Premier Daniel Andrews visits Phoenix P-12 Community College

Early in August students and staff at Phoenix P-12 Community College were hosts to a visit from Premier Daniel Andrews. This gave the College an opportunity to have a grass roots level discussion about each of the building components included in Stage 3 funding. Premier Andrews asked the Student Leaders their feelings about their school evolving into a Learning Precinct that caters for children from Kindergarten right through to University level studies. He also spoke with Senior Student Captains about their aspirations for study post Year 12. In addition the Premier gave me the unique opportunity to talk him through the exciting journey of improvement that the school has been on for the last four years. We then undertook a tour of the College facilities and made an impromptu visit to Mr Sharkey’s senior PE class and Miss Hucker’s Grade 6 class. It is fair to say that the Premier was impressed with what he saw and I was filled with pride as I listened to Student Leaders discussing how these new buildings would enhance their time at Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Term 3 Five Week Challenge

As you would know we have been promoting the importance of regular school attendance. There is clear data that shows those students who have high levels of attendance are more likely to have stronger results in literacy, numeracy and social connection. Sometimes it is easy to fall into the trap of missing a day here and a day there, and think nothing of it. Every day a student is away is a Learning Opportunity that is lost. Where a student annually misses 30 days of school a year, by the time that student has finished primary school they will have lost the equivalent of one year of learning time. For a secondary student with the same rate of absence it is more than three terms of LOST LEARNING. Just imagine what can be achieved when we wipe those statistics out!

Welcome to Phoenix P-12 Community College!

At the start of Term 3 we have had a number of students commence their education with Phoenix P-12 Community College, both across the primary and secondary years. We would like to welcome the following students: Benjamin Boehle-Mitchell, Gemma Hunter, Keegan Perry, Brodie Reid, Cameron Reid, Jennifer McDonald, Kihara McGuirk, Tahlia Barclay-Wilson, Allana McLelland-Duell, Tiernan Mahoney, Jayde Power, Georgia Crocker, Nathan Achison, Grace Davidson, Heath Sewell, Ella Funcke, Yohani Murekezi, Sacha Ekberg and Alexis Petit to the Phoenix Community. We certainly hope that you make a smooth transition, and that you are quickly able to settle into making the most of each learning opportunity. At this time of year we make preparations for all of those students who have received Grade 6 Scholarships, for commencement in Year 7. We would like to congratulate the following scholarship recipients and we look forward to formally welcoming them to our school on Presentation Evening on 29th November.

Academic: Georgia Hugo, Isla Edyvane, Liam Jenkins, Kailiee Dixon and La Paige Prendergast. Community
Leadership: Brody Filcock, Kaneesha Stanton and Samra Watters. Music: Sebastian Allen, Alice McCausland and Rachel Shaw. In 2017, for the first time, we will have students who have received a Sport Scholarship: Nathan Page, Reilly Roberts-Dunn, Hannah Baker, Kade Peldys, Brock Tuddenham and Lily Harmer. Mrs Belinda Dwyer is in the process of visiting all successful students in their primary schools.

2017 Enrolments
Planning is well and truly underway for 2017. If you have a student who is planning to attend Phoenix P-12 Community College please contact the General Office and make an enrolment appointment.

Mrs Karen Snibson
Principal

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

Valedictory Dinner
The Valedictory Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 19th October and all Year 12 students will be eligible for tickets at a cost of $55 each which includes a two course meal. A letter will be sent to parents shortly detailing other key dates for Year 12.

Selection Process
The very important Selection Process for next year’s senior students is well underway and students are reminded that they need to attend pathway meetings, submit forms and begin to talk to teachers about the process. The process will proceed well into Term 3 and it is vital that students participate and understand the pathway they are proceeding down.

Uniform
We are focusing on uniform at the moment and some parents will be receiving letters home. If your child is consistently out of uniform it will affect their educational outcomes and we would appreciate your support by discussing this with them.

Mr Andrew Greed
Assistant Principal—Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE
Student Absences
Success at school is underpinned by regular school attendance. Students should be at school every day. Where an absence is anticipated, such as in the case of a planned holiday or medical matter, parents should contact the appropriate House Manager to arrange for school work where appropriate. Parents should ensure that they contact the College to notify of a student absence; in the case of extended medical absence a medical certificate should be supplied.

Middle School Social
All Years 7 - 9 students are invited to attend the Middle School Social which will be held at Sebastopol Football Club on 16th August from 7:00pm - 10:00pm and doors will open at 6:50pm. Tickets can be purchased from the General Office and price ranges from free - $20 depending on your child's absences. Dress code is “Dress to Impress”. Soft drink will be sold for $1.00. This is fully supervised by staff and strictly a DRUG and ALCOHOL free event.

Mr Wayne Johnston
Acting Assistant Principal—Middle School

The 24 hour period following from 6pm on 19th July, 1916 was the blackest day in Australian history with over 5,000 soldiers killed or wounded at Fromelles in France. It was also their first major battle at the ‘Western Front’. At a local level it was also Ballarat's blackest day with 28 soldiers killed.

Students Rachael Keen, Thomas Eastman and Jayde Butcher attended the wreath laying ceremony on Wednesday, 20th July at the Arch of Victory.

Mr Wayne Johnston
Acting Assistant Principal—Middle School
FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

FAMILY ACCOUNTS: PAYMENT IS DUE

Can you believe it is already mid-way through Term 3? The year is certainly flying by at an
incredible rate – which means the payment of your family account is well overdue.

Current statements, which included the second Semester elective costs were sent out last week. Thank you to the many families who have paid their educational costs for the year - terrific. More and more families are organising regular payments though Centrepay, BPAY or Direct Debit which is a really good way to get on top of things before the busy and expensive end of year comes. If you did not receive an emailed statement, and you have an email account, please let us know (5329 3293 or you can email phoenix.p12.cc@edumail.vic.gov.au)

2017 YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS

All students who will be attending Phoenix P-12 Community College next year as a Year 7 student must be officially enrolled via an Enrolment Interview. Enrolment interviews will be held over two weeks, between 29th August and 9th September. Details, including your individual interview times, will be posted home next week.

During the interview student and family details are gathered along with any information that will assist a smooth start to the New Year. Parents or guardians will need to bring with them:

- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation details
- Health Care Card if you have one to assist with claim of CSEF Funding for 2017.
- Emergency contact information of at least two family contacts other than Parents/Guardians.
- Information relating to any access restrictions / or other legal documentation as appropriate.

Please check the allocated time and make sure you are available. If the allocated time does not suit and you are unable to attend, please call the General Office 5329 3293 and reschedule your appointment. It is essential that you attend an interview as your child cannot attend Phoenix P-12 Community College until you have completed the enrolment process.

STUDENTS LEAVING THE COLLEGE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Please remember the protocol around students leaving the College during school hours.

- A signed note from their parent or guardian is required if a student is leaving during school hours or they will have unapproved absences recorded on their file.
- Students must sign out with Mrs Bedford or the General Office on the Sebastopol Campus and the Office on the Redan campus before they leave the College.
- Parents may call the General Office and arrange for their children to be picked up for appointments etc.
- Parents who are picking up students during school hours should wait in the foyer to collect their child.
- Parents MUST report to the Office and not go directly to other parts of the College.

REMEMBER – IT IS NOT OK TO BE AWAY and your child’s education is affected by frequent absence from classes.

THANK YOU….. to our many volunteers around the College.

It is wonderful to see families involved in College life, whether it be in the Primary Campus classrooms, Parents’ Club, helping out in the Canteen or on excursions. What a great College Community – your time and assistance is much appreciated. Thank you for your valuable contribution.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP

Many of you would have received information introducing the Sustainable School Shop at the end of last year. The Sustainable School shop offers online trading and is an efficient, low cost way for families to buy and sell their school text books, uniforms and school supplies.

Access to the School Shop is free to enable all families to try the website and see how easy it is to use. Although only half way through the school year, you may like to log onto the website and have a look, practise adding any old text books you might find lying around the house.

VISITING THE COLLEGE

All visitors are asked to report to the General Office upon arrival at the College where you will be welcomed by our friendly administration staff. If you have an appointment, the staff will come and meet you in the foyer.

Ms Lorraine Hayes - Business Manager

Does your child suffer from Asthma?

During a recent review of some of our school data we noticed that some students who suffer from Asthma do not have a current Asthma Management plan on file.

Please check your records and make sure we have a copy of your most current plan provided by your family Doctor to ensure we can care for your child appropriately in case of an attack.

Family documentation can be dropped into the General Office any time where it will be scanned into your family files.

Medication at school:

The school has procedures for the appropriate storage and administration of prescribed medicines to students by school staff with reference to individual student medical information.

All medications brought to the College must be in the original package – sealed and very clearly labelled with name.

Where medication for more than one day is supplied, it is locked securely in the storage cupboard. All medication sent to school is to be administered by school staff, unless students are capable of taking their own medication. This information will be recorded on the individual student’s management plan.

Parents/guardians are required to supply medication in a container that gives the name of the medication, name of the student, the dose and the time it is to be given.

In accordance with DET Policy, Phoenix P-12 Community College will not hand out Panadol or any other pain medication to students.

(Phoenix Administration of Medication Policy 2016)
2017 SUBJECT SELECTION PROCESS
LEARNING EXPO
THURSDAY 18th AUGUST
4.00pm to 7.00pm
COMMUNICATION VILLAGE
(LEARNING AREA DISPLAYS)
APPLICATION VILLAGE
(PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS)

The Subject Selection process for 2017 will begin on Thursday afternoon/night of August 18th, between 4.00pm and 7.00pm.

All parents and students are invited to attend our Learning Expo where you will learn about the Subject Selection process and get the opportunity to talk to teachers, Learning Area Leaders and House Managers about subject choices for 2017.

Each Learning Area will have displays demonstrating what each area has to offer. The Expo will take place in the Communication and Application Villages.

Students and parents who attend this night will be the first to obtain the 2017 Subject Selection Sheets and information.

In Term 4 all students will undergo a Subject Counselling Process to ensure that they will have learning programs that meet their needs and provide sufficient challenge and interest for 2017.

Mr Wayne Johnston
Acting Assistant Principal—Middle School

TERM 3 STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS

Teachers are about to start completing Term 3 Student Progress Reports for each student. These Progress Reports will be available for parents to access on COMPASS from Monday, 5th September. Parents will also be able to book Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews via COMPASS. Any parents who cannot access COMPASS and Progress Reports can contact the College on 5329 3293 to have access organised or a hard copy printed.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews are scheduled for the last week of Term 3.

Session 1: Thursday 15th September –
4.00pm – 7.00pm
Session 2: Friday 16th September –
9.00am – 2.30pm

All Parents should have received critical information regarding ways to access Student Progress Reports and how to book Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews on COMPASS.

This year on the Friday we will have a specific focus time for Year 12 students and parents between 11.00am and 2.30pm, where all Year 12 teachers will be available to see all Year 12 students.

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.

It is expected that students will accompany their parents to the interview. The format of the interviews will be the same as previous years and it will be essential for students to book appointment times through COMPASS that suit both parents and teachers. These interviews will provide an excellent opportunity for both parents and students to discuss the Student Progress Report and general progress being made. We look forward to seeing students and parents during these interviews.

Mr Wayne Johnston
Acting Assistant Principal—Middle School
Please note in your diary that on 22nd - 26th August there will be celebrations, quizzes, competitions and Quidditch for Book Week across the College. Students will be provided with opportunities to participate in a range of events including:

- Dress Up Photo Booth
- Where’s Wally? Selfie Competition
- Quizzes in the LRC
- ABC Heywire writing workshops

So start thinking of story ideas and go through the dress ups. More updates will be provided to students through English classes and Phoenix News on how they can participate and win great prizes.

Mrs Kirstie Thomson
Extension Programs Coordinator English

Day 1: Our Phoenix boys (Ethan Hobbs, Lochlan Doherty and Riley Fisher) stepped in at the last minute for us and stood tall. They were up against a well oiled St. Patricks’s team, having competed in the Victorian Debating Association Competition for the last few months.

The fact that they stood up to be counted should bring faith to everyone who may doubt our potential and capabilities. Our students do have a lot of potential and have endless capabilities.

Our boys, whilst they didn't take the win, gained something else... Walking back to the car a voice piped up, "Miss, thanks for believing in us.” If we as a community believe in them, they will believe in themselves and that is worth more than any win.

Day 2: Today our two Year 7 and 8 debating teams competed strongly against some heavy competition. Our first debaters (Sky Haley, Tanisha Camilleri and Rachael Tilders) argued that "Female AFL footballers should have the same pay and conditions as male AFL footballers" (Negative). Tough topic but the girls managed it well. They were narrowly pipped at the post but are keen to have another go next year.

Congratulations go to Rob Lewers for his support and work with our other Year 7 and 8 team: William Matthews, Tazmin Forrest and Jake Hately, Emergency: Abigail Merry. The topic "That all gambling advertisements should be banned".

This group won their round against Daylesford. They will now have the opportunity to go on to the next rounds, depending on where they end up on the ladder. Please congratulate our Phoenix College Teams.

Mrs Jade Browning
Oral Language Coordinator

Baby Egg Project

Congratulations, you are about to become a parent to a beautiful baby egg!! As in real life, you are responsible for the health and wellbeing of your baby egg. You will need to treat it like a real child; which means you cannot leave it around unsupervised. It cannot be left in your locker during the day.

You will spend July 18th - July 22nd taking care of your new little one. Your baby is very fragile and failure to care for him/her properly will severely impact your baby's growth and development (as well as your grade). It is imperative that you take this seriously. Good Luck!

Students today received their baby by first having to blow their egg, name it and decorate it.

Mrs Wendy Tangey
Grade 6 Teacher
Random Acts of Kindness

The VCAL Crazy Ideas class are working towards making a difference to the Bonshaw Village. One of the ways in which four of our Senior students have tackled this problem was to develop a Random Acts of Kindness board. The board has 25 envelopes each holding a laminated card with an instruction on it of how the student/staff member can help someone else. The cards have simple instructions like, carry something for someone, smile and say hello to people today, pick up any rubbish you find etc.

The hope is that if we all take small steps in making the Village a happier place to be, we will all be able to help each other to be happy. These Senior students would like to send a positive precedent that inspires our younger students.

Young Scientists

These are the faces that may one day be Nobel laureates. Phoenix P-12 Community College’s best and brightest are off to Canberra to the National Youth Science Forum where they will learn specialised science-field subjects from the nation’s top academics and scientists.

Year 11 students Emiley Cody, Ally Dennis, and Escher Russell hope to be a Geneticist, a Chemical Engineer and an Environmental Scientist respectively.

They will travel to Canberra in January for the Rotary funded forum which they gained entry to after beating out competitors in a gruelling selection process. Head of Science, Sonia Kahanoff, praised the students for their hard work which resulted in them being selected for the program that she believes will help lead them into meaningful scientific careers.

Operating Australia

Every two years Opera Australia embarks on a national tour around Australia where in each town, a Children’s Chorus of 24 singers is formed to perform in the Opera Australia production.

Emily Sharp (Grade 5) and Frances Robbins (Year 8) performed in the Opera Australia’s production of Mozart’s “The Marriage of Figaro” as Children’s Chorus members. Emily and Frances were selected after participating in the Ballarat audition process earlier this year. As members of the Children’s Chorus, Frances and Emily showed dedication and commitment by attending weekly rehearsals and full day holiday rehearsals to learn the music and acting. Lana Zylan-Ford, the Choral Director and classroom music teacher was local Chorus Leader and worked with Opera Australia’s Chorus Master Josh van Konkelenberg to prepare the Children’s Chorus for the Ballarat production.

Well done Emily and Frances. You did Ballarat proud!

Ms Lana Ford
Choral Director

Basketball

The Phoenix College Senior Boys Basketball Team went out on Monday, 1st August to compete in the Greater Western Region Finals. We lost to Terang and Colac so unfortunately we won’t be going through to the next round. We lost to Colac (the eventual runners up) by one point which demonstrated how even the competition was. The students involved were well behaved and competed hard all day. Special thanks to Scott Baldwin for assisting on the day.

Mr Matthew Sharkey
As one of the school leaders, I find that the best way to lead is to set by example. I want to make a change and inspire young people to do great things and make a difference in others’ lives.

Last year I decided I would shave my head, and then I told too many people to back out. It was great to see my friends and fellow leaders join me in such a challenge, including Zachary Voigt, Brandon Treeby, Thomas Eastman, Troy Leishman, Shaun Lock and Hayden Hamilton.

I watched far too many of my friends and family being affected by cancer. I saw how much pain they had to endure with the constant hospital trips for treatments and emergencies; the loss of hair and the loss of their love for life. The consequences of cancer are devastating and I thought to myself it’s time to help end the suffering.

Initially, our goal was $1,000 and that seemed near impossible when we first began our online page but within three days we had $200 and the team and I were so proud of our small achievement. As the weeks went on we got more and more very generous donations and you could not wipe the smile off my face!

Currently, we have raised $3,500 which is absolutely breathtaking! It means so much to me and the boys. We are still taking donations as well in the hope of reaching $4,000.

My aim was to help and inspire people and I feel I have done just that with many people coming up to me, congratulating me and sharing their stories too.

Clare Shelton

Thank you to all the parents for completing the Parent Opinion Survey.

The lucky winner of the returned Parent Opinion Survey is Ms Tenielle Quarrell.

Please collect your prize from the General Office.

ARCHERY CLUB
Tazmin Forrest recently had the opportunity to meet Catherine King MP, and to demonstrate the sport of Archery using her own colour-coordinated purple and blue compound bow. Tazmin was among those celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Wendouree Archery Club, the oldest existing Archery Club in Australia.

Tazmin has been in the club (12 and under) division since 2015. She currently holds the Junior club records for 20, 30, 40, and 50 metre rounds and holds the outright (adult) records for 30 and 50 metre rounds.

This year Tazmin has participated in four competitions, including the Victorian Target Championships where she placed third in the Club Girls Compound Bow Division.

Tazmin is preparing for the Victorian Field Archery Competition in Geelong later this year, and in 2017 will compete in the Australian Junior National Championships in Morwell, Victoria.

 Article from Studio Arc Dance Studio Website

On Saturday 6th August, Mikayla Hogg competed at the VEIS Grand Final in Werribee. She won the Barwon series on her horse Aric GHP in “Stars” and placed 3rd on PS Monet overall. Phoenix was 11 out of 54 schools with Mikayla being the only rider for the school.

Congratulations Mikayla!!

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**Wellbeing Gratitude Photo Challenge**

Phoenix College Gratitude Photo Challenge started at the beginning Term 3. If you’re not familiar with the challenge, the premise is this: Snap photos inspired by the weekly prompts listed below and share them on social media with the hashtag #gratitudeatphoenix2016. A simple yet effective way to embrace gratitude all term long.

All you need to do is download Instagram and snap to it. Weekly these are below:
- Place
- Person
- Selfie of something you love doing
- A photo with someone you are grateful for
- Nature
- Accessory
- Happiness
- Favourite thing
- Sounds
- Education

If you don’t have Instagram don’t worry as purple boxes are situated in each Village for photos to be printed and placed in.

**Winners:**
- Week 1—Felicity Liston
- Week 2—Jasmine Monger and Rachael Shelton
- Week 3—Jasmin Muscat
- Week 4—Rachel Kpogo

**Miss Samantha Gilbert**
Wellbeing and Engagement Leading Teacher

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**Australian History Competition**

The Humanities Department would like to proudly congratulate all students who took part in the Australian History Competition this year. As previously mentioned, this is the first time that Phoenix p-12 Community College has participated in this nation-wide event. The following students have received certificates of honour.

**Distinction:** Jessica Allan

**Credit:** Maddison Newman, Andre Davis-Williams, Liam Olsen, Brett Smith, Hannah Thorp, Tyler Hamilton, Jack Wilson

**Merit:** Dakota Campbell, Kirby Lee, Ryan Linahan, Samuel Shaw

Congratulations again to all students who are proudly showing their school values and historical knowledge.

**Miss Elizabeth Bath and Mrs Nadia Impey**

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**Soccer**

On Monday 8th August our Year 8 boys blitzed the opposition in Warrnambool, beating all three teams to become the Greater Western Sports Champions! The boys have advanced to the State Finals next month. It is hard to pick out the best players but congratulations to all boys involved.

Jasper Chalmers kicked 7 Goals
Brooklyn Sandford kicked 3 Goals
Honore Folly kicked 2 Goals
Jordan Paddock kicked 1 Goals

BEST - All the above and Daniel Baldwin and Mitchell Hodder played an amazing day also!

Well done boys!

**Mr Scott Whitelaw and Mr Drew Layton**

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**Phoenix College NEWS**

This month a special milestone was reached for the Phoenix College NEWS as the service marks its 50th broadcast. Since its creation last year the NEWS has become an institution at the College, growing from strength to strength. It has informed the College of important notices, entertained student and staff alike, and it has provided a special Phoenix pride through highlighting the achievements students continue to accomplish.

The success of the NEWS has been down to a dedicated team of student leaders who have made it their mission to bring information to their fellow students. This team constantly give up their own time but they are rewarded with gaining greater confidence with each broadcast.

Keeping my keen eyes on this year’s group I only have praise for them and the outstanding job they have done. They should be very proud for they deliver the NEWS with charisma and passion. Based on this, it is probably safe to say that the Phoenix College NEWS will remain a feature of the College...as will the Newscasters’ signature sign off’s.

Congratulations to past and present Newscasters on the accomplishment of 50 editions!

**Kristopher Keays**
Inaugural Newscaster
Driving Tips Around Schools: Keeping Children Safe

Parents and care givers who drive on campus and in neighbourhoods near school can play an important role in enhancing safety near schools by following safe driving practices. At arrival and dismissal times, drivers are often in a hurry and distracted which can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, cycling and driving in the area.

Drivers should always:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits, both in school zones and in neighbourhoods surrounding the school.
- Comply with local school drop-off and pick-up procedures for the safety of all children accessing the school.
- Avoid double parking or stopping on crosswalks to let children out of the car. Double parking will block visibility for other children and other motorists. Visibility is further reduced during the rain and fog seasons when condensation forms on car windows.
- Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. This forces youngsters to unnecessarily cross busy streets—often mid-block rather than at a crosswalk. Watch for children walking or cycling (both on the road and the sidewalk) in areas near a school.

What is self-respect?
Self-respect is the pride and confidence you have in yourself. It is when you understand who you are and can appreciate the good in your own character. Self-respect is not given to you and cannot be taken away by anyone else.

Self-respect is:
- Knowing your own mind about issues.
- Having confidence.
- Forgiving yourself when you make mistakes.
- Being able to control your emotions.
- Being able to maintain a positive attitude.

Self-respect leads to better decision making. This is a great opportunity to talk to your child about how they see themselves and the positive qualities that make them an individual.

Mrs. Nadia Impey

Wednesday 31st August
6:30pm-9:30pm
Ballarat Golf Club

Tickets: $28
Roast Carvery and Dessert
Drinks at Bar Prices

Entertainment provided by the talented Phoenix P-12 Community College Band and guests

Tickets are available from the General Office (Sebastopol Campus) until Monday 22nd August
Suicide Prevention Workshop

Wesley LifeForce will be conducting a Suicide Prevention Workshop at Craig’s Royal Hotel Ballarat – 10 Lydiard St, Ballarat on Wednesday 5 October 2016 from 9am – 1 pm. There is no charge to attend the workshop.

The program helps participants recognise when a person may be having thoughts of suicide, and provides a simple strategy to intervene and assist them.

If you know of any individuals or groups who may be interested in attending this workshop please ask them to register using this link:

The training is open to community members aged over 18 years. Each participant will receive a certificate of attendance as well as support materials. Morning Tea will be provided.

Thank you for your support.

For further information please contact Wesley LifeForce Suicide Prevention Program on 1800 100 024.
Ballarat Fishing Festival 2016  Free event
Come and celebrate the opening of trout season in rivers and the great freshwater fishing opportunities around Ballarat.
Based at Lake Wendouree opposite Loreto College, there will be free activities for the whole family.
Saturday 3 September (9 am - 3 pm)
• Help stock live trout
• Hatchery tours - take a free tour of the Ballarat Fish and Insulation Society's trout hatchery. Tours every half hour from 9:30 am
• Fishing tuition for kids - bait and tackle provided
• Talk with fishing experts about the basics of fishing for trout and rainbow
• Cooking demonstrations and samples
• Children's activities - jumping castle, face painting and photo booth
• Prizes drawn and raffles

The trout fishing season in Victorian rivers opens at midnight on Friday 2 September, 2016. All lakes, including Wendouree, are open year-round.
For more information about the event, which is supported by the State Government's Target One Million plan for recreational fishing, visit www.vic.gov.au/fishfest

#target1million

Autism, Communication and Visual Supports for school and home
Many children on the autism spectrum have strengths in the area of visual perception so presenting information in a visual way can help to encourage and support people's communication, language development and ability to process information.
It can also promote independence, build confidence and raise self-esteem as well as making the world more predictable and meaningful.
Learn the power of using visual communication techniques to assist the understanding and management of:
• Receptive and expressive language
• Social skills
• Independence
• Emotional regulation

This workshop is presented by:
Christine Chalmers-Manton—Director of Connecting—Minds, Behaviour analyst, RDI program consultant
Speech Pathologist—Shoblee Streetharan
Occupational therapist – Karen Boehm

WHEN: Thursday 25th August 2016
AT: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Main Rd Ballarat
York conference room
TIME: 1pm–3pm
Cost: $25 per person
Register with Trybooking.com
https://www.trybooking.com/216506
Contact: Kris
Phone: 0417 413 994  Email: info@ballaratautism.com
www.ballaratautism.com

Come and Try:
Some physical activities
Why not join us to try out a new activity and meet with other people who care?

Carer Respite and Support Services are offering Carers the opportunity to "come and try" some new activities with the support of our staff. These activities are intended to promote carer health and wellbeing, provide an opportunity to engage in your local community and meet with other carers over a cuppa. Carers are invited to register for 1 or all of the sessions

Activities:
Wednesday August 31st from 1.30pm – Walking
Tuesday September 6th from 1.30pm – Yoga
Tuesday October 11th from 1.30pm – Zumba
Wednesday October 26th from 1.30pm – Pilates
Tuesday November 8th from 1.30pm – Tai Chi

These sessions will be held at Ballarat Community Health, 260 Vickers St, Sebastopol at a cost of $2.00 per session

Spaces are limited and prior registration is essential. For further information or to register for Come and Try Activities please call Carer Respite and Support Services on Ph: 53357104 or Ph: 1800 059 059

We look forward to seeing you there!

Learning to Bloom
A three week program especially for women
Learning to Bloom offers women a chance to:
• Look at life in perspective
• Make some changes
• Spend time on you
• Meet like-minded women

When: Wednesday 10th, 17th & 24th August, 2016
Time: 1 – 3pm
Cost: $60 or $30 with concession
Bookings: Centacare Family and Community Services
Family Services Program
Phone: (03) 5327 7960

Family Services Program
Phone: 1800 904 100

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2016 CALENDAR

August
12th  Professional Development  
   - STUDENT FREE DAY
15th  Science Week
18th  Careers Expo - 9am-4pm
18th  Subject Selection Evening 4pm-7pm
22nd  Book Week
31st  Cabaret Evening 6:30pm-9:30pm  
   - Ballarat Golf Club

September
14th  Year 7 Immunisations
15th  Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews  
   4pm-7pm
16th  Last Day of Term 3 - Parent/Teacher/  
   Student Interviews  
   9am-2:30pm (STUDENT FREE DAY)

October
3rd  Term 4 Begins

- EXPERCATION PAYMENTS

If you would like your student’s excursion to be paid out of your CSEF payment, please mark this clearly on the permission slip so that office staff can process when returned to the General Office.

Alternatively if you are paying via BPAY please write ‘Paid via BPAY’ on the permission slip so that funds can be allocated accordingly. All excursion charges are ‘Pay As You Go’

If you are unsure of your CSEF balance please call the General Office on 5329 3293; our office staff are happy to help.

- HOMEWORK CLUB

Homework Club continues during Term 3 in the Learning Resource Centre on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15pm to 4:30pm. Teachers and tutors from various subject areas are available to help students. Refreshments are available.

- TUTORS

Former students Lisa Cody and Kane Anthony have joined Rob Lewers in the Learning Resource Centre to assist Senior Students in study modules. Lisa is available Wednesday and Thursday. Her subject areas are: English, Mathematics, Biology and Chemistry. Kane is available Wednesday. His subject areas are: Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. Rob is available Monday to Friday and his subject areas are English, Literature and Humanities.

Mark Macnamara  
Learning Resource Centre Manager

- 2017 Year 7 Enrolments

Enrolment Interviews will be conducted from 29th August to 9th September, 2016.

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