Principal Report
College Building Program – Stage 2 well underway, completion date early June!!
HERE WE GO! The Stage 2 Phoenix P-12 Community College Building Program is well underway and is scheduled for us to move in from the start of Term 3. This $8 million project will see the construction of two more ‘State-of-the-Art’ learning/community spaces come to fruition.
Stage 2 of the College Building Program involves eight construction developments:
♦ Hertford Street car park and surrounding walkways - completed and operational.
♦ Hill Street oval upgrade - underway.
♦ BSCHub car park area via Tuppen drive - completed and operational.
♦ Spencer Street car park and truck delivery area - scheduled for completion late April.
♦ Redan campus breezeway upgrade - completed.
♦ Community Challenge area upgrade - underway.
♦ Two Learning Community Villages - underway.

Some photos below give you an idea of the new facilities coming online. Exciting times!! I will keep you updated in relation to the progress of these facilities as it happens. Our kids are about to get the best facilities available for 21st Century learning. Enjoy!

HEAD OF THE LAKE

People were cheering and going wild, all for us! There were kids in paint cheering on their peers; the day of the Head of the Lake had finally arrived. The first boat race for Phoenix was a huge success! As crew members we were all feeling so nervous our hearts were pumping; we couldn’t wait to get started. After some inspirational words of wisdom of “work together, long and strong and row your own race” from our awesome coaches Jenn and Kelly, we were ready to get on the water for the first ever Phoenix P-12 Community College Head of the Lake race.

As we rowed up to the start line we knew this race was our most important yet. After a rough start we pushed through to catch up to the other crews. Half way through the race we hit some speed humps that slowed us down; we dropped back from the pack. We were second last by about three boat lengths, but with 250m left we regained our focus and pushed as hard as we possibly could to finish fourth. As we hit the finish line we were exhausted but happy that we finished ahead of two other crews, Ballarat Clarendon College and Ballarat High School.

As we rowed around the bend to the finish line all the other schools, parents and spectators cheered for us. We were all so proud that we are the first rowing crew for Phoenix P-12 Community College to compete and we knew we tried our absolute hardest. The rowing community is like no other and the support we have received is awesome.
**The first month of learning in 2015**

We have had a fantastic start to the year with classes in full swing and already starting to work towards successful outcomes. We have been walking around visiting quite a few learning areas over the last month and have found students and staff to be very positive in their approach to tasks being tackled. The new Learning Village structure is continuing to gain traction in supporting learning (a highly supportive Pastoral Care system), and this has been a good example of this constructive shift; this type of approach certainly underpins success. Congratulations to all involved; your efforts and commitment to high achievement is being recognised.

**Learning Focus - School Leaders for 2015**

Please do not hesitate to contact them if they can assist in the development of learning plans for your children at any stage.

- Student Learning – Assistant Principal
  - Angela Quinn (Sebastopol Campus)
  - Student Learning – Assistant Principal
  - Michael Benoit (Redan campus)
- Special Programs – Assistant Principal
- Wayne Johnston (Sebastopol campus)
  - Learning Leader - Curriculum
  - Wayne Johnston, Bastiaan de Bondt
  - Learning Leader - Curriculum
- Jill Ebbs (7-12), Deb Benoit (P-6)
  - Learning Leader - eLearning
  - Deanne Joosten

**2015 Phoenix P-12 Community College Council**

On behalf of the Phoenix P-12 College community, we would like to thank the following people for accepting positions onto School Council for 2015. Your decision to be involved in this important College body is greatly appreciated.

The first meeting of the new College Council will be held at the Annual General meeting Monday, 23rd March 2015. The College Council is made up of six Parent representatives, five DET representatives and four Community members who are co-opted onto the group at the AGM after accepting nominations.

2015 membership is as follows:

**Parent Representatives**
- Mrs Rosslyn Lonie, Mr Jarrod Page, Mrs Karen Bartsch, Mrs Georgina Hocking, Mr Brett Page and Mr Chris Ward.

**DET Representatives**
- Mr Scott Dellar, Mr Josh Ebbels, Mrs Karen Snibson, Mr Mick Benoit and Mrs Annette Bedford.

**Community Representatives**
- Four Community members will be co-opted onto the Council at the AGM to be held on Monday, 23rd March.

**Mr Scott Dellar**

**Executive Principal**

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**SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

It has been an excellent start for our Year 12 students. They have been working well in all classes and taking opportunities to work after school. The students completing VET Courses need to make sure they are utilising Ms Kennedy to find Industry Placements and are starting to establish their Career Pathway options.

Each student from Years 10—12 will have official paperwork to sign for our VASS enrolments. They must ensure they attend Pastoral Care Group sessions each week as this program also provides many opportunities for students to access special programs and to find out about work/study opportunities.

The Events Management students have organised the first Senior School Social for the year and pricing will be built around meeting school attendance guidelines. It is on March 24th at the Sebastopol Football Club and tickets can be purchased from the General Office.

Term 2 is almost here so please ensure that you arrange a time to see teachers at Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. These interviews keep you up to date and give you a full understanding of where your child is placed in terms of meeting outcomes and competencies. Reports will now be placed on your Compass account and you can access them at any time online. Logon details will be sent home soon. It’s a fantastic resource to check on attendance data, learning tasks, work submitted and you will be able to access reports for your child.

**Mr Andrew Greed**

**Assistant Principal - Senior School**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Korean Exchange**

We have had a very busy, but very productive start to Term 1. We have farewelled our 15 Korean exchange students, but not without acknowledging the amazing efforts of our host families and student leaders who all contributed to making this such a successful visit. We now look forward to reviewing and improving all aspects of the delegation, so that future tours to Australia will be enhanced and we can commence the ground work planning for a tour of Phoenix students to Korea in 2016.

**Class work**

We are at the busy stage of the term where students will be completing their first major assessment tasks. To assist with this we ask that parents assist students to have productive study spaces; by this we mean access to a clear and quiet work space. Planned and regular homework time, free of the television or the interruption of other electronic devices, is a good idea. Please ask your students about their homework and check for due dates. It is important that we all encourage students to meet their due dates and establish positive study habits at this early stage of the year.
Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
All parents are about to receive critical information regarding ways to access student reports and how to book Parent/Teacher/Student interviews. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews are a really positive way for parents to make contact with the classroom teacher and to get to know them. Parent/Teacher/Student interviews are designed to be an interactive conversation between students, parents and teachers and are just as important for those students who are doing well as they are for those students who require extra assistance.

Uniform
The vast majority of our students are wearing the uniform proudly and in alignment with the uniform policy. It is important to note that the uniform needs to be worn to and from school in addition to the time that students are actually at school. The College socks have now arrived and can be purchased at both Crockers and Lowes.

Student Leadership
Our Years 9 and 10 Student Leaders are undertaking the final preparation required to go on the annual Student Leadership camp. This is a valuable opportunity for students to establish their leadership team, to face a new set of challenges and to step outside their personal comfort zone. We wish all students the best as they embark on the camp and look forward to a full report on their return.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Assistant Principal - Middle School

PRIMARY CAMPUS UPDATE
Phoenix P-12 Community College Redan Campus
Athletics Sports
On Tuesday, 24th February all students from the Redan Campus participated in our annual Athletics Carnival. This was the first opportunity for all students to participate in their new College House Groups. Listed below is a copy of the placings for each House Group and our Age Group Championship placings.
Team selection for the next round of the BPSSA Sports - Track and Field Program is currently underway. The students selected will be given the opportunity to represent the Redan Campus of Phoenix P-12 Community College at Llanberris on 18th March.

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INTRODUCING REDAN CAMPUS
HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2015

Picton House
Captain Rebecca Young
Vice-Captain Abby Ward

Albion House
Captain Brody Benson
Vice-Captain Jake Clery

Bonshaw House
Captain Hayley-Rose Ruddick
Vice-Captain Isla Edyvane

Cornish House
Captain Rachel Shaw

Mr Mick Benoit
Head of Junior School
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Maintaining Family Details

Some families have contacted us to let us know they have relocated or changed their contact numbers; thank you. Please remember if any of your family’s personal details have changed you need to let the General Office know so our records are correct and we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

If you have a new or recently changed email, please make sure you let us know so the monthly Newsletter and family accounts can be delivered via email.

Family Accounts:

Statements were sent out during early January reflecting outstanding balances for 2014. Payment would be appreciated please. The 2015 core educational costs have been added to family accounts - as per below. These costs are related to the education of your child and should be paid at your earliest convenience.

Core Charges for 2015

Primary Campus

Years P – 2: $220.00
Years 3 – 6: $235.00

Educational costs include Subject Fee, Amenities Fee, ICT Network and other Core Curriculum costs and include the cost of Swimming and all Curriculum based excursions (nonrefundable) for the Primary Campus.

Camps are not included and will be an additional cost which are charged to the Family Account at the time of the activity.

Secondary Campus

Year 07: $330.00 Year 08: $300.00 Year 09: $250.00
Year 10: $250.00 Year 11: $240.00 Year 12: $240.00

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

Additional Costs:

Senior Elective fees (Years 8 – 12) are incurred when students choose their subjects and are charged to Family Accounts accordingly. Additional fees are incurred for Musical Instrument Hire, Specialist Sports, Years 8-12 (Including VCE) electives and other extra-curricular activities as selected.

Elective charges will be processed at the beginning of the year for both Semesters.

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

Payment for excursions MUST be made one week prior to the excursion. For secondary students, additional costs for electives will also be added once subject selections are finalised. Excursions and camps will be invoiced near the time of the activity and must be paid prior to the activity as excursions are part of the curriculum. The College refund policy only supports refunds under exceptional circumstances. e.g. medical certificate and/or after discussions with the coordinating staff member/ Business Manager.

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 support funding. 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.

Thank you to the many families who have paid their accounts, or commenced Centrepay or BPAY payments directly into their account. 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. I am available any time if you wish to discuss a payment process. It would be appreciated if you could please try to pay these accounts as soon as you can.

Ms. Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager

Phoenix P-12 Community College
Debutante Ball 2015
June 26th & 27th
Held at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club

Information session
March 23rd. 7.00pm in LRC
Remember by choosing to do your Debutante with your College you are supporting our students and programs.
Recently the Year 9 Community Challenge classes have been focusing on the Multiple Intelligences and the Habits of the Mind. The students from both classes have undertaken a Multiple Intelligences Olympics completing activities under the following stations: Visual/Spatial, Mathematical/Logical, Verbal Linguistic, Naturalistic, Bodily Kinaesthetic, Interpersonal and Intrapersonal.

The students were encouraged to work as a team and communicate with one another in order to problem solve and complete each activity. The winning teams were rewarded with a delicious pizza lunch!

**Student Opinion:**

24th February 2015. The Multiple Intelligences Olympics was about figuring out your strengths and weaknesses. We did activities like playing sports and pinpointing our goals for the future. We worked in teams of four or five. Each station represented a different Multiple Intelligence. We all had fun and challenged ourselves - Abbie Steele.

The Multiple Intelligences Olympics was held on Tuesday in the Community Hub. It was about people learning how to work in a team and discover what they are good at. We all enjoyed it! Tyson Ray-Meadows.

Last month, Year 10 Fashion Design students explored the world of Fashion by attending an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria to see “The Fashion World of Jean Paul Gaultier”. Students investigated the various roles within the fashion, retail and advertising industry. Students then created their own Gaultier inspired designs.

**Ms Brown.**  
Head of Technology/Design

Black and Orange outfit designed by Ally Dennis; Red off-the-shoulder dress designed by Hessiya Sebastian; Green dress designed by Jack Chique and Black and White Striped Glass dress designed by Thilliyaana Jones.

Fashion from the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibition.
COLLEGE SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to Cornish House on winning the 2015 Phoenix P-12 Community College Swimming Carnival! This year every student who attended the sports earned a point for their House. This saw Bonshaw begin the day out in front on 137 points and the remaining Houses, Albion on 114 points, Cornish 118 points and Picton 116 points. Unfortunately, this wasn’t quite enough to get Bonshaw over the line as Cornish managed to get more students in the pool competing.

**Final Results:**

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Some highlights of the day:

- Riley Caldow setting a new record for the 13 and Under Boys Backstroke with a time of 42.85sec.
- Albion Staff winning the Staff v Student Relay.
- Fashion Parade Best Dressed Winners – Max Eastman (Toy Soldier) and Angela O’Neill (The Picton Pirate) with honourable mentions to Caleb Daly (Maverick), April Gray (The Ok Lumberjack), Troy Leishman (The Lifesaver “Hoff”), Courtney Newman (The Hot Dog), Tara Moore and Natasha Dontje (Tinkerbell and Peter Pan) and special mention to Miss Head dressed in her “Irish” gear. It was beautiful weather and great to have the free swim at the end of the day.

In the Pool!
It was great to see students jumping in the pool and having a go!

**Our Age Group Champions were:**

- **13 and Under:** Elizabeth Whitten-Bale (Cornish) and Riley Caldow (Albion).
- **14 Years:** Macy Templeton (Cornish) and Mitchell Collins (Cornish).
- **15 Years:** Chelsea Hazendonk (Albion) and Hudson Sharp (Cornish).
- **16 Years:** Samantha Harbridge (Albion) and James Hazendonk (Picton).
- **17 Years:** Sarah Burns (Picton) and Brandon Treeby (Cornish).
- **18 Years:** Shellby Lonie (Albion) and Thomas Bassett (Bonshaw).

Thank you to parents who were able to come and watch; staff for their hard work ensuring the day ran as smoothly as possible and Mr Hay and his VET Sport & Recreation students for organising entries.

Ms. Wendy Tangey
Sports Coordinator
It has been a great start to the year for the cadets and staff at Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit.

We have lots of activities planned for 2015 including Rock Climbing, an accredited First Aid Course, Bush Weekends, Annual Camp and an Adventure Weekend. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli and we plan to take part in two Anzac Day Services in Ballarat to commemorate this occasion.

This year we are introducing the Duke of Edinburgh Award at our Unit. Cadets will be eligible to participate in this youth awards program to earn a Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Areas that cadets will participate in include Volunteering, Physical Fitness, Development of Personal Skills, an Expedition and Residential Program. For more information visit www.awardsvic.org.au

We welcome students from Phoenix P-12 Community College to visit the Unit and become involved in our program. As a cadet, you’ll learn to be confident, self-sufficient and willing to ‘have a go’. It’s your opportunity to discover new challenges and have some unbelievable fun. You’ll also learn to lead others and work as a member of a team. You’ll be able to do things for yourself and help your friends learn too.

Areas of training include navigation, living in the field, bush survival, signals & radios, first aid, engineering, military & cadet history, drill, adventure training and more! The minimum age to enrol is the year in which you turn 13 years of age. I encourage you to visit our Unit on a Monday evening at the Ballarat South Community Hub at 6pm prior to or on the 2nd March 2015 if you are interested in this program. Outside of these times, please make contact on the details below.

For more information:
Capt (AAC) Margaret Benoit
Officer Commanding - SACU
Website: www.armycadets.gov.au
Email: margaret.benoit@armycadets.gov.au
Ph: 0417 014 978
The Years 7 and 8 After School Program for students commences Tuesday, 3rd March @3.15pm in H10. Afternoon tea will be provided to all students who wish to participate. Any student who would like to come along and wants more information, please see Mrs Bedford in the Bonshaw office to register. New and returning students are welcome. The program will finish at 4.30pm sharp and parents can collect students from the front of the school. The program will also run in Term 2 starting on Tuesday, 21st April.

| Tuesday 3rd March | Welcome and get to know you games. | Stay in H10. | No equipment needed. |
| Tuesday 10th March | Sports night in the gym. | H10 and then gym. | Please bring runners and/or sports gear and a drink bottle. |
| Tuesday 17th March | Art night Selection of games to be played next week to be chosen. | H10 then Art wing. | Art smock if available. |
| Tuesday 24th March | Board Game night and/or read a good book. | Stay in H10 May visit Learning Resource Centre to borrow books. | Please bring a book to read or share or participate in Chess, UNO and other board games. |

**PHOENIX COLLEGE BAND- STAWELL CAMP!**

Early in March our Senior Band members attended a one and a half day workshop with Nhill and Stawell Secondary Colleges in Stawell. Students were given new music earlier this year and at the venue. They endured four rehearsals over both days before the big gig.

Music charts included “Let It Go”, “Roar”, “Lord of the Dance”, “I Dreamed a Dream” (conducted by Felicity Liston a Year 11 student), “Tijuana Brass”, “Crazy Cartoons” and several others.

All students involved had a great time. Many caught up with friends from the two other schools who were at Phoenix P-12 Community College last year. All students are very keen to head even further west to Nhill next year.

Students were exemplary ambassadors for our school demonstrating teamwork, passion for music and integrity.

Mr John Netherway
Director of Music
2015 CALENDAR

MARCH
23rd AGM College Council
25th Years 7 & 10 Immunisations
26th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
   4.00pm - 7.00pm
27th Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews
   9.00am - 1.00pm
   End of Term 1

April
13th First day of Term 2

SCHOOLS
Premier's Active April gives schools the chance to help students have fun, get more active and share in some great prizes!

Benefits for your school
Nominate your school when you register as a teacher or student and you’ll automatically increase your school’s chance of winning.

All Victorian primary and secondary schools have a chance to win:
• A $350, $500 or $750 Sportsmart voucher from a random prize draw (small, medium and large schools respectively).
• One of a range of sports clinics with high-profile athletes.
• Another $350, $500 or $750 Sportsmart voucher if your school has the highest percentage of students to register in the small, medium or large category, plus
• The most active school will win a cool $2,000 cash!

The more students and teachers who register, the more chance your school has to win. All winning schools will be informed via email.

How to register
Registration for students and teachers is easy. Once registered you can then create teams – either for individual classes or one team for your whole school. Team members will be able to view each other’s progress when users login to the app. You’ll automatically enter your school into the competitions when you select your school during registration.

Registering Students
Parents are encouraged to sign up their children and then the child can join a school/class team created by a Teacher. Please return consent form attached to the College HAPE Department.

Victorian Eye care Service
Low cost Eye care and Glasses
Some students find learning a struggle because they have difficulties with their vision. They have trouble reading the board and classroom notes. They may be quite frustrated and their schoolwork could be suffering. You may notice that they are squinting when reading or complaining of headaches.

If your child already has glasses it is essential that they bring them to school and wear them.

Eye care can be quite expensive but there is assistance available. The following link explains the support offered, or contact school Wellbeing department.


Miss Laura Head
Head of HAPE