Principal Report

Learning Progress for Term 1, 2015.
Parents and students please take the time to review and reflect on the Interim Progress Reports that are available. The recently held Parent/Student/Teacher interviews were well attended by our College families across Prep to Year 12, and provided an initial discussion focused on achievement and areas for improvement into the future.

Where possible make time over the coming weeks to chat via phone about any points of assistance required in relation to advancing your children’s learning. This period of time provides an important insight into the progress of each student and we encourage parents and students to again analyse their academic report to celebrate their achievements, as well as looking at ways to add to their learning habits.

Community Learning Precinct Building Program Update – Early Learning Centre facility planning underway!!

We are all systems go!!!!!!
An official expression of interest for a ‘Design and Construction’ plan for the Phoenix P-12 Community College Early Learning Centre was published for consideration by appropriate businesses in the first week in April. This procedure closes mid-April. It’s all happening!

After this process, work will begin over the last two weeks of this month by our Project Management Company, Young Lehmann's Project Services Pty. Ltd, to shortlist the possible companies that will bring this vision to fruition.

This substantial project of capital works will enable the construction of an innovative $2million 21st Century ‘Early Learning’ facility on the Redan Campus; a vision that will provide high level community access and support for this important learning age; birth to Kindergarten.

As mentioned previously, this is the first alliance of its type in Ballarat; one that links all the key factors in a community for highly effective Early Learning provision to a wide-ranging P-12 educational setting. This is a ground breaking initiative that will transcend the 21st Century.

Further to what is mentioned above, ground improvements of the Redan Campus oval and recreational areas will occur as well in this Stage 3 phase of the College Building Program. We have again scheduled and put processes in place to cause minimal disruption to the learning of students during this building phase; once again using the area of the site to our advantage in this development phase.

It should be noted that changes to the existing temporary building fencing will take place shortly to open up the new areas and close off the construction zones of this proposed work. It continues to be a fantastic period to be part of the Phoenix P-12 journey. Amazing times!!

Regular updates as they come to hand in relation to the progress of these new building works and facilities will be made available on our website for your perusal. Our school and early learning community is
very excited about the move to state-of-the-art facilities for our local families. Magic!

2015 Phoenix P-12 Community College Council finalised.

The first meeting of the new College Council was held after the Annual General meeting on Monday, 23rd March 2015. The Phoenix P-12 Community College Council for 2015 has now been finalised with the four community members being co-opted onto the group and 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 Josh Ebbels, Mrs Karen Snibson, Mr Mick Benoit, Mrs Annette Bedford and myself (Scott Dellar).

**Community Representatives:** Brenton Hancock (The Smith Family), Peter Broadhead (PF Broadhead Pty Ltd Building-Carpentry-Joinery Services), College Captain - Caleb Daly, College Captain - Shellby Lonie.

I would like to personally thank the above people for accepting nominations for the College Council as it certainly requires significant time and effort over the 12 month period. I look forward to working with you all across 2015 to further develop the vision of the Ballarat South Community Learning Precinct and Phoenix P-12 Community College.

**Mr Scott Dellar**

Executive Principal

**SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE**

We would like to remind parents of the Village structure. Each senior student has an Assistant Principal and two House Managers in their Village. That is their primary contact for academic, social and emotional needs. The Village Team then may refer you to VCE Coordinator Jenny Ford, VET/VCAL Coordinator Maree Hall, Careers Practitioner Cheryl Kennedy, VASS operators Sonia Bain and/or Wendy Ross or Head of Senior School Andrew Greed. Access to these people may be necessary to discuss SAC/SAT requirements, VET enrolment, Exam Timetables, Pathways and VTAC or other matters relating to VCAA regulations. Please utilise their expertise.

During Term 2 it is common for some students to begin to feel the pressures of Year 12 and get stressed. All Village Teams are able to help in these situations to provide strategies and advice to help students manage workload, emotional and pathway issues. Again, please use their expertise and seek help as this is ALWAYS a better option than becoming more stressed.

The GAT exam is this Term for all students completing a Unit 3 study. Students will have the opportunity to prepare for this by attending PCG classes every Wednesday morning.

**Mr Andrew Greed**

Assistant Principal - Senior School

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

**FOCUS ON COOPERATION**

Our SWPBS focus for April is the school value – Cooperation. In the Middle School this means we are asking the students to consider ways they can practise cooperation around the College and at home. We are highlighting the many ways students are required to cooperate with staff and peers and how this can improve our school and ourselves. We are very pleased to see in the first week of Term 2, that Middle School students are displaying good cooperation skills in the classroom and the yard.

**REFLECTION**

The Parent/Teacher/Student interviews that were held at the end of Term 1 were an excellent time for staff, students and parents to be able to reflect on academic progress and to identify areas for students to focus on and develop further in Term 2. The start of a new term is a good time for students to reflect on their own behaviour and attitude also and ensure that they are putting their very best effort into their classwork. Our College has high expectations of our students and it is pleasing to be able to report on the many Middle School students who are already developing good study habits and showing a great work ethic.

**ORGANISATION**

We would like to remind Middle School students that organisation is the key to success. It is important that students strive to arrive to every class on time and are prepared. This means ensuring they have their diaries, correct books and pencil case. Establishing this routine and expectations now will help to set up students as they progress towards VCE and life beyond school.

**Mrs. Deanne Joosten**

Head of Middle School (Acting)

**PRIMARY CAMPUS UPDATE**

**BPSSA ATHLETICS DAY**

Wow! What a big year it’s been so far with two Athletic Carnivals being held within Term 1. I am pleased to report that all students from the Redan Campus of Phoenix College achieved some wonderful results while displaying our College values with pride. It was pleasing to see lots of families at the Llanberris Reserve helping to support all of the students within our team. One thing that was a clear standout was the positive behaviour, team work and the way the students strived for excellence.

Listed are the students who have the opportunity to represent our College in the next round later in the school year. Patrick Boag (High Jump), Jorja Bourquin (Hurdles, High Jump and 200m), Jozua Dobbin (Long
PHOENIX WON
‘THE MOST IMAGINATIVE
SCARECROW’
A BIG CONGRATULATIONS goes to the Year 5S

Mr Mick Benoit - Head of Junior School

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
BIKE RACKS
We have three new bike racks on the Sebastopol Campus which are placed outside where the dental van used to be.

When used properly, these racks can hold up to 10 bikes each, and keep the bikes neatly secured and less likely to be damaged. It is the students who ride to school responsibility to bring along a bike lock (padlock and chain) to secure their bikes to the racks during the day. This will ensure their bikes are secure throughout the day.

ACCESS TO COLLEGE GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS - KEEP SAFE
You will have noticed our buildings developing along nicely as the Building Project continues.

The front fencing, gates and grounds are looking great, and we are just awaiting the growth of the grassed areas before we remove the remainder of the temporary fencing across the front. 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 via the new main entrance. This helps keep our College a safe learning place and ensures the safety of our students.

NEW COLLEGE ENTRANCE:
We now have the front entrance to the foyer open and ask that all visitors use that foyer entrance. Please note that the entrance directly off Hertford Street is for student or delivery access only. All visitors are required to enter via the new car park. All visitors are asked to please go directly to the General Office where the reception staff will assist you with your inquiry.

PARENTS CLUB.
The College Parents’ Club meets on the first Monday of each month. The Parents’ Club run various fundraising activities throughout the year, and the funds raised are used to purchase specific equipment or fund projects to enhance the students’ life and education at the College.

Anyone is welcome to join the Parents’ Club, the more the merrier. If you are interested in being a part of this small dedicated band of workers, please contact the General Office.

Do you have uniform to sell or are you looking to purchase second hand uniform?
Winter is here and perhaps it is time for you to look for College jumpers or jackets?

May I remind you that we do not have a uniform shop anymore, but the Sustainable School Shop web link

students for creating 'Phoenix the Scarecrow'. 35 school and community groups entered in the Central Highlands Water 'Grow your own Food Scarecrow Competition'. Phoenix was voted as 'The Most Imaginative Scarecrow'. Students will receive a certificate and a tub of gardening products that will be put to good use in continuing with our great vegetable garden.

Mr Lawlor
Redan Campus - Physical Education Coordinator

SWIMMING CHAMPION
Year 7 student Riley Caldow represented the College at the Eureka Region Swimming Competition and Greater Western Swimming Championships recently.

After winning the title of U13 Age Group Champion at the Eureka Swimming Carnival he followed with a fantastic effort coming 5th in his 200m individual medley in Warrnambool. He swam against boys 3 years older than himself and swam a PB of 3.16.19 seconds. Congratulations Riley, a fantastic effort!!

Ms Wendy Tangey
Sports Coordinator

Jump and 200m), Tiarah Head (AWD Long Jump and 100m).
www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au is a great place to either sell or purchase uniform and books from other families. All families have free membership for this year and are able to buy or sell items online. If you require assistance using the website, please contact the Company through the links provided. Mrs Bedford is more than happy to assist you if you are having trouble or do not have access to a computer.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS

My how time is flying! Have you paid your Education costs for this year? Thank you again to all families who have supported the education of their children and have either paid their account or set up periodic payments. Don’t forget setting up a regular BPAY payment, regular deposit at the General Office or Centrepay deposits into your Family Account are all great ways to get on top of your financial commitment to educate your children. If you build a credit in your account the money will remain as a prepaid balance and can be used to pay off any future invoices which may occur, or roll over to the next year.

EXCURSION AND DROP BOX

Please be reminded that excursion permission slips MUST be returned to the General Office with payment. There is a drop box for your convenience. Please use the payment envelopes with correct money.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

Year 12 Biology students enjoyed a morning at Earth Ed late in Term 1 to complete a practical activity based on enzyme activity.

VCE Biology Teacher
Ms Sonia Kahanoff

Phoenix P-12
Community College
Debutante Ball 2015

Friday, June 26th 2015
Ballarat and District Trotting Club
Cnr Bell Street & Sutton Street, Redan

Students are welcome to register their interest at the Careers Centre.

First Practice Wednesday, May 6th 3.30pm in College Gym

POPSSTARS
THE 90's MUSICAL

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE
Wednesday June 10th & Thursday June 11th 7.30pm
Tickets: $5 concession, $10 Adult, Family $30
Our F1 heros to the National F1 In Schools Final 2015 competition in March for a week. The competition began on Tuesday at Albert Park and was fully integrated into the Grand Prix carnival of events. This day was all about ensuring that the correct cars were delivered and the team was fully registered. Competition started with an incredibly detailed scrutinising process that saw two of the team’s cars measured and checked in minute detail.

Wednesday involved the teams setting up their Pit Display/Trade Booth within the two hour time limit and then becoming ambassadors for the competition, with the College Team meeting and greeting a vast array of business executives attending the Grand Prix as part of their professional development. Planning and preparation continued long into the night once the marque was closed for the day at 5pm.

Verbal presentations were a cause of stress on Thursday and the team had a judgment of their design process. However, the team were a triumph; they smiled and represented themselves well putting them in a strong position to finish well in the competition. The first race (automatic timing) showed that Momentum were a force to be reckoned with achieving a time of 1.0687 seconds, the quickest in its class, and at the time faster than most of the professional class teams. By the end of the day a NSW team were to just bump us out into second with an amazing time of 1.0595 seconds. Such a small margin but unfortunately it made a big difference. Scrutineering feedback came on Wednesday with the judges congratulating Team Momentum for their design that complied with nearly every exacting standard.

Friday started hopeful with more racing and more judging to come. Students were judged on their engineering knowledge and quizzed over their portfolio. It was also the last day for racing with the knock out racing competition. Jordan tried his best but on the day his reaction times were not enough to take Team Momentum through to the finals.

On Saturday, as with every other day, the students were expected on deck and on hand to talk to the public. Throughout the entire Grand Prix the booth was manned by at least two students and a member of staff until 5pm. Therefore long days and long evenings of preparation took their toll. The students were amazing ambassadors for both the competition and Phoenix P-12 Community College. To come away and be awarded with second was a little disappointing for the team as they strove for perfection throughout. However to be judged second in the Development Class in the whole of Australia, approx. 4000 teams, is an awesome achievement.

We congratulate Hudson Sharp, William Bassett, Laura Middlin, Jordan Blake and Manning Worsley. They did an awesome job and deserve to be congratulated for the 12 hour days worked for the week and all of the hard work they put in before the competition started. They are already mad keen for the next competition and we definitely have a second world beating team in our midst.

Staff member Christof Muller is also to be congratulated as he received the John Button Award at the event; an award recognising work that goes above and beyond in the competition inspiring students to achieve and innovate. A well-deserved award for a member of staff who has helped students to achieve amazing success!

Ms Elaine Rooney and Mr Christof Muller
F1 in Schools Coordinators

Team Momentum meeting former F1 driver Alan Jones.
Meeting the Chief Engineer of Team Petronas.
Getting ready for the first race.
In March the Year 10 Girls Rowing Team competed in the State School Regatta on the Barwon River in Geelong. Thanks to Ballarat High School who allowed us to use one of their boats so that we could compete in the event.

The girls unfortunately had a mishap with a seat coming off the tracks midway through their heat, leaving the remaining three crew members rowing hard to get them over the line. The crew qualified for the C Final which they won very comfortably.

The crew have learnt a considerable amount in their first competitive season in rowing and will rest now until the new season recommences in Term 3.

A big thank you must go to our volunteer coaches Kelly Steegstra, Jen Atchison and the Ballarat/Wendouree Rowing Club for their support.

We look forward to next season and seeing more Phoenix students joining the Rowing Program. Any student who is interested in joining the Rowing Team should see Ms Wendy Tangey for more information.

Ms Wendy Tangey
Sports Coordinator

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**COMMUNITY CHALLENGE UPDATE** by Chelsea Brookes Year 9

Our Year 9 Community Challenge class has been a lot of fun as we have completed many enjoyable activities and gone on many exciting excursions.

One of my favourite activities was helping out in the Delacombe Community Garden. There we helped plant a sensory garden as well as create some interesting artwork. These pieces of art included a mosaic and an abstract painting. Another activity was the walk along the Yarrowee Trail. The walk was about 10km and was tiring. We had a team challenge which required us to create a digital journal of the work.

Other activities we conducted in Term 1 included the egg drop challenge, autobiography audits and oral presentations. Circus skills is another activity which will continue this term and will require us to create a performance for Primary School students.

In Term 2 the Community Challenge students will be continuing their work at the Delacombe Community Garden and working in collaboration with the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre on the One Million Stars Project.

Anna Coloe
Community Challenge Teacher
A number of Phoenix P-12 Community College students have recently entered the annual, nationwide writing event, “Write4Fun”. Students from all over Australia were invited to enter their poems or short stories. Our students now have to wait patiently to find out if they have won cash or prizes valued at over $1000. They may also have the opportunity to have their work published. Our Phoenix College Community wish all the entrants good luck!

Phoenix P-12 Community College wishes to introduce a new Community Partnership with Ballarat Community Health. Staff from Ballarat Community Health will soon provide a school-based health service for students at the Sebastopol Campus. Providing a space for consultations within the school aims to address the barrier of access to healthcare for young people in our community.

A General Practitioner and a Nurse from Ballarat Community Health will provide free and confidential health consultations, assessments and treatment for students. A GP will visit on a monthly basis; a nurse will also visit once a month to provide follow up.

Confidential medical information will be stored and maintained by Ballarat Community Health, in line with their established policies and guidelines. Phoenix P-12 Community College acts as a referral source and will coordinate appointments and provide the consultation space.

All students will be able to access the service unless you, as a parent or carer, wish to withdraw your permission to attend. If you wish to withdraw your permission for your child to attend the Adolescent Outreach Clinic, please contact Wellbeing staff Lorraine Firth or Jodie Griffin.

Please do not hesitate to make contact with Wellbeing staff with any other questions regarding the Adolescent Health Clinic.

Ms Jodie Griffin
Adolescent Health Nurse

In March, a class of Year 12 VCAL students were invited to tour the School of Mines Ballarat - Federation University to take part in activities chosen to suit their Career Pathways.

On the tour students visited different buildings including the Building and Construction, Cooking and Hairdressing areas which were the three most popular trades students showed interest in. The students were very impressed with the facilities and courses that are on offer.

Some of the student comments about the day were “It’s great to know that we have the choice of so many different pathways and aren’t just subjected to a decision we made a few years ago.” Along with, “The number of friendly staff and faces we were introduced to whilst on the tour made me confident that I won’t have any trouble looking for help when I need it.”

In the end, students who attended the excursion thought the day was eye opening and educational. Definitely a worthwhile experience that will help them make decisions regarding their pathways in the future.

Caitlin Relouw
Year 12 Student
YEARS 7 & 8 AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Years 7 and 8 After School Program for students commences Tuesday, 21st April @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.

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DUNNSTOWN FOOTBALL CLUB 2015

Sitting on the bench at your current club? Paying over $100 registration and not getting a full game? Come and play football at Dunnstown Football Club. Registration only costs $50 and if you sign up now you will be guaranteed to play a full game every week. Dunnstown Football Club is currently recruiting players for it's Under 15’s and Under 18’s teams for 2015.

Dunnstown Football Club has excellent coaches and has run a successful Junior program for many years. It is also the closest Central Highlands Club to Ballarat (10 mins to get to training). Under 18’s training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at 5pm and Under 15’s training is on Wednesday nights also at 5pm. The Central Highlands season has just started so this is your chance to get involved!

For further enquiries contact Dominic Hanrahan (Junior President) on 0412 279 948 or via email dunnstown.juniors@hotmail.com. Alternatively you can speak directly to one of our junior coaches:

Phil Collins: 0417 316 964 (Under 18’s Coach)
Cameron Dunne: 0488 586 393 (Under 18’s Coach)
Andrew Peterkin: 0418 511 065 (Under 15’s Coach)
2015 CALENDAR

April
27th College Council Meeting

May
12th Naplan Testing
13th Naplan Testing
14th Naplan Testing
25th College Council Meeting

June
1st Years 10 & 11 Exams ALL WEEK
8th QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th College Production ‘Pop stars’
11th College Production ‘Pop stars’
12th REPORT WRITING DAY
15th SEMESTER TWO SUBJECTS BEGIN
22nd College Council Meeting

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.


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.

Miss Laura Head
Head of HAPE