PRINCIPAL REPORT
Phoenix P-12 Academic Achievers Program – SEAL Accredited Pathway
I am excited to introduce you to the Phoenix P-12 Community College Academic Achievers Program; this is a DEECD fully accredited Select Entry Academic Learning Program. This new program will further broaden our learning enrichment pathways across the College. In 2015, a limited number of places will be offered to students with exceptional academic ability in our Year 7 cohort. Targeted students will benefit from taking part in an enriched learning program within an environment that nurtures students to fulfil their academic and social potential. The Phoenix P-12 Community College Academic Achievers Program is a truly unique and exciting learning opportunity. It encompasses:

- Enrichment in the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Humanities and Science.
- Integration into the mainstream classes for The Arts, Technology and Health and Physical Education.
- Comprehensive Studies of LOTE, with focus on learning Chinese.
- Fully supported pursuit of passion which enriches the extra-curricular domains of College life; at Phoenix students will have the opportunity to choose between rowing, debating, instrumental music with engagement in an ensemble.

The addition of this SEAL program alongside our other enrichment streams of learning will further boost our student pathways on offer, and allow us to continue to bolster high quality provision that target student talents and success.

2015 Year Enrolments reminder – Prep at Phoenix P-12 Redan Campus
Prep enrolments for next year are filling quickly, so to assist us with planning for the 2015 school year please organise an enrolment meeting. Families with siblings already attending our school are asked to enrol their Prep child as soon as possible. Please call in at the General Office on either the Redan or Sebastopol campus for an enrolment pack and any information that may be of assistance.

VET Hospitality students shine!

VET Hospitality students gain real life experience! A team of VET Hospitality students from Years 10, 11 and 12 recently acquired an insight into working hospitality hours; working until late at night and then backing up with an early start the following morning. They prepared and served a two course meal for the College Council Dinner on a Monday evening and then the following morning catered for 130 people at Delacombe Primary School for their BBBB breakfast launch. Although weary they did a fantastic job and all our customers were very complimentary for the food and service our wonderful VET Hospitality students produced.

Swimming Program – Redan Campus
All Primary students are currently doing a great job with their Swimming Program. We thank parents for their interest in supporting children by visiting the Swim and Survival Academy while children are having their lessons. Feedback from all involved has been very positive.

Book Week is Coming Up – Redan Campus
Just to give parents advanced notice, we will be holding a special Dress Up day for Book Week where children will be able to dress up as their favorite Book Character. This will occur on Monday 18th August. We are giving

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children and families as much warning as possible, so they have plenty of time to think about the character they will be dressing up as. Special prizes will be awarded on the day.

As well as this, we are running a movie and casual dress day to support World Vision as part of our community focus.

**Reading Bug hatched by Phoenix students**

A COLOURFUL Reading Bug has been hatched by primary school pupils in Ballarat.

While Phoenix P-12 Community College Prep to Grade 4 pupils from Redan Campus were being read Chris Van Dusen’s ‘The Circus Ship’ by teacher Erin Macaulay on Friday, the “egg” they had spent the past few months reading to appeared to move.

There was a phone call to the Vet and the egg was quickly carried from the room, but before the egg could be rushed off to the clinic by Smith Family Team Leader, Brenton Hancock, the Reading Bug had emerged.

The bug looked suspiciously like Jenny Sheriff of the Highlands Learning and Employment Network but most of the younger pupils were more than happy to have a story read to them by her, particularly when the story happened to be ‘I’m A Dirty Dinosaur’ by Janeen Brian and Ann James.

The idea of having an egg that children could read to was to develop their interest in reading books, then to read and keep reading. A number of guest readers have been involved in this event, including Sharon Knight and Des Hudson.

The egg was originally “found” at the Ballarat Wildlife Park on May 8.

Since then it has been back and forth between Sebastopol Primary School and Phoenix P-12 Community College. All the while the egg has appeared to grow.

This has been a fantastic initiative that has focused on literacy development of children. I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Smith Family for developing and organising this exciting concept.

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**BOOK WEEK DATES TO REMEMBER FOR PRIMARY CAMPUS**

**AUGUST 18th - 29th**

- **Monday 18th** - Fancy Dress Parade (Book character).
- **Tuesday 19th** – Bring a favourite board game to play.
- **Wednesday 20th** – Story Writing workshop – Book in a pocket.
- **Thursday 21st** – Decorate a tile (create a whole campus tessellating pattern).
- **Friday 22nd** – Student Leaders – Movie Day.
- **Monday 25th** – Mathletics – All Australia AFL Maths competition commences.
- **Tuesday 26th** - Guest Storyteller.
- **Wednesday 27th** – Whole Campus Multi Age Day.
- **Thursday 28th** – Whole school human graph (Graph our favourite Book Week book).
- **Friday 29th** - National Read for Australia – ‘Sunday Chutney’ activity.

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**SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

This term has some fantastic opportunities for students and will be very busy. We have had John Maher in talking about Road Safety and delivering a speech to Year 11 students that they will certainly remember for years to come. We also have a Year 11 Macbeth excursion and a Glenelg River excursion.

We are beginning the Selection Processes for next year and this is an opportunity for parents to discuss the pathway choices for their children. There are opportunities for each student and parent to talk to a range of people to make sure they are making good choices for their future. It is vital that students take this process seriously, develop a workable plan and submit their Selection Sheet on time.

Year 12 students are close to finishing most course content and will be under a lot of stress at this time of year. Parents and Guardians can help by making sure their children eat well, get plenty of sleep, have a quiet place to study and have a study timetable. If there are any concerns over pathways please contact your child’s House Manager for help.

**Mr Andrew Greed**

Senior School Assistant Principal

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

We are approaching the critical time of the year where students will be making their Subject Selections for 2015. This year students will need to utilise their Curriculum Outline and Pathways booklet in conjunction with the College website and the Selection Sheet. When a student has decided on a subject they would like to do they need to consult their teacher to ensure they will meet the requirements for that subject. If the teacher is satisfied this is the case they will sign in the designated

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Phoenix P-12 Community College Grade 1 pupil Isabella Coe takes her turn reading to the egg, which has been at the school for the past few months.
Phoenix P-12 Community College

2014 TERM 3 INTERIM REPORTS & PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER PATHWAY INTERVIEWS

Interim Reports will be mailed out to parents during the week ending August 22nd, 2014.

Parent/Student/Teacher Pathway Interviews will be conducted as follows:

**Session 1:**
Thursday Afternoon/Evening September 4th, 4.00 – 7.00pm

**Session 2:**
Friday September 5th, 9.00am – 4.00pm

See information below

During August teachers will be completing Interim Reports for every student in every subject. Parents can expect to receive Student Interim Reports after **Monday, 25th August**.

With the Interim Report you will also find information and interview booking/appointment sheets for the Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. These interview times will run over two sessions as listed above.

It is expected that students will accompany their parents to the interviews.

The format of the interviews will be the same as previous years and it will be essential for students to book appointment times that suit both parents and teachers.

These interviews will provide an excellent opportunity for both parents and students to discuss the Interim Report and the general progress being made.

We look forward to seeing students and parents during these interviews.

WAYNE JOHNSTON
TEACHING & LEARNING MANAGER

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MERV LEWIS PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARDS

Pictured above: Rachel Kpogo, Emiley Cody and Casey Hamilton-Bayly.

After weeks of after school practice, eight of our students participated in the annual Merv Lewis Public Speaking Award in conjunction with Ballarat South Rotary Club. All speeches were outstanding and quite touching. First place went to Emiley Cody, second place to Casey Hamilton-Bayly and third place to Rachel Kpogo. The other speakers who all did a great job were: Mary Greed, Bridget Douhadji, Trent Robertson, Thomas Eastman and Harry Lodge.

The top three speakers were invited to speak at the monthly Rotary Club Dinner and Emiley and Casey will represent the College at the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition next month.

Congratulations to all students.

Mr. Drew Layton
Student Leadership

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subject space. Pastoral Care teachers and parents need to sign fully completed sheets before they are submitted at the General Office.

We are approaching the time when Interim Reports will be written. To ensure that students are in the best possible place to progress next year, students must meet work deadlines. If a student in your family has had an overdue work letter sent home, please take the time to discuss this with them and then return the appropriate part of the letter. If you are unclear about what is required a note could be written in the College diary or a call made to the subject teacher.

Whilst the majority of students continue to wear their uniform appropriately, there are some students who continue to flaunt the rules. Where a student refuses to comply with direction they face working in time out or ultimately suspension.

We are in the final six months of the transition to the Phoenix P-12 Community College uniform. Parents need to ensure that they are making preparations for this, as from the start of the 2015 school year students will not be able to wear any component of the former Sebastopol College or Redan Primary School uniform.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Middle School Assistant Principal
PHOENIX EQUINE WELLBEING PROGRAM

In August Anna Coloe had the pleasure of accompanying Natasha Wilson and Shayden-Amanda Lever to Federation College. The girls presented alongside Emily McVeigh to a group of about 40 students regarding their experiences in the Phoenix Equine Wellbeing Program.

Both girls represented the College beautifully. They spoke passionately about the program and the many ways it has benefitted them personally. The girls were able to talk about ways they had improved their performances at school and their aspirations for the future.

We congratulate both girls on their remarkable achievements both in the program and for the way they gave their presentation.

Miss Anna Coloe


GIRLS BADMINTON TEAM

In August our intermediate girls Badminton team competed at the Western Zone Badminton competition at Ken Kay Badminton Stadium. The girls defeated Ballarat Secondary College in the first round but were closely defeated by Brauer College and Mount Clear College in the following rounds.

Overall the girls came fourth out of six places which was a great effort. The girls fought hard and displayed a high level of sportsmanship. Well done!

BOYS BADMINTON TEAM

Years 7 and 8 boys competed at Ken Kay Badminton Stadium in the Greater Western Region championships earlier this month. The Year 7 boys came third behind Ballarat High School and Horsham College. The Year 8 boys came third behind Ballarat High School and Yuille Park Community College. The boys competed admirably and demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship throughout the tournament.
German Day Out

In July Ms Janousek and Mr Ferguson took over 30 German students to Melbourne for the German Day Out. The students joined nearly a thousand students from all over Victoria who are enjoying studying German. They met at the Melbourne Town Hall and heard not only from young people who have made a successful career from studying German, but from international companies and Universities where the ability to speak German is a very important career path. The students then explored the Immigration Museum, to develop a greater insight into the lives of those who left their homeland to live in a brave new world.

Pictured above: Students with Ms Janousek and Mr Ferguson in front of the Immigration Museum.

STUDENTS REAP REWARDS OF DONATION

Natasha Wilson and Shayden-Amanda Lever, as part of their Year 11 Personal Development Program class, had to choose a community they wanted to help and devise a plan to raise money to help them.

The girls chose Ballarat Wildlife Park. By collecting donations from around the College, then using that money to pay for supplies to hold a BBQ at Safeway Sebastopol, they were able to raise a whopping $600 which was then donated to the Park.

The girls were invited to get photos with the animals, cuddled the koalas and assisted staff in feeding and caring for many animals. (They loved it!!)

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Access to the College

Welcome to Term 3; you will have noticed huge progress in the works around the College grounds and building sites. With this work comes restricted access to the grounds and a little more difficulty in accessing the College buildings.

Please make sure, for the safety of all and security of our students, that you always enter the College grounds through the front gate and report directly to the General Office where the reception team will assist you. You will be asked to wait in the foyer until the person you are wishing to see comes to see you and if picking up your child, until your child comes to you in the foyer. Please do not access the buildings from any other pathway into the site as you will be directed back to the General Office by any staff member you meet. Visitors must ALWAYS report to the General Office when arriving to keep a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Family Accounts

Thank you to those families who continue to support their child(ren)'s education by paying their Educational costs. Statements are sent out regularly via email to keep you informed of the state of your accounts. A number of families still have outstanding accounts which are well overdue and payment would be appreciated at your earliest convenience. If you require assistance with your account, please do not hesitate to contact me (Lorraine Hayes) through the General Office. We can make payment arrangements if required.

Please be reminded that all excursion costs must be pre-paid and permission forms MUST be returned prior to the excursion day. Students cannot attend if this process is not followed.

CHANGES TO EMA 2015

Please note that there will be NO Education Maintenance Allowance in 2015 as you know it.

In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Further information about the arrangements for 2015 will be available in Term 3, 2014. Please make sure you start budgeting for your education costs for 2015 NOW!!!!

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager

BOYS, BOOKS, BLOKES AND BYTES

On Wednesday evening, 6th August, the Learning Resource Centre hosted a Trivia Quiz as part of Delacombe Primary School’s “Boys, Books, Blokes and Bytes” program. 35 boys from both Delacombe Primary School and Sebastopol Primary School, with their father or older brother, enjoyed an evening of trivia about books, TV shows, music and minecraft. Phoenix College Year 7 students Riley Bain, Jordan Paddock, Dylan Murphy and Ross Hocking joined in the fun and represented the College well. Teachers Troy Beggs and Scott Brown made a concerted effort to get their team over the line only failing by a few points to win the Quiz. Librarian Josh Dwyer was outstanding as Quiz Master.

Mr Mark Macnamara
Learning Resource Centre Manager

COLLEGE DEBATING TEAMS

Phoenix P-12 Community College entered four teams in this year’s Royal South Street Debating Competition. Schools come to compete from all over Victoria. Our Grade 5/6 argued that athletes were paid more than they should be. It was an extremely close debate and they were unfortunate not to make it through to the next round. Our 7/8, 9/10 and VCE Teams were hard spent arguing against ‘Becoming Vegetarians’, ‘Genetically Modified Products’, and ‘Three Levels of Government’. At the end of the final day it was clear that while our teams did not progress to the next round, they were commended for the way they represented themselves and their school. We have the opportunity to work closely with the Royal South Street Committee early next year. Congratulations to everyone involved; a special thank you to Angela Quinn, Rena Clark and Kiya Eberle.

Students: Chloe Stratton, Tayla Ryan, Tarni Wills, Laura Middlin, Chelsea Hazendonk, Emma Linahan, Sanjay Sebastian, Molly Hodgkinson, Lachlan Eades, Maddison Sharp, Casey Shevlin, Thomas Bassett and Joshua Liston.

Mrs. Jade Browning
Visit to CSIRO

Recently the Year 12 Biology class participated in a Genetic Engineering session at ACU run by the CSIRO. It was a great opportunity to visit a tertiary institute and work with a recently graduated Scientist.

Ms Sonia Kahanoff - Head of Science
STUDENTS FROM YEAR 9 1984

If you attended Year 9 in 1984 we are holding a 30 year Reunion on 29th November 2014. The reason we chose this year is because we are aware a lot of people left at the end of Year 9 for work and thought it would be great if we had the students that started in Year 7 with us.

Tickets are $20 per head. If you are on Facebook the information for payment details is on the Sebas. Tech. Reunion page under Tania Drever.

If you are not on Facebook and are interested in coming you can call Maxine on 0458 507 551.

We would also appreciate it if you could pass the word on to any students and teachers you know where possible. If you have photos from back in the day it would be appreciated if you could share them.

Please help celebrate this 30 year reunion.
Maxine Gottlieb and Tania Drever

New On-the-spot Penalty Fares from Sunday 10 August

Fare evasion on public transport has decreased and it’s likely you are one of the nine out of 10 passengers that always travel with a valid myki. Thank you, your fares are an important contribution towards improving the network.

But freeloaders who don’t pay their way cost the network $60 million each year. This money could instead buy four new X’Trapolis trains, 10 E-class trams, 12 VLocity trains or 150 buses.

To ensure that all passengers pay their fair share, we’ve increased the number of Authorised Officers, installed new myki barrier gates at stations and introduced new On-the-spot Penalty Fares to enable more ticket checks, more often.

From Sunday, 10 August 2014, passengers without a valid myki may be given the option of paying an On-the-spot Penalty Fare of $75.

Penalty Fares will not be offered in all circumstances, and the 12-month trial will only be implemented by Authorised Officers on the metropolitan network.

For more information, visit ptv.vic.gov.au/penaltyfares and watch a video outlining the changes.

We’re working hard to make sure that like you, everyone else pays their way too.
Open Day 2014
Success is a personal journey that starts at our Open Day. So whatever 'it' means to you, come along and discover why FedUni is one of Victoria's fastest growing universities.

It all starts at our Open Day.
Sunday 31st August - 10am - 3pm
The Mt Helen, Gippsland, SMB and Camp St campuses will be open.
- Meet lecturers and students
- Find out about hundreds of programs
- Tour our facilities
- Experience campus life

For latest information visit the Link: http://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/open-day

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### 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.

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**Remember this logo??**

**Class of 93 and 94 Reunion**

23rd August 2014


Or check out our Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/groups/208386819336202/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/208386819336202/)

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**Student Absence**

*It’s not okay to be away!*

**Phone**

5329 3210

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Phoenix P-12 Community College

Redan Campus P-6

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**STILL TAKING 2015 ENROLMENTS**


Mr Mick Benoît - Campus Principal

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