to fruition; two learning flexible classroom villages and a specialist Science centre. It is hoped that we will take occupancy of these facilities just before Christmas this year .... and start full student operations in them from the start of the 2014 school year. We have scheduled and put processes in place to cause minimal disruption to the learning of students during this building phase, and are using the vast area of the site to our advantage in this development phase.

Demolition of the old music area has taken place ... a very quick job! Some photos below give you an idea of the work area being used in this new school development. Exciting times!! I will keep you updated in relation to the progress of these facilities as it happens..... Our kids about to get the best facilities available for 21st Century learning ... Enjoy!

Pictured above: The old girls’ shelter sheds from the early 60’s demolished.

Pictured below: The site ready for the new 21st Century buildings.

‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’

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FI TEAM ‘LIGHTSPEED’ OFF TO TEXAS FOR NATIONAL FINALS!!!

Under the guidance of Mr Christof Muller and Ms Elaine Rooney both our F1 teams ‘Lightspeed’ and ‘Cyclone’ competed in the National finals in Geelong recently.

Both teams did extremely well with team ‘Cyclone’ being ranked seventh in Australia and team ‘Lightspeed’ coming third overall. They received ‘Best Portfolio Award’ and ‘Best Industry Collaboration Award’. They will be heading to Texas in November to compete in the World Championships.

Congratulations to the following students and their families for their hard work, dedication and support!!!

Thomas Bassett, Joel Bice, Braydie Chalmers, Michelle Clark, Jai Dawkins, Benjamin Marshall, Nathan Mathews, Dylan Sexton, Casey Shevlin, Samuel Young.

The first few weeks of 2013

We have had a fantastic start to the year with classes in full swing and already starting to work towards successful outcomes. We have been walking around visiting quite a few learning areas over the last month and have found students and staff to be very positive in their approach to tasks being tackled. The Year 5 to 8 ‘Drop Everything And Read’ program has been a good example of this constructive shift; this type of attitude certainly underpins success. Congratulations to all
involved, your efforts and commitment to high achievement is being recognised.

**Learning Focus - School Leaders for 2013**
Please do not hesitate to contact the school so that this team can assist in the development of learning plans or areas of interest that may benefit your child. e.g. Accelerated programs, Maths or Literacy support.

**Student Learning**
Assistant Principal Angela Quinn (Sebastopol campus)
Assistant Principal George Porter (Sebastopol campus)
Assistant Principal Michael Benoit (Redan campus)

**Special Programs**
Learning Leaders - Curriculum
Sebastopol Campus
Wayne Johnston
Jill Ebbs
Redan Campus
Deb Benoit

Learning Leader - eLearning
Meaghan Beddoe

Learning Leader – Transitions/Leadership
Redan Campus
Justyn McConachy

**Curriculum Leaders Literacy**
Sebastopol Campus
Rena Clark
Redan Campus
Deb Benoit

**Curriculum Leader Numeracy**
Sebastopol Campus
Mark Cisar

**Community Representatives**
Four Community members will be nominated onto the Council at the AGM to be held on Monday, 25th March.

At this point, I would like to acknowledge the work and effort of the 2012 School Council members who have decided not to renominate in 2012. Karen Jolly and Trudi Ward have been pivotal parts of the College Council that has led the successful development of the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College. Their work and commitment over this exciting and busy time has been greatly appreciated by all groups within the College community.

It should be noted, that Karen Jolly has completed over 15 years’ service on College Council while at the school; an incredible commitment to student and community improvement. This accomplishment will be recognised formally later on in the year. Thanks Karen .... AMAZING STUFF.

**SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**
The Senior School students have begun the year in a very positive manner. There are lots taking the opportunity to increase their chances of success by accessing Homework Club, using their study modules effectively and meeting deadlines.

To support students at home it is advisable to create a private and uncluttered work area away from distractions; make sure they are eating healthily, exercising regularly and they work no more than 14 hours a week in their part time job.

We are also offering Year 12 students the opportunity to be mentored or tutored by a group of medical students from Melbourne University. They can access these people via the Year 12 Portal.

The first lot of Mentor Reports have been sent home for Year 12 VCE students. These give an aspirational goal and comments about progress for students.

VCAL and VET units are also well underway and students will need to make sure they keep up with competencies as they go or they will quickly fall behind.

One of the VCAA rules is that there can be no significant absences if a student wishes to gain an S in a unit. For this reason any absence must be authenticated by a professional if students are away. If there are concerns please contact your child’s House Manager for support.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**
We have had a tremendous start to the year with lots of exciting initiatives taking off. Students have embraced the DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) program, and are getting into the habit of bringing their book each week.

We have had lots of nominations for student of the week and it is terrific to see students going out of their way to do well at school. Student leaders are in place from Years 7 – 9, in positions of Captain, Vice
NEWTON WINS SWIMMING SPORTS!!!

Warm weather and good attendance from students saw a successful swimming carnival with Newton House winning on the day!

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EUREKA Swimming Carnival

A large number of students, mostly from the Middle School, represented Phoenix P-12 Community College at the Eureka District Swimming Carnival in March. Many students swam outside of their age group to generate points for the College. Good performances and placings were recorded by: Brandon Bourquin, Tamar Allison, Shellby Lonie, Lachlan Kay, Holly Armstrong, Rodney Davis, Kaitlyn McDonald and Thomas Bassett. Thomas was successful in winning the 17 yrs boys age group championship.

Mr Peter Luke
Sports Coordinator

Pictured below: Thomas Bassett

Phoenix P-12 Community College school badges are under development and should be ready for students from the commencement of Term 2. We also making the plans for an exciting new end of year camp to South Australia.

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Captain, House captain and SRC. Plans are underway for our Leadership Camp, the High Challenge Camp which will take place on 1st, 2nd and 3rd May.

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ARMY CADET NEWS

It has been a busy month for the cadets at Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit. Cadets have been participating in mandatory training in the areas of the Cadet Code of Conduct & Behaviour, Allergy Awareness and Heat Management.

On 10\textsuperscript{th} February 2013, Capt (AAC) Margaret Benoit, five cadets from Sebastopol ACU attended the Ex-POW Memorial Service at Lake Wendouree with 300 ACU Ballarat to assist with wreath laying, handing out service booklets, flag duties and assisting the public with their questions. The weekend of 22-24\textsuperscript{th} February 2013 saw 21 cadets and four adult staff participate in the Unit Training Weekend on the grounds of Phoenix P-12 Community College. Cadets were trained in the areas of Navigation, Field Craft, RATEL & Radio Communications, First Aid and Operating in the Field. Over the weekend, two of our cadets were promoted. Congratulations to Cdt L/CPL Jai Dawkins and Cdt L/CPL Thomas Bassett on their promotion to Corporal. During the presentation, both cadets received their new rank slides and a Certificate of Promotion. Both Corporals have been working hard over the past weeks to assist the adult staff and senior cadets with changes being made in the Unit. They are both loyal cadets who parade regularly at the Unit and we congratulate them on their efforts. Well done! I would also like to congratulate Cdt Cory Howell who received a Certificate of Encouragement and Cdt Kristopher Keays who was awarded the Most Outstanding Cadet for the Unit Training Weekend.

On Monday 25\textsuperscript{th} February, approximately 12 students and their family members attended the Army Cadet Open Night. We look forward to welcoming these students into our Unit over the coming weeks. We encourage any other students interested in cadets to contact Capt. (AAC) Margaret Benoit to register your interest for our next Recruiting Intake which will commence on 3\textsuperscript{rd} June 2013. We will be having another Army Cadet Open Night on 20\textsuperscript{th} May 2013. Stay tuned! Please note you have to be 12 ½ years of age and a student of the school to enrol in our Unit.

NOT PARADING OR RECENTLY DISCHARGED CADETS

I ask that all cadets who are currently enrolled at the Unit (who have not been parading in 2013) to contact Capt. (AAC) Margaret Benoit to let us know of your intentions in continuing cadets. We have lots of activities planned for the year and we hope that you can join us.

If you have recently discharged late last year or early this year, please also contact Capt. (AAC) Benoit to have your name taken off our Unit Roll. This will assist with the administration of our Unit.

If you are planning on discharging, please return uniforms on a Monday Parade Night. Do not leave uniforms and equipment to be returned to cadets at the School Office or in the Community Hub.

ANZAC DAY

The next two months will see cadets practice for ANZAC DAY. We encourage all Unit members to attend Monday evening Parade Nights regularly so that you can put on a peak performance on ANZAC DAY. We will be working closely with 300 ACU Ballarat during this time.

To contact Capt. (AAC) Margaret Benoit
Email: margaret.benoit@cadetnet.gov.au or phone 0417 014 978 (urgent matters only)
Capt. (AAC) Margaret Benoit
Officer Commanding - SACU
1.1: NETBOOK PROGRAM
Phoenix P-12 Community College is very proud of the educational opportunities offered to our students. It is our priority to keep abreast of the latest and best practice in all aspects of education. In line with this priority, Phoenix P-12 is continuing on with a 1:1 computer program that will offer students access to a computer twenty four hours a day, seven days a week.

Students in Years 9 and 10 have received an Information Pack outlining the details of the program. The handbook explains participants’ rights and responsibilities and provides details of payment plans.

Expressions of Interest and first payment will need to be submitted by Wednesday, 20th March.

An information session for participants will take place on Wednesday, 27th March in the LRC.

Copies of the Information Pack are available from the Middle School Office

School Photos – Catch Up Day
Any students who were absent on Photo Day – Friday 8th March can attend a catch-up photo session on Wednesday 20th March.

Please give your name to Middle School Office if you will need your photo taken.
“Looking At The Moon Workshops”

In February students at Phoenix College had the opportunity to attend workshops delivered by the National Gallery of Victoria.

Students in Years 4-8 participated in a program that introduced them to a wealth and diversity of artistic and cultural traditions of Asia.

The day was broken into three workshops which began with an illustrated discussion of a selection of historical and contemporary artworks from the extensive collection of Asian Art from the National Gallery of Victoria. Students were then guided through Tai Chi exercises and finished off creating their own ink brush painting using traditional materials.

Concluding the workshops, students were invited to contribute a wish related to the theme of cultural diversity which was inspired by the “wishing trees” created in different Asian cultures.

Some of the wishes were “I wish for everyone to have good fortune”; “I wish no one in the world would be judged”; “I wish everyone would accept people for how they are and not try to change them” and “Do Art”.

Ms Lesley Costley-Gray

Pictured above: A traditional painting.

Certificate in Hospitality

RSA, RSG, RSF, OHS, First Aid (Level 2), Coffee Making, Bar Operations and Waiting

Course Commencing Thursday, 28th March 2013

To enrol online visit www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au/phoenix

Course Information

Hospitality Training Australia is offering their popular Certificate in Hospitality to Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of Phoenix, in the familiar surrounds of your school. This course has been designed to give participants the certificates and minimum skills needed to work in hospitality. Students receive recognised qualifications and skills in espresso making, bar and beverage operations, waiting and more.

The course commences Thursday 28th March 2013 from 3.30 to 6.30pm. The course will continue each Thursday until completion, excluding school holidays.

Course Outline

Participants complete the following units of competence:

- SITX0HS001A Follow health safety and security procedures (OHS)
- SITXOHS002A Follow workplace hygiene procedures (RSF)
- SITHFAB009A Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
- SITGAM006A Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
- SITHIND001A Develop and update hospitality industry knowledge
- SITXCOM001A Work with colleagues and customers
- SITXCOM002A Work in a socially diverse environment
- SITHFAB003A Serve food and beverage to customers (Waiter)
- SITXFIN001A Process financial transactions
- SITHFAB001A Clean and tidy bar areas (Bar)
- SITHFAB012A Prepare and serve espresso coffee (Coffee)
- SITHFAB002A Operate a bar (Bar)
- SITHFAB020A Apply food and beverage skills in the workplace
- HLTFA301B Apply first aid (First Aid Level 2)

Course Costs

Total cost is $105.00 per person or $52.50 with concession or $21.00 with Health Care Card.

How to Apply

Enrol online at www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au/phoenix
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2013 TERM 1 INTERIM REPORTS
PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER PATHWAY INTERVIEWS

- Interim Reports will be mailed out to parents during the week ending March 15th.
- Parent/Student/Teacher Pathway Interviews will be conducted as follows:
  Session 1: Wednesday Afternoon/Evening 27th March, 4.00 – 6.00pm
  Session 2: Thursday 28th March, 9.00am – 2.30pm

During March, Teachers will be completing Interim Reports for every student in every subject. Parents can expect to receive Student Interim Reports after Monday 18th March.

With the Interim Report you will also find information and interview booking/appointment sheets for the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. These interview times will run over two sessions as listed above. Please send the booking sheet to school with your child indicating the time you are available to meet so they can book an interview with their teacher in class time.

It is expected that students will accompany their parents to the interviews.

The format of the interviews will be the same as previous years and it will be essential for students to book appointment times that suit both parents and teachers.

These interviews will provide an excellent opportunity for both parents and students to discuss the Interim Report, possible pathways for subject selection in 2014 and the general progress being made.

We look forward to seeing students and parents during these interviews.

WAYNE JOHNSTON
TEACHING & LEARNING MANAGER

Family Accounts, Payments and EMA

Firstly, thank you to the many people who have paid education costs already, or set up payment plans using BPAY or Centrepay fortnightly deposits. That is terrific and a great way to get on top of your family commitment to the education or your child(ren). We understand the cost of starting the school year, especially with the inclusion of our new fabulous uniform, and appreciate your efforts - the students look great!

Remember any monies paid in advance will be kept in your family account and can be used to pay excursions, camps or other costs which may arise at school anytime. If there is a balance remaining at the end of the year, it will be held and receipted against next year’s costs.

Most families will receive a family statement through email this week, which will show balances owed including charges for the year. Please if you have not commenced payment, or set up a plan - now is the time to start. If you need to discuss your educational costs, please contact me at the College.

The first round of EMA has been processed and some payments have been deposited into accounts. We are still waiting on some claims to be funded and this will also be reflected on your statement.

Excursions

Thank you also to all those families who are returning excursion payment and permission notes regularly on time to the office. Remember the "slot in the wall" near the office door is a quick way to drop forms in if you are in a hurry or the office is busy. We have noticed a number of families are still sending excursion notes saying EMA will cover the costs. Please remember that the EMA funding has changed, and this is no longer the case. Permission slips along with payment for excursions must be sent to the office by the due date. If you require assistance or have questions, please contact the office.

Lorraine Hayes - Business Manager
VERb & Phoenix P-12 Community College

in partnership with

University of Ballarat

Invite you to a new Play Group

Tuesdays from 16 April (Term 2) between 1.30 and 3 pm

@ Phoenix College Junior Campus

The Benefits: What will we do?

Our goal is to get your child ready for kindergarten by using play as a part of our curriculum. Sometimes children are overwhelmed with starting kinder and with the help of this program children begin to get comfortable with the notion. Our program concentrates on the physical, social and emotional development of your child. As students we use the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) to set goals and extend your child’s learning and development. This same framework is used in kindergartens throughout Victoria.

We will provide display folders containing information on your child’s strengths and developmental milestones. Kindergartens look for this information as it helps with the transition process and aids with your child’s development.

The Grown Ups: Services available for parents/guardians:

We bring together Learning, Social and Health benefits for parents/guardians through the Community Gym and other spaces. Parents are welcome to use all these while their children attend the play group.

Call Ian on 0408 348053 for more information.

hurry space means we only have 10 spots.........
Are you having difficulties at school with another person? Would you like some help sorting it out? Would you like a trained student to help you with the problem? Then we may have the solution for you!!

A new program at Phoenix P–12 Community College is helping students resolve conflict. Six students from Year 10 are trained in mediation and restorative practice. If you are having difficulties with another student you can contact the peer mediators and they will help. Mediation is a way that you can have a say on how an issue gets resolved.

You can contact the peer mediator team by filling out a ‘request for mediation form’ (located in the Middle School Administration area). Put it in the mediation box, then the team will get in touch with you. The form is easy to fill out with just a few simple questions and everything is confidential.

So don’t let a conflict go unresolved, request a mediation and sort it!

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Pictured left: Peer Mediation Group
Maddison Harris, Sandra Timofte, Amber Barker-Lovett, Tayla Ritchie, Bronwyn Hemingway, Kristin McGuire (absent).

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Introducing Peer Resolutions

Year 7 Mathletics Bronze Awards

Pictured above: Year 7 Maths students receiving their first Bronze Mathletics certificates for the year. From left - Tyson Ray-Meadows, Bailey Coombes-Drake, Joel Dyer, Chelsea Brookes, Kirra-Leigh Hooper and Jordan Ballantine. Congratulations!!!!
Ms. Jill Ebbs

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Debutante Balls 2013

Year 11 & 12 Students Only
Information Evening Tuesday 26th March at 7pm in the Learning Resource Centre

Please see Ms Kennedy the Careers Development Practitioner to register your interest.

The Debutante Balls will be held on Friday 28th & Saturday 29th June at Bray Raceway Ballarat.
MEDICARE TEEN DENTAL PLAN

Have you received a Medicare Teen Dental voucher in the mail and unsure of what to do next?

Medicare issues Teen Dental vouchers yearly to eligible children who are between the ages of 12 and 17. The voucher entitles the child to a check up and preventative treatments claimed through Medicare.

Sebastopol Dental Van has appointments available to see your child.

The Dental Service provides care to:
- All pre-school and primary school children up to the age of 12.
- Children between and including the ages of 13 to 17 who hold a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card.
- All children enrolled in a Special Developmental School.

Fees:
Free for all holders of Health Care or Pensioner Concession Cards. Children aged 12 and below without the above cards, a fee of $30.50 per child is charged for any treatment outside of the voucher entitlements.

Please call Ballarat Health Services - Dental Clinic on 5320 4225 between 9am – 4pm to arrange an appointment for your child.

Please bring your Health Care/Pensioner Concession Card and the Teen Dental voucher to the first appointment.

Parent or legal guardian needs to attend check up appointment. Thereafter your child can come on their own during school hours with your consent.
2013 Immunisations
27th March
Year 7, Year 9 & Year 10 Boys
8th May
Year 7 and Year 9 Boys
9th October
Year 7 and Year 9 Boys
Any questions please phone
Lorraine Firth on
5329 3293

DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED IN YOUR CHILD’S EDUCATION?
WHY NOT VOLUNTEER IN THE CANTEEN.
YOU CAN VOLUNTEER ONCE A WEEK, MONTH OR YEAR IT’S UP TO YOU!
TRAINING PROVIDED
PLEASE CALL JULIE WIGHT CANTERBURY MANAGER

City of Ballarat Immunisation Services - Hepatitis B Vaccination (adolescent)
Adolescent Hepatitis B vaccination is available for Year 7 students in 2013, but is no longer part of the School Immunisation Program. Most 12-13 year old children have already received Hepatitis B vaccination as part of the Childhood National Immunisation Program which included Hepatitis B from May 2000. Children who may have commenced school late, repeated a year level or have been born overseas may have missed this immunisation.
If you would like to obtain Hepatitis B vaccination for your child, this is available as a 2-dose course via your GP or the Council Immunisation Services. No cost applies to this age group.
Enquiries: City of Ballarat Immunisation Services - 5320 5850

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS
Years 7 - 12
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
THIS FRIDAY 22ND MARCH
EVERYONE IS EXPECTED TO BE THERE IF NOT TO COMPETE THEN TO SUPPORT YOUR HOUSE!!!!
There will be buses taking students to the City Oval and back to the College.
Students will need sunscreen, water bottles, runners and sports attire in house colours.
There will be a BBQ for students to raise money for ‘State Schools Relief’.
Sausages $1.00, Hamburgers $2.00, Water $1.00, Zooper Dooper 50c.
Come dressed in your house colours!!!!!
No coloured hairspray or crepe paper!!!!!

KINGSBURY YELLOW
MITCHELL GREEN
NEWTON BLUE
STURT RED
**CALENDAR**

**Secondary Campus**

**MARCH**

18th  Students to book Parent/ Student/ Teacher Interviews (ALL WEEK)

20th  Senior School Social

22nd  **COLLEGE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL (YR7-12)**
      SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS
      Ballarat City Oval - Compulsory for all students

25th  AGM College Council Meeting 6.00pm
      Cadet Information Session 6.30pm

26th  Debutante Information Session LRC 7pm

27th  Immunisations Yr 7, Yr 9 & 10 Boys
      Year 12 BBQ
      Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm—7.00pm
      (Students to attend with parents)

28th  Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 9.00am - 2.30pm
      (Students to attend with parents)

29th  **GOOD FRIDAY**

Phoenix P-12 Community College wish you all a safe and happy Easter!!!

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**April**

15th  Term 2 Commences

19th  German Exchange students return

24th  Interschool Athletics Sports

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**CALENDAR**

**Primary Campus**

**MARCH**

27th  Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm - 7.00pm

28th  Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews 9.00am - 2.30pm

**LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

Hope Easter Bunny comes!!!

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The 2013 Phoenix P-12 Community College Production class are busy rehearsing “Seussical” which will be performed at Her Majesty’s Theatre on Thursday 30th and Friday 31st May.

Performance and ticket details will be in next month’s Newsletter. “Seussical” is based on Dr. Seuss books and promises to be a fantastic, vibrant and energetic show that is sure to leave audiences smiling and wanting more!

Teachers and students are busily learning words, music and dance steps and are incredibly excited about performing at Her Majesty’s Theatre this year!! Keep watching this space…

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Mrs. Deanne Joosten
Head of Performing Arts

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Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
Phone: 5329 3210