Term 2 can often feel like a long and dreary term, however there is nothing truer than there is a lot going on behind the scenes!

As you would know we have had the official opening of the Phoenix Kindergarten; it was terrific to host such an exciting and memorable event. What is perhaps of greater significance is the fact that Kinder children have commenced their learning program and have become members of the Phoenix family!! We have commenced a new era in education at Phoenix. Students now have the capacity to begin their education with us in Kindergarten, follow that through to primary school and then secondary education. There will of course be those who stay with us to commence tertiary studies through the BA@Phoenix. This makes the lifelong learning model offered at Phoenix quite unique across the State of Victoria.

Early in June we had a visit to the College from Mr Geoff Howard MP - State Labor Member for Buninyong. With the changes in boundaries Phoenix now sits within the Buninyong electorate. The purpose of this visit was to speak to our Student Leaders about issues that affect youth within the communities of Delacombe, Redan and Sebastopol. This was a vibrant conversation and it is clear that our Student Leaders have a strong view of factors affecting them in their community.

At Phoenix we encourage all students to achieve their personal best. The partnership between teachers, students and families is imperative in ensuring that students are in a situation to maximise their opportunities. A key factor in ensuring that students achieve their best is regular attendance at school. There is clear evidence that students who attend every day are more likely to achieve higher results in literacy and numeracy. In addition to this there are increased likelihoods of students being able to maximise other co-curricular opportunities, especially important for those in Senior School and planning for the next steps in their education. It is widely acknowledged that students with high levels of attendance are also more likely to have a stronger connection to their school and have increasing understanding of the importance in their education in assisting them to achieve their goals. As parents we all play a role in ensuring our students attend school every day. When absence is unavoidable can you please assist the College by contacting the absence line to advise us of your child’s absence? Where absence is to be extended we can assist with the provision of work.

Our students undertake a rich and expansive number of co-curricular programs and often with exceptional outcomes. Students on the Redan Campus are currently conducting a five cent fundraiser, with the funds to go to a charity determined by the grade raising the most amount of money. We also have students from the Year 12 Leadership Team doing the Shave for a Cure. Student Clare Shelton will be shaving her head, whilst a number of other male students will be waxing their legs. Additionally this week we will more than 60 students taking part in the College Production “Return to the Forbidden Planet”. The performance represents the
culmination of many, many hours of rehearsals and preparation from a wide team of students and staff. We
wish them all the very best – “break a leg” as they say.
What a busy week it will be. In addition to attending the
Production I will also be attending the Phoenix P-12
Community College Debutante Ball for 2016. This is an
enormous event for students and their families and a
great deal of time has been spent rehearsing dances. I
look forward to seeing our students, the ladies and
gentlemen, put their best foot forward.

Karen Snibson
Principal
SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT
The first Semester of 2016 ends this week and both
students and teachers in the Senior School have been
busy with exams, assessments, coursework and
competencies.

The GAT was successfully completed at the College on
Tuesday 7th June, a necessary external assessment for all
Years 11 and 12 students who are completing a Unit 3/4
study this year.

With Semester 2 units of study and subjects
commencing after the long weekend in June, it is vital
that all students continue to attend classes until the last
day of term. Students will be receiving holiday
homework and revision for Years 11 and 12 studies and
we would appreciate your support by encouraging your
child to complete any required tasks.

If you have any concerns about your child’s progress in
the Senior School, please contact the College and ask for
the relevant teacher, House Manager or Assistant
Principal.

Mrs. Jill Ebbs
Leading Teacher Numeracy
Senior School

MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

End of Semester Reports
End of Semester reports will soon be available to be accessed by parents, we would like to encourage
students to ensure they take the time to read their report also. It is a great opportunity to sit down
together and reflect on the great achievements you
have had throughout the Semester as well as identifying
areas you can set as goals to improve upon next Semester.

Next term will be a busy term; an example of this is the
Physical Education Program which will see students in
Physical Education classes going on excursions to
swimming and gymnastics venues. We ask students and
parents to check COMPASS regularly so that they know
what is coming up.

Uniform
Term 3 is cold and wet. This is not an excuse for not
wearing the uniform correctly. The majority of
students wear the uniform correctly all of the time.
Those who continue to require reminders (whether it
be in relation to socks or hem length or other
matters) will find themselves attracting more severe
sanctions.

WAYNE JOHNSTON
Acting Assistant Principal
Middle School

National History & Geography
Competition
Last week a total of 30 students from Year 8 and Year 10
participated in the Australian History Competition and the
National Geographic Competition.
The History Competition required students to analyse and
interpret primary history documents and make judgements
about their reliability as well as answering questions
demonstrating historical knowledge.
The Geographic Competition was just as challenging with
students having to use their skills to interpret and evaluate
data. Our students were some of 140,000 competitors
nationwide to complete the tests. Results will be made
available at the end of the year. Congratulations to
everyone who participated. We look forward to running
the competition again next year.

Miss Elizabeth Bath
Extension Programs - Humanities
Phoenix P-12 Community College combined Choir performed at the 21st Annual Choral Festival at St Patrick’s Cathedral in Ballarat. It was a wonderful opportunity for our choir to be a part of, and feedback from the parents, organizer and the community was most positive. “Miracle of Lights ” was the most challenging piece with its harmonies and the choir performed it with convincing emotion. The choir demonstrated our College values beautifully both as audience members and when performing on the "stage".

In addition, our senior choral members are to be commended for being excellent, caring role models for the junior members of the choir. Our junior members are to be commended for showing confidence and self-discipline in front of so many people.

The final song was a mass choir performance of "This is a Celebration" for all performers to take part in and was truly inspirational. We have been invited back to perform at the next year’s festival and the children are excited.

Ms Lana Ford - Classroom Music/Choirs
Vocal Coach

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**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
In May, students from the Year 10 geography class ‘7 Billion in One World’ and the Year 9 leadership group attended the BYGA Forum at Mount. Clear College. The forum, which pulled together 130 students from across Ballarat, focused around the topic of freedom with a special focus on East Timor. Students were able to listen to a range of amazing speakers and participate in workshops with Uncle Bryon Powell, Councillor Des Hudson, Dr Ros Dunlop, Jess Corden (ACU), Sissy Austin (Oxfam), Media Champs, CMY, ABC Heywire program, Fablice (Hip hop artist), Brett Goodes (Western Bulldogs) and UN Youth. Our students wrote, brainstormed social media campaigns, discussed multiculturalism, tested out indigenous East Timorese instruments and hopped their way through the day.

Expanding on the topic of multiculturalism and freedom of movement, the next week students from the geography class also travelled to Melbourne where they participated in a multicultural city scavenger hunt and participated in a guided tour at the Immigration Museum. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to enjoy the vibrancy of the city (including seeing tractors and cows travel down Swanston Street for the dairy farmers protest) and consider others’ and their own families’ migration stories.

During these excursions our students broadened their global understanding and ‘walked in other people’s shoes’ with confidence, empathy and maturity.

Mrs. Kirstie Thomson
Humanities

Pictured above: Ethan Barry, Manny Law, Emma Linahan, Mason May-Farrar (back), Hannah Anwyl, Jack Slorach (back), Mr Young (PST), Jake Roberts, Liam Duff (back) and Adam Robertson at the Immigration Tribute Garden.
VISITING THE COLLEGE! - A REMINDER

All visitors to the College MUST report to the General Office. Visitors are asked to follow the signs to the General Office, and use the main entrance door into the foyer, and NOT the student access door. Visitors are to wait in the foyer to be collected for their appointment or meeting.

Visitor passes:
Visitors, including Trades persons, are required to sign in on the COMPASS Kiosk at the General Office. A visitor pass will be issued which should be carried whilst the visitors are in the College buildings or grounds. All visitors will be asked to wait in the foyer for their appointment or student to be picked up.

If a visitor is noticed wandering in the College without an official Visitors Pass, they will be directed to the General Office where they will be asked to sign in and receive their visitors pass, and to wait to be collected for their appointment.

Picking up students:
Parents who are picking up their children during the day need to wait in the foyer near the General Office for their student to come and meet them. If in a hurry please call in advance to advise staff your child needs to be ready at a certain time or write a note in their diary for their classroom teacher.

Appointments or meeting with staff:
As staff are busy teaching most of the time, appointments are required if a parent or guardian needs to see a particular staff member. Appointments can be arranged by calling the General Office.

The office reception staff will greet all visitors to the College upon arrival, have the guests sign in on the COMPASS Kiosk and the appropriate staff for the appointment or meeting will be contacted.

All visitors will be asked to wait in the foyer until the staff member you wish to see comes to collect their guests. Please be prompt in collecting your guests.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL SHOP
Brrrr it is getting cold. Does your family need additional uniform?
Do not forget to check the Sustainable School Shop at http://www.sustainableschoolshop.com.au/ if you are looking for additional College Uniform or wish to sell. Many families are using this website to buy and sell and it is a great way to find second hand uniform for your family.

PHOTOS The final delivery of photos this week and your family should now have the photos you ordered and paid for through the portal. If you have any issues with your photos, please remember to contact COMPASS directly by calling 03 9005 5217 press 2 then 1 and they will assist you.

Please note that you can still order photos through the COMPASS portal and over the phone.

Any additional orders will be sent to the parents' home addresses and will incur $10 postage and handling fee. Please direct all your queries regarding photos to COMPASS directly either through the online system or over the telephone on Dial 9005 5217 Press 2 then 1.

COMPASS LOGIN ISSUES?
All families have an individual COMPASS LOGIN code. If you cannot access COMPASS you are missing out on the information you need to follow what is happening at the College, and how your child is going at school. Please contact the General Office and the staff will be able to supply you with your COMPASS access password.

EMAIL ADDRESSES
We have a number of families without email addresses in our database. If you have a new email or changed your email it is really important to let us know as a lot of our information is currently emailed directly to families, including financial statements.

MAINTAINING FAMILY DETAILS - Thank you for the updates we are receiving through COMPASS. Please remember to keep the data updated if any of your family’s personal details have changed. If you cannot update information on COMPASS you need to let the General Office know 5329 3293 so our records are correct and we are able to contact you in case of an emergency.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS
As we are at the halfway point of the school year already, payment of your family account ASAP would be appreciated please. It is much easier to make payments as the charges go onto the account, and then at the end of the year you do not have a huge account to cover.

Regular payments are a great way to manage your family’s educational costs.

SET UP REGULAR PAYMENTS
It makes payment of costs much easier to manage if you are finding it more difficult to meet your obligations due to the changes to support funding. We are happy to receive regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your Family Accounts. Centrepay or BPAY makes it easy; once it is set up the money is deposited directly into your Family Account and allocated to costs. Any overpayment is held as credit and will be used to pay for excursions or other costs which may arise throughout the year.

Thank you to the many families who have paid their accounts, or commenced Centrepay or BPAY payments directly into their account. If anyone would like to discuss their account, or have questions around setting up regular instalments, please contact the General Office on 5329 3293.

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Ms Lorraine Hayes
Business Manager
Years 7 & 8 Chinese Tea Ceremony and visit to the Confucius Classroom.
The Performance Village looked bright and engaging for the end of Semester Art Exhibition.

The theme for this Semester exhibition was “Cats”. Students studied art works from different periods in time (based on cats) and developed their own interpretations.

**Artist of the Week!**

Abbie Steele Year 10

Ms. Lesley Costley-Gray
Visual Arts
Instrumental Solo Performance Week

Music students from Years 7-12 performed a solo which they had been practising in front of selected classes. All students did an awesome job as this is no easy task playing a musical instrument in front of your peers.

Stand out performances were from Jemma Harris Year 12, Phoebe Norris Year 11, Samuel Shaw Year 8 and Thomas Atkinson, Naomi Delemontex, Lisa Smith, Cheyenne Trezise, Ella Hetherington, Rohan Stewart, Teah Dixon, Sheridan Brookes, Thea Cassar, Charlotte Eastwell, Tazmin Forrest and Jade Jones-Birse all Year 7. Congratulations and well done!

Mr John Netherway
Band Director

South Western Victoria Regional Band Festival

The South Western Band Festival was held at Phoenix P-12 Community College once again. This is a wonderful day of sharing music with other schools in our region. Years 7, 8 and 9 students performed a selected music repertoire and listened to the other bands.

DOTS students and the Phoenix College Band were busy preparing a stall and rehearsing a song or two for the Winterfest Market that was held at Doug Dean Reserve early June. This was a fantastic community event!

BAND RECORDING

The Phoenix P-12 College Band travelled to Ballarat High School to take part in a recording day.

The aim of the day was to complete three recorded music charts by well-known local composer Nick Sheriffs (Horsham based).

Schools who attended in our region were Goroke P-12 College, Nhill College, Horsham College, Stawell Secondary College and Ballarat High School.
PHOENIX CONNECT
RAISE MONEY FOR SOUP BUS
Phoenix connect students have been studying homelessness and paid a visit to the Soup Bus recently. “It was a real eye-opener. We learnt about a really young girl with a baby and a 90 year old man who come to the Soup Bus,” Rohan said.
It raised the students’ awareness as to how many people are homeless and in need of assistance in Ballarat. Students decided to run a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds and make a donation as every little bit makes a difference. They raised a total of $261.05.
Donations to the Soup Bus can be made at:
On Track Health & Fitness Club
Level 1/35-37 Sturt Street, Ballarat. They are open 7 days a week and can provide a receipt
Mrs Belinda Dwyer
Phoenix Connect

Unique Message Makers Project
Phoenix Connect classes worked with the Youth Development team from the City of Ballarat as part of the Unique Message Makers (UMM) project. The aim of the project was for students to identify their personal values and verbalise their opinion regarding a current issue within.
From this project a group of students from both classes wanted to extend their learning and raise awareness regarding LGBTI community. The students worked hard with the City of Ballarat Youth Development team and ran some activities in May based on the International Day against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia.
Activities on the day included the following:
* A free BBQ and live music at lunchtime for students.
* Rainbow socks could be purchased for $5.
* Badge Making.
* A pride word wall was made for people to write messages of support.
* Information and resources were made available.
* Rainbow sock photo shoot for the “Darn Right I Support It” Campaign.

Miss Anna Coloe - Phoenix Connect

PHOENIX CONNECT LEARNING EXPO
Thank you to parents, students, guests and staff who visited the Phoenix Connect Learning Expo. It was fantastic to see so many families help celebrate the learning that took place over Semester 1.
### School Holiday Program
**Wednesday 29th June & 6th July**

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<td><strong>Sensory &amp; Mindfulness</strong> $75 per session</td>
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<td>Children will be supported to develop emotional awareness and learn strategies to alleviate symptoms of anxiety by identifying signs their body requires calming. Kinder age: 9:00 – 9:45am Primary age: 11:30 – 12:15pm Secondary age: 2:30 – 3:15pm</td>
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<td><strong>Motor &amp; Movement</strong> $75 per session</td>
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<td>Children will participate in activities specifically designed to focus on developing fine and gross motor skills. Kinder age: 9:45 – 10:30am Primary age: 12:15 – 1:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>Speech &amp; Social Skills</strong> $75 per session</td>
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<td>Children will participate in games that focus on auditory processing, pragmatic language and teamwork. We will also focus on developing their communication, speaking and listening skills. Kinder age: 10:30 – 11:15am Primary age: 1:00 – 1:45pm Secondary: 3:15 – 4:00pm</td>
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<td><strong>All groups are run by an Occupational Therapist, Psychologist &amp; Speech Pathologist</strong></td>
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<td><em>FaHCSIA funding, Medicare rebates and Private Health Insurance rebates can be used.</em> <em>Detailed session reports with individual strategies are included.</em></td>
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#### Thursday 30th June & 7th July

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<td><strong>Art &amp; Craft Club</strong> $25 per session</td>
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<td>Children are supported in exploring their creative side and to engage their imagination by producing a masterpiece to take home. Kinder age: 9:00 – 9:45am Primary age: 10:45 – 11:30am</td>
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<td><strong>Minecraft Club</strong> $25 per session</td>
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<td>The children will work as a group to complete projects on a secure Minecraft server while practicing skills such as flexible thinking, cooperation, compromising and social communication. Primary 1:30 – 2:30pm or 2:30 – 3:30pm Secondary 3:30-4:30pm</td>
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<td><strong>Science Club</strong> $25 per session</td>
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<td>Children will participate in a variety of engaging science activities where they will explore basic scientific concepts through fun and fascinating experiments. Kinder age: 9:45 – 10:30 Primary age: 11:30 – 12.15pm</td>
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<td><strong>All groups are run by a Speech Pathologist &amp; Behavioural Therapist</strong></td>
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<td><em>Minecraft Club is held at Guf Games, 9 Dana Street, Ballarat, VIC 3350</em></td>
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When a parent recognises a teenager needs help, they’re more likely to get it. That’s why we’ve introduced a new service to help parents help teenagers: ReachOut Parents. ReachOut Parents will provide information, tools and resources to help parents and carers support the 12–18 year-olds in their family environment. On the site, parents will find:

- Fact sheets, stories, practical tips and tools covering a range of topics, issues and experiences that are relevant to teenagers 12-18 years.
- An online community forum where you can talk to other parents about your experiences and work through your concerns in a safe, anonymous environment.

[https://parents.au.reachout.com/](https://parents.au.reachout.com/)

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Parents
2016 CALENDAR

JUNE
13th  Queen’s Birthday
      Holiday - Student Free Day
14th  Semester 2 Commences
21st  Horsham Mega Music Day - Horsham College
22nd  Matilda Performance - Princess Theatre
      Melbourne
24th  Sydney Middle School Camp
      payment due.
24th  End of Term 2 - Dismissal 2.30pm

July
11th  Term 3 Begins - 9am Start
15th  Year 10 Health Day

EXCURSION PAYMENTS

If you would like your students 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.

SYDNEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP

The balance for the MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP is due **24th June 2016**. Please make sure you are making regular payments at the General Office. We have EFTPOS, BPAY and Centrepay available. Don’t leave it until the last minute!!!