Principal Team Report

YEAR 12 – CLASS OF 2013

Congratulations to our Year 12 student group for their outstanding leadership and role modelling throughout 2013. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank every Year 12 student for their efforts in supporting students, community and sporting groups and especially staff with all forms of College activities. This group has been a driving force in the development of the Phoenix P-12 Community College ethos, one that promotes Pride, Success and High Expectations as a part of our everyday values across all parts of the College.

Within the Year 12 ‘Class of 2013’ the following Student Leadership team has led the student population in a diverse range of successful whole school initiatives; from College governance as part of School Council to student functions and special events.

We congratulate them on their constant enthusiasm and maturity beyond their years which they have displayed during the year.

College Captains
Damon Tilley and Emily Lizzul

College Vice Captains
Kane Anthony and Taylor Mason

College Prefects
Amanda Collins, Christopher Long, Sarah Polley, Jessica Voigt, Joshua Liston, Claire Blower, Jackson Ford and Alana Ryan.

2014 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAMS – Selection Process

The 2014 College Student Leadership Teams’ selection process has been completed at the Sebastopol Campus and is about to take place at the Redan Campus during November. It has been sensational to see the quality and high number of applicants going through this extensive process; as this underpins our focus on student voice and high aspirations. Incredibly over 100 students have applied for involvement with these leadership groups. This highlights the high calibre of students attending the College and the clear acknowledgment of our high expectation agenda across all aspects of the College. Congratulations to all involved. Well done!

The College Student Leadership Teams will again comprise of twelve students on the Secondary Campus at each Year level - Year 9 to Year 12; made up of the following combination: College Captains, College Vice Captains, SRC Leaders and House Captains.

On the Redan Campus, six School Leaders will formulate the Campus team: two School Captains and four Vice Captains.

Order of Australia – School Citizenship Awards

I had the great pleasure during the school holidays of attending the Order of Australia School Citizenship Awards ceremony at the Ballarat Town Hall, where Lamourette Folly, Year 10, from Phoenix P-12 Community College was presented with an award for Outstanding Leadership and Support of New Community Members into the Ballarat area. This award recognises her volunteer efforts in the community. Congratulations Lamourette. SENSATIONAL!

Pictured above: Year 10 Student Lamourette Folly.
College Building Update

The Phoenix P-12 building program continues to progress well. All three buildings are well and truly starting to show the 21st Century design that formulates part of their structure, with one of the Learning Villages and the Science Centre being almost at lockup stage.

This Stage 1 development is now a major part of the landscape at the back of the Sebastopol Campus site. Bring it on!!

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!!

Pictured above: The interior works of our new Learning Villages.

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

Prep enrolments for next year are being finalised and planning for the 2014 school year is underway. Our College families are asked to discuss with any families that they know are considering enrolling their Prep child at the Redan Campus to book an appointment as soon as possible. Please get them to 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.

Phoenix P-12 Community College – 2013

2013 has seen major steps taken in establishing our new College identity based on offering exceptional pathways and opportunities for every student.

The emphasis of this year has been to establish goals, targets and a school improvement platform that is underpinned by a focus on HIGH EXPECTATIONS across all aspects of College life.

The outstanding success of every initiative during 2013 has allowed us to deliver the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College .... What an amazing year!!

The achievements of our student body and school community in implementing this new College 21st Century agenda has been quite amazing; so much so it is being recognised as a model of excellence in many educational forums.

Our College Student leadership Teams, 2013 Year 12 group and school staff need to be highlighted for their substantial influence in leading this successful change strategy .... GREAT STUFF!! ...... Congratulations to all involved.

The Phoenix P-12 Community College ethos will continue to thrive and develop with strong alignment to the... Dream ... Believe ... Succeed operational structure that is the foundation of our school improvement agenda.

** Key points of our College ethos;

College motto: ‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’

♦ Our College Moral Purpose which defines what we are committed to as a school.
  ⇒ Phoenix P-12 Community College prides itself on the educational opportunities delivered for the students of today as we foster the development of socially respectful and responsible global citizens of tomorrow.

  ⇒ We empower our students to strive for success and excellence in their educational, vocational and personal pathways.

  ⇒ We ensure that emotional wellbeing is fostered within every child and that they leave the College as active, positive members of the community.

♦ Clear Vision Statements for our Students; where the College promotes high achievement by developing the learning capacities of all students, enabling them to be:

  ⇒ motivated lifelong learners striving to achieve excellence.

  ⇒ students who demonstrate respect, compassion and tolerance for others.

  ⇒ innovative and resilient learners, inquisitive of the environment around them.

  ⇒ students competent in the essential skills of literacy and numeracy, who constantly endeavour to reach their full potential.

  ⇒ technologically capable students who can adapt to a rapidly advancing world.

  ⇒ socially responsible students who contribute positively as global citizens in all aspects of life.

College Logo / Phoenix P-12 Community College

The College logo symbolises the direction of the College as a 21st Century P-12 learning setting, as well as our link to the mining era and history of Ballarat.

ARTICULATION – What it symbolises:

This logo signifies a learning journey of endeavours and achievement ‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’. The College is a place of rich and diverse possibilities; it offers students a point of entry to global prospects where they are encouraged to take advantage of every
opportunity, and to determine a pathway that will lead them to a future of extensive accomplishments and successes.

Two Pillars  Mine  Arc  8 Pointed P  Star  Phoenix

What each element of the College logo represents:

TWO PILLARS - Illustrates the merging of Secondary and Primary Education to form a comprehensive learning community.

MINE - Signifies the College’s proximity to the old Phoenix mine site. The entrance to the mine identifies an entry point to a place of vast opportunity for learning and discovery, focused on success and excellence.

ARC - The arc represents the shape of the head of a shovel. The arc is positioned to link the external pillars with the inside mine supports. The shape of the encompassing arc symbolises the way the College combines knowledge from the community with development and learning. Together this powerful combination propels students forward to realise endless opportunities as global citizens of tomorrow.

8 POINTED STAR - The eight point star links the College to the history of Ballarat as seen on the Eureka flag. Each point indicates the numerous possibilities available to every student, which may lie in various directions or pathways of opportunity.

P - Phoenix.

♦ College Values - Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence. These support every part of our day to day operation as a school community.

SENSATIONAL!! All of the above components have set in place a very clear direction forward for us to be recognised as a benchmark educational setting in the local district and region … enjoy the ride …exciting times ahead.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

The year has gone very quickly and as we enter the final Term there is a lot happening in the Senior School. Please be aware that the Subject Selection process is well underway and soon we will be counselling the students into a program for 2014. If you need to better understand the pathways on offer or the process please contact your child’s House Manager.

This process will determine which units will be on offer for 2014 and we will then build a suitable program for your child to meet their pathway.

Year 12 VCE and VCAL students will finish formal classes on Tuesday, October 29th and will then have access to teachers via appointment. After this date Year 11 VCE and VET classes will continue as well as multi-year VCAL classes and all Year 10 classes. Students in Year 11 who have a Year 12 unit will be given the opportunity to utilise the LRC for private study.

The Year 12 Final Assembly and Valedictory Dinner will be held on October 22nd and all parents are welcome to attend both functions. The Final Assembly will be held Module 2(10.00am) in the gymnasium and the Valedictory Dinner at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club that evening. We wish the Year 12 cohort the very best with exams, completing outcomes and good luck for the future.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

We welcome all students and families back for Term 4. In addition we welcome Moya Finnen-Evans and Shahna Rings who have enrolled at Phoenix P-12 Community College. We hope that these students make a smooth start to student life at Phoenix.

The majority of students have been diligent about completing their Subject Selections for 2014 and preliminary plans for the 2014 timetable can now commence. Those students who did not submit their forms by the due date will be unlikely to receive their first preferences.

Term 4 is an important time for students; ultimately this is the time when decisions will be made as to whether students progress to the next Year level. It is critical that students continue to submit all work by the due date and that this is done to the best of student’s ability. Where work is late we encourage parents to respond to overdue work letters as quickly as possible. This will help us avoid difficult conversations at the end of the term.

We would like to congratulate the following students for successful selection to the roles of Middle School Captains and Vice Captains.

Captains
Emiley Cody and Tanner Norman

Vice Captains
Ally Dennis and Joshua Long

The following students have been selected for the Alpine School for Student Leadership: Emiley Cody, Mary Greed, Ally Dennis, Trent Robertson, Lachlan Kay and Joshua Long. In Term 1 they will travel to the Gnurdaj Gundidj Campus where many exciting adventures and challenges await.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

Principal Team Report
Phoenix P-12 Community College
In September the Year 12 VCAL students went on the annual Literacy Camp. Mrs Kricak, Mrs Dwyer and Miss Hall organised a fantastic journey of various facets of Melbourne to write about. On the camp they experienced the Melbourne Museum, a night time Ghost Tour, Ice Skating, a tour of the Victoria Market, dinner in Lygon Street and the Eureka Sky Deck. Students familiarising themselves with Melbourne, public transport and the various places in Melbourne provides a great opportunity for them to develop personally and build relationships through ‘real world’ experiences. The students represented the College exceptionally well and returned home tired but excited.

Mrs Kricak
VCAL

Sebastopol Cadet Unit

Photo Above: (Left to Right) CUO Natasha Middlin being congratulated on her promotion by her fellow Cadets CUO Rachel Middlin and Cadet Laura Middlin.

Cadet Report
During the school holidays the Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit travelled to Puckapunyal for their week long annual camp. Exercise Emu 2013 involved over 800 Cadets from around Victoria and was a great opportunity for our Cadets to meet and work with new people in a challenging environment. Despite a mixture of extreme wind, cold and even warm weather our Cadets all made it through the week and enjoyed themselves.

In Term 4 the Unit begins to focus on the end of year events such as our formal dinner, end of year parade, as well as a High Ropes Challenge Course in November. Our first parade night this term saw Sgt Natasha Middlin promoted to the rank of Cadet Under Officer. This is the highest rank achievable for a Cadet, and is the result of years of hard work by Natasha. This promotion will also mean she will be the most senior Cadet in the Unit and responsible for training and leading the Unit for 2014. This role was performed this year by her sister Rachel, so for the final term we are enjoying having two CUO Middlins in the Unit.

Mr Nicholas Joosten
Sebastopol Cadet Unit

Mathletics
TOP 100 IN AUSTRALIA

Nathan Riley is a quiet student who strives to do his best in all facets of his studies in Mathematics. He persists with any challenge presented to him and asks for advice, guidance or clarification if necessary. He arrives in a punctual and organised manner. Over the course of some months, including his holidays, he has done regular skills revision and achieved the 45th spot in Australia. A feature of Mathletics is the 24/7 access. Nathan is a very positive role model for other students of the College. Congratulations Nathan!

Mr Mark Cisar
Numeracy Coordinator

Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
Phone 5329 3210
TRANSITION BAND
INAUGURAL CONCERT
In September the Transition Band played its first ever concert to an excited audience of parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers and primary school teachers. We would like to congratulate the following students on their achievements; Leroy Appelby (Scarsdale), Riley Bain (Delacombe), Kyle Begbie (Smythesdale), Kaitlyn Brown (Lumen Christi), Mitchell Brown (Lumen Christi), Sam Cassar (Ross Creek), Amanda Collins (Phoenix), Olivia Davis (Sebastopol), Mariah-Jayne Ford (Urquhart Park), Jaime Gigliotti (Sebastopol), Zakira Herbertson (Urquhart Park), Conor Kierce (Sebastopol), Jarrod Johnson (Snake Valley), Chloe Mason (Delacombe), Nicholas Oakes (Ross Creek), David Polley (Phoenix) Chloe Porter (Sebastopol), Koby Scott (Delacombe) Samuel Shaw (Ross Creek) Tim Snibson (Clarendon) and Lisa Young training teacher.

The Transition Band was formed at the commencement of Term 2 and is designed to introduce students in Year 5 and 6 to instrumental music as well as providing the opportunity for students to play in a band setting. Each student played a solo piece as well as a number of group pieces. There will be a second concert in Term 4 and we look forward to hearing the development of the students with another term’s practice.

We would also like thank music teacher Mr John Netherway for his expert leadership of these students.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal

2013 BOOK WEEK
CREATIVE WRITING
COMPETITION WINNERS

MIDDLE SCHOOL 50 WORD STORY

YEAR 7
1ST CHELSEA HAZENDONK

YEAR 8
1ST MARY GREED

YEAR 9
1ST GEORGIA KELLY

MIDDLE SCHOOL POEM

1ST MADELEINE SNIBSON

MIDDLE SCHOOL COMIC STRIP

1ST JEMMA HARRIS

SENIOR SCHOOL 50 WORD STORY

1ST TEAGAN WALKER

SENIOR SCHOOL POEM

1ST TEAGAN WALKER

MANY THANKS

AIMEE TAYLOR
HEAD OF ENGLISH

2014 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

2014 Year 7 student enrolment interviews have been completed.

If you have not completed an enrolment interview, please contact the General Office (5329 3293) and make an appointment prior to Orientation Day.

• Orientation Day is December 10, 2013.

Are you looking to have some fun, excitement and adventure?
Do you want make new friends and improve your leadership, teamwork and communication skills?
Are you looking for a challenge?
Then Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit is looking for you!
Phone: 5329 3293
Education Maintenance Allowance in 2014

There are no changes to the EMA process for families in 2014 and EMA payment rates will remain unchanged.

In 2014, the EMA payments to eligible parents will be:

- $117.50 to $200 for parents of eligible Prep students
- $117.50 to $150 for parents of all other eligible primary school students
- $235 to $300 for parents of eligible Year 7 students
- $235 to $250 for parents of all other eligible secondary school students up to the age of 16.

The EMA will continue to be paid in two instalments annually (70% in March and 30% in August).

Application forms will be available from the General Office.

Payment of Families Educational Costs

Family Statements were emailed out to families at the end of last month. The year is certainly slipping by. Thank you to those families who have paid their account – that is fantastic.

Phoenix P-12 Community College offers parents a wide variety of ways to make payments:

- In Person: Cash, cheque, EFTPOS, Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard) and EMA.
- By Mail: Cheque, Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard).
- Please send Remittance Advice with cheque/voucher.
- By Phone: Credit Card (Visa and MasterCard).
- Centrepay: This automatic deduction system can be established at any time.

**Application forms are available from Centrelink or the General Office.**

- BPAY: Via the internet and using the BPAY reference data on your Statement,
  **This may be one off amounts, or a regular payment basis.**

Any BPAY payments will be allocated to outstanding charges. Please send Remittance Advice or email the School with any specific allocation requirements.

Payments are welcome any time at the General Office or can be dropped into the Drop Box – located near the student window, to save waiting in queues.

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. (Although you cannot sell old Sebastopol uniform you may have new uniform or be looking to buy.)

**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. 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.

Mrs Bedford, our Parent Liaison Officer, is available to give advice and assist you to upload your goods. You add a search to find what you want to buy if you are not confident in computer use.

**As we no longer run a second-hand bookshop** - 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.

Phoenix P-12 Community College are proud to announce that Jason McCartney the hero and face of the Bali Bombings, and a person who epitomises the Australian Fighting Spirit will be our guest speaker at this years 2013 Presentation Evening to be held on 2nd December, at Founders Hall, Caro Convention Centre, University of Ballarat, Mt Helen. **Please keep this date free.**

- Despite suffering horrific injuries from the bombings, Jason risked his own life to rescue two sisters from the burning wreckage.
- Jason, in what can only be described as a fairy tale recovery, returned in 2003 to play AFL football again with his club North Melbourne, only to announce his retirement after his first game back.
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS RIDING FOR THE SMITH FAMILY IN ‘AROUND THE BAY 2013’

The Smith Family is the annual nominated charity for the Bupa Around The Bay event and each year they aim to raise $1m + to support the provision of educational scholarships for disadvantaged students.

Each year a Junior Ride Team completes the 50km section of the event. This team has typically come from Metro Melbourne BUT this year event organisers have appointed 15 students and 4 staff from Phoenix P-12 Community College to take on this role.

Each rider is hoping to raise $1,000 in sponsorship from family, friends and the general Ballarat community. The Smith Family are providing bicycles, helmets and a jersey to team members, with local support coming from Matt Britton from Cyclescape in Sturt Street who is providing water bottle holders, repair kits and first-aid kits.

The Junior Team Members are: Ally Dennis, Mary Greed, Clancy Greed, Claire Blower, Nissa Bedggood, Natasha Middlin, Joshua Liston, Felicity Liston, Jonathon Bui, Lamourette Folly, Peace Douhadji, Dylan Pearson, Michael Knight, Jackson Ford and Emiley Cody.

Staff Members are: Mr Joshua Ebbels, Mr Tim Blee, Mr Andrew Greed and Mr Jamie Lawlor.

To sponsor our students and look at their profiles
Go to: aroundthebayfundraising.com.au
Click on: Find a Rider/Team
Search for: Students of the Smith Family

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM TERM 4 TIMETABLE

Afternoon tea runs until 3.28 p.m.
Activities commence at 3.30 p.m.
Activities end at 4.30 p.m. except for the last night

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<td>15th October</td>
<td>Welcome In H10</td>
<td>All leaders</td>
<td>Please bring a pen and comfy shoes</td>
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<td>22nd October</td>
<td>Woodwork In Woodwork room</td>
<td>Mr. Muller and Mr. Lundberg</td>
<td>If you have long hair bring something to tie it back</td>
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<td>29th October</td>
<td>Drama Night In Drama room</td>
<td>Ms Joosten</td>
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<td>5th November</td>
<td>Leaders’ night In H10 to start with Zoel, Luke and Nick</td>
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<td>12th November</td>
<td>Sportz Night In the gym</td>
<td>Mrs. Jolly</td>
<td>Please bring your runners tonight and a bottle of water/drink</td>
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<td>19th November</td>
<td>Kidz Rule In the gym</td>
<td>Students lead tonight’s activities</td>
<td>Tonight students run the activities – 4 groups x 15 minutes</td>
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<td>26th November</td>
<td>Art in Flight In the Art room</td>
<td>All leaders</td>
<td>Bring a sense of humour and artistic flair</td>
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<td>3rd December</td>
<td>Movie night In the Drama Room</td>
<td>All leaders</td>
<td>We finish at 5.00 p.m. tonight</td>
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CALENDAR
Secondary Campus
OCTOBER
18th Yr 7 and 8 Cricket/Volleyball
   Yr 11 Melbourne Zoo Excursion
22nd Yr 12 Final Assembly 10.00am
   Valedictory Dinner 7.00pm
25th Yr 7 and 8 Tennis
28th College Finance Meeting 5.30pm
   College Council Meeting 6.15pm
30th Community Challenge Race Around Melb Exc

NOVEMBER
1st Yr 7 Melbourne Zoo Exc
8th BALLART SHOW DAY - Student Free Day
11th College Policy & Development Meeting
   5.00pm
   College Facilities Meeting 5.30pm

YEAR 12 EXAMS COMMENCE
30th October - 22nd November

18th Yr 11 Exams Commence ALL WEEK
22nd Yr 12 Orientation Program
25th Yr 10 Exams Commence ALL WEEK
   Yr 12 Orientation Program ALL WEEK
   College Finance Meeting 5.30pm
   College Council Meeting 6.15pm
27th Yr 9 Graduation 6.30pm - 10.00pm

DECEMBER
2nd NATIONAL BASKETBALL T’MENT ALL WEEK
   College Presentation Evening UB
   Founders Hall 7.30pm

A MESSAGE FROM THE WELLBEING TEAM
Having trouble getting your teenager to eat breakfast.... You’re not alone
Approximately 15 per cent of teenagers and one third of adults don’t eat breakfast.

A healthy breakfast has many health benefits.
*Children who skip breakfast may lack sufficient fibre, vitamins and minerals including iron, calcium, zinc and vitamin B2.

*Reasons for skipping breakfast include lack of time, lack of motivation and lack of available breakfast foods.

Some quick suggestions include:
Whole-wheat or wholegrain breakfast cereals such as wheat biscuits, muesli or bran cereals
   Porridge – such as quick oats
   Fresh fruits
   Wholemeal or multigrain bread to toast
   Muffins or crumpets
   Toast toppings, such as baked beans, eggs, cheese or spreads
   Fruit or plain yoghurts
   Fresh fruit juices
   Low-fat milk.

Breakfast Club at school
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
Sebastopol Campus
8.15am - 8.50am Canteen Area
Tuesdays
Redan Campus
8.15am - 8.50am Bell Room

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

NAPLAN REPORTS
2013 NAPLAN REPORTS FOR YEAR 7 & 9 STUDENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICE. PARENTS NEED TO SIGN FOR COLLECTION TO ENSURE CONFIDENTIALITY.