ANZAC DAY CEREMONIES

On Anzac Day this year, the Ballarat community commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the initial landing of our troops on the shores of ANZAC Cove in 1915 with a series of services. A large number of students from our College were involved in these ANZAC Day ceremonies across both the Ballarat and Sebastopol areas.

Our College Leadership Teams performed a number of duties across the day:

- Sebastopol Remembrance Service – Year 9 College Leaders, Year 10 College Leaders and Year 6 College Leaders.
- Ballarat Remembrance Ceremony - Year 12 College Leaders, Year 9 College Leaders, Year 6 College Leaders, Primary Campus Junior School Council.
- POW Remembrance Ceremony – Secondary Campus Student Leaders.

Once again, our Phoenix P-12 College Band provided music and support for the Sebastopol Community Ceremony and were sensational in setting the tone for this important occasion. Special thanks to Mr. John Netherway and his student group for performing in what can only be described as very cold conditions. Great stuff!

SEBASTOPOL ARMY CADET UNIT

The Sebastopol Army Cadet Unit under the command of Capt. (AAC) Margaret Benoit were also prominent parts of each ceremony, performing their roles in an outstanding manner

BALLARAT AVENUE OF HONOUR POPPY PROJECT

A series of VCAL students from our College were involved in placing 3,000 poppies along the Ballarat Avenue of Honour. A single poppy was tied to the plaque in front of each tree along the 14 kilometres of roadway.

50,000 Poppies Campaign

Technology became a sea of red poppies as students from Years 7-10 created fabric poppies for the “50,000 Poppies Appeal”. The completion started as a request for 5,000 poppies to celebrate the Centenary of Anzac Day but had to be changed in light of the overwhelming response. Our students’ efforts have been sent to the local RSL and are currently on display throughout Ballarat.

ANZAC DAY / FOR ME ON A PERSONAL NOTE

As some people already are aware, I was absent from the Ballarat ceremonies this year. I was attending the ANZAC Service and March in Rainbow (my home town), with my Mum and Dad (92 & 93 years old respectively), and my Aunty Hammie (91) and Uncle Frank (92). Not a bad age grouping in anyone’s language!

The four of them, who still live in the town, are returned service personnel from World War 2 (only 5 left in the town from World War 2). The last time I was there was in 1978 as a Year 12 student. As you can probably appreciate, it was a very special time for our family and my hometown community.

At one point in the ceremony they finished with the following statement, something that I found incredibly powerful and thought provoking.

‘May they all rest proudly in the knowledge of their achievement, and may we and our successors in that heritage prove worthy of their sacrifice.’

Lest We Forget.

Mr Scott Dellar - Executive Principal
Principal’s Report

Term 2 2015

We would like to welcome all students back to school for Term 2, 2015. Can we especially welcome our new students to the College across all levels of both Campuses; we trust the move to our school is a pleasurable and rewarding experience both for yourself and your families. If you have any queries or would like to make an appointment to discuss any points in relation to your child’s chosen pathway or learning, please do not hesitate to contact our General Office on either the Redan (Primary) or Sebastopol (Secondary) campuses.

2015–2016 Victorian State Budget Win - $10 Million reasons to smile!!

Great news... Another sensational win for our school community; Phoenix P-12 Community College has scored a $10 million commitment from the 2015-2016 Victorian State Budget to continue our extensive construction program focused on ‘State-of-the-Art’ learning/community spaces. This will constitute Specialist Performance spaces and Technology areas, as well as a Years 5-6 Learning Village.

What will this mean for us as a College ... you may ask? In short, the addition of these new facilities will provide every student with access to the latest possible learning and performance environments available. This will really put us in an incredible place for making sure our kids have the best of the best. These Performance spaces will also double as community spaces, allowing groups and organisations access to the latest amenities throughout the week.

College Building Program – Update

The Stage 2 Phoenix P-12 Community College Building Program continues to take shape with the remaining two ‘State-of-the-Art’ learning/community spaces almost complete for the Sebastopol Campus. At this stage, the construction work is ahead of schedule in relation to the two buildings. It is envisaged these new Learning Villages will be open and operational for students from the start of Term 3, mid July 2015.

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

We would like to remind parents/guardians of students that we have now moved to the Student Management System Compass. You should be accessing Compass using the user information that was sent out last term. The web address is as below: https://phoenix.vic.jdlf.com.au/. If you don’t have this information please contact the General Office.

Compass has updates on Student Attendance, Learning Tasks, Overdue Homework and Reports. It also allows access to contact teachers and House Managers via email. It is particularly important at this time of the year to keep up to date with the progress of your child and contact the appropriate people if concerned or unsure.

Access to these people may be necessary to discuss SAC/SAT requirements, VET enrolment, Exam timetables, Pathways, 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 begin to become 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.

Also remember that the GAT is coming up this Term for all students completing a Unit 3 study. Students will have the opportunity to prepare for this by attending PCG classes each week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE

RESPECT

The month of May is all about RESPECT! Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Program (SWPBS) will be focusing on ways we respect each other, our belongings, our environment, our school and ourselves. Students demonstrating RESPECT in one or all areas will receive appropriate rewards.

UNIFORM

Winter is well and truly here! With the cold weather comes the expectation that we see our Middle School students wearing their winter school uniform. Please be sure to wear appropriate uniform. For girls this includes skirt, tights, shirt, jumper and/or blazer. Please note that summer dresses with black tights are not permitted as winter uniform. For boys the winter uniform includes grey pants, shirt, tie, jumper and/or blazer. Also a reminder to wear appropriate Phoenix College coats and jackets that are wind and rain proof. Our expectations regarding the appropriate length on skirts still apply and we ask parents and students to ensure that hem lengths are no shorter than 5cm above the knee.

TERM 2 REMINDERS

Students are reminded that over the next few weeks staff will begin collating students’ grades for end of Semester reports. Years 7 and 9 students will also...
undertake NAPLAN tests this week. This is a good time for students to check and ask themselves if they are working hard and always striving to complete work to the best of their ability. Establishing good study habits in Middle School years will really help to support all VCE and Senior School pathways and gives students more choices as they progress through secondary school. Teachers and House Managers are always happy to provide students with extra support and guidance as required. Parents are encouraged also to check on their child’s progress both by asking their child and/or their teachers. Parents can log into Compass to contact teachers directly via email if required.

JOSHUA EBBELS
(Acting) Head of Middle School
JUNIOR CAMPUS

P/1B Morgan Bevan, P/1S Peter Lucey, P/1T Scott Heywood-Bamford, P/1W Shreena Gajjar, 2L Jazmin Ducardus, 2/3B Sean Lucey, 3/4H Vincent Dinsdale, 4/5C Jake Mountney, 5S Chloe Blaby, 6M Lauren Brewer.

THE FIRE BRIGADE MAKE A VISIT!!
In April the Prep/One Unit had a visit from the Sebastopol Fire Brigade as a part of their Integrated Studies theme “Safety in our Community”. The students took part in a Fire Awareness session where they were able to climb aboard both the tanker and pumper trucks and also have a go at squirting the fire hose. The Preps were extremely excited and thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Mr Mick Benoit
Head of Junior School

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER
NEWSLETTER - NOW AVAILABLE ON COMPASS
The College Newsletter is now accessible on COMPASS. You will be able to find the latest Newsletter on the home page when you log into Compass.

We will continue to email the Newsletter to families, and a hard copy can be collected from the General Office if you require one.

FAMILY DETAILS
Thank you to everyone who is keeping their data base up to date with telephone numbers and address changes on Compass. If you cannot access Compass - please remember to contact the General Office on 5329 3293 to get your login details resent and if your family contact or other details change.

New Bike Racks have moved.
Our new bike racks on the Sebastopol Campus have been relocated to a more secure position. Students who ride their bikes to school have been notified of this change and adjusted well this week.
We purchased three new coat-hanger racks to provide students a place to secure their bikes whilst at school. Can I please remind parents and students that they should bring their own bike locking device (chain/padlock) to secure their bikes to the racks?

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
COLLEGE DEBATING TEAMS
Phoenix P-12 Community College Debating Program has had a great start. Registration indicated widespread interest across both campuses. Teams from Years 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and a number of Senior Teams have now begun training.

Mr Patterson from the Drama Department, along with Mrs Browning from the English Department have begun workshops presenting aspects of public speaking, manner, method and matter. Teams are linked with their own Coach and will meet on a regular basis to work through Debating expectations.

Competitions will be run towards the end of the program. Teams will face-off against each other; winners of the finals will advance to the first round of South Street Debating, a nationally acclaimed competition. We wish all our teams the best of luck!

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN SCIENCE?

Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
The Year 12 Chemistry class visited Earth Ed at Mount Clear College for a day of experiments and learning as part of the Instrumental Analysis section of Unit 3. Students used specialised equipment to analyse substances using Atomic Absorption, UV-Visible and Infrared Spectroscopy.

Mrs. Jill Ebbs
Pictured right: Year 12 students Jesse Hickin and Michael Georgiou at Earth Ed working on an experiment.

Immunology ‘Your Body at War’
Year 12 Biology students were involved in the International Day of Immunology ‘Your Body at War’. Students were able to meet and work with scientists from Monash University, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre and Federation University. It was an absolutely wonderful and inspiring experience!

Mrs Jade Browning
Extension Programs Coordinator - English

Brooke Henderson, Tayla Ritchie, Natasha Wilson, Logan Tresize, Jack Mills, Tori Wilson, Trent Robertson, Andrew Waight and Curtly Scott – VCAL Debaters.

Ms. Sonia Kahanoff
Head of Science
**One Million Stars Project**

The One Million Stars Project involves Ballarat and district schools/groups/organisations and contributes to the awareness of anti-violence against women by weaving stars. The Year 9 Community Challenge students have taken part in this community awareness project and have contributed over 200 stars weaved from recycled magazines. Students have run their own workshops with the staff at Phoenix P-12 Community College as well as community groups. There are currently stars on display at the Ballarat South Community Hub and in November they will be on display at Stockland Wendouree.

Shaqiera Cartledge and Kaitlyn McDonald ran a workshop with a group at the Ballarat Neighbourhood Centre in early May. The students are incredibly enthusiastic about the project and are keen to run further workshops. If you are interested in weaving stars please contact Anna Coloe at Phoenix P-12 Community College and a workshop can easily be organised.

**Federation University Scholarship**

In early May there was a presentation held at Federation University for 2015 Scholarship recipients. Claire Blower from Year 12 2014 was a very worthy winner. There are twenty five Scholarships to be awarded each year, each valued at $2,000 which are open to Year 12 students at invited schools in the Central Highlands, Wimmera, Loddon, Barwon, Mallee, Western District, and Gippsland Regions, as defined by Federation University Australia. Applications were ranked on the following: Academic Performance, Contribution to their School, Contribution to their Community and the Principal Statement. Claire has a strong sense of justice, is a fantastic role model for others and demonstrates the ability to always make good decisions. She had long term involvement in School Leadership Programs and demonstrated high levels of Responsibility and Excellence. As a student Claire maintained a high level of Academic Excellence and won Academic as well as Sport and Leadership Awards. Congratulations Claire!

**Mr. Andrew Greed**
Assistant Principal
Senior School

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**Pictured:** Community Challenge students Chloe Badari and Shaqiera Cartledge with members of staff Mrs. Firth and Ms Rickard.

**Ms. Anna Coloe**
Community Challenge
In May I was honoured to accompany Jacob Rumler and his parents to Treasury Place, Melbourne, where 20 Koorie students from all over Victoria were awarded a two year Wannik Scholarship.

Jacob was chosen by a panel of members from the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc. and the Department of Education & Training, based on his academic performance and participation in school and community activities. Minister for Education, The Hon. James Merlino MP, and the President for VAEAI, Geraldine Atkinson, hosted these students and their families in an Awards Ceremony to celebrate the successes of these Koorie students and all their educational achievements thus far.

At the ceremony Geraldine stated that: “The Wannik Strategy was designed to improve education outcomes for Koorie students. These scholarships will be able to provide our Koorie students with wonderful opportunities to harness their talent, skill and ability.” Jacob is a very worthwhile winner. Congratulations!!!

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal
Senior School

Eureka Athletic Sports

Eighty-five students from Phoenix P-12 Community College represented the College at the recent Eureka Division Track and Field Carnival. All students participated in their events with great determination aiming to perform Citius, Altius, and Fortius. (Faster, Higher, Stronger.) Some highlights of the day included:

On the day we came away with three individual Age Champions. Congratulations to: Riley Bain, Mason Keast and Peace Douhadji.

Overall Phoenix P-12 Community College finished the Carnival with a 3rd position which is a fantastic effort!

Ms Wendy Tangey
Sports Coordinator

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Pictured: Student Rodney Davis with his 2nd Place.
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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SENIOR BOYS FOOTBALL

Senior Boys Football has started! The team has made a great start with a 39 point win over Mount Clear College in round one. Please come along and support the team!

FOOTY FIXTURE

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Pictured above: Matthieu Brehaut going for the football!!

The Club Engineer newsletter is for those of us with tech-savvy family members who have a special talent for building and inventing. If you are interested visit www.clubengineer.org/newsletters/2015-04, or if you know a family with a tech-savvy 10-14 year old or 15+ year old please tell them about this website.
2015 CALENDAR

May
12th Naplan Testing
14th Naplan Testing
19th After School Program 3.15pm - 4.30pm H10
25th College Council Meeting

June
1st Years 10 & 11 Exams ALL WEEK
8th QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
10th College Production ‘Popstars’
11th College Production ‘Popstars’
12th REPORT WRITING DAY
15th SEMESTER TWO SUBJECTS BEGIN
22nd College Council Meeting
26th Debutante Ball 2015

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

QUEENSLAND CAMP DEPOSIT DUE
$100 BY 22nd MAY 2015