Pictured above: 2013 Year 12 students with the traditional Year 12 pavers that were laid recently. Next time you are at the College make sure you stop and have a look.

Principal Team Report

2014 Enrolments – Prep at Phoenix P-12 Community College - 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 College 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.

Kitchen Garden Area on the Redan Campus
The continued development of the Kitchen Garden area on the Redan Campus is something to be viewed with the garden boxes looking spectacular.
Mr. Charlie Corser (a Community Volunteer; fantastic) is coordinating the project on the Primary Campus and has allocated areas to each class group and provided teachers and students with seedlings to plant. Children and teachers are both learning a lot about caring for their plants and about gardening.
Hopefully by late spring we will be
able to commence harvesting some of our crops again. We encourage parents to come and visit our garden area and take an interest in the progress being made. This area at the front of the campus is also enhanced by the large wooden pencils which have the You Can Do It foundations of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience painted onto them. This is a great reminder to children as they are working in the garden about how to be successful and happy across all elements of their school life.

**Mindshop Excellence Program**

Once again, six Year 10 students have formulated a team as part of this exemplary program, and are working for a week with UGL Rail to solve a real life problem for the company. The student team consists of Kimberley Cody, Brooke Hocking, Angela O’Neill, Priya Mala, Lamourette Folly and Peter Moore.

After five days on the job, this group will present an overview of the project to approximately 60 politicians, community and business representatives, students and parents at an official ceremony on Friday, 16 August. I will be attending this ceremony and look forward to providing you with an update of their progress in next month’s Newsletter.

Good luck and enjoy the experience.

**College Building Program – Update**

The Stage 1 Phoenix P-12 building program continues to progress well. All three buildings are now taking shape and are a major part of the landscape at the back of the school site. The third concrete slab has been completed and work has started on the framing of this building. At this stage the construction work continues to be going well, so our target of moving in at the start of 2014 is on track. Keep it going guys!!

**Swimming Program – Redan Campus**

All Primary students are currently doing a great job with their swimming program and we thank parents for their interest in supporting children by visiting the Swim and Survival Academy while children are having their lessons. Feedback from all involved has been very positive. Enjoy the experience again this Thursday.

**Book Week is Coming Up – Redan Campus**

Just to give parents advanced notice we will be holding a special Dress Up day for Book Week where children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character. This will occur on Monday, 19th August. We are giving children and families as much warning as possible, so they have plenty of time to think about the character they will be dressing up as. Special prizes will be awarded on the day. As well as this, we are running a movie and Casual Dress day to support World Vision as part of our community focus.

**SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

As the semester continues the workload and stress levels for all Year 12 students increases but there is a lot of support put in place for students. If they feel under pressure please send them to see their House Manager who will be able to help support them through difficult times.

With Subject Selections taking place over the next few weeks it is important for students and parents to attend any information sessions they can. As your child progresses the decisions they make will have an impact on their pathway so it is vitally important that they educate themselves on the opportunities we have.

Don’t forget that Managed Individual Pathways/Progress interviews are coming up and it is the best way to assess how your child is progressing. Please book in to see teachers and utilise the experience to ensure success.

For those students wanting to apply for University or TAFE courses the VTAC process is under way and Ms Kennedy will be able to help with access and advice. Please make a time with her in the LRC.

Lastly the Valedictory Dinner will arrive very quickly so make sure you plan to attend and leave Tuesday, October 22nd free to celebrate with your child.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

A great deal has been accomplished in the Middle School since the last Newsletter.

A number of our students have entered the South Street Debating Competition for the first time. This was a valuable experience as it helps students develop their confidence and literacy skills.
Congratulations to the following students:
Laura Middlin, Hudson Sharp, Hannah Anwyl, Taylah Markham and Natalie Kirley.

On Wednesday, 7th August we hosted Year 6 students from Haddon Primary School and Linton Primary School. We worked as a team with some of our Year 9 Student Leaders (Jack Mills, Thomas Eastman, James Hazendonk, Caitlyn Schaper and Felicity Liston) to create a documentary. In September we will host students from Urquhart Park Primary School and Woady Yaloak Primary School.

We have been accepted into the School for Student Leadership in 2014. Our students will participate in Term 1 and will be at the Gnrurad-Gundidj Campus which is about one hour from Ballarat. Letters have been sent to all Year 8 students and their families about the selection process.

We welcome a number of new students to Middle School - they are Carly Verhoeven-Rhodes, Nikki Tuany, Angus Smith-Gorman, Alexandra Chance, Ricky Edwards, Kelly Wilson, Zachary Eaton and Cameron Donald. We wish these students all the best as they settle into life at Phoenix.

Lately there have been a number of incidents relating to inappropriate use of mobile phones. We remind students that they are not to be used during class; that they are brought to school at the owner’s risk and ask parents to remind their sons and daughters about appropriate phone use.

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Career Centre Update

- **Year 12** students are looking to complete their VTAC and direct placement applications by August 23rd, with Scholarship and Special Entry Access Scheme applications shortly after that. Twenty-five students will travel to Deakin University Geelong on Friday, 16th August to discover what Deakin has to offer them next year.
- All English and Literature students will sit a practice exam on Wednesday, 18th September.
- Ballarat’s Outreach Program will conduct one on one sessions covering inquiries on accommodation and moving away for University, Scholarships, Centrelink, University Support Services, Change of Preferences and much more on Thursday, 19th September.
- **Year 11** will start discussions on their programs for Year 12 2014; travel to Deakin for the Year 11 University Transition Program and attend Guest Speaker visits during Pastoral Care Groups.

World Skills Competition
Building and Construction
Regional Final

Congratulations to the World Skills competitors Lucas Hammond who came first and Brock Amendola taking third place at the Building and Construction Regional Final competition held in July. It is the first time that two students from Phoenix P-12 Community College competed in such an event. Lucas and Brock are current VET in Schools Building and Construction students who took the opportunity to show off their skills in drawing and building a sawhorse model. The school presented the students with a large tool bag and a range of hand tools to keep for their future competitions and career. We wish them good luck representing Phoenix P-12 Community College at the World Skills Building and Construction State Final at the end of the year.

Mr Christof Muller
Technology Programs Coordinator

- **Year 10** will attend their “What’s Out There For Me” Career Information Day on 16th August.

Phoenix P-12 Community College are hosting a Career and Pathways Expo on Wednesday, 21st August with various Industry and University people attending. See Page 8 of this Newsletter.

Career Expo - Ballarat Grammar
This year’s ROTARY Ballarat Careers Expo will be held on Monday, 19th August between 7.00pm - 9.00pm at Ballarat Grammar, Forest St entrance. $1 entry.
Students Get Influenced By Picasso

Year 10 Visual Art students have been working hard on developing their own interpretation of Pablo Picasso’s famous painting called “Weeping Woman”. Students brainstormed many different reasons why they thought the woman was crying; from “just breaking up from her boy friend, having a fight with mum or losing a pet.” They then had to research the real reason behind the “Weeping Woman” and were astonished to discover it was Picasso’s response to the bombing of a town called Guernica during the Spanish Civil War on 26th April 1937. The task was then set for the students to complete their own “Weeping Woman” painting and present it in a 3D sculptural format.

Ms Lesley Costley-Gray

Primary Campus Debating Team

In July, our two Redan Campus College Captains, Shelby Newman and Lyrick Vecchio, and our two Year 6 Redan Campus Vice Captains, Maddison Darouit and Trisha-May Frankie, represented the College at the Royal South Street Debating Competition. This was our first foray into debating in a very long time.

The girls were given the topic of “Fish Are Better Pets Than Dogs”. They had to take the negative of that argument, that dogs are better pets than fish, which we all know is true!

The girls spoke exceptionally well; they used strong reasoning to support their case and showed great confidence while speaking in front of an unfamiliar audience. They were rewarded for their efforts with a convincing win over their opponents – St. Patrick’s Primary School. They now have to wait and see whether their total score was good enough to win them a spot in the Semi Finals.

A big thank you goes to our Assistant Principal and Head of Senior School, Mr Greed, who arranged their participation and organised several training sessions for the team. Our congratulations go to Shelby, Lyrick, Maddison and Trisha for their outstanding efforts and the positive way in which they represented our Phoenix College.

Mr Justyn McConachy
Leading Teacher
Redan Primary Campus

On Wednesday, 28th August at Phoenix P-12 Community College LUX Events class will be holding a TRIVIA NIGHT in the Community Hub at 6.30pm.
Tickets available at Senior School Office $5.00 each.
Tables of 10 available
B.Y.O plate of nibbles to share
We are supporting Cystic Fibrosis on the night. Many raffles and prizes to be won!!
Limited seating, so purchase tickets quickly!

Cystic Fibrosis Australia

Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
Phone 5329 3210
REDAN PRIMARY CAMPUS
PERFORMING ARTS CLASSES
For the past two terms P–6 students from the Primary Campus have been participating in weekly Drama classes. Each week the students play drama games as well as create performances, present skits and dances all while showing off their newly learnt drama skills. Here is a quick overview of what the classes have been working on.

The Prep/1M & Prep/1 W – Bugs and Animals,
2B – Pirates and Nursery Rhymes,
3L – Emotions and Circus Puppets,
4/5B – Fairy Tales and Frozen Images
Grade 5/6F and 5/6M – Scene Work and Superheroes.

Each class also learnt some of the moves from this year’s production of “Seussical”. As we move towards the end of Term 3 and the students reach the end of the Drama component of Performing Arts classes, each class will begin to work on a presentation for a small themed concert. Each grade will work on a song/dance/act that will be performed in the last week of Term 3 to their friends, family, teachers and other students. The theme of the performance will be ‘At the Movies’ and there will be a number from each class. Details of the performance will be sent to parents interested in attending.

Science News

Congratulations to Jessica Keen and Ryan Kerr (pictured above), both in Year 11, who have been selected to attend the 2014 National Youth Science Forum to be held at ANU in Canberra (6th – 18th January)! They will be fully sponsored by Rotary ($2,500 each) and undertook a rigorous selection process in order to be chosen. Jessica and Ryan (along with 100 other students from across the nation) will work closely with Scientists at the University to develop their scientific skills and hopefully be inspired to choose a scientific careers pathway. We congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

Ms Sonia Kahanoff
Science

The Next German Exchange 2014

The next trip to Germany as part of the German Exchange Program will be between March and May next year, and the German students will be travelling here in September and October 2014. If anyone studying German is interested in getting involved please contact Mr Bill Ferguson on 5329 3293.
Family accounts and Schoolkids Bonus

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive up to $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July. Check your eligibility by visiting [www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you have missed out on the July payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink Family Assistance Office or by calling 132 468.

You should have received your family statement which now includes second semester fees. If you have recently received the Schoolkids Bonus of $410 per child these funds are specifically designed to “help with education costs”. We encourage you to support your child’s education at Phoenix P-12 Community College, and take this opportunity to pay all outstanding charges on your Family Statement. We would also welcome payments in advance for future costs, including 2014. Prior payment is also required for all camps and excursions.

You can make payment by cash, BPAY, cheque or Eftpos. Centrepay is also available for those who receive Centrelink payments. If you are having difficulty in meeting your commitment, you can set up a fortnightly payment schedule through BPAY, or direct to the College. If you need assistance with this or have any other queries with your account, please feel free to contact the General Office.

As those who travel on the Ballarat bus system already know – MYKI is well and truly here – and will be extending to VLINE trains shortly. Ballarat's “MYKI Expert” William Brown has written some FAQs about the MYKI system for school students and parents. Hopefully these will help to make the system clear and easy to use.

How MYKI Works

How does my MYKI work and how is it charged?

When the MYKI card is Touched On it creates the user a ticket to travel. When the card is Touched Off it then charges accordingly, so if the card is Touched Off within the 2 hour period, a 2 hour ticket is created. If the user stays on the same bus over the 2 hour period, then a daily ticket is automatically charged. When the passenger Touches Off within the 2 hour period, then uses the buses again that same day, e.g., “3 hours later” the MYKI system recognises that that particular customer has already used the system that day, and charges the extra amount to make up a “Daily Ticket” then STOPS charging for the rest of the day no matter how many buses that customer uses.

Costs For MYKI

What are the charges for a “2 hour” and “Daily” ticket on MYKI Money for Zone 8 Ballarat?

2 Hour fare : CHILD/STUDENT CONCESSION : $1.05
Daily Charge: CHILD/STUDENT CONCESSION: $1.91

How do I purchase a CHILD MYKI Pass or Student MYKI (for Children Still at school after their 17th Birthday or for Students at University who want to pay a concession Fare)?

The CHILD pass for students aged between 4 and 17 Years can be purchased from Ballarat Railway Station. Students 17 years old or over have to obtain and fill out the “Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card and Student Pass Application Form 2013”. This can be obtained from Ballarat Railway Station, or from the Student Office at their particular School or University, or online at www.MYKI.com.au. The cost of this card is $9.00 and the student will receive a FREE MYKI Card upon obtaining their Victorian Public Transport Student Concession Card. This MYKI card can be used as MYKI Money, MYKI Pass or a combination of both products (Customers Choice).

Student Passes

I have an Annual or 6 Monthly MYKI Pass loaded onto my MYKI card (Students/Children). What benefits, if any, do I receive?

There are 2 types of MYKI Pass for Students: The Regional Transit Student Pass and The Victorian Student Pass. The Regional Transit Student Pass lets the Pass holder travel on all buses and V/Line trains within your chosen transit system. Ballarat Pass Holders can travel on all buses in Ballarat and on the V/Line trains from Ballarat to Melbourne. The pass holder will still have to pay for any transport in Melbourne (Metro, Trams & Buses).

The prices are as follows:
- Ballarat Half Yearly $200.70
- Ballarat Second Half Yearly $200.70
- Ballarat Yearly $383.40

The Victorian Student Pass (Half Yearly or Yearly) gives you unlimited travel on: Metropolitan trains, trams and buses, Regional town buses and V/Line trains and coaches operating wholly within Victoria.

Victorian Student Pass:
The MYKI card although robust isn’t infallible. The card is designed to be placed in a wallet or a purse and to be carried in a jacket pocket or a handbag. The card has a small aerial which is located around the perimeter of the card, and also has a “Chip” which is connected to the aerial. If for any reason this connection is severed, (this can be by bending, cracking or sitting on the card), then it cannot be read by the Bus Driver Consoles or the Passenger Facing Devices and is deemed invalid.

If the card is obviously broken by the user, then it is up to the user to get the MYKI replaced by purchasing a new card, top up that card either with MYKI Money or a MYKI Pass in order to be able to travel. If the MYKI is not working and there is no obvious damage then the card is deemed to have failed or expired and can be replaced by calling the MYKI helpline on 1800 800 007 or by contacting MYKI on www.MYKI.com.au. In all cases any monies that are still on the Broken/Damaged MYKI card can be claimed back by contacting The MYKI Helpdesk on the number and email already provided. Lost or stolen cards can also be replaced on the above MYKI helpline or online at www.MYKI.com.au as long as the card has previously been registered.

From 27th July 2013 any MYKI cards that are non-operational or expired can be taken to Ballarat Railway Station where a new card can be obtained straight away over the counter.
Subject Selection and Pathways Expo

The 2014 Subject Selection process is about to begin. This year the College has moved to an online Subject Selection Booklet which is available on the College website. Just click on the Curriculum heading and then Subject Selection. You will then be able to find the most up to date information on each subject and course by either Year Level or Subject Area.


(If you require a hard copy of the booklet please collect one from the General Office)

Important Information Sessions and Dates

To support our students in the development of their Managed Individual Pathways (MIP) we will be holding the following events at the College to provide students and their Parents/Guardians the opportunity to speak with teachers and develop their 2014 MIPS.

Pathways Expo

Wednesday 21st August

Students can visit between 10.00am - 3.30pm to discover more about occupations from both local and interstate representatives. The University and TAFE providers, as well as College staff, will available from 3.30pm - 7.00pm for parents and students to have the opportunity to call in.

Applied Learning Centre and Learning Resource Centre

This evening is open to all Parents/Guardians and Students in Years 7 to 11. It is an ideal opportunity to receive advice from Staff about what subjects would best suit your student and their future pathways.

Information Session for Students

*Friday 23rd August

Green and Orange Sheets will be distributed to all students. The Heads of School will explain the Subject Selection Process to students in Year Level assemblies on this day.

Managed Individual Pathways/Progress Interviews

*Thursday 5th September 4pm–7pm (Appointment time is required)

*Friday 6th September 9am–4pm

(Appointment Times Required – Normal class programs will not run)

Students are encouraged to make meeting times with their teachers in order to receive advice and support when making decisions on what subjects are required for future Year Levels, Careers, University/TAFE Courses and Employment. Information on making these appointments will be sent out prior to the days. Students should also attend these appointments with their Parents/Guardians.

Mr George Porter
Assistant Principal

New School Reports

Phoenix College will be changing over to AusVELS reporting this semester and think that this is a great opportunity to review our current report. We would like to make our reports as clear and meaningful as possible for Students, Parents and Employers. We would be very interested in getting a number of parents to have a look at some examples of these reports before they go out. If you can spare 10 minutes at some time in the next two weeks or have any other feedback on our current reports please contact the General Office and we will be in touch.

George Porter
Assistant Principal
Are you eligible for public dental

Who can access public dental care?
1. All children 0-12 years old.
2. Youth 13-17 years who have or are dependants of health care or pensioner concession card holders.
3. All youth 13-17 years who are in out-of-home care provided by the Department of Human Services or those in custodial care.
4. All adults who are health care or pensioner concession cardholders.
5. All refugees and asylum seekers.

What kind of treatment can I get?
General, denture and emergency care is available. Minimal charges and waiting lists may apply.

What is priority access?
Priority access means you don’t have to go on a waiting list, you will be given the next available appointment. Eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, homeless people and those at risk of homelessness, pregnant women, registered clients of mental health and disability services (with a letter of recommendation) and all refugees and asylum seekers are able to get priority access at our clinics.

For more details or to book an appointment contact
Ballarat Health Services
Cnr Sturt and Drummond St Nth
Ballarat
Ph: 5330 4255

Dental Van is onsite at Phoenix P-12 Community College Sebastopol Campus for your convenience.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL
DATE: 4th September 2013
TIME: 7.00pm – 10.00pm
WHERE: Sebastopol Football/Netball Club Rooms
(Marty Bush Reserve)
THEME: Dress to Impress
Strictly NO PASS OUTS, NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE AND COME BACK AND NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL.
Prices based on attendance
100% Free
99%-95% $5
94%-85% $10
84%-75% $15

CALLING THE COLLEGE
The number to phone is 5329 3293
Option 1: Sebastopol Secondary Campus
Option 2: Redan Primary Campus

Our Year 11 and 12 Debating Team just missed out on beating Ballarat & Clarendon College at Royal South Street. It was the closest debate of the night and Claire Blower, Maddison Sharp, Jackson Ford and Joshua Liston (pictured above) did a marvellous job for their first try. Congratulations!!!
Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal
Senior School
**Secondary Campus**

**AUGUST**

15th  Year 10 University Visit 10.30am - 1.00pm for all Year 10.
16th  STUDENT FREE DAY  
SECONDARY CAMPUS ONLY
19th  BOOKWEEK
21st  Subject Selection & Pathways Expo  
Years 7 - 11  
Applied Learning Centre and LRC  
4pm-7pm  
Careers Expo
23rd  Interim Reports mailed home  
Subject Selection sheets sent home
26th  College Finance Meeting  
5.30pm  
College Council Meeting  
6.15pm
27th  Choir competes at Royal South Street
28th  Music Workshops & Performance  
Horsham College
30th  Band to Delacombe PS

**SEPTEMBER**

4th  Middle School Social  
7.00pm - 10.00pm  
Sebastopol Football/Netball Club
5th  Managed Individual Pathways/Progress Interviews  
4pm - 7pm
6th  Managed Individual Pathways/Progress Interviews  
9.00am - 4pm  
Students to attend interviews with parents  
NO NORMAL CLASSES  
*All Subject Selection sheets in by today!
9th  College Policy & Development Meeting  
5.00pm  
College Facilities Meeting 5.30pm  
Year 10 Work Experience Week
16th  College Finance Meeting 5.30pm  
College Council Meeting 6.15pm
17th  Inter School Athletics
18th  Trial English Exam Year 12  
1.30 - 4.45pm LRC  
Intermediate Band Concert  
7.00pm
19th  Cabaret Night  
7.30pm
20th  Last day of Term  
Dismissal 2.30pm.

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**Sustainable School Shop**

The College is conscious of the need to provide an efficient process for families to be able to recycle their textbooks, uniforms and student resources.

I am delighted to inform you of the school’s new initiative to provide parents with the ability to trade second-hand items via the “Sustainable School Shop”. Families are assisted to list For Sale & Wanted advertisements online and the system then matches buyers with sellers. Results from other schools have been excellent; families have enjoyed a comprehensive and convenient method of trading these second-hand items.

The Sustainable School Shop is providing complimentary Annual Family Memberships until 31st August 2014 and we would encourage parents to take full advantage of this opportunity. You need to nominate the College when you register on the Sustainable School Shop website to receive your complimentary Annual Family Membership (lasts 365 days).

The service provides access to second-hand textbooks, uniforms, calculators, stationery, musical equipment, etc. **all year round.** Parents can even trade with other parents from different schools and sell items no longer in use at our College or other previously attended schools.

For the best results:
- List items for sale
- List Wanted Ads for those items you are looking to buy
- The College’s textbook and uniform lists are loaded into the service to make listing ads easy
- The system matches the ads of buyers with sellers and notifies the buyer (Wanted Ad) via email
- Buyers contact sellers and arrange where and when to trade
- Most trading will occur with other parents from the school
- Parents are well supported via Sustainable School Shop’s telephone (1300 683 337) and email help lines  
- The system is simple and easy to use - If you don’t have a computer, internet access or an email address, please call the Sustainable School Shop for assistance

All enquiries should be directed to the **Sustainable School Shop on:**  
1300 683 337 or help is also available through ‘Contact Us’ on their website at [www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au](http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au)

We are very excited about this new initiative being offered to parents and we hope you will make the most of the opportunity to annually recycle your student’s school items.