PRINCIPAL TEAM REPORT

Term 3 – Off and running!

Term 3 has started with students moving into new units of learning on both campuses. It should be noted this is a time when students should review their progress (reports) and look at areas for improvement. This is a particularly important ten weeks for the Year 12 group, the ‘Class of 2013’, as they complete their final unit of work and prepare for the initial segments of exam revision in September and October. All students in Years 7 to 10 should focus on making a good start to Term 3; this is an opportune time to build on skills already established.

2014 Year Enrolments – Prep at Phoenix P-12 Redan Campus

Prep enrolments for next year are required as soon as possible to assist us with planning for the 2014 school year. Families with siblings already attending our school are asked to enrol their Prep child as soon as possible. Please call in at the General Office on either the Redan or Sebastopol campus for an enrolment pack and any information that may be of assistance.

College Building Program – Update

The Stage 1 Phoenix P-12 building program continues to progress well. Two of the three buildings are taking shape and have substantial presence over the landscape at the back of the school site. Exciting stuff! The third concrete slab is scheduled to be complete this week. At this stage, the construction work continues to be ahead of schedule, so our target of moving in at the start of 2014 is looking good.

College Band makes it to the BIG STAGE!

Phoenix P-12 Community College has been chosen to be involved with the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music for the first eight Thursdays next term. This is an amazing opportunity for our students.

The Smith Family were successful in acquiring a grant for low socio-economic schools for the Performing Arts area.

Students will be tutored by staff from the “Con.” from week 1-8 Term 3 on Thursdays. Thursday, 29th August will be an “in-house Concert” and the final concert will be held at the Melbourne Concert Hall on Friday, 13th September. (Yes, they have made it to the BIG STAGE!)

Congratulations to these students. They will have two 40 minute lessons per week for the eight weeks.

Mr John Netherway
The large underground trench work through the centre of the secondary campus to install all the main electricity, gas, sewerage and water connections is almost finished. This will allow movement of students and staff across the College to get back to normal shortly. One good thing ... the extra walking distance has been great for my daily fitness regime, the more the better!!

As mentioned previously, this underground upgrade is important and will provide infrastructure for all buildings being constructed over the next decade or so.

**Educational Precinct Update**

A series of major milestones have been achieved in the last month as we continue to put things in place that will create the vision that is the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct.

- DEECD/Ballarat Health Service lease has been fully endorsed by both the Minister for Education and the Minister for Health on Wednesday, 10th July. This is a 70 year lease until 2083.
- The Planning Permit for this dental facility has been drafted to be lodged with the Ballarat City Council.
- New design plans for the Early Childhood Centre (Kindergarten) have been completed and a cost analysis plan has also been put together for application in the upcoming round of Government funding.
- DEECD has agreed to and endorsed the alternative staging strategy for the College which will start construction next year in 2014. This is Stage 2 and will have two Learning Villages, an upgrade of Community Challenge area, construction of eastern staff car park, construction of Community Hub car park, as well as an upgrade and development of the sporting field in front of Hub.
- DEECD have agreed to variance of Stage 1 funding to include upgrade of Redan Campus student toilets and Library later this year.
- Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre has signed a three year lease with an option of a further three years as the Primary tenant of the BSCH.
- The BSCH business plan for 2013 has been completed and at this stage this facility will be in a sustainable and profitable position from this year; this is three years ahead of schedule.
- New planning and design proposals have been developed with a focus on Year 5-6 areas of the College.

A lot happening .... What a sensational few years of new development we have coming our way. Fantastic news for our kids, families and our community.

**College Resourcing Upgrades**

Over the winter holidays a number of improvements have occurred across the two campuses. These include a revamp of the Redan Library with a new layout put into place, as well as the acquisition of over 500 books ($3500) for recreational reading. In addition to this, we have increased the personal take home library Prep – 4 by over 1000 readers ($6000).

The Redan main corridor has been painted, two classrooms of student tables will replace the T-bar tables in upper primary classes over the next few weeks and new signature furniture for the Redan Library has been purchased and delivered.

On the Secondary campus, all tables in the Science wing, LOTE area, Maths wing and English areas are now a minimum height of 700mm, with a large number of table tops being replaced. This process will continue over the next month as well to complete the overall upgrade.

The Year 12 class of 2013 pavers have been organised and will be laid later this week at the front of the Sebastopol campus... starting to get a great area of recognition here .... Make sure you have a look next time you come to the College.

Stage 1 implementation of our new photocopier/printer strategy plan will be put in place at the Redan Campus this week, which is the start of a whole College upgrade in this ICT area. Finally, all the gardens and grassed areas have been revamped as necessary over the break and are looking fantastic.

As it is plain to see, the College continues to upgrade and develop the student areas and general facilities across the College to further support our school improvement focus.

**New Community Initiative – Youth Sponsorship of Community Groups.**

As part of our community focus at Phoenix P-12 Community College, we have combined with three business partners (Crockers, Viatek – Business Solutions and Melbcon – Construction ) to develop a youth directed sponsorship group. This is an exciting venture and will allow us to provide a substantial injection of money and resources to local community groups that feed into Phoenix P-12 Community College.

This sponsorship business group will be recognised as the ‘YOUTH – Community Development Coalition’ and has directed its initial support to the Illabarook Junior Football & Netball Club. Approximately $7000 of new Junior team football jumpers (3 teams), and four new team netball uniforms are being purchased for the Club to support the ongoing development of kids around health and fitness in their local community. This will be an ongoing venture and will target another community organisation in 2014.
Can I personally thank our sensational sponsorship partners; Crockers, VIATEK and Melbcon – construction who have so generously come on board with Phoenix P-12 Community College to make this thrilling project a reality.

I will bring you more information on this amazing initiative as it unfolds over the coming weeks.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE
This term will be an amazingly busy term with all year levels having special programs as well as their normal classes. In week two there will be a compulsory Health Day at UB for all Year 10’s which has a series of workshops on all aspects of health.

The UB team will also be visiting the College to talk to the Year 11 and 12 cohorts about university, university life and pathways. The students from Years 10 and 11 will also begin the process of selecting the subjects they need to access the pathway they have chosen. Please note the information sessions available to all parents and students to help with Pathway Selection is on Wednesday, August 21st.

As the term continues there will be fortnightly meetings in the LRC for all Year 12 students to discuss VTAC applications, student scholarships and other important information they will need for the end of the year.

At this point you can help Year 12 students by ensuring they have a written study plan, a quiet uncluttered place to study and are sleeping and eating well. Please also feel free to talk to their House Managers about any issues that may have arisen.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal
Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
Plans are well underway for the Middle School Social which will be held later this term. Students in Years 7-9 will bring letters home with specific information closer to the date. It is important to remember that the cost of this activity is determined by students’ level of school attendance; those students with 100% attendance will be offered free tickets. This is a “no pass out” event and only students actively enrolled at Phoenix P-12 Community College are permitted to attend.

We welcome three new students to the College:
Glenn Norton Year 7
Christopher Rhodes Year 9
Ricky Edwards Year 8

We wish these students well and hope that they settle in quickly.

During this term our Student Leaders will be running regular Year Level assemblies. This is a big responsibility and makes a valuable contribution to the running of our school. We have established a Green Thumbs group, who will be involved in some project gardening on the Senior and Junior campuses. They will also undertake some work with the neighbouring senior citizens.

In our Term 2 reflections we noted how cooperative students had been during the first phases of our building project. In particular students have been very patient with the fenced area which has closed the roadway through the middle of the school. Work in this area is almost complete.

Uniform Update
It is terrific to see that a great many students have been into Hip Pocket Work Wear and had the logo applied to their school jumper. As the cooler weather is upon us we are seeing a growing number of jackets and blazers, which look fantastic.

We do need to make some reminders though:
• School shoes: College policy states “black traditional leather lace up with a heel”. Please be aware that some local retail outlets are selling black runners under the guise of school shoes. These do not comply with College policy.
• Hem length: College policy states “No shorter than 5cm above the knee” for pinafore, skirt and dress. If unsure please check with appropriate College staff before cutting the hem.
• Piercings: College policy states “No facial piercings are acceptable, except a plain nose stud”.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal
Middle School

Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
Phone
5329 3210
Merv Lewis Public Speaking Award

Ten students gave outstanding presentations after weeks of planning and practice. This Award has been run since 1986 by the Rotary Club of Ballarat South and this year was won by our very own Felicity Liston. Second was Samantha Harbridge and equal third came Natalie Kirley and Danae Newman. The Rotarians all commented on the outstanding quality of presentations given, with the final results being very close.

Mr Drew Layton
Student Leadership Coordinator

Year 12 Chemistry Students Enter National Competition

Students in the Year 12 Chemistry class put their amazing practical laboratory skills to the test during the “2013 Titration Stakes”. In this year’s competition, students worked in teams to analyse three “mystery samples” of chemical solutions. They used their experimental results to calculate the concentration of the samples. Teams with results closest to the actual values will win the competition. Well done to all involved.

Mrs Jill Ebbs
Science

Year 7 Waubra Wind Farm Excursion

As part of their current studies of Renewable Energy in Science, students in 7S1 and 7K1 spent a morning visiting Earth Ed at Mount Clear and the Acciona Wind Farm at Waubra. At Earth Ed the students listened to a lecture on climate change and the effect of greenhouse gases; completed a practical activity investigating how blade angle influenced power output and then travelled by bus to Waubra to see the wind turbines in action. At 80m in height, they seem VERY BIG when you stand right underneath! Seeing newborn lambs in the paddocks, a sunny day and a picnic lunch at Lake Learmonth added to a fun day.

Thanks to Mrs Finlay for organising the excursion.

Pictured above: Kruiz Jenkins, Joshua Wearne and Joel Dyer.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

In June, a number of students ran in the Greater Western Zone Cross Country Final in Hamilton. The new venue at Lake Hamilton provided a picturesque run around the lake over a flat fast course. The 14 years boys team consisting of Tyson Ray-Meadows, Xagai Douhadji, Tanner Norman, Rodney Davis and Lachlan Kay ran a very good second over the fast 3000m course.

Tyson Delaney won gold in the AWD 3000m event and also won the State final at Bundoora.

Great job!!

Tyson Delaney

Pictured right:
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

SEBASTOPOL CADET UPDATE

Over a weekend in June the Sebastopol Cadet Unit travelled to Blackwood for our first Bivouac of the year. The cadets were applying skills learnt throughout the year, including living in the field, navigation, signals and teamwork. Both nights saw temperatures well below freezing, but the cadets made it through the weekend in high spirits. During the last day cadets participated in team building exercises which provided many laughs as well as opportunities to explore individual and team strengths. This Bivouac is the first of two, which aim to prepare cadets for Annual Camp in September.

Over the holidays six of our cadets will travel to Puckapunyal for week-long promotion courses. These courses qualify cadets in a variety of skills, including leadership, and the teaching and instruction of fellow cadets.


This is the first year Phoenix P-12 Community College Senior Boys Football side has entered the BAS 2nd XVIII competition. This competition consists of teams from St Patricks College, Clarendon College and Ballarat Grammar.

The Phoenix College team consists of Year 9 students through to Year 12 students. The boys have been training together as a team once a week since February in the lead to up to the season.

The team went through the season undefeated (6-0) and now play off in the Grand Final against St Patrick’s College on Wednesday, 24th July at Eastern Oval, Peel St Nth Ballarat. The game will start at 4:30PM. Friends and family are welcome to come along and support the boys.

The boys will also be competing in the Herald Sun Country Cup (Division 3) next term. They will play off against either Maryborough Education Centre or Bendigo Senior College seconds.

We wish them all the best.

Mr Matthew Sharkey, Mr Drew Layton and Mr Mitch Jolly.

Coaches

In June, Year 11 student Bradley McDonald was presented with the Pierre deCoubertin Award at a formal ceremony held at the MCG. Bradley, his family and Miss Laura Head attended. Several Olympians including Nicole Livingstone and the Minister for Education presented Bradley with his award and spoke about what a great achievement it is to receive this award. Each spoke about the importance of sport and P.E. in schools for developing confidence and leadership skills in our students and providing them with opportunities to succeed and develop resilience.

The selection criteria was based on sporting excellence, as well as displaying good sportsmanship and team values. The Olympic values are ASPIRE - Attitude, Sportsmanship, Pride, Individual Responsibility, Respect and Excellence.

Bradley has been a dedicated and modest sportsperson who has excelled in Cricket and Football and has shown true sportsmanship.

Congratulations!

Miss Laura Head
Head of HAPE
Lamourette Folly, Benite Mukasa and Sadiki Mukasa were invited to be part of a photography project 'We are You' with the Centre for Multicultural Youth.

They met each Monday and Wednesday and learnt how to use a camera; spent time taking photos of a range of people and went to the BLX and learnt how to use dedicated computers and photographic software.

They went to Youth Space and practised taking photographs of each other and these photos were turned into the 'We Are You' Project.

The photographs have been transformed into billboards which have been posted all around Ballarat. The response to the 'We are You' Project has been enormous. The students involved have said, "People say to us all the time now, do I know you or I've seen you somewhere?". This has been a great experience from start to finish.

Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal
Middle School

During the first week of the school holidays, six Phoenix students participated at Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament consists of 120 participants (ranging from 16-25) which form 20 teams from all around the State. The program gives the opportunity to sit in the seats of Parliament and debate issues ranging from opt out organ donation to the regulation of dairy prices.

The Phoenix team this year chose to take on the task of writing a Bill that grants the right to be euthanised to the terminally ill. "I felt it was a subject that needed to be covered. So I wrote the Bill, showed the team and they agreed to debate for it in Parliament," said Tom Shields.

"When it was time to debate our Bill the whole room was silent. Usually the room is in an uproar of interjections and clever comments. During our Bill though we had personal stories from people who broke down in tears but all had the maturity to hear what we had to say," Christopher Long said.

After a hard hour of debating, the Bill was unanimously passed through the Youth Parliament and now has been passed onto the relative Minister who can choose to take the Bill to State Parliament and possibly pass it into State legislation.

During the program the team were also invited to have afternoon tea at Government House where they could walk around, admire the huge rooms and of course meet and talk with His Excellency the Hon Alex Chernov.

"Government House was huge! It was so nice of him to let all of us into the estate," Maddison Sharp said.

Pictured above: Maddison Sharp, Damon Tilley, Maddison Lonie, Thomas Shields, Amanda Collins, Christopher Long and the Hon Alex Chernov, Governor of Victoria.
Many of you would have received information introducing the Sustainable School Shop at the end of last year. The Sustainable School Shop offers online trading and is an efficient, low cost way for families to buy and sell / even swap their school text books, uniforms and school supplies.

As a result of introducing this online service, we will no longer be running the Second hand Book Shop at the College. However Mrs Bedford, our Parent Liaison Officer, is available to help you to upload your goods or help you add a search to find what you are wanting to buy if you are not confident in computer use.

The Sustainable School Shop is used by many schools throughout Australia – and therefore gives a great trading opportunity. Simply Google “Sustainable School Shop” and have a look.

We are hoping that families take advantage of this terrific online system and sell their school books, uniforms, calculators etc to other families who are looking for texts, and also use the search and buy function to locate and buy any text books they are looking for next year.

Free membership to the Sustainable School Shop has been offered to the College and all families for twelve months to enable all families to try the website and see how easy it is to use for no cost.

Although we’re only half way through the school year, you may like to log onto the website to have a look and practise adding any old text books you might find lying around the house. This site is used by schools from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. You never know someone might just need those old books you have floating about.

The Sustainable School Shop is also a great place to buy or sell uniform. (Although you will not be able to sell your old Sebastopol College uniforms any piece of Phoenix College uniform can be sold.)

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Did you get your family statement?
Family statements were emailed out the last week of Term 2.
These statements did not include any Semester 2 elective subject costs. New statements will be emailed as soon as the additional charges have been processed.
If you did not receive an emailed statement, and you have an email account, please let us know. (You can email the College at phoenix.p12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au).

Paying your Educational Costs:
Thank you for the terrific response – many families have supported the education of children by either paying their account, or have 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
You may have noticed the building project is continuing and is well underway. However for the next few weeks the main entrance in Hertford Street will still be unavailable for entry or exit.
If you need to drive into the College grounds you will be able to enter 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.

VISITORS PROTOCOL
Please remember it is College protocol that ALL visitors to the College report to the General Office using 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.
STOP THE PRESS!
Adolescent Health Clinic recommencing this term.

Where: Room 22 (next to the Wellbeing Office)
When: Tuesday mornings
Dr Who? Dr Elizabeth Russell

All students welcome but appointments must be made with Mrs Firth, Mrs Bedford or Ms Rickard.
Students may self refer or parents/guardians may make an appointment for their child.
This is a unique opportunity for our students and one which we are very pleased to offer.
If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Lorraine Firth, Adolescent Health Nurse on 5329 3293.

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. Closing date is Friday, 2nd August.

Children 16 and over are ineligible for EMA.

More information can be found at:

Over the next two weeks the College Student Leadership team will be selling a variety of Cadbury products for $1 and $1.50 each to students at the College as a fundraiser.

Special Freddo Frog days will be held at the Primary Campus over the Term.
**CALENDAR**

**Secondary Campus**

**JULY**
- 24th  Year 12 Legal Studies Barwon Prison Excursion
- 26th  Year 10 Health Day UB
- 29th  College Finance Meeting 5.30pm
  College Council Dinner Meeting 6.15pm

**AUGUST**
- 1st    Aust. Maths Competition Mod 1 & 2
- 2nd    Year 11 Road Safety Presentation
  Motivational Media Presentation Years 7, 8 & 9
- 5th    Year 10 Pathways - All Day for all Year 10
- 7th    Year 12 VTAC Information Sessions
- 12th   College Policy & Development Meeting
  5pm
  College Facilities Meeting 5.30pm
- 13th   Year 9-10 Course Info Sessions
  7.00 - 8.30pm in Learning Resource Centre.
  This is a very significant night that allows
  Middle School students to understand
  the transition to the Senior School. It
  discusses the different Pathway and
  Subject Selection process. It is highly
  recommended that all Parents and
  Students attend.
- 15th   Year 10 University Visit 10.30am -
  1.00pm for all Year 10.

**Primary Campus**

**JULY**
- 18th  Whole school Swimming Program commences
- 26th  PUPIL FREE DAY FOR PRIMARY CAMPUS ONLY

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**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

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