Principal Team Report

Year 12 – 2013

Congratulations and good luck to our Year 12 student group who began their VCE examinations last Wednesday, with the English exam beginning this three week period of external examinations. I would like once again to sincerely thank every Year 12 student for their efforts in leading and supporting student initiatives and the school community throughout the year.

The 2013 College Year 12 Valedictory Dinner, held in October at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club, involved over 250 guests and was a great night of celebration. This event focused on the achievement of this group over the last six years of secondary education, and as always was an outstanding time to view and discuss the many achievements of students while at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

As is becoming a tradition, the College presented the Year 12 College Leadership Team with the official framed and signed 2013 Year 12 jumper on the night; and this will be hung in the Senior School area of the College to commemorate the ‘Class of 2013’ into the future.

This framed jumper, along with the official ‘Year 12 pavers’ at the front of the College, symbolise a growing celebration of achievement and recognition as we evolve the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Highlights from Year 12

The Year 12 cohort deserve recognition for the efforts and leadership they have shown this year. As a group they demonstrated our values at all times and role-modelled these for the other students of the College.

The group was involved in many notable excursions and activities including the Year 12 Literacy Camp, the First Football Team in the Wednesday Schools’ competition, High Challenge Leaders Camp, Tertiary Information Services, Senior School Social, Year 12 Glo Program and the Brave New World Program. Apart from this we had many students who won awards or represented the community in a diverse range of programs. The cohort included the Ballarat Citizen of the Year, many Certificate IV VET graduates, a Rebels footballer, two Peter Doherty Science Award winners, a student completing University subjects, five members of a band who played with the VCA Conservatorium of Music Project, two who performed major roles in BLOC Productions and a Chief of Army Bronze Medallion winner.

From this list you can tell that apart from wanting to achieve academically or develop industry skills, the students recognise the valuable role they play as citizens in our community and that when presented with opportunities to grab them with both hands.

The end of year participation in the Valedictory Dinner and the Bounce excursion was a fantastic way to end their time here and to recognise what a great group of students they are. The Year 12 of 2013 will be remembered as a great team of students who achieved in a diverse range of areas and led the student cohort through a time of great change.

Class of 2013

Pictured above: Year 12 students at Valedictory Dinner with their Year 12 Jumper presentation and Mr Scott Dellar.
Phoenix P-12 Community College
Class of 2013

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE
The term has again been very busy in the Senior School and as this is published the Year 12 cohort will have finished all their completed work and exams. Thank you very much to Sonia Bain, Sarah Brusey, Cheryl Kennedy, Bastiaan de Bondt, Anna Coloe, Josh Ebbels, Jill Ebbs, Jenny Ford, Maree Hall, Kristie Jensen, George Porter and Ryan Stevens for all the work they have done throughout the year to support the students in achieving their goals.

The Year 10 and 11 students should now have finished their subject counselling and be concentrating on preparing to complete competencies or studying for exams. If you have any queries in relation to the completion of the year please contact the Senior School.

Year 11 exams begin on November 18 and will be followed by a Year 12 orientation week beginning on November 22. Year 10 exams begin on November 25 and a day of Year 11 orientation will follow.

Please ensure you are aware of the units and pathway your child has chosen for 2014. It is very important students discuss their choices with parents, teachers and other staff.

Mr Andrew Greed - Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
Believe it or not we are half way through Term 4! The last two weeks have been a busy time in the Middle School. Our House Managers have been working with students around subject selections. The process of course counselling is extensive and it is an enormous task to assist students into programs that maximise their learning strengths. Feedback from students about this process has been very positive and we would like to extend a special thanks to our House Managers Mr Blee, Miss Gilbert, Miss Murphy and Mr White law. A huge thanks also to Ms Rickard for all of her work behind the scenes.

Mr Layton has been working with students across the College to develop the Student Leadership Teams for 2014. Students will have a range of roles from Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Student Representative Council. We will be ready to announce the group by the time the next Newsletter is published.

Year 9 students are getting ready to make the transition to Senior School. This is a significant time in the lives of students and many exciting milestones are on the horizon. Students will really be deciding whether they want a learning program which focuses on the VCE and preparation for University, while others will decide they are more interested in a VET/VCAL pathway which will prepare them for the world of employment or further training. Our Year 9 assembly focused on this transition and important strategies to ensure success.

- Regular, punctual attendance.
- Making the most of each learning opportunity in class.
- Taking the time to ensure all assessment tasks are completed to the best of your ability.

Year 9 students were also given a letter which explains the details of the Year 9 Graduation. This is a terrific night of celebration and we look forward to sharing it with our Year 9’s.

Lastly only five weeks until the Middle School trip to South Australia. It is imperative that students stay in regular contact with Ms Mayne as the final preparations are made.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

REDAN PRIMARY CAMPUS UPDATE
We are still taking new enrolments for 2014. If parents or guardians know of any family who have children of primary school age in 2014 and are thinking of enrolling at our school, please encourage them to visit the Redan Campus to make an enrolment appointment.

If there are any families who happen to be leaving us for next year, please notify Mr Mick Benoit or Ms Wendy Ross at the Redan Campus as soon as possible.
Alice Pung presented to 300 students at Phoenix P-12 Community College on 29th October, 2013. Alice is a well known writer, lawyer and teacher. She has had a number of books, stories and articles published and one of her books is a current focus for VCE students across the state. She was a main presenter at this year's 'Melbourne Writer's Festival'. She took Sebastopol Campus students on a journey of 'Identity and Belonging' and was clearly a crowd favourite. As a result of this presentation students are encouraged to enter a writing competition, with entries due 18th November placed in Mrs Browning's pigeon hole. Short stories are to be written for the theme; 'Your Life, Your Family'. We invite students to conduct research into their family background and bring a story back to life. Entries should be no longer than 500 words and submitted typed on A4 paper. Prizes will be signed copies of Alice Pung's books.

Mrs Browning
English Extension Programs Coordinator

WATCH THIS VIDEO!!

If you have a spare five minutes this week please have a look at the video attached to this web page. It is a wrap up of the project that John Netherway and our talented students did with VCA and the Conservatorium of Music. It really is worth a watch. Our students look like true professionals up there on the stage at Melba Hall. The students had an amazing time and you can see that when you watch this clip or ask them about the project.

A special thank you needs to go to John Netherway. It was an enormous project and he did a magnificent job of managing the term-long program. John does an incredible job down in the Community Hub with our instrumental music students and this video is a great tribute to him and the work he does. Congratulations on a great project John!

Click here to watch the video. Only takes five minutes.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFRqzLashM

In case you would like to read more about the overall project with The Smith Family, VCA and MCM here is the page with more details about our project and other similar regional projects that took place this year. Here is the page that the clip came from if you would like to know more.
http://vca-mcm.unimelb.edu.au/regional

Mrs. Deanne Joosten - Head of Performing Arts

STATE TITLES

Well done to John Aziawor who competed in the Victorian State Athletic titles representing our school in the 200m sprint. John was successful in getting through all previous sections to then compete at State level. John came sixth in his heat and represented us proudly. A special thank you to Mrs Slater and Mr Fedulow for escorting John to Melbourne and ensuring he had the best possible experience at such a high level. Great effort!

Mr Mick Benoit
Head of Junior School
Redan Campus

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Pictured above: Jackson Ford, Vennessa Wakefield, Benjamin Marshall, Jessica Keen, Jordan Sharp, Lamourette Folly, David Polley and Ricki Wickson.
Jason McCartney became one of the faces of the Bali bombings and seen by many as the human face of the attacks – “A person who epitomised the Australian fighting spirit.”

Despite suffering horrific injuries in the bombings, Jason assisted two sisters from the burning wreckage, and then gave up his seat on an evacuation aircraft to those he believed were worse off than himself. Returning to Australia with extensive burns, Jason was almost unrecognisable to his parents. Lapsing into a week-long coma it was touch and go, but Jason fought back.

His determination to survive and win the battle for recovery against his terrible injuries saw him not only make it to his wedding on time, but also play Australian Rules football. Jason’s goal was to once again play in the elite AFL for his club, North Melbourne, and for his “88 mates” (those Australians killed in the bombing).

On the evening of June 6th 2003, playing in virtually a complete protective body stocking, Jason again played AFL football. In a game that will be remembered forever by all those watching, Jason not only scored a critical goal during the game but was instrumental in scoring the final winning goal and a three point fairy tale victory over the opposition, Richmond. It was a night when there was not a dry eye in the stadium; Sports broadcasters’ voices wavered and their eyes filled with tears. The entire stadium stood to applaud Jason as he was carried off the field by his teammates, being cheered by his competitors.

Jason’s return and ultimate glory was a victory over terrorism and a “win” for all the victims of the Bali bombing; a return made possible not only because of his character and courage but a team effort from which all drew strength.

It is an honour to have him speak at this year’s Presentation Evening.
Melbourne Zoo Excursion Year 7

At the start of November, Year 7 students travelled to the Melbourne Zoo as part of the Science Program. They were provided with Melbourne Zoo passports and walked around the Zoo to various stations to complete the activities provided in their passports.

The theme of the day was “How do scientists classify animals?” Students worked really effectively in teams to achieve an understanding of animal classification. They should all be congratulated on the great team work and positive behaviour that was shown on the day.

Penny Finlay
Science Teacher

AIME PROGRAM

Once a term a group of Indigenous students visit the University of Ballarat to participate in the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME). This is a program that links secondary school students with University student mentors to promote engagement at school and to encourage students to complete secondary school and to consider pathways at University.

Over the course of the year the AIME program has encouraged students to be proud of their culture and identity; provided leadership training and encouraged students to not only take steps forward on their own journey, but to bring others with them.

Students participated in an “Other Election” campaign which involved making and filming speeches in an online competition to find Australia’s first Indigenous Prime Minister. Students had the opportunity to write to prominent Indigenous Australians and invite them to visit. This resulted in two time Olympic and triple Commonwealth Games athlete, Kyle Vander Kuyp, visiting the group at the last session to talk about his experiences of success and overcoming obstacles on his journey.

The AIME program was a great way for students to meet University students as well as make friends with students from other schools in Ballarat. It was a really fun way to build confidence and something we look forward to doing again next year.

Written by: Ellen Milera and Amber Barker-Lovett

Pictured above: Xagai Douhadji, Emmanuel Law and Thomas Dart at the Melbourne Zoo.

Pictured above: Emma Linahan, Hannah Anwyl, Laura Middlin and Taylah Markham at the Melbourne Zoo.

Pictured above: Year 7 students enjoying the Zoo.

Congratulations to all Redan Campus students who participated in the 2013 Music Count Us In performance last Thursday, along with 660,000 other Australian students, while viewing a live performance via the internet. Well done to Jasmin Robinson who opened the event with her song and to Toby Ward, Kobie Judd and Ross Hocking for their solos.

For this event the school was required to learn, rehearse and perform *Keep On*, the wonderful tune penned by John Foreman, Katie Noonan and four talented student songwriters earlier in the year.

On Friday 11th October, Julia Akanoa, Felicity Liston, Michelle Cross-Foy, Natalie Kirley and Samantha Harbridge provided vocal entertainment for the Leukaemia Foundation Light The Night fundraiser. The event was a great success with just over $5,000 raised.

At Hertford Gardens a group of our talented singers performed for the residents in concert. Molly Hodgkinson, a Year 8 Music student, received one of the top five results in Australia for her piano exam this year. The vocal performers were Samantha Harbridge, Natalie Kirley, Felicity Liston, Julia Akanoa, Michelle Cross-Foy, Jack Height and Jasmin Robinson. These students have demonstrated both excellence and commitment. In addition to performing, our students took the time to chat with residents and audience members.

Ms Lana Ford - Vocal Music
Busy Times in Visual Arts
A lot has been happening in the Visual Art Department this term. Last week we saw 12 students from Years 6 and 8 create gates for the Ballarat Show. Students worked with Penny Lewin-Hetherington (College Art Assistant) designing and painting the gates. Year 8’s used the theme of farm animals and the Year 6’s chose carnival fun.

Year 10 students have been mural painting in the Art corridors. Students worked collaboratively together in designing, projecting images and painting. This project has highlighted the importance of students working together, problem solving and maintaining their focus on the task that has been running for four weeks.

Year 12 Studio, Visual Communications and Art students have displayed their final art works in the Learning Resource Centre. The art works reflect a commitment to 12 months of work in designing, refining and producing finished art works for assessment. All students were very pleased with their efforts and eagerly submitted applications for the Next Gen Exhibition which is held annually at the Art Gallery of Ballarat.

Ms. Lesley Costley-Gray
Head of Visual Arts

Congratulations is extended to the following Year 8 students who have just achieved Silver Certificates in Mathletics: Mason Keast, Jasmine Monger, Oliva Cooper and Joel Cliff.
YEAR 7 COOK OFF WINNERS

Congratulations to 7M2 Sophie Norris, Kayla Love-Steinhofer, Daniel Adaway and Jay Benbow coming in first with their delicious apple crumble.

All the groups competed well and the special guest judges Mr Phil Tong, Mrs Leanne Tong, Nic Johnston and Elias Parada were very impressed. Each group was marked out of 50 and there was only eight points between 1st and 6th place.

The winners enjoyed lunch at Pipers by the Lake, kindly donated by Jamie Winton. He has donated this prize each of the four years we have run the competition, so support his business if you are in the area.

Mrs Lorraine Firth
Adolescent Health Nurse

City of Ballarat Youth Awards

In October Sadiki Mukasa, a Year 11 student, was awarded one of the most prestigious awards in Ballarat - City of Ballarat Youth of the Year Award for people aged 12-17.

Sadiki moved to Ballarat 2 years ago from Wollongong NSW. After arriving as a refugee from the Congo as a 10 year old he had little idea of what to expect and has blossomed as a young citizen. He works with the Centre for Multicultural Youth, the We R You project and countless other community activities. He is dedicated to helping other refugees who walk the path he once walked. Congratulations Sadiki on this fantastic achievement.

STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

I was very proud to have accompanied Lamourette Folly to the State Constitutional Convention at Parliament House, Melbourne recently.

The topic for the day was "Australia's version of democracy is flawed". Many students took the opportunity to call for the voting age to be lowered to 16, but Lamourette was praised for returning debate to a global perspective, speaking of the values of Australian democracy as compared to the democracy (or "democracy") she experienced during her childhood in Togo/Benin.

As always, debate was feisty, entertaining and very impressive. She's now busy applying for the National Convention, fingers crossed!

Well done Lamourette!

Ms. Kai Mebalds
Extension Programs Coordinator - Humanities
BAY IN A DAY BIKE RIDE

This year 15 students, ranging from Year 8 through to Year 12, and four staff from Phoenix P-12 Community College participated in the annual Bay in a Day bike ride.

The group’s aim was to raise in excess of $15,000 for The Smith Family, which in turn would then support the educational needs of disadvantaged students in the local community and across the country.

The ‘Students of the Smith Family’ rode 50km as a group across the Westgate Bridge on a beautiful Sunday morning, supported by Veolia Water and The Smith Family. The students and staff had a great day and represented the College with pride.

Pictured above: Jackson Ford, Jonathon Bui, Clancy Greed, Nissa Bedggood, Natasha Middlin and Felicity Liston.

STATE ATHLETICS FINAL

The State Athletics Final was held at the end of October. We had a number of students competing and certainly looked the part in the new College singlets.

Each student certainly gave a huge effort in their respective events with Mason Keast recording new personal bests in all his events; the 90m hurdles, long jump and high jump. The highlight of the day was his second placing in the long jump event.

Lamourette Folly and Matthieu Brehaut also ran PB’s in their hurdles events, but without placing in the top three.

Matthew Boucher and Rodney Davis competed in the 800m and 1500m walk respectively. They recorded good times but did not finish in the top three.

Our last competitor on the day was Travis Richardson who was within a top placing chance, but conceded to the wet and slippery conditions and finished a creditable fourth.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the State Finals. A fantastic achievement.

Mr Peter Luke - Sport Coordinator

Pictured left: Mason Keast with his second place medal for Long Jump.

THIILYAANA WINS CHAMPIONSHIP!

During the holidays I went to Nanjing, China to compete in the 2013 Chinese Nationals Kyokushin Karate tournament. I travelled with a group of 13 friends from Australia to compete against fighters all around the world. The tournament went for three days and included over four hundred competitors. I won the Chinese Nationals Kyokushin Karate championship for my age group for Senior Green Belts and below.

I made some new friends from Russia and China. We were also lucky enough to visit the Great Wall of China as well as many other exciting sights. I enjoyed experiencing another culture including trying some of their local delicacies such as fried chicken feet!

Due to winning my division I will now have the opportunity to travel to South Africa in September 2014 to compete in next year’s tournament.

By Thiliaryana Jones Year 8

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Total cost is $21 per person with concession or $5.00 with Health Care Card.

How to Apply
### 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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**FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER**

Thank you to those families who have paid their family educational costs for 2013. If you have not, please make your payments as soon as possible.

The College Magazine **THRESHOLD** is well underway and will be distributed in December. Please make sure you have **paid your Year Level Core Costs** as this includes payment for a copy of the magazine.

If you have an email address and have not received a statement please contact the General Office.

**Time to think about strategies to help with 2014 costs** - **Start Budgeting NOW**

**Payment planning options:**
- Make fortnightly payments in cash, cheque or credit card to the College office.
- Set up a fortnightly / monthly direct payment plan to your family account at Phoenix College using BPAY – details are on your statement or available from the College office.
- **Centrepay** option is also available at Phoenix College. Please contact CentreLink or collect a form from the College office.

Any balance saved in your family account at the end of the year will be carried forward and credited to Educational Costs for 2014. The 2014 Fee Schedule will be published in the next Newsletter.

If you need assistance with this or have any other queries with your account, please feel free to contact the general office.

EMA 2014: The Education Maintenance Allowance 2014 remains the same as it was for this year.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - BOOKLISTS 2014**

**Phoenix College – Sebastopol Campus** booklists will continue to be supplied through Ballarat Books. Booklists have been distributed and should be returned asap. Please read the information on the booklist regarding requirements for specific electives and order accordingly.

Pick-up day for Ballarat Books is scheduled for **Thursday 23rd January** at the College and **full payment** will be required **directly to Ballarat Books** on that day.

Please note that the College will **NOT** be distributing order forms / credits to help with the payment of your Booklists as has been done previously because of the changes to EMA funding.

Please be reminded we no longer run second-hand bookshop or uniform sales. Make sure you make use of the **FREE MEMBERSHIP** with “The Sustainable School Shop” to find and purchase your second-hand goods.

Lorraine Hayes - Business Manager

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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.
Start your journey to becoming a Personal Trainer this summer!

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CALENDAR

Secondary Campus

November
18th  Year 12 Exams still going
     Year 11 Exams Commence ALL WEEK
20th  Senior Band Rehearsal 5.30pm - 7pm
     Ballarat High School (BHS)
     Senior Band Concert 8-9pm (BHS)
21st  Intermediate Band Concert 7pm CHUB
22nd  Year 12 2014 Orientation Program
25th  Year 10 Exams Commence ALL WEEK
     Year 12 2014 Orientation Program ALL WEEK
     College Finance Meeting 5.30pm
     College Council Meeting 6.15pm
27th  Year 9 Graduation 6.30pm - 10.00pm
     Senior Band/Vocal - Sebastopol
     Community Christmas Concert  CHUB
     7pm
28th  Year 11 Final Day
     Senior Band Concert CHUB 7pm
29th  Year 11 2014 Orientation Program

DECEMBER
2nd   NATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
      ALL WEEK
      College Presentation Evening UB
      Founders Hall 7.30pm
3rd   CFA Extravaganza Year 8
4th   CFA Extravaganza Year 8
5th   Transition Band Concert 7pm
6th   Year 10 Final Day
9th   MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP SA
10th  Orientation Day for Grade 6 into Year 7
      and Kinder to Prep 2014
11th  Redan Campus Grade 6 Graduation/
      Awards Dinner CHUB
16th  ACTIVITIES WEEK - Mon, Tue, Wed &
      Thursday
      Redan Campus Community Celebrations
20th  LAST DAY OF TERM 4
      No formal classes, students who attend
      will be supervised until 2.30pm.

2014
January
29th  All students return for first day of Term 1 2014.

Thank you to Bank of Melbourne for donating umbrellas for us to walk to and from the Redan Campus when it rains. Very much appreciated!!!