From the Principal

Learning Progress for Term 1, 2014.

Parents and students please take the time to review and reflect on the Interim Progress Reports available, and where possible make time to discuss via phone or interview the report comments. This period of time provides an important insight into the progress of each student and we encourage parents and students to spend some time with their academic report to celebrate their achievements, as well as looking at ways to further add to their learning habits.

College Building program – Stage 1 move in started; Stage 2 work underway!!

We are all systems go!!!! Stage 1 Phoenix P-12 Building Program is complete and ready for us to move in from the start of Term 2.

Now for Stage 2 ....It’s all happening.

Work will begin over the next two weeks that will see partial demolition of three old teaching wings (known as G, I and J corridors), ready for a further two Learning / Community Villages to be built and opened early next year. This $8 million of capital works will also see three major car parks developed across the Sebastopol site (BSC Hub car park, a Spencer Street large staff / delivery entrance and car park and a Hertford Street front entrance and car park). As well as this, the Community Challenge learning space next to the current Learning Library Resource Centre will be upgraded to form part of the proposed Year 5 and 6 Learning Village (anticipated to be part of Stage 3 works); this incredible complex will be a ‘State-of-the-Art’ facility for these student cohorts. SENSATIONAL!!

Further to what is mentioned above, ground improvements of the College oval and recreational areas will occur as well in this Stage 2 phase. We have again scheduled and put processes in place to cause minimal disruption to the learning of students during this building phase; once again using the vast area of the site to our advantage in this development phase. It should be noted, changes to the existing temporary building fencing will take place shortly to open up the new areas and close off the demolition/construction zones of this new proposed work.

It continues to be a fantastic period to be part of the Phoenix P-12 journey. Amazing times!!

Regular updates in relation to the progress of these new building works and facilities will be emailed through for your perusal. Our kids are very excited about their shift into the best facilities available for 21st Century learning. Magic!

Victorian State Opposition Leader/Mr. Daniel Andrews visits Phoenix P-12 Community College

The Victorian State Opposition Leader, Mr. Daniel Andrews, Ms Sharon Knight MP (Ballarat West) and Mr Geoff Howard MP (Ballarat East) visited the College on Friday 21st March to look at Phoenix P-12 Community College and its progress in evolving the vision of a 21st Century Learning/Community precinct.

During this visit Mr. Andrews committed the State Labor Party to Stage 3 capital building works funding of $10 million if they win government. Fantastic news!

Our guests then spent time interacting with a group from our Student Leadership Team about our
organised now that they are aware of the requirements. I would also like to emphasise that students need to be very organised during the exam period. It is important that students take it seriously and make the effort to make themselves familiar with it. More and more Universities are using this as an entry tool and it is also used, if necessary, if there are any issues or illness during the exam period. I would also like to emphasise that students need to be very organised now that they are aware of the requirements of VCE and VCAL. Prior Planning Prevents Poor Performance and every student should be using planning tools like their diary and a weekly planner if they want to ensure success. This also requires them to utilise their study modules and the Homework Club effectively as the most successful students all have this in common. Good luck for Term 2.

Mr. Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

It’s amazing to think that the first term has come to an end; and a busy end to the term it has been. We would like to thank all of those students in Years 7 and 8 who have emptied their locker in preparation for the new lockers and transition to the new Learning Villages.

As I sit in Parent/Teacher/Interviews it is wonderful to hear the positive feedback teachers have to give about our students. I have heard things like… “taking the opportunity to demonstrate leadership” “well organised” “gets along with all members of the class”. This is a reflection that students are committed to their learning and acting in accordance with our school values. We have made an exciting start from a Student Leadership point of view. We took all Student Leaders from Year 5 to Year 12 to Myrniong in March. We worked in teams to complete a suite of physical challenges. The students responded really well; it was terrific to see the Year 5 and 6 students working alongside the Year 12 students with confidence.

In the last week of Term 1 we had a Year 7 Introductory BBQ. The purpose of the evening was simple; families to meet College staff and ask any questions that they may have. It was a relaxed night for the mums and dads and the kids got involved in some games that were organised by Mr Ebbels.

Early in Term 2 we will be running a number of cyber safety sessions. These will involve students from Years 7 to 9 and will give all students an opportunity to develop their skills in relation to having a safe and appropriate cyber identity. We will also run a parent session. The intention is to give parents the background in terms of understanding privacy settings and effective strategies for monitoring students online behaviours. Details regarding these sessions will be on the College website and in the College Newsletter.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

After School Program starts on
Tuesday 29th April from
3.15pm - 4.30pm in H10 for 9 weeks.
For more information contact Annette Bedford.
Welcome to Agrabah, the City of Enchantment, where the Phoenix P-12 Community College Production is set. This year will see the students taking on the classic Disney story of Aladdin! Aladdin tells the story of a poor 'street rat' who falls in love with the Princess Jasmine, encounters the Evil Jafar and even gets some help from a magical, fast talking Genie!

Based on the Disney film of the same name, Aladdin is a fun, colourful, upbeat musical that features well known songs and characters who are sure to be a favourite with everyone. A huge congratulations to all the cast for their fantastic auditions; it was such a tough process when we have so many talented students. Rehearsals are underway with some great choreography and singing bursting out of the drama room. The students have also been involved in a Thursday morning boot camp to build team morale and to get everyone fit for the high energy show. It’s been a great start to the year and it is going to be a fantastic musical!

Performance dates will be 25th and 26th June at Her Majesty’s Theatre, Ballarat. Stay tuned for more information on tickets.

Lamourette Folly attends National Schools Constitutional Convention

In March Lamourette travelled to Canberra to take part in the 19th National Schools Constitutional Convention, an initiative designed to educate students about the democratic process and Australia’s constitution.

Lamourette joined 120 students from across the nation to discuss the issue regarding State Parliaments handing certain law-making power to the Commonwealth. Having conducted extensive research on the complex matter, Lamourette was given the opportunity to showcase her knowledge and partake in authentic debate with her peers.

Over the course of two days, students visited the National Archives, Old Parliament House and enjoyed dinner at the High Court. Lamourette and her fellow delegates were also addressed by numerous politicians, professors and the Hon Bronwyn Bishop, who welcomed students on behalf of Prime Minister, Tony Abbott.

Lamourette spoke highly of the whole experience acknowledging that “It wasn’t just about debating.. it was for young people to have a new experience; to learn, to share ideas, to work as a team, to build leadership skills and to have fun”.

It is wonderful to see Lamourette continue to be a great ambassador for Phoenix P-12 Community College and display our school values in the truest sense. Well done!

Miss Elizabeth Bath
Extension Programs Coordinator - Humanities

Refugee Week Service

Date: Thursday 19th June @ 5.30pm
Followed by a light meal at 6.30pm
Where: Christ Church Cathedral, Lydiard St Ballarat.

We hope to have music, readings and prayers provided by people from different cultures and expect representatives from different faith communities to attend the service. This year’s Guest Speaker will be Archdeacon Alan Nichols, AM.

Pictured above are some of the cast members showing off their excitement during an after school rehearsal.
This year the House Athletics Carnival returned to Llanberris in March. Although it was an overcast day, the temperature was ideal for students to perform at their best. The day started with the feature event, the 100 metre sprint! With the day in full swing with lots of action on the track and field, records were starting to be broken with 12 individual records broken on the day.

Like the Swimming, Newton took an early lead with their participation levels at an all-time high and some great results in the early events. Our younger students led the way in participation levels with up to 30 competing in the one field event. This is a fantastic effort and reinforces the commitment these students have to challenging themselves not only in the classroom but also on the sporting field.

As the day continued, Newton increased their lead while the other three Houses were fighting for second place. This battle continued coming down to the final relay races to decide second place, with less than 55 points between second and fourth.

With Newton winning, they now hold both the Swimming and Athletics Shields for 2014 which is an amazing effort. Their leaders need to be congratulated on their hard work in promoting participation throughout the year.

Thank you for all the parents’ and family support on the day. Your presence only enhances the atmosphere and we as a school appreciate your commitment.

Thanks must also go to all the staff who helped organise, setup and run the Carnival. This is a huge event and would not run without your dedication and willingness to help, creating an amazing day. House results, Age Group Champions are listed below.

**House Champions:**

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**NEWTON** 1609
**STURT** 1264
**MITCHELL** 1253
**KINGSBURY** 1210

Pictured above: Students enjoying the Tug of War!

Mr Daniel Hay
Sports Coordinator
Athletics Carnival
Redan Campus

What a big month of Athletic sports we have had! In March we held our Athletics Carnival. We had many outstanding efforts from all our junior grade students. They did five different events with jump 'n' touch, stand and jump, shot put, discus and mini games. Their day finished off with a short sprint down the track.

Our senior students demonstrated their skills in five events with shot put, discus, high jump, triple jump and long jump. The senior students finished off with two runs in the 100m sprint and 800m distance.

Congratulations to all students who participated in these events on the day. At the end of the day we announced our Age Group Champions for the 10, 11 and 12 year olds.

Our winners were:
10 Year olds - Courtney Walters and Jahnik Mullaney
11 Year olds - Jeryahn Mullaney and Montana Ward
12 Year olds - Honore Folly and Jazlyn Barry

The overall Sports House results for the day were:

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From here we selected a team of 35 students to represent Phoenix at the District Athletics Carnival. Students compete in the same events from our Athletics sports day. The only two new events students compete in are hurdles and relays.

The students who represented our school in these events did an outstanding job. It was also great to see our 9 year olds trying their best when competing against 10 year olds. We came in fourth place out of seven different schools. There were far too many outstanding performances from students, so I would like to congratulate all students who were selected in the District’s team on their efforts and sportsmanship.

Lastly thank you to our parents who were able to come down and see the students participate in both Athletic events. The students do enjoy sharing their successes with all parents.

Belinda Slater
Sports Coordinator

International Women’s Day Breakfast

The Phoenix Equine Wellbeing group were invited to the International Women’s Day breakfast in March at the Ballarat Lodge. Natasha Wilson, Shayden Lever, Emma Parry, Krystal Watson, Brittni Crocker, Rachael Doherty and Tiarna O’Brien all arrived 6:45am and represented themselves and the College beautifully.

Emily McVeigh (Program Coordinator) was the guest speaker for the breakfast and Krystal Watson accompanied her and provided a speech of her own. Krystal spoke about the 10 week program she completed last year and how this has had a positive effect on her life. Krystal’s speech was incredibly personal and she did an excellent job to present to over 100 people.

These young women are the pioneers for the Phoenix Equine Wellbeing Group and will be role models for the second group of girls participating in the program this year.

We are extremely proud of these young women and their achievements.


Ms. Anna Coloe
Newton House Manager

EMA CHEQUES ARE AVAILABLE TO COLLECT FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE.
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
FAMILY EMAIL ADDRESSES:
PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE

Thank you to all those families who have kept us up to date with their family email addresses.

Our data base appears to be almost complete. If you change your email address, are not receiving your Newsletter or statements or decided to start using email, please let the General Office know.

As you would be aware, the Newsletter, family statements and other important information is being sent out to families via email so it is important that we have your current email address.

There is always a copy of the Newsletter available from the General Office if you wish to collect a hard copy and all College news is available on the College website www.phoenix.vic.edu.au

EDUCATIONAL COSTS FOR 2014

All Core charges and Semester 1 charges have been applied to Family Accounts and thank you to the many people who have paid or set up a payment plan for regular payments.

My apologies to any Year 7 parent/guardian who were unaware of the charges for their child’s Year 7 Electives which you may have noticed on your Family Statement.

The Year 7 elective structure was introduced new for 2014. Unfortunately these charges were omitted from the information circulated at the end of 2013 regarding the costs for the 2014 year – however the charges for these electives were listed in the Subject Selection information on the College website in the Technology section. You can access this information on the College Website www.phoenix.vic.edu.au

As in normal practice, additional excursion costs will be charged near time of activities and camps and the Semester 2 elective costs will be added to the Family Accounts at the end of Term 2.

Family Statements will be emailed to families at regular intervals. Please remember it is much easier to pay your Family Account off during the year – rather than in a lump sum at the end of the year.

MEDIA RELEASE PERMISSION 2014

At Phoenix P-12 Community College many photos are taken of the students during the course of the school year. This includes photographs/footage taken for media such as Newsletters, newspapers, TV and the school website.

Please note: As our Newsletters will be posted on our website, if you do not give this media permission then photos of your child’s achievements and involvement in activities will not be able to be acknowledged in the Newsletter.

Your child should be made aware if they cannot have their photograph published at school.

Please complete and return this form ONLY if you DO NOT give consent for publication of your child’s photograph. Your consent will be assumed if you do not return this slip.

Please notify the College if the situation changes and you need to change your consent.

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MEDIA PERMISSION
Parent / Guardian Declaration

Student’s Name: ____________________________  Home group: ____________

Parent / Guardian Name: ____________________________

I do not give my permission for my child’s photos/images/work or name to be used at school, on the school website or the media.

Parent / Guardian Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________
Every day counts – school attendance!

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future - a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they'll have missed more than a year of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school - each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don't fall behind:

Speak with their classroom teachers and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

Develop an absence learning plan with their teachers and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with their classroom teachers as early as possible.

From 1 March 2014, new laws will mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let their House Manager know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Any absences must be reported to our Attendance Officer on 5329 3210.

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Child Dental Benefits Schedule

Financial support for basic dental services for children aged 2-17.

Eligibility basics

- Children aged between 2-17 years on any day of the calendar year.
- Receive, or their family, guardian or carer receives, certain government benefits such as Family Tax Benefit Part A for at least part of the calendar year.
- Are eligible for Medicare.

Benefits available under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

In 2014, benefits for basic dental services are capped at $1,000 per child over two consecutive calendar years.

If you do not use all of your $1,000 benefit in the first year of eligibility, you can use it in the second year if you are still eligible. Any remaining balance will not be carried forward at the end of the second year.

Benefits will cover a range of services including examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

Benefits are not available for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work and cannot be paid for any services provided in a hospital.

Child Dental Benefits Schedule services will not count towards the Medicare Safety Net or the Extended Medicare Safety Net thresholds.

Process for using the Child Dental Benefits Schedule

You can confirm your child’s eligibility and balance amount by accessing your Medicare online account at my.gov.au or calling the Medicare General Enquiries line on 132 011.
2014 CALENDAR
Secondary Campus
April
29th  Senior School Social
Sebastopol Football Club 7pm - 10pm
After School Program Commences
3.15pm - 4.30pm H10

MAY
7th  Immunisations Years 7 & 9 Boys
Debutante Training Commences
Gym 3.30pm - 5.30pm
9th  Year 11 Ecolink Excursion
13th NAPLAN Testing begins Years 7 & 9

HEART FOUNDATION WALKING
Are you interested in walking for 10-15 minutes after
school drop off and before school pick-ups? Heart
Foundation Walking are offering FREE walking
groups in your area. If you are interested please send your
name, preference of day and time and best contact phone
number to Lyndell Finlayson
finlayson.lyndell.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
or phone: 0477 725 756
This will be a great way to meet up with others in your area and
helps to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle.
Days which best suit
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday.
Times which best suit
15 minutes after school starts
15 minutes before school ends

SEBASTOPOL
FOOTBALL NETBALL
CLUB
Looking for a game of footy?
U10 training Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm-6pm
U12 training Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm-6pm
U14 training Tuesday & Thursday 4.30pm-6pm
U16 training Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm-7pm
Further inquiries
Stuart Holmes M: 0418 508 967
U18 Training Tuesday and Thursday 5.30/6pm
start.
Further inquiries
Wayne Sheridan M: 0409 297 713 Come along
to Marty Bush Reserve and be part of the Burra
Team!

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

THEY WILL BE CONFISCATED
IMMEDIATELY!!!!