Congratulations to this group for continuing to provide excellent leadership throughout the College during this term.

This certainly is an important time of the year for these students as they prepare for their final examination and assessment period in early November. Initial revision sessions are already underway in many classes and we certainly wish them the best of luck in the preparation phase leading up to their exams, final portfolios or vocational assessments.

Enjoy the upcoming September/October break; but make the study – preparation time count. Go for it!

Phoenix P-12 / Year 12 VCAL - Outstanding Student Success at State level

During 2014 the VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) held their Annual VCAL State Awards through a prestigious ceremony in Melbourne.

Emma Menhennet, a Phoenix P-12 Community College Year 12 student in 2013, was selected and recognised at this event in the ‘Senior Outstanding Achievement Award’ category. To be eligible for this State Award, evidence of exemplary ability and self-directed learning were required. During her three years in the VCAL Program Emma was seen as a hard-working, organised and confident leader. Her successes included a school-based apprenticeship in Hospitality and Office Administration. As well as this, Emma immersed herself across other areas of study and gained exemplary results in her Year 12 Senior VCAL and VET Event Management certificates. She was acknowledged as an exceptional leader by her student cohort, and was renowned for her support of students in taking on opportunities and gaining positive outcomes in all areas of this authentic learning stream. As a role model for her fellow class members, Emma consistently led by example and was integral in the planning and delivery of many successful events across the College in the VET Curriculum.

As an employee, Emma cemented her place as a valued staff member of the Heritage Accommodation Centre and The Lane Ballarat. In these roles she demonstrated outstanding communication skills, a strong work ethic and commitment to supporting colleagues.

As a College, we are extremely proud of Emma and know that she will continue to inspire students who follow in her VCAL and VET pathways of success.

2015 Year Enrolments reminder – Prep at Phoenix P-12 Redan Campus

Prep enrolments for next year are filling quickly with over 40 confirmed enrolments. Please organise an enrolment meeting as soon as possible so final planning for 2015 classes can take place, by contacting the General Office on either the Redan or Sebastopol campus for an enrolment pack. Support and assistance can be provided throughout the process. Looking forward to you becoming a valued part of our Phoenix P-12 Community College family.

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


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

STILL TAKING 2015 ENROLMENTS
Multi-Age Day Literacy/Numeracy Week: Redan Campus
In August we had a very successful Multi Age Day as part of our celebrations of Literacy/Numeracy Week on the Redan campus. Children worked extremely well in these cross age groups ranging from Prep to Grade 6. In this program children rotated around five activities throughout the day. Students operated across a series of reading, maths and learning events that developed skills and teamwork in these important areas of day-to-day life. A great way to focus on the learning of literacy and numeracy. Magic!

Mr Scott Dellar
Executive Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE
The end of the term is coming very quickly and we have numerous things happening at this time of the year in the Senior School. As the term ends the Year 12 students will be completing their coursework, competencies and preparing themselves for exams if applicable. This means they will be under a deal of stress and if support is needed please contact House Managers, Teachers or Village Assistant Principals.

Valedictory Dinner
The Valedictory Dinner will be held on Wednesday 22nd October and all Year 12 students will be eligible for three tickets (including the student) at a cost of $60 each, which includes a three course meal. A letter will be sent to parents shortly detailing other key dates for Year 12.

Subject Selection Process
The very important Subject Selection process for next year’s Senior students is well underway and students are reminded that they need to submit forms and begin to talk to teachers about the process. The process will proceed well into Term 4 and it is vital that students participate and understand the pathway they are proceeding down.

Lateness to class
We are focusing on lateness to class at the moment and some parents will be receiving letters home. If your child is consistently late it will affect their educational outcomes and we would appreciate your support by discussing this with them.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
The third term has almost come to a close. It is hard to believe that our Year 7’s are literally just 8 weeks away from moving into Year 8.

We are very pleased with the way that students have been engaging in the process of Subject Selections. Students have been asking questions of their teachers and giving a great deal of thought to the subjects that will suit them in 2015. For those students who haven’t submitted their sheets we ask them to do this as a matter of priority.

In this Newsletter I thought I would make mention of a very special group of students from the Middle School. We have a number of students in Years 7 and 8 who have volunteered to go to the Redan Primary Campus and assist our Prep and Year 1 students during literacy time.

This is a completely voluntary activity, but one we believe shows the maturity of our students and their willingness to help others. We know that our students have been great leaders to our younger students and we would like to thank them for that.

Can we please acknowledge the efforts of the following students: Sharon George, Trisha May Frankie, Will Gibson, Mitchell Collins, Angela Dirks, Mariah-Jayne Ford, Shaqiera Cartledge, Hannah Anwyl, Taylah Markham, Hayley Page, Laura Middlin, Emma Linahan, Tyler Hamilton, Hannah Sedman, Amber Dennis, Manequa Ogg, Kobie Judd, Kaitlyn Brown, Leonie Patrono-Mihel, Emily Smith, Georgie Rover, and Cessie Thompson.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

Second Semester
EMA Cheques can be collected from the Sebastopol Campus General Office NOW!
In August, six students competed in the VSCC BMX series at the Ballarat BMX Club. There was fantastic weather for the occasion and the students’ enthusiasm was very high throughout the day. The day started with the novice riders taking lessons on how to use the gates, navigate jumps and manoeuvre around corners. After these lessons all participants were ready for a day of racing. Each category started with three motos which helped decide the positions for the final and invitational final. A big thank you to all the boys who competed as they represented the College extremely well, not only with their performances but with the sportsmanship and politeness they demonstrated throughout the day. Below are the results from the day.

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Pictured above: Ashley Gamble, Hayden Winfield, Jordan Blake, Jacob Gamble, Jaydn Cartledge and Caleb Daly.

In early September, Mike Caldwell from the Ballarat Group of Engineers Australia attended the College to present a talk to Years 10 and 11 students about Engineering as a career. Local business person and Engineer, Michael Staley, spoke to the students and presented two Encouragement Awards to Tameka Clinton and Dylan Mountney. Both Mike and Michael were very impressed with our students by their interest and questions about Engineering.

Pictured right: Michael Staley with Dylan Mountney and Tameka Clinton.
Youth Scholarship Course

Year 10 student Lachlan Eades was fortunate enough to be offered a place in the Melbourne Theatre Company Youth Scholarship Course. Students were invited to complete a formal application which involved writing an essay to highlight what this opportunity would mean to them. It was a very difficult decision as each school was only allowed to nominate one student. Lachlan was extremely fortunate to be selected out of hundreds of applications and will be one of 20 students chosen from schools all over Victoria.

The annual MTC Youth Scholarship Course is a five-day course for students aged 14 to 16 who are interested in performance, but would not usually have access to a practical workshop. Students will be guided through processes of performance making by professional actors and directors and will extend their expressive skills, while learning to contribute as a member of an ensemble. The course concludes with an informal presentation which parents and nominating teachers are encouraged to attend.

We wish Lachlan all the very best working with Melbourne Theatre Company in the first week of the September holidays.

Mrs. Deanne Joosten
Head of Performing Arts

Phoenix College Singers at Royal South Street Competition

Recently I had the pleasure of taking nine student members from Phoenix P-12 Community College Singers to Her Majesty’s Theatre to compete in the Royal South Street Competitions.

Together they performed expressively the classic song “Imagine” by John Lennon and “Prince Ali” from Aladdin. Even against strong competition, the group achieved a performance score not far off third place and can be proud of their singing and dancing performances.

It is evident that our students have been inspired to work even harder by seeing the cohort of Ballarat, Melbourne and Geelong performers.

Well done to Nadia Greenwood, Rachael Shelton, Alana Hargreaves, Will Gibson, Lachlan Eades, Brodie Kamp (soloist) Julia Akanoa, Kalan Christofferson and Jordan Christofferson.

Ms. Lana Ford
(Choral Director/Classroom Music)

For Sale

Five Cubby Houses built by our VET Building and Construction/Woodwork students.

Details: 2.4 m long and 1.5 m high. Cost: $750 each.

For more details please contact Mr Tim Blee or Mr Christof Muller on 03 5329 3293.

NAPLAN RESULTS

YEARS 7 & 9 are now available from the General Office Sebastopol Campus for parents to pick up.
Junior School Council Congress 2014

On Friday 12th September, Phoenix P-12 Community College – Redan Campus will be represented at Parliament House by two Year 5 students, Sophie Gehan and Hayley-Rose Ruddick.

The girls will spend the day with up and coming leaders from schools across Victoria, learning about decision making and leadership. They will participate in a series of discussions and debates in either the House of Assembly or the House of Representatives in Parliament. In preparation for the event Sophie and Hayley have conducted a survey of students from our campus on whether they volunteer within our community; what sort of tasks they undertake when they do, and what the intentions of surveyed students are in regards to future volunteer work.

These girls will benefit greatly from the experience and bring back some improved leadership qualities as a result.

5/6 Futsal Championships

In August the Redan Campus was represented by a group of 13 boys and girls in the Ballarat Year 5/6 Futsal Championships held at Major League Sports in Wendouree.

The boys and girls teams played four games each, with both sides winning two games and losing two games to finish third in their respective divisions. Some outstanding sportsmanship was displayed by both teams and some terrific team and individual efforts were made.

A big thank you to all who participated and a big thanks from the boys to Mitch Jolly, who came along to help us out on the day.
B31 is an opportunity for local businesses to explore a variety of workshops, briefings and presentations aimed at networking and Professional Development. In August a group of our senior VCAL students invited Ballarat businesses back to school. The students organised, planned, booked and arranged the entire day that aimed to break down the barriers between youth and business representatives. As a part of this day the group was expected to facilitate classroom activities which they did through Building and Construction, Hairdressing, Literacy and Numeracy activities and ICT. All these activities promoted the variety of pathways students have today (VCAL, VCE & VET). These hands-on activities were fully run by students and gave business owners the opportunity to experience today’s classroom and see the skill set our students have to offer. As a VCAL team we are incredibly proud of the success of the event and professionalism of the students.

Congratulation to the following students:

**Event Organisers**
Dannielle Bice, Monica Weckert, James Price, Mollie Dunne, Abigail Sorrell.

**Building Gurus**
Lucas Hammond, Patrick Dart, Joshua Wren, Andrew Boadle.

**Hair with Flair**
Jessica Prictor, Tori Wilson.

**Miss Maree Hall - VET/VCAL Manager**
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

ENROLMENTS 2015
We have just completed the process for Year 7 2015 Enrolment Interviews for all new Year 7’s who are intending to commence at Phoenix P-12 Community College in 2015.

Students cannot start the year unless their enrolment has been completed through the interview process and documentation has been received. If you have not attended an enrolment interview, please contact the General Office (5329 3293) and arrange for an appointment to complete your child’s enrolment to ensure you have a place for next year.

PRESENTATION EVENING 2015
Please make sure you keep Tuesday December 2nd free to attend the Phoenix P-12 Community College Annual Presentation Evening out at Founders Hall, Federation University, Mt Helen.

MAINTAINING FAMILY DETAILS
Please contact the General Office if you have any changes to your family contacts, emergency contact addresses, and 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 your 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 your child(ren).

FAMILY STATEMENTS
Statements were sent out at the start of the month and will be sent out again shortly. Thank you to the many families who have since either paid their accounts, or commenced Centrepay or BPAY payments. This is a great way to get on top of your outstanding fees. If anyone would like to discuss their account, or have questions around setting up regular instalments, please do not hesitate to contact the College. It would be appreciated if you could please try to pay these accounts as soon as you can. It would be great to have accounts tidied up next term, ready for a fresh start for 2015.

Please remember - In 2015 there is NO EMA. You need to start thinking ahead and saving for the costs at the start of the year.

BOOK LISTS 2015
Ballarat Books will be supplying the Back to School Book Lists for students in Years 7–12, and RADMAC – Office Choice will be supplying the Book Lists for the Junior Campus. Please be aware that full payment to Ballarat Books (Senior Campus – January 22nd) and RADMAC (Junior Campus) at the shop will be required when you pick up your Book List package – so plan ahead. The Education Costs for 2015 will be published in the next Newsletter – but it is never too early to start planning your finances.

SET UP REGULAR PAYMENTS
It makes payment of the costs much easier to manage if you are finding it more difficult to meet your obligations due to the changes to EMA. We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your Family Accounts. Centrepay or BPAY makes it easy; once it is set up the money is deposited directly into your Family Account and allocated to costs. Any overpayment is held as credit and will be used to pay for excursions or other costs which may arise throughout the year.

ACCESS TO THE COLLEGE
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.

CORONET CITY CRICKET CLUB - JUNIOR CRICKET
Invites boys and girls aged 9 to 15 to participate in our Under 12, 13, 14 and 16 sides during season 2014/2015.

You will:
• Receive training from accredited Level 1 coaches.
• Use indoor and outdoor training facilities.
• Have fun playing an enjoyable team sport with your friends.

Coronet City Cricket Club Junior Cricket focuses on the following areas:
• Develop cricket skills of every junior player in a team environment.
• Always participate showing sportsmanship to fellow team members and opposing teams.

Coronet City Cricket Club
Prince of Wales Reserve
Lake Gardens
Contact: Brendan Everard Ph: 0411 718 740
Email: bjeverard@hotmail.com or contact@coronetcitycc.com

Season fees: $30 includes free cap and shirt for new players.
Training: Thursday nights 4pm to 6pm.
Indoor facilities available if raining.
Commissions: Thursday 4th September
Junior events: Movie night @ Regent Theatre, Practice Match Combatzone, Shaun Brown two day Cricket Clinic.
20/20 Match involving parents and their children. Date to be fixed.
The Victorian Parliament is considering new laws that would change the penalties for young people involved in sexting. Sexting refers to sending sexually explicit photos or videos electronically. This is typically done via text message, social networks, email, and mobile apps such as Snapchat. It has become increasingly common among teenagers and is an issue at secondary schools throughout Australia.

Under the new laws, young people will no longer be found guilty of child pornography charges or placed on the Sex Offenders Register if they send or receive consensual, non-exploitative sexts. Images that capture a criminal act, however, such as a sexual assault, will not fall under the new laws.

While the penalties for consensual sexting may be reduced, it’s important that young people are educated to understand associated risks to their wellbeing. Once a ‘sext’ has been sent, there’s no going back, and what may have been consensual at the time is often a cause for regret later.

DEECD’s Bully Stoppers page provides information and tips to help students and parents deal with sexting and other online issues such as cyber safety and cyberbullying. http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/advicecybersafe.aspx

Lorraine Firth
Adolescent Health Nurse

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 who 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

1. The local council immunisation service may contact you about the school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact your school by 28 February 2015 if you do not want your contact details given to local council.

2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine catch-up program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all Year 7 students (male and female) from 2015 onwards.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne
Hi Parents,

Just a reminder that our September/October Holiday Program is coming up at the end of term from Monday 22nd September to Friday 3rd October. With our last program being our biggest yet, booking early is highly recommended. There are 3 ways to enrol.

**Online:** www.kellysports.com.au

**Call or Text Jarrod:** 0434 377 472 or Dominic on 0417 967 621

**Mail:** PO Box 1170, BALLARAT 3354

**Event Location:** Eastwood Leisure Centre
20 Eastwood St
BALLARAT VIC 3350

**Event Dates:** 22/09/2014 - 03/10/2014

**Event Times:** 8.00am - 5.00pm

2014 CALENDAR
SEPTEMBER
17th Intermediate Band Concert
19th Last Day of Term 3
Normal school day—dismissal 2:30pm
**Have a safe and relaxing holiday !!!!**

OCTOBER
13th PE Week
15th Cabaret Night
Ballarat Golf Club 6.30pm
Outdoor Education Camp PBU
Mt Arapiles
22nd Year 12 Final Assembly 12.00 noon
22nd Year 12 Valedictory Dinner 7pm
23rd Year 12 BBQ
27th College Council Meeting 6.00pm
29th Year 12 Exams Start
30th Subject Counselling Year 9 to 10

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.