Acting Principal’s Report

The first week of term has been incredibly busy. I have met with both our Senior Student Leaders and students in the Prep class to discuss their learning needs for the remainder of the year. I appreciate the way in which our Year 12’s are preparing for their final few weeks with such dedication. At their request I have invited former College Captain Daniel McDonald to speak to all Year 12 students about ensuring that they finish their year strongly and in a way that enables them to achieve their best.

COLLEGE CAPTAINS 2016

I am pleased to announce that the 2016 College Captains will be Sanjay Sebastian and Rachael Keen. The Vice Captain team is comprised of Jack Mills, Jacob Rumler, Clare Shelton and Caitlyn Schaper. I would like to congratulate all applicants for the standard of their speeches and the way in which they supported each other through the process. In the coming weeks the positions of House Captains and Student Representative Council will be filled. I will publish the full list of Student Leaders as soon as this intensive process is complete. I have a strong belief that each year our Student Leaders get stronger and stronger and the impact they make on the College and the community is more and more profound. I look forward to working with this outstanding team of Student Leaders.

STUDENT SUCCESS

This week I write about one of our younger students, Ricki Hambrook, Grade 2/3B. Each year Central Highlands Water runs a Poster Competition in conjunction with National Water Week. This year Central Highlands Water received hundreds of entries from across Ballarat. I am very pleased to announce that our very own Ricki was awarded an Honourable Mention. This means he will receive a prize along with a show bag full of goodies. Ricki has been invited to attend an Official Presentation Ceremony later in October. I would like to congratulate Ricki on his efforts.

Building Program Update: Early Learning Centre Construction Continues

As Mr Dellar indicated in the last Newsletter, our Early Learning Centre is well and truly underway. I have had confirmation from Arkit that the floor outline is underway and the framing will follow shortly. As this building is being constructed off site we will not see any physical difference to the landscape on the Redan Campus for some time. This is certainly an exciting time in the future of the College.

2016 Enrolments Reminder – Prep at Phoenix P-12 Redan Campus

Prep enrolments for next year continue to grow. We now have over forty Prep placements confirmed. If you still need to make a Prep enrolment please do so as soon as possible.

Contact the General Office on either the Redan or Sebastopol campus for an enrolment pack; support and assistance can be provided throughout the enrolment process. We look forward to welcoming all new families to the Phoenix community.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Acting Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

As the year is coming quickly to an end for Year 12 students there are some important reminders for the students.

♦ Please make sure you keep in constant communication with your teachers to ensure that all outcomes and competencies have been met before the regular timetables finish.
♦ Notes for Valedictory Dinner should have been handed in by now. There are limited places so please ensure that each student has completed this and handed it in or you may not be able to attend.
♦ Parents are welcome to our Final Assembly which will take place on Wednesday, October 21 in the Gym at 10.15am.
♦ Years 9, 10 and 11 students will soon start a counselling process to discuss their Subject Selections. Please make sure they are aware of the different pathways on offer and what interests them.
♦ As the term progresses there will also be more details about Transition Programs for senior students which will involve returning to school and beginning the next year level. This is very
important as students are given work to complete over the holidays to ensure they are ready to successfully tackle the new school year.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal - Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
FINISHING STRONG IN TERM 4!
The start of Term 4 is an excellent time for Middle School students to reassess how much effort and energy they are putting into their studies. Students, this term is your last chance to improve on your grades by making sure you are working hard and adopting good study habits. The key to success is organisation so make sure you are using your diary to record your homework and are planning time each week to complete your homework. Arriving to class organised with all your equipment and ready to learn is another way you can make sure you are working to your full potential. Aim high and make sure you finish this term strong and proud of the effort you have put in and the grades you have achieved.

SWPBS
The SWPBS focus for October is Cooperation. Middle School students can show good cooperation skills in the classroom by sharing resources, listening to others, offering assistance and by being a good team member. Out in the yard we show cooperation by staying in designated areas, putting rubbish in the bin, not disrupting others and including others in activities. I would like Middle School students to think about ways in which they could perhaps improve their cooperation skills this term. Remember teachers are always looking for an excuse to hand out tokens so demonstrating good cooperation is a good way to build up your tokens.

UNIFORM
Wearing the correct School Uniform is a focus once again for House Managers this term, particularly as the weather starts to improve. We would like to remind students and parents to ensure that students have the correct uniform on at all times and that they adhere to our Uniform Policy. School socks are available in packs of 3 from Lowes and Crockers at a very reasonable price. We have noticed that many girls have been tying up the back of their school dresses which can look very untidy. Girls should please check the length of their school dresses and ensure the hem lengths are no shorter than 5 cm above the knee.

YEAR 9 GRADUATION
The Year 9 Graduation will be taking place on Wednesday, 25th November at the Ballarat Golf Club. This night is a wonderful time to acknowledge your time as a student in the Middle School and to celebrate your achievements as you head into the Senior School the following year. It’s a great evening and all students and parents are encouraged to attend. More information will be sent home during the next few weeks.

Deanne Joosten
Acting Head of Middle School

Pictured above: Mr Alan McKinnon and Year 12 student Kristopher Keays.
During August, Legacy Week was launched at the Ballarat Town Hall. Year 12 student Kristopher Keays represented Phoenix P-12 Community College at the event. This event provided an opportunity for Kristopher to further understand the great role Legacy plays in the lives of families in Australia. Legacy Week is the Annual National Appeal to raise awareness and funds for the families of our incapacitated and deceased Veterans. It is held in towns and cities big and small across Australia and supported by young and old. It was a great event.

YEAR 7 2016 SCHOLARSHIPS
As part of the Transition Program at Phoenix P-12 Community College, I have had the pleasure of assisting Belinda Dwyer presenting several students with Scholarships to Phoenix P-12 Community College for 2016.
As I visited Woady Yaloak Primary School I was amazed by the amount of time and effort they put into the fantastic Monday morning Assembly. The Woady Yaloak tune is fantastic and an extended version of the National Anthem highlights the students’ singing ability. At the Ross Creek Campus Assembly I was very fortunate to present Benjamin Johnson with a full scholarship for 2016.

Mr Andrew Greed - Assistant Principal
Year 10 Science students are working on their submissions for the Peter Doherty Science Award. They are investigating lemon batteries, finding out what substances prevent apples from browning, and testing out the 'Five-second rule'.

Three classes (one each from Years 8, 9 and 10) had to complete hands-on STEM activities in the Inquiry Village, including designing and building aircraft that flew in wind tunnels.

Writing Competition winners from Book Week are:

**50 Word Story - Staff**
1st Place  Mr Rob Lewers
2nd Place  Mr Matt Oates

**50 Word Story - Senior School**
1st Place  Caitlin Relouw
2nd Place  Molly Hodkinson

**50 Word Story - Middle School**
1st Place  Scott Baldwin
2nd Place  Chelsea Rewell
3rd Place  Brandon Kern

**Short Story - Middle School**
1st Place  Emma Dalton
2nd Place  Jordanne Willems

**Short Story - Senior School**
1st Place  Jessica Pitt
2nd Place  Jordyn Slingo

Some fantastic news! This has been three years in the making...

Phoenix P-12 Community College has been recognised for outstanding writing and less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement!!!!!! (9,100 entries in total from schools Australia wide).

October 21st will indicate the Phoenix students who have their work published in the National publication of WRITE4FUN, rubbing shoulders with every private school in Australia.

Mrs. Jade Browning
Extension Programs Coordinator English
The Young Archies Comes to Ballarat

The Young Archies competition created an overwhelming amount of interest in its first year in Ballarat. The competition was for students to learn about Australia’s best known and longest running visual arts prize, the Archibald Portrait Prize. There were around 5,000 entries from Ballarat and district schools. The competition was divided into Years Prep-2, Years 3-5, Years 6-9 and Years 10-12 for judging.

For the Years 10-12 they were required to submit their art works online as part of the Young Archies Face Up/Paste Up Project and could be completed in a medium of their own choice. The 10 finalists in this category will have their artwork blown up to A0 size and pasted in the designated City of Ballarat, Arts & Culture “We R’You” sites.

Congratulations goes to our Year 10 student Rachael Shelton who is one of the top 10 finalists.

Pictured above: Rachael Shelton with her winning self-portrait.

Due to the generosity of the Art Gallery supporters, who wanted to encourage as many children as possible who entered, they also awarded Highly Commended awards. Six of our Phoenix P-12 Community College aspiring artists received an Honourable Mention and they were: Isabelle Dobbin for her “Aunty Aida” portrait, Shelby Newman for her portrait of Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull, Dylan Rewell, Brayden Pfeiffer, William Stephens and Taree Dawkins, who all submitted self-portraits.

The finalists of the Young Archies Portrait Prize are located in the front window of the Art Gallery of Ballarat. The Highly commended entries are located at the Salon (Gallery café).

Pictured right: “Aunty Aida” by Isabelle Dobbin (Primary Campus)

Congratulations to Elmoez Nahar for receiving the award for Outstanding Study and Achievement at Secondary School – nominated by Ballarat Centre for Multicultural Youth.

Ms Angela Quinn
Special Programs

Due to the overwhelming response of entries, the Art Gallery are still placing the entries within Ballarat businesses with Phoenix College portraits possibly being displayed near the hospital end of Sturt Street. The portraits will be on display until 15th November.

Students in Years 3/4R, 3/4H and 4/5C used mediums of their choice to produce a portrait of someone they admire and respect or someone who has had an influence on their lives. Mr Benoit in pencil by Artist Rohan and Ms. Firns in paint by Artist Paige are two of the fantastic portraits which were entered into the competition.

Congratulations to all of the students who created portraits for the Young Archies competition and we look forward to entering again in 2016.

Ms Lesley Costley-Gray
& Ms Julie-Anne Firns
Art Department
Late in Term 3, the Year 11 VCE Food Technology class produced an outstanding restaurant for their parents and special guests. The students planned and organised the entire event, down to the finest details. They also worked closely with Ms. Milligan-Brown’s Year 10 Design class, who carefully designed and set up all interior design aspects of the restaurant to create the amazing atmosphere of the evening. The Year 11’s named their restaurant “Badaluya Nura”, which is Indigenous and literally translates to mean “Food Place” in English.

We were privileged to have traditional owner and Wadawarrung elder, Uncle Bert Fagan and three generations of his family attend our event. His granddaughter Macaylah Jonson presented a beautiful ‘Welcome to Country’.

The students trialed many different dishes and designed the final dinner menu. It was a contemporary meal which included a wide variety of indigenous ingredients, including wild hibiscus flowers, macadamia, Wattle seed, bush tomato, Salt bush, Strawberry gum and Tanami apple.

Our students benefited in so many ways from this deep learning and cross curriculum task. They explored the history of the local region, many culinary aspects of the indigenous foods, team work, budgeting, time management, design, production and a LOT of hard work. This was an incredibly successful evening undertaken by a small and dedicated group of students.

Ms. Debbie Chan
Technology/Foods

The Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series runs the Equissage Qualifier Series consisting of three events in both dressage, show jumping and the Saddleworld VEIS Grand Final, which takes place on the first weekend in August at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre. Mikayla Hogg, Grade 6, competed in this series and received two 1st places and one 4th place which secured her a place at the Interschool Nationals held in Sydney. This series provides a pathway for riders to represent their school. Mikayla travelled to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre during the last week of the school holidays to represent Phoenix P-12 Community College. Mikayla competed with her horse Benji (Pure Attitude MP) in the Primary 90cm Sectional and placed in two of the three events she entered in. In the first event Mikayla received 6th place and in the second event she received 3rd place; overall Mikayla came 7th.

Congratulations Mikayla – Terrific Effort!

Mr Mick Benoit
Head of Junior School
Over the past year the Phoenix College NEWS team and I have brought the students, staff and wider Phoenix community the achievements, notices and stories of the College. Week after week we have attempted to do so in an informative yet entertaining way.

It all started as a simple student leadership idea and because of meeting commitments, hard work and time given up by a number of dedicated students and some amazing staff, we have been able to produce a first; a service and an opportunity to the community here at Phoenix.

Tayla and I have presented the broadcast for 27 and 30 episodes respectively and are very proud of what the entire team have achieved. We know that the great group of students who are taking over the news chairs will do an amazing job! These include Rebekah Clarkson, Zac Voigt, Samantha Harbridge, Troy Leishman, Caitlyn Schaper, Christina Luu and John Smith. Welcome and best of luck!

Kristopher Keays
College Vice Captain

2015 News Highlights

Picture above : A few key moments of news, from the Special ANZAC Centenary Broadcast to an on-the-spot location filming for the College Production at Her Majesty’s Theatre.

Pictured above photos of Tayla and Kris’ final edition of the Phoenix College NEWS which was also the 30th NEWS episode.

Pictured above: Kris is joined by the recently appointed 2016 main presenting NEWS team at their welcome lunch.

Pictured above: The recently appointed 2016 NEWS team at their welcome lunch (Absent: Caitlyn Schaper)
Early October, 13 students attended the Greater Western Track and Field Carnival at Llanberris Reserve. Whilst the day was a warm one our athletes participated displaying all of the College Values, but especially Excellence and Respect.

Congratulations to all students who participated!

Some highlights of the day were:

- Mason Keast (100m), Amber Dennis and Rodney Davis who just blitzed their opponents on the track.
- John Aziawor’s final leg of the 14 Year relay to run down his fellow competitors to see the team finish 4th.
- Dylan Rewell quietly winning his discus event while the track was abuzz with the relay events.
- Amy Whiting made a dash to get to her event and finished 2nd.
- The 16 Year relay teams lightning win. In particular the smooth efficient baton changes between Rodney Davis, Matthieu Brehaut and Tanner Norman showing his hurdle technique to avoid a loose dog on the track as he made his baton change to Mason Keast who powered down the straight to victory.
- Riley Bain’s positive “never give up” attitude.
- Nichola Larpent patiently waiting for her High Jump to commence and avoidance of having her photo taken along with Chantelle Crewdson.
- “Autumn leaves” Lochlan Stewart’s desperate tumble at the baton changeover.
- Mason Keast’s final leap in the Long Jump event, over-comeing the intimidation of the size of fellow competitors.

Mason Keast was awarded with the ‘Athlete of the Meet’ displaying throughout the day PB’s - ‘Citius, Altius, Fortius. Congratulations!

A big thank you to staff who popped down to cheer on our athletes and to parents who attended. Well done to Mr Luke for his role as Track Referee, ensuring the events ran smoothly.

Students who came 1st in their events will now go on to represent the College at the SSV State Finals on October 20th.

Wendy Tangey
Athletics Team Manager
Sports Coordinator

Pictured above: Mason Keast ‘Athlete of the Meet’.

Pictured above: 16 Year Relay Team winners Matthieu Brehaut, Tanner Norman, Mason Keast and Rodney Davis with there 1st place medals.
Welcome to all families who have joined the Phoenix P-12 Community College community following our recent enrolment process. Your email address will now be on our contact listing and you will be receiving your Newsletter and other correspondence regularly via email. The Primary Campus also distributes a weekly Newsletter. The Newsletter is also available on COMPASS and from the College website at www.phoenix.vic.edu.au Please make sure you read the Newsletter each month to keep informed about what is going on at the College.

2016 ENROLMENT – Additional documents required
Can I please remind anyone who has not completed their full enrolment by supplying all the relevant paperwork (birth certificates, immunisation certificates and any family documentation) to please drop their documents in at the General Office as soon as possible. Students cannot start the year unless their enrolment interview has been completed and all documentation received. If you have a child intending to commence at either campus of Phoenix P-12 Community College in 2016 and have not attended an enrolment interview, please contact the General Office (5329 3293) and arrange for an appointment to complete your child’s enrolment. This will ensure you have a place for next year, involvement in our Transition Program and a smooth start in 2016 for your child.

Orientation Day for 2016
Orientation Day for students commencing in 2016 is scheduled for Tuesday, December 8th. Belinda Dwyer, our Transition Coordinator, is currently busy visiting Primary Schools and delivering Information Packages and Booklists to our 2016 Year 7 students. The Prep transition process is also well underway at the Redan Campus. Please make sure you read the information provided and if you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the College General Office on 5329 3293. Please make sure your booklists are checked and returned to the General Office by Tuesday, December 8th.

PRESENTATION EVENINGS 2015
We are currently busy preparing for the Presentation Evenings for both Primary and Secondary Campuses for 2015. Please make sure you keep Tuesday, December 1st free to attend the Phoenix P-12 Community College Sebastopol Campus Annual Presentation Evening and Monday, November 30th free for the Primary Campus Annual Community Celebration; both of which will be out at Founders Hall, Federation University. We are always very proud of our students and this night is a great night to celebrate achievements and hard work during 2015.

VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE
Please remember to report to the General Office if you are visiting the College. For the safety of all students and staff, and to maintain our safe work and learning environment, we need to know who is in the school buildings and grounds at any time.

We have one entrance to the College, through the gates at the front, which leads you directly to the General Office where you will be welcomed and assisted with your enquiries. If you need to see staff or pick up your student, you will be asked to wait in the foyer whilst they are contacted and asked to come to meet you.

IMPORTANT - Help us keep our data accurate please.
Please contact the General Office if you have any changes to your family contacts, emergency contacts, employment or family guardianship. We need to have current data to make sure we can contact you if required. If you have a new or recently changed email, please update your COMPASS account. The monthly Newsletter and Family Accounts are now emailed out to families, along with other vital information regarding the education of your child(ren).

The end of the year and holiday time is always an expensive time for everyone. NOW is a great time to start your financial plan for 2016 to help with your educational costs. Please remember - 2016 there is NO EMA. You need to start thinking ahead and saving for the costs at the start of the year.

If you wish to pre-pay funds into your Family Account to help save money to cover the start of the year costs 2016, regular - automatic payments are a great way to build your account. BPAY, Direct Payment into the College Account or cash/cheque/EFT payments at the General Office are always welcome. Pre-paid amounts will remain in your Family Account and are allocated to the new expenses in the new year.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE
Phoenix P-12 Community College - The Way It Was 2015 College Magazine.
Please note that the College Magazine will be distributed with Reports as a USB Card again this year to students who have paid. If you wish your child to receive a copy, please make sure you have paid your fees before the end of November.

BOOKLISTS 2016
Ballarat Books will be supplying the Back to School booklists for students in Years 7 – 12, and RADMAC – Office Choice will be supplying the booklists for the Junior Campus. Please be aware that full payment to Ballarat Books (Senior Campus – January 21st) and RADMAC (Junior Campus) will be required when you pick up your booklist package – so plan ahead.

Ms Lorraine Hayes - Business Manager
The Sustainable School Shop offers online trading and is an efficient, low cost way for families to buy and sell/even swap their school text books, uniforms and school supplies. (Although you cannot sell old Sebastopol uniform you may have new uniform or be looking to buy.) Over the past two years we have had over 2,000 goods listed on the website and almost as many trades.

The College would like to encourage families to use this system and are again offering free membership for all families to the Sustainable School Shop for the next twelve months. This means you can try the website and see how easy it is to use for no cost.

This site is used by schools from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia. You never know someone might just need those old books you have floating about.

Mrs Bedford, our Parent Liaison Officer, is available to give advice and assist if you are not confident in computer use or just need some help.

We no longer run a Second-hand Bookshop and we are hoping that families take advantage of this terrific online system and buy and sell unwanted books or items of uniform.
# 2015 After School Program Calendar and Information

**Students from Years 6, 7 & 8 Welcome**

Commences at 3:20pm each Tuesday afternoon and concludes at 4:30 unless otherwise advised.

- Runs for 8 weeks
- Meeting in B60 for afternoon tea first

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### REDAN CAMPUS - FOUNDATION TRANSITION DATES 2015

- **Wednesday, October 21st 9.00am - 11.00am**
  - **Favourite Teddy** - Bring your favourite Teddy along!

- **Tuesday, December 8th 9.00am—1.00pm**
  - **Dress in Purple** - Come dressed in the color purple for the morning. Everyone who attends will receive a special show bag to help get ready for school over the holidays.

  ***There will be a Morning Tea and Information Session for Parents/Caregivers of students. 9.00am - 10.00am***

### SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS IN BALLARAT

Please donate sleeping bags and blankets for this worthy cause.

Drop off donations to Sebastopol Campus, Mrs. Bedford’s office.

Closing date 23rd October 2015

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