Principal Team Report
Assessments for Semester One
Parents and students please note that teaching staff will be busy finalising assessment grades and report comments over the next few weeks and all work that has been set should be completed and handed in for correction and assessment. This period of time provides an important insight into the progress of each student and we encourage parents and students to spend some time with their academic report to celebrate their achievements, as well as looking at ways to further add to their learning habits.

‘Seussical’ – College Production 2013
Recently I had the fantastic opportunity to view the Phoenix P-12 Community College Musical Production ‘Seussical’. What an outstanding performance it was; absolutely amazing. It showcased the incredible talent of students from Year 8 right through to Year 12; with spectacular lighting, songs and ever changing acts. It was something to behold!

This College Production played to over 1,500 Primary School students from areas around Ballarat over a two day period, and feedback has been nothing short of outstanding. I am especially proud of the continued support and leadership of ex-students who gave up their time to mentor the development of our current student group. Real community leadership at its best. Congratulations to all involved.

Finally, special thanks to the ‘Awesome Crew’. You have every reason to feel very PROUD.

College Building Program – Update
The Stage 1 Phoenix P-12 Community College building program continues to take shape. We are well and truly out of the ground!! All concrete slabs of the three learning / community spaces are almost complete, and you can see steel framing being put into place. At this stage the construction work continues to be ahead of schedule, so our target of occupation at the start of 2014 is on track.

Major underground and trench work is well underway through the centre of the Secondary Campus to install all the main electricity, gas, sewerage and water connections. A slight hiccup with one of the big machines getting bogged and well and truly stuck in part of the trench, has shown the power of Ballarat weather at its best.

As mentioned in previous Newsletters, this upgrade will provide the underground infrastructure for all buildings being constructed over the next decade, and future proof the site for continued growth.

End of Term – Winter Break
The term is very quickly coming to a close with our last day on Friday, 28th June. I wish everyone a happy and safe Winter Break; not far away.

As well as this, I wish to advise everyone that I will be taking personal leave for the last four weeks of term,

Pictured above: L-R Courtney Coombes-Drake, Courtney Priddle, Natalie Rawlinson, Natalie Kirley, Sarah Burns, Tayla Rowe, Felicity Liston.
starting on Tuesday, 4th June. This time away will include a family holiday to Broome, to rekindle some memories with my twin brother and share this special place with our daughter. Something pretty magic about the Pilbara region of Western Australia!! I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Karen Snibson for taking on the role of Acting Principal of Phoenix P-12 Community College during this time, enjoy!!

Mr Scott Dellar
Executive Principal

Senior School Update
The entire Senior School would like to thank the Year 12 cohort for a very productive Semester 1. We have had record numbers of students attend after school sessions, very few issues with course work and each student has been making an effort to ensure they have a successful year.

We are past the half way mark and there will be access for students to attend Latrobe University for study lectures over the holidays. The College will provide free transport if there are enough students interested.

VCAL students in Event Management provided the school with a very successful Biggest Morning Tea and other classes contributed make-up and hair styling for the College Production.

Year 11 exams went very well and attendance was exceptional. The second semester will go very fast so to support your child it would be wise to ensure they have a quiet, clear and warm study area, are exercising and eating well.

Mr Andrew Greed (AP)
Senior School

Middle School Update
The end of semester can be both an exciting and stressful time for students and teachers. This is an important time for the completion of all assessment tasks and the finalisation of end of Semester reports. Parents can actively assist their students by ensuring that all homework tasks are completed and submitted by the due date.

A great many preparations are also being made for the commencement of Semester 2. Many revisions have been made to students’ programs. This is an important process in making sure that all students are in programs that suit their learning needs.

On 3rd June our Year 7 SRC leaders ran their very first assembly. This was an important event for the students as they were presented with their College badge. The presentation of the badge symbolises our welcome to the Phoenix Community. The assembly included an excerpt from ‘Seussical’, a presentation on the Sebastopol Cadet Unit from Laura Middlin and the slide show featuring “Year 7’s at work” was a hit with the students.

Semester 2 will bring some key events on the Middle School calendar. We will be making plans for the Middle School Social and exploring the possibility of a Blue Light disco.

During the winter months we understand that students sometimes feel the cold. Students are welcome to a T-shirt or singlet under their school shirt. However these need to be plain white. Some girls elect to wear socks as well as tights with their skirt. Socks should be worn under the tights. The College Blazer and jacket are able to be worn at all times of the day.

Mrs Karen Snibson (AP)
Middle School

Primary School Update

SCHOOL CAMP 3-6
The majority of children from Grades 3-6 travelled to Cave Hill Creek last week for our school camp. It was a bush camp with bush related activities being undertaken such as bush cooking, hut building, archery, canoeing, map reading and rope courses. Children and staff all looked forward to this great event with lots of fun and learning to be had by all.

ACU Visit
Over 60 pre-service teachers in groups of approximately 20, with their university lecturer from ACU, visited our campus in Education Week to watch how we use iPads/laptops (ICT) in the classroom. This was a great promotion for the fantastic work that is being done at the College. Very positive comments were spoken and special strategies were observed by the pre-service teachers. Thank you to Mrs Weir and Mrs Benoit for kindly sharing their expertise and insight with them.

Badge Presentation
A special Badge Presentation ceremony was held to present Phoenix badges to our Primary Leadership group on Monday, 27th May. A special thank you to Mr McConachy and Mrs Beckers for coordinating this event.

Mr Mick Benoit
Assistant Principal - Redan Campus

Pictured above: Executive Principal, Mr Scott Dellar, presenting the Primary Leadership team with their Phoenix Badges.
The Production Class are still celebrating the success of ‘Seussical The Musical’. The students had a fantastic time performing at Her Majesty’s Theatre this year and the feedback has been sensational. The students performed to over 1,500 Primary School students and 700 family and friends. What an awesome effort! I would just like to congratulate the students involved not only as performers but also in the band, doing hair and make-up and ushering for the performances. We also had several former students working as choreographers, set and prop construction and acting coaching. I would also like to thank the staff who were part of the Production Team and helped out along the way. Lastly I would like to thank the parents of the students involved for your support in helping your child find a costume and attend all the after school and weekend rehearsals. Putting a production together such as ‘Seussical’ was a collaboration of over 100 staff and students and I have certainly enjoyed working with this year’s enthusiastic and talented team.

POSSUM MAGIC

Primary School students from Phoenix P-12 Community College are being offered subsidised tickets to see a production during the school holidays at Her Majesty’s Theatre. ‘Possum Magic - The Musical’ is based on the book written by Mem Fox. First published in 1983 Possum Magic was an instant success with children and parents alike. In 1990 the musical stage adaptation had its world premiere, which was SOLD OUT before it opened. ‘Possum Magic - The Musical’ is now firmly established as the most successful musical for children and families EVER. The tickets are being subsidised by Her Majesty’s Theatre ArtsLink Program and students can obtain tickets for only $5. If you are interested in seeing Possum Magic during the holidays the booking details are as follows:-

**Possum Magic**: Monday, 1 July 6.30pm or Tuesday, 2 July 11.30am.
PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE is pleased to announce the Entertainment Book fundraiser!

For those of you who don’t know me my name is Annette Bedford, Community Liaison Officer at Phoenix P-12 Community College. This year we are focusing on raising money to help those families in our local community who need additional financial support.

I’ve been purchasing the Entertainment Book for years and I’m really excited to be offering the exclusive offers to many of Ballarat’s best restaurants, cafes, activities, hotel accommodation and much more. With hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, for only $1 per week the average family saves over $1,000 until 1st June 2014.

This is how you can save with the Entertainment Book:

- Use the Book as your dining guide - you can get 25%-50% off your bill at most restaurants.
- Save 5% on groceries and petrol all year with Coles and WISH gift cards.
- Save on entertaining the kids over the school holidays with movies, bowling and more!

The best part is that for only $55 ($1 a week), you’ll be supporting us. Every Entertainment Book sold contributes $11 to the College fundraising. Please let your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues know we are fundraising as the more Books we sell, the more funds we raise!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO ORDER ONLINE NOW

Your book can be collected from me at the Middle School Office two days after your order has been placed. If you do not have a credit card or internet access, you can bring your payment to my office.

Thank you for your support.

Annette Bedford
Community Liaison Officer
Ph: 03 5329 3210
Email: bedford.annette,j@edumail.vic.gov.au

LEAP INTO LAW

During our Legal Studies class ex-lawyer now Law Educator, Scott Murray from Victorian University, came to tell us about the LEAP into Law program. He explained to the class about the running of a criminal court and ran a mock trial with the students playing the roles of various members of the court. Scott then answered our questions and explained the different pathways students can take to get into Law after graduating from secondary school. More information can be obtained from the link: http://www.leap.vic.edu.au /

Written by Tayla Cox 1M1

GRAMPIANS BAND FESTIVAL – A huge success!

Phoenix P-12 Community College once again hosted the Grampians Band Festival in our wonderful Community Hub this year. Senior Band students from our school, Edenhope, Mt. Clear, Ballarat High and Ballarat Christian College were involved in this great day of creating and performing music. (continued top next page)

Pictured below: Mr Netherway conducting the band
Mathletics at Phoenix

Mathletics is an educational website that allows students from across the world to engage in high level mathematical tasks, activities and competitions. The activities that the students work on through the Mathletics website are targeted at their specific learning level and students can work through these activities at their own pace with ample on-line support if required. The activities support the topics being studied in each student’s Maths class.

All students in Years 7 – 10 have been provided with a login and password to access the Mathletics website http://www.mathletics.com.au/ The site is secure by encryption to ensure appropriate content and usage takes place. Please make the most of this opportunity and encourage your child to access Mathletics at home as part of their regular homework program. If internet access at home is unavailable, then computers are available in the Learning Resource Centre (School Library) each afternoon until 4:30 pm or at lunchtime for students to use for homework tasks. It is suggested that students spend approximately three sessions of at least 15 minutes each week using Mathletics. A reward system is in place whereby students earn certificates and canteen vouchers for participation, accuracy and improvement.

Mrs Jill Ebbs

During this semester, students from Food Technology – Foods of the World, explored the culture and cuisines from various countries including the West African countries of Togo and Ghana. Last month students were privileged to have the assistance of fellow students, Viviane Aziaowor, Rachel Kpogo and Peace Douhadji who kindly shared their skills and knowledge of the cuisine. The result was a feast of the senses with spicy aromas wafting down the corridors while inside the kitchens students enjoyed the delights of Jollof Rice, Togo Peanut Chicken, Donuts and Banana Coconut Fritters.

Mrs Brown
Foods of the World

Phoenix College Band played brilliantly and sounded fantastic.

We performed five music charts, Mambo No.5, Everything I Do (I Do It for You), Viva La Vida, Hit Me Baby One More Time and Hatikvah to a very large audience. Teachers and students from the other schools commented all day on how good our band was.

The combined mega band item may have been heard from the Primary Campus as 140 budding musicians played “Hold On, I’m Coming” with gusto. It was awesome! The energy put out from their playing was amazing, you could feel it.

Mr John Netherway - Instrumental Music

Pictured from left: Makayla Rumler, Riley Fisher, Adam Robertson, Jay Benbow and Lunophare Folly.
The College Cadet Unit had another busy month in May. Three cadets, Aaron Jeffress, Cory Howell and Ranii Sturgess were promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal.

The Unit had a training weekend which included training in Radio Procedures, Navigation, First Aid and Field Engineering. The weekend also included a test to select ten cadets to compete in the 32 Western Battalion Competition which was held over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend at Puckapunyal. The test included written and practical components as well as a swim test. The Cadets chosen to represent the Unit at the competition were: Cdt L/Cpl Aaron Jeffress, Cdt Jessica Foss, Cdt William Oakes, Cdt Tylor Tyndall, Cdt Brayden Pfeiffer, Cdt Travis Currie, Cdt Jacob Dodd, Cdt William Bassett and Cdt Kristopher Keays.

The Unit won the First Aid component of the competition and competed strongly in all other areas of the weekend.

The Unit is also preparing for a Bivouac (camp) in June in Blackwood. This promises to be an exciting weekend providing a good opportunity for cadets to test some of their skills as well as learn some new ones.

The Unit is currently welcoming new members (and old ones) so if you are interested in joining please contact either myself nicholas.joosten.j@edumail.vie.gov.au or the Unit OC CAPT (AAC) Margaret Benoit on margaret.benoit@cadetnet.gov.au.

ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES

Surfing

When I first heard we were going surfing for one of our outdoor adventures I was so excited! The experience was amazing, even though I didn’t stand up on the board. I tried my hardest, but only got to my Adventure Experience knees! The weather on that day was perfect I wish it could last longer. The different expressions and body language my classmates had were enjoyment I think; it seemed like everyone had a really good time. Everyone was very eager to get into the water because every time they got out of the water, they all wanted to get back in. Some people found out that they were actually capable of surfing even though it was new to them which was great. The feeling I had after the experience was happiness and tiredness, but overall a really good experience.

Camp

The experience of camping was exciting at first, but it got really hard so I had to keep a very positive mind. Sometimes I felt like I couldn’t go on anymore because it was so tough walking up the mountains, but I surprised myself a lot by completing it. I felt really proud of myself. The different expressions I saw on the people that went to camp were exhaustion and happiness; some people’s body language seemed tired and some others seemed full of energy. It was really nice seeing students encouraging others. Even when people broke down there were always others who helped them back up and gave them lots of motivation. I had many different feelings after the experience, such as tiredness, sickness, proudness and happiness. It was probably one of the hardest things I have ever done in my whole life, but one of the best experiences through Outdoor Adventure.

By Christina Luu 9S1
It has certainly been very busy in the Performing Arts Department recently. Once the excitement of the Production had settled it was full steam ahead for the two Year 12 classes. **VCE Theatre Studies students** performed a Michael Gow play called “All Stops Out” which followed the journey of several students completing their VCE. The Theatre Studies class produced the entire performance themselves not only acting in all of the roles, but also taking on all areas of stagecraft from costumes to lighting, set and publicity. The performance was very entertaining and demonstrated the incredible talent of this very dedicated Theatre Studies class and their teacher Mr Alex Patterson.

Meanwhile in VCE Drama the students have been busily writing a performance which was based on a stimulus set by their teacher Mrs Deanne Joosten. The students wrote and produced their 40 minute performance called “Epic Cycles” which explored the existence of Gods and Greek Mythology. The students created a very moving and thought provoking piece of theatre that looked at the role of Gods in past, present and future settings. Some very strong work by an incredibly talented class.

Congratulations to all of the students and staff involved. And now in VCE Drama and Theatre Studies our attention turns to the challenge of monologues and solo performances. Stay tuned for more updates and good luck to all.

**Deanne Joosten**  
Head of Performing Arts

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**Year 8 Science Project**  
Students in Year 8 have been busily creating model houses to demonstrate Energy Efficient House Design. There has been lots of glue, cardboard and cellophane in the Science classrooms as students make double-glazed windows, insulated ceilings and walls, verandas and eaves, blinds and many other features which aid the efficient use of energy. Short written or verbal descriptions of each of the features were given as part of the assessment.

**Mrs Jill Ebbs**  
Science

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**Pictured: Energy Efficient House Designs by Year 8 students.**
BALLIANG EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!

1913 — 2013

Calling all past teachers, students and parents! Please come and join us in celebrating our 100th Birthday on Saturday Nov 16th 2013.

Some activities on the day will include a tour of the school, a dinner, a celebration cake, roll calls, a time capsule and opening of the Centenary Garden.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are seeking all photos and memorabilia to include in a commemorative book which will be available for purchase and displayed on the day. In addition, if you know of anyone who can help with our search, please inform them of our upcoming event.

Please contact the school to register your details for an invitation:

Phone: 03 5369-5148 or email us at: balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Safer social networking
Teenagers

Social networking describes a variety of online services like Facebook, YouTube, Foursquare, Twitter and online games such as World of Warcraft and Runescape. These services let children and teens communicate with other people online. This can enable children and teens to stay in touch with friends and family. However, teens may disclose too much information online. They may also behave in ways that they wouldn’t offline. The following tips will assist teens to behave safely when using social networking.

- Talk to your teen about managing personal information on social networking websites. Encourage them not to put key personal information on their profiles. This includes their phone number, home or school addresses, information about workplaces or clubs.
- Remind your teen not to post photos of themselves or others that they would not want strangers to see, or that may have a negative impact on how others view them.
- Ensure your teen understands the privacy features—in particular how to set their profile to private and limit access to their information. Encourage teens to screen online ‘friends’.
- Remind your teen that not everyone is who they claim to be. Although they may enjoy having many online friends, adding people that they don’t know on ‘friends lists’ allows those people to learn all about them. This information could be used for scams or cyberstalking.
- Talk to your teen about the use of location based services. Services such as Foursquare and Facebook enable social networking users to report their physical location to other users by ‘checking in’. Some services let people report their friends’ locations and have location based functions turned on by default. Your teen can review their settings and block this function or limit who sees their location based information. Remind your teen that allowing strangers to see where they are, or where their mates are, is a risky behaviour.
- You may also like to contact your mobile phone company for assistance with blocking internet, Bluetooth and GPS functionality on their child’s mobile phone to limit their ability to notify others of their whereabouts.
- Encourage your teen to keep their online friends online. If they do want to meet someone that they haven’t met so far in person, they should ask a parent or another trusted adult to go with them and always meet in a public place, preferably during the day.
- Remind your teen not to respond if someone sends them negative messages or asks them to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable. They should tell a trusted adult and save the messages.
- Encourage your teen to set up a separate social networking account if they want to promote themselves or an interest and engage with like minded people that they don’t know offline. They should ensure the site does not contain their personal information.

More information

The Cybersmart program provides a range of cybersafety materials for parents and their children. For more information, resources, advice and tips, visit the Cybersmart website at © Copyright Commonwealth of Australia 2010.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP
MT DIFFICULT

Picture: Descending Mt Difficult.

Picture: Rest stop at top of Beehive Falls.
NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE

If you have not already visited the new College website please log on and take a look. You can keep up to date with the happenings around the College by checking out all the links. You will find all the latest news stories, photos, building updates, events diary, newsletters and lots of other information to keep you in the loop. It is terrific!

UNIFORM
College Council continue to consider feedback received around the College Uniform. After discussions around the change from summer to winter uniform, and the suggestion that girls could possibly wear tights under their summer uniform for additional warmth, the decision was made at Council to revise the uniform policy to include:

“Girls may wear winter tights under their summer uniform during the colder weather, if they do not have a winter skirt to wear.”

This will assist girls who have not purchased a winter skirt to remain in their new uniform and keep warm. (Please note this clause may be revoked when the policy is reviewed after the transition period.)

COLLEGE JUMPER LOGO OFFER
This offer has been extended throughout the holiday break, to enable families to get their jumpers embroidered ready for the commencement of Term 3.

If you are one of the many families who have already purchased your new school jumper, and are interested in getting the Phoenix P-12 Community College Logo embroidered on, remember you can take your jumper(s) to Hip Pocket in Howitt Street. If you have your jumpers embroidered before the end of the next school holidays there will be no charge. Simply drop your clearly named jumper in at Hip Pocket and they will organise the rest.

Please note: Hip Pocket Workwear and Safety Ballarat has relocated to a new location at 1265 Howitt Street Wendouree.

FAMILY EMERGENCY DETAIL
If you have changed your email address, telephone numbers and home address or changed any other emergency details please let us know. phoenix.p12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au

FAMILY ACCOUNTS
Statements will be emailed shortly. If you have not been receiving statement emails from the College, please let us know.

Paying BPAY? What a great way to go – easy and efficient. Thank you!

Please note: When you make a BPAY payment, the deposit will be allocated against the outstanding charges on your account. If your payment is to be specifically allocated against an excursion or other activity, please mark or write “Paid by BPAY” on your excursion return slip, or send us an email to advise us.

Thank you again to all the families who have supported the education of children and have either paid their account, or set up periodic payments. Don’t forget setting up a regular BPAY payment/regular deposit at the General Office or Centrepay deposits into your Family Account are all great ways to get on top of your financial commitment to educate your child(ren). If you build a credit in your account the money will remain as a prepaid balance and can be used to pay off any future invoices which may occur, or roll over to the next year.

ACCESS TO COLLEGE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS – REMINDER
The trench digging for supply of utilities continues to affect access to the College. For the next few weeks the main entrance in Hertford Street will be unavailable for entry or exit. If you need to drive into the College grounds you will be able to enter the school grounds via the Tuppen Drive gate. Parking will be available near the skip bins on the left hand side, opposite the tennis courts.

As soon as this phase of works is completed, front gate access will be re-established. General parking is still available on the street and you can walk in through the front gate to access the buildings.

COLLEGE VISITORS PROTOCOL – KEEPING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS.
Please remember it is College protocol that ALL visitors to the College must report to the General Office. Please use the main foyer entrance, where you will be greeted and assisted with your enquiry or appointment. Staff will meet you in the foyer if you have an appointment. Please note that the entrance directly off the main gate walkway is for student or delivery access only. You will still be redirected to the waiting area in the foyer if you access the College through this door. Please remember to make your way around the corner to the foyer entrance.

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
CALENDAR
Secondary Campus
JUNE
14th P-12 STUDENT FREE DAY
REPORT WRITING DAY
26th Reports will be handed to students in Pastoral Care groups.
28th END OF TERM 2
Students dismissed at 2.30pm

CALENDAR
Primary Campus
June
13th Grade 3-6 Bike Ed ends
14th P-12 STUDENT FREE DAY
REPORT WRITING DAY
28th END OF TERM 2
Students dismissed at 2.30pm

A reminder to parents who haven’t claimed for Education Maintenance Allowance this year that you can claim for the Second Semester.

If you have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card on the 15th July please bring your card into the General Office and complete a claim form.

Children 16 and over are ineligible for EMA.


FOSTER CARER’S NEEDED
You can make a difference in a child’s life! Local children need their community’s support.
There is a huge need for Foster Carers in Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh, Ararat and Daylesford regions.
Could you consider becoming a Foster Carer, or do you know somebody who might be interested?
You can apply to be a Foster Carer and support a child or young person if you are:
• 21 years of age or older
• Married, Single, or Partnered
• Employed or a stay at home parent
• Rent or own your home and have the space

Foster Carers receive:
• Approved foster care and opportunities for on-going training
• Case worker support and after hours emergency contact.
• Non taxable financial reimbursement
Personal rewards and community involvement

For further information please contact
Di or Glenn at CaFS(Child and Family Services) Ballarat.
Phone (03) 5337 3333

Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
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