Principal Report
Assessments for Semester One.
Parents and students please note that teaching staff will be busy finalising assessment grades and report comments over the next few weeks. All work that has been set should be completed and handed in for correction and assessment. This period of time provides an important insight into the progress of each student. 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.

Community Hub Adult Learning Centre - A Major Milestone Achieved.
Ballarat Neighbourhood House Next Steps Work and Learning Centre celebrated its 100th job placement this month. Tyson Delaney is the 100th person to get a job through the Next Steps Work and Learning Centre.

Next Steps is a volunteer organisation that assists people between the age of 15 and 64 find a career path, whether it be through education or employment. Tyson, the 100th person to find a placement through Next Steps, is completing a Certificate III in Community Activities and Outdoor Programs.

Teenagers, Kristie Coad and Angela O’Neill, have also found career paths through Next Steps in Child Services and Education. Angela is completing a Certificate III in Education Support.

Next Steps has recently begun working with Novotel Forest Resort to introduce people seeking work to a three-week program. So far, 18 people have signed up to the program.

Next Steps Work and Learning Centre opened in 2013 and works with people who are having difficulty securing employment.

Ballarat Neighbourhood House is to be congratulated on the success of this initiative, as it is making a real difference to many people in our local community.

Great Stuff! Victorian State Minister for Youth Affairs, Ryan Smith, visits Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Pictured above: Minister for Youth Affairs, Ryan Smith, with Phoenix P-12 Community College House Captains Jessica Keen and Sadik Mukasa and City of Ballarat Youth Council member Renae Skirka. PICTURE: ADAM TRAFFORD

Keyboard warriors beware, cyber bullying will not be tolerated.
City of Ballarat Youth Services has received funding for ‘Media Champs’ through the State Government Department of Human Services announced at Phoenix P-12 Community College by Minister for Youth Affairs, Ryan Smith.

The $30,000 is part of the government’s ‘It’s There For Life’ campaign. This will fund a new Ballarat program called ‘Media Champs’ which will empower and educate young people to be safe and responsible in all their online dealings.

‘Media Champs’ will involve 60 students from Mount Clear College, Phoenix P-12 Community College and Damascus College; the Koorie Youth Engage Project, Centre for Multicultural Youth and the YMCA to become positive media leaders and champions for being safe and respectful online.

The ‘Media Champs’ project is based on a leadership and peer education approach for young people by young people. It focuses on understanding the bystander effect so that friends, class or team members learn the skills to be up standers not bystanders; no longer having to stand by and watch or wait for someone to be hurt by bullying behaviour but becoming leaders in the cyber space, standing up and being
Phoenix P-12 Community College Student Leader Sadiki Mukasa said education was the key to stamping out cyber bullying. “It has become a very big issue … Through education young people can learn about the negative impact online activity can have.”

**Reading Eggs - Redan Campus**

Last week at assembly on the Primary Campus we were told of a very special discovery that was found in the tortoise enclosure at the Wildlife Park. Brenton Hancock from the Smith Family told us the story of how a reading bug egg was discovered by Wildlife Officers. Wildlife Officers predict the egg will hatch around August 1st if enough reading is done to it. We are working in conjunction with Sebastopol Primary School who has had the egg for two weeks prior to us. We have it for the next two weeks and if it hasn’t hatched, for another two weeks next term. Pop in and see the egg; it is located in the Library. Encourage your children to read at home so they are ready at school to read to the reading bug egg, because only the best reading will produce the best result.

**Aladdin Jr. – College Production 2014 - Don’t miss out!!**

Aladdin Jr, the Phoenix P-12 Community College Production, is coming to the big stage at Her Majesty’s Theatre in Ballarat on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th June 2014. Don’t miss out on the chance to see this outstanding performance. I hope to see you there. It will showcase the incredible talent of students from Year 8 right through to Year 12. This College Production will play to over 1,200 Primary School students from areas around Ballarat over a two day period. An amazing feat in itself.

I am especially proud of the continued support and leadership of ex-students who give up their time each year to mentor the development of our current student group. Real community leadership at its best.

**Stage 2 College Building Program – underway**

AWAY WE GO! The Stage 2 Phoenix P-12 Community College building program is underway. An additional $8 million project will see the construction of a further two ‘State-of-the-Art’ learning / community spaces come to fruition; as well as significant upgrades to car parks, ovals, student activity areas and the Applied Learning Centre. Demolition of the three old wings (G, I and J corridors) has taken place … a very quick job! Some photos below give you an idea of the work area being used in this new school development. Exciting times!!

I will keep you updated in relation to the progress of these facilities as it happens….. Our $million kids are quickly getting the best facilities available for 21st Century Learning … Enjoy!

**End of Term – Winter Break**

The term is very quickly coming to a close with our last day on Friday, 27th June. I wish everyone a happy and safe Winter Break; not far away.

Mr. Scott Dellar
Executive Principal
SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

As the Term comes to end I would like to congratulate all the students for their efforts to this point in the year. There have been gains in attendance and performance which is representative of the conscientiousness of this cohort of senior students.

The Year 10 and 11 exam period was very pleasing for the amount of students who attended, sought help and made sure they performed well. The GAT was also very well attended and was a testament to the dedication of the students.

This is a particularly stressful time for Year 12 students as they complete SAC’s, SAT’s, competencies and outcomes to finish the Semester. Semester 2 starts in Week 9 and as all Unit 4 and Semester 2 VCAL units begin, it is a good time for students to contact Ms Cheryl Kennedy and plan for courses in 2015. Have a restful but productive break and recharge batteries ready to go in Term 3.

Mr. Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

As I write this update I am finalising reports and preparing for our Years 9 and 10 Student Leadership Camp. This is an exciting opportunity where students will work in teams in initiative activities and focus on a number of exciting challenge tasks such as the high swing – which is some 16 metres off the ground.

We are just commencing Semester 2, an important time for students and parents. For students it is a time to reflect on the advice given to them by their teachers in their end of Semester 1 reports and to make a plan which includes some learning goals for the second Semester. For parents it is an ideal time to have a discussion with your children about the importance of making a good start in their new subjects. It is a time to ask the names of your children’s new teachers; to check whether they have all of the requirements for new classes and also a time to replenish supplies in the pencil case.

For students in Years 7-9 it is also an exciting time as before very long we will be selecting subjects for next year as well as preparing for our Middle School Social and the Year 9 Graduation.

Reminder to parents regarding uniform:

- In the colder weather the College blazer and College jacket are the only additional items to be worn.
- If students arrive at school out of uniform they will be supplied with an appropriate piece of uniform where possible. Where an alternative piece is not available students will be required to work in time out for the day.
- Where a note is supplied for a student being out of uniform, the student will still be supplied with correct uniform or asked to work in time out.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

VALA Conference

On Friday 13th June Phoenix P-12 Community College students were invited to present at the VALA Conference held at Monash University. Sadiki Mukasa, Abigail Sorrell, James Gould, Tori Wilson and Joshua Wells took on this challenge and discussed their personal VCAL journey and the experiences they have had in the program. The confidence and knowledge shown by these students further highlights the exceptional talent that our VCAL students possess. Like professionals each student spoke to a group of teachers from other VCAL providers, and was able to answer questions.

Maree Hall
VET/VCAL Coordinator
PHOENIX P-12 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS

Disney’s

Aladdin JR.

HER MAJESTY’S THEATRE
Wednesday 25th June 7.00pm
Thursday 26th June 1.00pm & 7.00pm
Tickets: $5 Student, $10 Adult, $30 Family
Phone: 5333 5888
Online: www.hermaj.com
OR available at the door

Music by Alan Menken Lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice Book adapted by Jim Luigs Music adapted byBrian Louiselle
Based on the screenplay by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliot and Terry Russio
By arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd exclusive agent for Music Theatre International, NY
SCIENCE/ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

A very enthusiastic group of 24 Year 10 students went to Federation University to compete against seven other schools in the annual Science/Engineering Challenge.

Fun was had by all and the students were introduced to a range of Science and Engineering career options through group challenges.

Despite leading the competition one score check from the end, we couldn't bring home the goods, but there's always next year, right?

Ms. Caitlyn Anderson-Whitecross
Maths/Science Teacher

Redan Campus ‘ART Room’

Year 5 and 6 students have been working together in teams to produce six murals based on the theme of ‘Everything and anything to do with water’ within our environment.

The Fibre Artwork Competition murals have been designed and created by the students and sent off to Corangamite Shire for judging.

Congratulations to all of the students on their colourful and creative murals that depict water in our environment, and also for the great team effort involved!

The murals will be displayed at The Ballarat Mining Exchange, Corangamite Waterwatch Fibre Artwork Exhibition 10am–4pm from the 18th–26th June (not open Sunday 22nd June) to coincide with World Environment Day.

Thank you to all students and staff who were involved in the making of the murals.

Ms Firns
Art Teacher
Redan Campus
Preparations for this year’s production are well underway and students and staff are getting very excited. The last week of Term 2 is Production Week and the opportunity to perform again at Her Majesty’s Theatre is one which everyone is really looking forward to. Costumes are starting to appear; set and props are being made or found; lines are being learnt; dances are being polished and there is a real buzz of excitement coming from the Drama Room.

Director Mrs Joosten is really impressed with the level of focus and energy she is seeing in rehearsals so far and can’t wait to see the students smiling faces under the bright lights of Her Majesty’s Theatre. This year we have the added bonus of being able to include 20 Primary School students in our Production. Directed by Mr Alex Patterson, the Primary School students have been busily rehearsing and attending all after school and weekend rehearsals.

The excitement continues to spread over to the CHUB where Mr Netherway is working hard and making sure the orchestra are sounding fabulous. Ms Ford is busily coaching the singers also.

The matinee performance will see our students performing to 700 Primary School students from a variety of Primary Schools around Ballarat. Overall our students will probably be performing to over 2,000 people in two days! A pretty fantastic effort from a very talented group of students.

This year’s performance of Aladdin Jr promises to be very entertaining. **Tickets can be booked through Majestix: 5333 5888 or Online: www.her.maj.com.**

Mrs. Deanne Joosten
Head of Performing Arts

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**ANNUAL CHORAL FESTIVAL**

The 19th Annual Choral Festival involved ten local choirs who were invited to share their musical talents with the Ballarat community, organised by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Held at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat on Sunday, 1st June, the array of skill that came out of the afternoon was awesome to watch. Invited choirs were from Ballarat and Clarendon College, Loreto College, St Columba's Primary School, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and St Patrick's Cathedral Choir and included the adult choirs of Ballarat Golden Voices and St Cecilia Singers performing both religious and show choir repertoire. Our group of seven students from Phoenix P-12 Community College were conducted by Ms Lana Ford. We each proudly represented the College, singing two numbers from our upcoming school production of Aladdin Jr, "A Whole New World" and "Prince Ali". The friendly atmosphere of everyone together made us want to consider branching out our skills as a school ensemble by exploring new choral techniques and experiencing more outside of curricula events. A highlight to the day would have been the enjoyment of having the opportunity to sing with all of the choirs as a joined finishing number; singing "Love Changes Everything" from the musical "Aspects of Love".

A diverse day, which was very much inspirational and fun for us students experiencing something new.

**Miss. Felicity Liston**
**Year 10 Student**

Members of the Phoenix P12 Community College Singers performing at the Ballarat Choral Festival on Sunday, 1st June.

**Pictured right:** Jasmin Robinson, Tara Moore, Rachael Shelton, Felicity Liston, Julia Akanoa, Lachlan Eades, Kalan Christofferson.
Be calm, Be kind, Be strong....

For the last few weeks now a group of selected VCAL students have been participating in a martial arts therapy class. The students have been learning about different martial arts techniques - being calm under pressure and some self-defence moves. The instructor, Steve, has taught us why we have a fear of something and why we show courage. He also teaches us to respect each other. Students will visit a Primary School to pass on their knowledge when they have finished their training.

Miss Maree Hall
VET/VCAL Coordinator

Year 7 Family Maths Night

Year 7 students and their families attended a fun and informative evening with Maths staff in the new Inquiry Village last week. There were games and activities that had everyone thinking as well as ideas for parents on how to help their children with secondary school Maths homework. All of the students took home a mini deck of cards and a list of games that can be played to improve Maths thinking skills.

Kyle and Mitch both estimated the mass of the pumpkin within 10 grams and so each took home half a pumpkin as a prize!

Thanks to all staff and families who came along to make the night a success.

Pictured below: Kyle Coulson and guests enjoying the Maths night.

Pierre de Coubertin Award

Maddison Sharp was the recipient of the 2014 Pierre de Coubertin Award. She earned this award based on her sportsmanship and dedication towards sports and physical activity in the Ballarat community. Maddison attended an Olympic Academy at the MCG with hundreds of other school students from Victoria. Here she met several Olympians and learnt about the Olympic values and striving to be the best you can be.

Maddison is a very gracious winner and deserves a big congratulations for her award and attitude around being active and working to reach your potential.

Ms Laura Head
Head of HAPE

Pictured left: Ms Laura Head and Maddison Sharp at the MCG.

Mrs. Jill Ebbs
Leading Teacher - Numeracy
YEAR 7 SCIENCE IN ACTION!

We have moved into the new Science classrooms. Year 7 students have been busy learning and earning their Bunsen Burner licences. They have had a burning desire to get in and try out the new facilities for some time.

They have had a gas of a time becoming familiar with all aspects of responsibility in a school laboratory setting. The past few weeks have been spent developing and honing their skills in using the various pieces of laboratory equipment to safely conduct experiments involving liquids and other substances.

The new rooms will facilitate learning and knowledge opportunities that will enhance their engagement in the 21st Century. With the students sitting in collaborative table groups, there is a richness in the fabric of the pedagogical experiences the cohort enjoys. As the digital images show there is an atmosphere of genuine and authentic learning taking place. This augers well for these students' future years of study and development at the College.

Mr Mark Cisar
Core Skills - Numeracy Coordinator

Photos of: Year 7 students studying Science in the new facilities.

SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL BAND FESTIVAL

This was a fantastic event with around 200 students participating. They were from Goroke P-12 College, Edenhope College, Donald High School, Stawell Secondary College, Mount Clear College, Ballarat Christian College, Ballarat High School and of course Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Each band performed for 20 minutes. Our band repertoire consisted of Rum-Bah, Aria on a Bach Prelude, Disco Lives! and Pink Panther. The varied program demonstrated prowess by our students. They performed extraordinarily well. Our ‘Fab Five’ quintet also performed Indigo and they were awesome!

After lunch the Mega Band rehearsed. Wow! 200 students singing, playing and dancing. The atmosphere in our wonderful Community Hub was electric! It was so much fun for students and teachers. The actual performance was exceptional.

Thank you must go firstly to our students who were terrific ambassadors throughout the day and Mr Bryn Hills, Music Coordinator for South Western Regional Band, for organising the event.

Mr John Netherway
Band Conductor
Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in Government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will take place during Terms 2 and 3. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx

or you could contact the Principal if you have any further questions.

Have you ever wondered if there is any benefit to drinking Coca Cola? The following should put you off for life!

20 practical ways you can use Coke as a domestic cleaner.

1. Removes grease stains from clothing and fabric.
2. Removes rust and loosens rusty bolts.
3. Removes blood stains from clothing and fabric.
4. Cleans oil stains from garage floors; let the stain soak and hose off.
5. Kills slugs and snails; the acid kills them.
6. Cleans burnt saucepans; soak the saucepan in Coke and rinse.
7. Descalcs a burnt kettle.
8. Cleans battery terminals.
9. Cleans your engine.
10. Makes old pennies shine.
11. Cleans tile grout; pour on floor, leave for a few minutes and wipe off.
12. DISSOLVES A TOOTH; Use a sealed container. Takes a while but it does work.
13. Removes gum from hair.
14. Removes stains from vitreous china.
15. Got a dirty pool? Add two 2 litre bottles of Coke to clear up rust.
16. Removes dye from hair.
17. Removes marker stains from carpet.
18. Cleans a toilet.
19. Coke and aluminium foil will bring chrome to a high shine.
20. Strips paint off metal furniture.

IMAGINE WHAT IT IS DOING TO YOUR BODY!!


TRY-A-TRADE AFTERNOON

In May Phoenix P-12 Community College offered its first ever 'Try-A-Trade' afternoon for Grade 6 students across Ballarat and surrounds. Our wonderful Technology team delivered a meaningful program for 26 eager students in the areas of Woodwork, Metals, Cooking and Textiles.

The students thoroughly enjoyed this afternoon and saw it as a worthwhile experience in the transition process for entering secondary school. Mrs. Belinda Dwyer -Transition Coordinator

Pictured above: Mr Blee and Mr Muller showing Grade 6 students some Woodwork skills.
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

ACCESS TO COLLEGE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS - KEEP SAFE

You will have noticed more demolition and building works going on in the College grounds. We continually have workmen, trucks and other vehicles coming and going from the site. Please take care when entering the College grounds and check what activity is going on around you. For the safety of all, it is important that ALL visitors to the College follow the Visitors Protocol - by going directly to the General Office. This helps keep our College a safe learning place and ensures the safety of our students.

All visitors are asked to please go directly to the General Office, where the reception staff will assist you. If you have an appointment, need to see someone or pick up your child, the reception staff will assist you and you will be asked to wait in the College foyer where staff or students will come and meet you.

EXCURSIONS AND DROP BOX

Please be reminded that excursion permission slips MUST be returned to the General Office and payment made PRIOR to the day of the activity. We do have a drop box beside the General Office door where you are welcome to pop notices and payment in if you are in a hurry and the Office is busy.

MAINTAINING FAMILY DETAILS

With the move to electronic communication, or mobile telephone contact, it is even more important that you keep your family contact details up to date at all times. Please contact the General Office if you have any changes to your family contacts, emergency contact addresses, employment or family guardianship changes. We need to have current data to make sure we can contact you if required.

If you have a new or recently changed email, please make sure you let us know. The monthly Newsletter and Family Accounts are now emailed out to families, along with other vital information regarding the education of their child(ren).

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager

Livvi’s Place

Here are some pictures of the students dressed in blue, pink or yellow in support of the Touched by Olivia Foundation, and to raise money for a Livvi’s Place Inclusive Playground at Victoria Park. This is a Ballarat Community Project and, in recognition of our donation, a large tile with our school emblem will be included on the playground’s “Foundation Wall”.

Pictured above left: L to R: Emily Weston, Holly Judd, Blake Moss, Bradley Beaumont (behind), Declan Johnston-Chan and Max Stratton.

2014 CALENDAR

JUNE
16th High Challenge Camp
   Student Leadership Students
19th Redan Campus 5/6 Sovereign Hill Exc.
20th Redan Campus 5/6 Sovereign Hill Exc.
23rd Production Performance week
   All day rehearsal for Production students
24th All day rehearsal for Production students
   Redan Campus - Life Education
25th College Production Aladdin Jr at Her Majesty’s Theatre 7pm
   Redan Campus - Life Education
26th College Production Aladdin Jr at Her Majesty’s Theatre 7pm
   Redan Campus - Life Education
27th Debutante Ball
27th Last day of Term 2.
   Dismissal at 2.30pm.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

JULY
14th First day of Term 3.

Remember this logo??

Class of 93 and 94 Reunion
23rd August 2014
For ticket sales and more information go to
Or check out our Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/groups/208386819336202/

Phoenix P-12
Community College
Redan Campus P-6
‘In Knowledge there is Opportunity’

STILL TAKING 2015 ENROLMENTS


Mr Mick Benoit - Campus Principal
Phone: 5329 3293 (option 2)

UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER
Hoodies and windcheaters are not part of College uniform. The only additional item for winter is the blazer or jacket which can be worn at all times during the day. These can be purchased at Crockers or Lowes.

Hem length – Stipulated hem length is 5cm above the knee; this applies to both the winter skirt and dress. Where students continue to flaunt this policy a letter will be sent home with a stipulated time to have the hem length corrected. Those who do not comply will be provided with the opportunity to work in time out.

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

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