Principal Team Report

2013 What an AMAZING year!

2013 has seen major steps taken in developing our new College identity based on offering exceptional pathways and opportunities for every student. The emphasis of this year has been to consolidate goals, targets and a school improvement platform that is underpinned by a focus on HIGH EXPECTATIONS across all aspects of College life. The great success of every initiative during 2013 has allowed us to deliver the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.

The College’s 21st Century mantra of ... DREAM .... BELIEVE ..... SUCCEED; is underpinned by the following:

- College motto: ‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’.
- College Moral Purpose; this clarifies what we are committed to as a school.
- Educational opportunities delivered for the students that develop global citizens of tomorrow.
- Empower students to strive for success and excellence.
- Ensure that emotional wellbeing is fostered within every child.
- Clear Vision for our Students that promotes high achievement by developing the learning capacities.
- Our five College Values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Cooperation and Excellence are imbedded in the school culture and underpin every part of our day to day operation as a learning community.

The concept of the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct has seen a number of long term partnerships evolve over the course of the last 12 months which has led to the following milestones being completed:

- A self-sustainable business position being achieved by the Ballarat South Community Hub in its second full year of operation.
- The $10 million State Government funded 1st stage construction of Phoenix P-12 Community College. This building project will see two Learning Villages / Community Spaces and a Science Centre operating from April 2014.
- ‘State of the Art’ facilities for our community.
- The Ballarat Health Services (BHS) and Phoenix P-12 Community College partnership that has seen a 70 year lease agreement signed off (10/07/2013 - 10/07/2083) which will allow an $8 million facility to be constructed to deliver general and specialist dental health services, plus radiography to the wider community.
- The success of the BA@PHOENIX will see the model extended across Ballarat and Victoria; with Phoenix P-12 being a mentor school of best practice. This University Degree course is offered totally on site through the Federation University Australia, and also acts as a transitional pathway to other University studies.
- Ballarat Neighbourhood Learning Centre has developed a broad Adult training model that is offered across Ballarat from the Phoenix site. This actions the Precinct as a Prep - 90+ learning platform.
- The continued success of the Community Play Group Centre on the Redan Campus, which has been recognised as a leading initiative at the Victorian Early Years Awards.
- The creation of a partnership with Ballarat Hospice Care Inc. to enable the construction of an innovative $2 million administrative, training and education facility; a vision that will provide greater community knowledge, understanding...
and awareness around this specific health area. This is the first alliance of its type in Victoria.

◊ A partnership of best practice developed between The Smith Family and Phoenix P-12 Community College to operate with an integrated service model focused on skill and academic competencies. A real 21st Century venture of provision.

◊ And finally, an additional $8 million State Government initiative to complete Stage 2 of the College building strategy. It should be noted we were the only school in the State to receive capital works funding in two consecutive State budgets. An incredible endorsement of the vision underpinning this venture. This will provide funding for another two Learning Villages / Community Spaces. A phenomenal outcome for all concerned.

As you can see, 2013 has seen major steps forward in achieving what is depicted by the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct proposal. This will provide an incredible level of community services for Sebastopol and the Ballarat South West area, as we journey into the 21st Century.

Annual College Presentation Night - 2013
We celebrated our wonderful student achievements across 2013 at our annual Presentation Evening on Monday, 2nd December. Congratulations to all students who achieved recognition on this night. Your individual and group accomplishments have been outstanding!

Our special guest, Mr Jason McCartney (Bali Bombing survivor), was inspirational with his message of ‘Overcoming adversity and following your dreams through commitment and dedication.’ He also emphasised the importance of family support in that journey.

Jason emphasised the need for us all to create our own future and be positive citizens, contributing to the community around us and grasping every opportunity where we can make a difference.

The night was a resounding success with over 500 people attending this College event. The broad array of achievements, once again highlight the ability of our College staff to provide highly successful outcomes for our students. SENSATIONAL!!

2013 Phoenix P-12 College Council
The final College Council meeting for 2013 was held on Monday, 9th December and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their valued contributions over the year, as we developed school policy and processes that shaped the future of Phoenix P-12 Community College.

The past 10 months has seen substantial progress in the transformation of the school as we put in place structures and strategies that support a dynamic 21st Century learning environment. Furthermore a series of far reaching community partnerships (Ballarat Health Services, Eureka Community Kindergarten Association, Ballarat Hospice Care Inc., The Smith Family, Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre and Federation University Australia) have been advanced by the College Council during the year. These long term partnerships are outstanding and underpin the vision of the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct.

Finally, a special thank you must be given to our School Council President, Mr Jarrod Page, for his continued work in the development of the Community Precinct model and support around all aspects of College life. This is a time consuming role and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mr Scott Dellar
Executive Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE
It has been a very busy time in the Senior School as we have moved to year’s end. The students have all completed exams and outcomes for their courses and over the next week we will finalise any sort of minor changes to time tables for next year. If a student has had a time table change please remember to collect a new one.

VTAC results are due on the date below and if you have not read instructions for SMS or the internet result service please visit www.vcaa.vic.edu.au for details. When results arrive please make sure you utilise the services of Mrs Kennedy to help with course selections and advice.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.
From 7.00 am Monday 16 December to 5.00 pm Friday, 20 December students can access the following information:
• VCE results (VCAA grades and study scores).
• Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
• VTAC Scaled Study Scores (only via Internet).

Mr. Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School
MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
The year has almost reached a close. The final points of business are:
• Make sure that you have submitted your booklist.
• Make sure that you have cleaned out your locker.
• Sell any text books that you can through The Sustainable School Shop website.

When we reflect on the year for Middle School there is no doubt that this has been a terrific year for Phoenix. Our highlights have been:
• To see so many students wearing the new Phoenix uniform with pride.
• To welcome so many new students to Phoenix and see them all settle in so well.
• Seeing so many of our students aspire to excellence in their studies, music and sporting pursuits.

We wish all students and their families a happy and safe holiday and look forward to welcoming them back to school in 2014.

Thanks from all in the Middle School.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

VCE LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Congratulations to Emily Lizzul who came second at the VCE Leadership Awards for VCAA in Melbourne early in December. Emily has balanced her commitments as a volunteer with her VCE studies and her role as College Captain. As a leader at Phoenix, Emily says that she has ‘helped students understand’ that their College is ‘a place to be proud of’. However she has also shown that leadership is about more than inspiring people and promoting causes. Emily is a leader committed to every step of the process, both publicly and behind the scenes. She spends time planning, setting objectives and identifying tactics to achieve her goals. Emily has used her organisational abilities to make a real difference in our community. Emily volunteers her time weekly at Ballarat Specialist School and is a pastoral carer at her local church. Well done!

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

ACTIVITIES WEEK
Monday 16th December - Thursday 19th December

Next week there will be a full program of activities running for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 from 9.00am - 3.15pm. All students are to wear casual clothes. No School Uniform.

Monday
Applied Learning and Art Activities

Tuesday
Humanities, English and LOTE Activities

Wednesday
HAPE and Technology Activities

Thursday
Maths and Science Activities

Some activities will be off site and require a permission slip and payment. Please check with your child regarding what activities they have chosen.

*Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are legally required to be at school.

LAUNCH OF THE GOLDEN CITY PADDLE STEAMER

Cadets from the Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit handed over the original flag and pole to be placed on the boat.

Equine Learning Experiences Australia

This year, Year 10 students had the opportunity to participate in an Equine Learning Experience Program with Emily McVeigh, Director of Equine Learning Experiences Australia. Courtney Clifton, Bree Mezzatesta, Emma Parry, Abattu Kabia, Rachael Doherty and Brittni Crocker have been attending three hour weekly sessions at the Ballarat Equestrian Centre at Clarendon’s Unicorn Park and Stud Equestrian Centre.

Emily McVeigh has developed a 10 week course around building fundamental life skills such as patience, respect, leadership, problem solving skills, clear communication, self awareness and self awareness of others.

The girls have opened themselves up to the experience of learning about themselves and increasing their self-awareness through the wisdom of a horse. Brittni said, “I used to get easily distracted in class until I started horsing around with my new friend.”

From this program, Emily McVeigh has generated a lot of interest from different horse experts and a full story mentioning Phoenix P-12 Community College has been featured in the latest HorseWyse Magazine.


Did you know that as well as borrowing Books, Magazines, DVDs and CDs, you can also borrow Sports equipment from the Central Highlands Library, Ballarat?

Get out and get active these School Holidays with Cricket Sets, Footballs, Tennis Racquets, Skipping Ropes and a whole lot more! All you need to do is head in to the Library and sign up to be a member. It's convenient, free and you'll have so much fun! Not to mention the many health benefits of physical activity like helping to prevent heart disease, type 2 diabetes and some cancers whilst also improving the way you feel! While you are there, check out the other great resources and services the Ballarat Library has to offer!

Industry Award Recipient

We would like to congratulate Hayley Wright, Year 11 student, who was recently nominated by her structured work placement host, Ryebucks Saddlery, for an Industry Award.

Hayley was successful in gaining this award for ‘Outstanding contributions to the Workplace’.

Hayley, as part of her VETIS Equine program, would rise at 4.00am to attend the track, then complete a full program at school and work her horses after school.

This shows incredible dedication and motivation. We wish her well in her future endeavours.

Pictured left: Hayley with Lindsay Florence.
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- Fall behind with their learning.
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- BPAY Payments
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AusVels – Years 7-10

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To match the expansion in learning behaviours, the comments have been reduced in length. We aim to have reports that are clear and informative, without unnecessary repetition.

I welcome any feedback in relation to reports and how we can improve communication between school and home.

Ms. Angela Quinn
Assistant Principal

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This month sees the Cadet year draw to a close. On Friday 22nd November the Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit hosted a formal dinner for Cadets, family, staff and community groups the Cadet Unit has worked with throughout 2013. A great night was enjoyed by all and it was a fantastic opportunity for all people associated with the Unit to meet the Cadets and see what exciting activities the Unit has been involved in. We are very grateful for the use of the Community Hub and especially to Kylie Mayne and her Hospitality students for putting on an excellent three course dinner.

On Sunday December 1st Cadet William Oakes represented our Unit at 300 Army Cadet Units 20th Anniversary Parade held at the 8/7 RVR Ranger Barracks. Whilst this Unit has only been known as 300 ACU for the past twenty years, it has a history dating back to 1908. The parade was attended by the most senior Cadet Officer in Australia and William did a fantastic job, completing hours of training in the weapons drill used in the formal parade.

Next week several Cadets will attend a Junior Leadership Course at Puckapunyal. This course covers many aspects of leadership, including lessons in teamwork, teaching, and lesson planning. This is a great confidence builder and is the first step in Cadets receiving a promotion. The Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit is grateful for all the support received from the Phoenix community this year; we are already planning some fantastic activities for next year.

If you are interested in joining the Unit in 2014 please contact Nic Joosten via the General Office, or email Joosten.nicholas.j@edumail.vic.gov.au. If Cadets or parents are interested in obtaining photos taken throughout the year or a copy of a video slideshow from the Annual Dinner please contact me on the email above.

Mr Nicholas Joosten
Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit Liaison

The Peter Doherty Science Award

During Term 3 students across Ballarat in Years 9/10 came up with their own science investigations. They had to comply with rules set by Professor Peter Doherty. In 1996 Professor Doherty jointly won a Nobel Prize and during a visit to Ballarat he donated some of his money to set up a Science Award for students who are interested in science investigations. Four students from the College made the finals and at the end of a presentation evening two of those four students, Kristopher Keays and Natalie Kirley, won the top prize for their investigation on fertilisers. They won a prize of $250. Well done!

Mr Matthew Oates - Science Department

Spotlight Student Design Awards

Meagan Turner entered her designer Cup Day outfit in this year’s Spotlight Student Design Awards. These Awards are a wonderful way to showcase the talents of senior students across Ballarat who have studied VCE Visual Communications and Design, VET Fashion and Design. Meagan spent many hours not only designing and making her dress and fascinator, but also had to create a portfolio for her outfit as part of her VCE studies. This is a fantastic event for students to work towards. Spotlight raised and donated the $1752.00 proceeds to the Ballarat Regional Integrated Cancer Centre. This will become an annual event for students to display and promote their talents. Pictured: Meagan Turner in her dress.
Guinness World Record Holder visits
Year 9 Community Challenge

Kareena Oates, a famous circus performer and also a friend of Mr Hayward, came into Community Challenge and talked about her experiences and her pathway into the circus industry. She talked about how she set life goals for herself, and began achieving them one after the other. Kareena left school to focus on drama and circus performing. She has set two Guinness World Records. Kareena achieved her first world record on June 4th, 2005. Kareena's record was spinning 100 hula hoops on her waist at once, and her second world record was spinning 41 hula hoops around her waist while suspended in the air by her wrists. In her circus performing career Kareena has broken her arm, partially dislocated both her shoulders and knees and she also has a collapsed disc in her spine. Kareena has performed with Circus Oz, the Rock n’ Roll Circus and the DV8 Physical Theatre Company in London. She has travelled to all kinds of places and has worked all around the world. Kareena has now gone to University to study for another profession.

By Sarah Burns
Year 9 Community Challenge

Standing with Kareena (Centre) with her medals are Left to Right: Caitlyn Schaper, Felicity Liston, Sanjay Sebastian and Jack Mills.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Phoenix P-12 Community College made a fantastic contribution to Ballarat Remembrance Day ceremony in November.

The Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit took the place of the local Army Reserve Unit providing the Catafalque (honour guard) and flag raising duties at the Cenotaph.

This was a huge honour and responsibility to be entrusted with as it meant that the Cadets were on display for the entire ceremony which went for the best part of an hour.

We had a great turnout from the Student Leadership Team and Felicity Liston did a terrific job reciting a Bernard De Silva Poem A Debt to Those Who Served in front of a large crowd.

Pictured above: Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit at the Cenotaph and below Jackson Ford and Maddison Sharp College Captains for 2014 laying a wreath.

Mr Nicholas Joosten
Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit
In November, as part of their Year 12 Orientation Program, our Year 11 students participated in the GLO Program presented by Jake Bridges. The session explored key elements that help us to be successful and flourish: Connect, Learn, Move, Tune In, Give and Sleep. Jake encouraged the students to look after themselves and each other as they prepare for their final year of school. The importance of being able to ask for help was highlighted. Effective networking was also discussed. Having respect for self, and self belief were among themes that were explored. Dedication, hard work and resilience were aspects to achieving success that were also highlighted. Phoenix P-12 Community College acknowledges the generous support of the ANZ Sebastopol Branch who provided funding for our students to participate in the GLO Program.

In November, six of our incumbent leaders participated in the GRIP Leadership Conference, presented by National Leadership Presenters. This was an intensive full day session focused on empowering our Student Leaders to reach their potential and assist them to implement leadership activities within the College. Our students represented the College thoughtfully and sought opportunities to actively make a contribution to the conference. Throughout the day students turned their attention to workshops which focused on building unity within a school, creating house spirit, maximising student involvement and maximising fun from fundraisers. This is the beginning of what is bound to be another busy and exciting year for our Student Leaders.

In Ballarat, Shepparton, Wodonga, Mildura and Warragul 20 local students were selected to perform as the youth chorus alongside Victorian Opera artists to perform "The Magic Pudding". We were fortunate to have ten of our singers involved in the Ballarat performance at Her Majesty's Theatre on 7th November. The other ten singers were provided from BCMA. (Ballarat Centre of Music and the Arts). It was a wonderful and inspirational experience for all involved to meet and perform with professional opera singers.

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Congratulations to Bradley McDonald, Joshua Liston, Tanner Norman, Savannah Rodgers, Natasha Middlin and Emiley Cody.

Congratulations to Felicity Liston, Samantha Harbridge, Julia Akanoa, Sharni Shields, Natalie Kirley, Jack Height, Tara Moore, Jasmin Robinson, Michelle Cross-Foy and Courtney Priddle.

Felicity Liston was selected for an interview on ABC Radio and can be heard on the following link.

"http://www.abc.net.au/local/audio/2013/11/07/3885984.htm?site=ballarat"
Catherine King Community Service Award

At this year’s Presentation Evening Mr John Netherway was awarded the Catherine King Community Service Award for 2013. His outstanding contribution not only involves extraordinary efforts within the domain of Phoenix College, but extends across the broader Sebastopol/Ballarat educational and community landscape. This contribution is shown in the number of musical events and bands listed below that John has conducted and organised over the year, not to mention his tutoring.

A quick glance at the College calendar highlights many of the activities, performances and workshops attended by our many bands and performers. During 2013, under the direction of Mr John Netherway, the College has supported 5 bands, including the Production Band which provided the musical glue for “Seussical”. This year saw the commencement of the Transition Band, with Year 5 & 6 students from neighbouring primary schools attending to learn and perform together. Just some of the events for 2013 include:

- Workshops and Performances at Stawell Secondary College and Horsham College.
- Primary School Concerts at Alfredton, Urquhart Park, Snake Valley, Scarsdale, Haddon, Ross Creek, Delacombe and Sebastopol.
- Performances at Sebastopol Hostel, Sebastopol ANZAC Ceremony, Melba Hall Concert, Phoenix P-12 Community College Cabaret and a combined concert with Ballarat High School, Haddon and Ballarat Memorial Bands.
- Each band has presented individual concerts to family and friends.
- Recordings and AMEB examinations.

Still to come are a variety of Christmas Concerts. Congratulations to Mr John Netherway and his merry troupe of musicians. He continues to showcase the talent and enthusiasm that is Phoenix P-12 Community College. It is never too late to develop a talent, so we look forward to even greater involvement of students in College and community musical events. Contact Mr Netherway if you’re interested in finding out more.

REGIONAL WORLD SKILLS BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

Congratulations to Lucas Hammond Year 11 and Brock Amendola Year 10 who recently gained Gold and Bronze medals respectively in the Regional World Skills Building and Construction Awards.

These awards recognise the high level of skills and abilities learnt and demonstrated while undertaking the subject of Building and Construction - VET Program.

As a Gold Medallist, Lucas will travel to Perth next September to represent the State of Victoria at a National level with the aim of then going onto the World Skills at a later date. Sensational!!

Maree Hall
VET/VCAL Coordinator

Pictured right: Lucas Hammond and Bronze Medallist Brock Amendola.
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

STATEMENTS were again sent out last week. 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. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE PAID YOUR CORE FEES - which includes THE COLLEGE MAGAZINE if you want one.

The College Magazine Phoenix P-12 Community College “The Way It Was” 2013 has been created as an electronic file and loaded onto a Wafer Card (USB). If you have paid your Core Fee you will receive one soon.

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

The Education Maintenance Allowance remains the same for 2014. See flyer on next page.

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.

Phoenix College - Redan Campus
The Booklist process for the Redan Campus has been reviewed and changed after we received feedback from the parent body. We thank our community for their input which has allowed us to modify the process accordingly. We have further investigated and now arranged for individual student booklists. 2014 Booklists for Redan Campus will be provided by:

Radmac
110 Armstrong Street South
BALLARAT Victoria 3350
03 5333 4617

Booklists for each Year level have been distributed and should have been returned to the Redan Campus General Office before December 10th, 2013. If you have not returned your booklist by 10th December, please take it directly to Radmac. Please note: A late fee of $5 will apply to orders received after December 10th.

Your individual book packs must be collected directly from Radmac, and will be available from Friday 24th January, 2014 from 8.30am - 5.30pm. Please remember: You need to take the lower section of your child’s booklist with you to Radmac when you are collecting your order. Full payment is required on the day. Cash/Card is accepted.

All P-6 students are to bring their books and materials to school on the first day of school Monday 3rd February, 2014.
**Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA):**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery. You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; or
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; or
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- $200 for prep students
- $150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- $300 for year 7 students
- $250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

* A pro-rata amount is payable for students turning 16 in 2014.

**How to Apply:** Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

**Closing Date:** You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

EDUCATIONAL COSTS 2014

Phoenix P-12 Community College adopts a philosophy of education being a shared responsibility between parents and the school, striving to achieve the best possible educational outcome for each child in our care. This shared responsibility extends to the provision of resources which enables the school to provide the facilities and resources which allow our extensive curriculum program to run effectively. All costs fall within the DEECD guidelines and are approved by the College Council. The fee structure includes Core charge, Camps and Excursions.

The College Council has approved the Core charge for each Year level across both campuses, to cover essential educational items. This charge includes Subject, Excursions, Amenities and Services components as appropriate to each Year level, which parents are required to pay. The charges exclude Camps and Electives, which are charged separately.

The following charges have been set by the College Council for 2014.

Core Charge

**Primary Campus**

- Year P – 2 : $180.00
- Year 3 – 6 : $215.00

Educational costs include Subject Fee, Amenities Fee, ICT Network and other Core Curriculum costs and include the cost of Swimming and all Excursions for the Primary Campus. Camps are not included and will be an additional cost.

**Secondary Campus**

- Year 7 : $310.00
- Year 8 : $280.00
- Year 9 : $230.00
- Year 10 : $220.00
- Year 11 : $220.00
- Year 12 : $220.00

Educational costs include Subject fee, Amenities fee, and other Core Curriculum costs and include Lockers, ID Cards, various Curriculum activities, ICT Network, Printing, College Magazine and the Student Diary /Handbook according to Year level requirements.

**Additional costs:**

**Senior Elective fees (Year 8 – 12)** are incurred when students choose their subjects each Semester and are then charged to Family Accounts accordingly. Additional fees are incurred for Musical Instrument hire, Specialist Sports. Elective charges will be processed at the beginning of the year for both semesters.

**Camps and some excursions** are **NOT** included in the above charges and are charged nearer the time of the activity. Family receipt envelopes will be attached to all camps and excursion notices to be used for payment and **MUST** be returned to the College General Office or dropped in the “slot” box for processing. Receipts will be issued if requested.

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. If you need assistance with this or have any other queries with your account, please feel free to contact the General Office on 5529 3293.

Ms. Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
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.

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### Junior Holiday Clinic

Great holiday fun for beginners to intermediate juniors, under the guidance of our top coaches! Learn to play tennis in the holidays, or improve your match-play and skills at Tennis Ballarat’s January Tennis Clinic! Limited vacancies – Book early to avoid missing out!!

**Tuesday 21\(^{st}\) – Friday 24\(^{st}\) Jan**  
10:30am – 12:30pm  
**Cost:** $99.00

Court hire available for children over the holidays, special rate $15 per hour for school holidays only.

**Junior Coaching**

Enrolments for Junior Coaching for Term 1, 2014 out now.

Cnr Grant & Hill Sts Sebastopol § Ph: (03) 5336 2500  
Email: info@tennisballarat.com.au
CALENDAR
Secondary Campus
DECEMBER
16th ACTIVITIES WEEK - Mon, Tue, Wed & Thursday
Redan Campus Community Celebrations
19th REPORTS COLLECTED - AFTER 10.00am
20th LAST DAY OF TERM 4
No formal classes, students who attend will be supervised until 2.30pm.

2014 CALENDAR
JANUARY
29th Sebastopol Campus students return for first day of Term 1 2014.
FEBRUARY
3rd Primary Campus students return for first day of Term 1.

After the visit from Alice Pung students were encouraged to enter a writing competition with the theme of ‘Your Life, Your Family’. Entries were to be no longer than 500 words.

After much deliberating over hundreds of entries the following students and staff were chosen as winners!! Congratulations to all who entered the competition.

Nadia Greenwood
Danielle Moon
Natasha Dontje
Yasmine Brabender
Alana Hanson
Staff Winners: Rebecca Parnaby & Rebekah Chadwick
Mrs. Jade Browning
Extensions Program Coordinator - English

DEB BALL EXPO 2014
Wednesday 26th February
6:30pm to 9pm
Ballarat Golf Club (1800 Sturt Street)
Entry $5 - tickets are now available to purchase
Displays of hair stylists/ makeup artists/ nail technician etc.
Pre-loved deb dresses for sale
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Anyone wishing to sell a pre-loved dress please contact Kira on M: 0418 914 191

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Student Absence
It’s not okay to be away!
Phone 5329 3210