PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Year 12 – 2016

It is appropriate to begin this Newsletter by acknowledging our Year 12 students. I would like to congratulate the Year 12 students and wish each and every one the very best of luck. We are approaching the final week of VCE examinations and, as in years gone by, the English exam began this three week period of external examinations. VCAL and VET students continue to finalise project work and develop pathway opportunities by updating various employment documentation and skill sets.

This year as we prepare to say our final farewells to our Year 12 students, I feel the need to recognise the integrity of our Year 12 group. I have no doubt that every individual has finished the year to the absolute best of their ability. Additionally there have been some truly magic moments over the last couple of weeks.

The 2016 Year 12 Valedictory Dinner was held in October at the Ballarat & District Trotting Club, and there were over 365 family and friends of the College in attendance. This event focused on the achievement of our Year 12 students over their six years of secondary education. The pride of our community was clear for all to see.

In accordance with Phoenix P-12 Community College tradition, the College’s official framed and signed 2016 Year 12 jumper will be hung in the Library Resource Centre from
the start of 2017. This jumper commemorates the ‘Class of 2016’ now and for all students of the future.

This framed jumper, along with the official ‘Year 12 pavers’ at the front of the school, symbolises the growing celebration of achievement and recognition; as we evolve further the vision that is Phoenix P-12 Community College.

Highlights from 2016

January
• Year 12 Log Cabin Camp

February
• Swimming Carnival
• Senior Band in Nhill

March
• Athletics Carnival
• Top Arts in Melbourne

April
• Rachel Kpogo, was successful in receiving a $500 grant from Soroptimist International.
• Completed a Wellbeing Program

May
• Completed a Driver Education Program
• Students volunteered to support United Way at the Administrative Professionals Breakfast.

June
• College Debutante Ball

July
• Battle of Fromelles Celebration

August
• Shave for a Cure run by Clare Shelton
• Cabaret last performance for Clare Shelton, Rachael Keen, Samantha Harbridge, Brodie Kamp, Felicity Liston.

October
• Thomas Eastman and Nicholas Davies competed in the World Skills Competition.
• VCAL Camp to Melbourne
• VCAL Celebration
• Final Assembly
• Valedictory Dinner
• Celebration Day in Bendigo

On behalf of the College community, we congratulate all students on a sensational year of achievements. You have accomplished so much during this twelve-month period and we wish you well with the final examinations and your final year reports.

We will wait with baited breath to hear what the future brings you all, knowing that you have all laid the foundations for a wonderful future. Well done!

**A number of students who commenced Year 12 in 2016 were successful in gaining full time employment throughout the year and said good-bye to Phoenix P-12 Community College. We would also like to congratulate them on their successful transition into the workforce.**

2017 COLLEGE LEADERSHIP TEAMS

The 2017 College Leadership Teams’ selection process is almost complete on the Sebastopol Campus and will take place on the Redan Campus during the remainder of November. The focus on student voice and high aspirations will underpin all aspects of governance across the two campuses of the College. I have much pleasure in welcoming the successful students to these representative groups in 2017.

**College Captains** - Escher Russell and Emiley Cody
**Vice Captains** - Ally Dennis and Abby Simpson
**Middle School Captains** - Salli Mould and Riley Caldow
**Vice Captains** - Jordynn Lonie and Jack Anderson

On the Redan Campus, six School Leaders will formulate the campus team: two School Captains and four Vice Captains. As in all things we do, a high level selection process is underway.

SENIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

In Term 4 students will find that the term goes very quickly and they need to be aware of the work that requires completion and be diligent in handing it in on time. As the year 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 deal of stress and if needing support please contact House Managers, Teachers or Village Assistant Principals.

**2017 Year 12 Camp**
The Year 12 camp notes have been handed out. This is a compulsory camp for all Year 12 students in 2017, and is
aimed to ensure that students begin a difficult year with the skills necessary. This must be paid for prior to the event and is $100. If you have CSEF funds on your account they can be used for payment towards this.

**Subject Selection Process**
The very important Subject Selection process for next year’s senior students is well underway and students are reminded that they need to submit forms and begin to talk to teachers about the process. The process will proceed well into Term 4 and it is vital that students participate and understand the pathway they are proceeding down.

**100% Attendance**
We are focusing on attendance at the moment and any student who has poor attendance will be greatly affected as VCAA rules state that passing all VCE/VET/VCAL units is reliant upon reaching school attendance targets.

The Years 10 and 11 exams are about to begin so students need to make sure they are prepared and try their best. These are vital opportunities to prepare students for the expectations of Year 12 exams.

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

**MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATE**

**Year 9 Graduation**
Our current Year 9 students are nearing the end of their final year as Middle School students and will be heading towards becoming part of the Senior School as they commence Year 10 next year. Finishing your final year in Middle School is a big achievement and one which we would like to celebrate at Phoenix P-12 Community College. Each year we hold a Year 9 Graduation Dinner to celebrate this milestone. Letters have been sent home with students with details regarding this year’s Year 9 Graduation Dinner. The dinner will be on Wednesday, 23rd November from 6.00pm-9.30pm. The cost for students is $30 and includes a two course meal, dancing and presentations. Dress code is formal and we would like to encourage all students to attend. Students will need to have their form signed by Mr Johnston (Head of Middle School) to demonstrate that they have upheld our school values to be able to attend. Parents are invited to attend the evening from 9.00pm for the presentations. If you have CSEF funds on your account you can use this to pay for the Graduation.

**SWPBS – INTEGRITY**
This month the focus for our School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategy is INTEGRITY. In the Middle School, Integrity is where students are treating each other fairly. It also includes allowing others to have a go and giving assistance to others in need. It is about working in a team and matching your actions to your words. Students are encouraged to think about ways they might be able to demonstrate integrity around the school and at home.

**HIGH EXPECTATIONS**
The College has continued high expectations of all Middle School students as we head towards the end of the year. The next few weeks are crucial for students to ensure they are up to date with all school work. This is the time of year when assessment results are collated and decisions are made on whether a student has achieved a satisfactory completion for each of their subjects. I would like to remind students that they need to be talking to their teachers now to see what work they might have outstanding. Letters are being sent home regarding overdue work or for students who are at risk of failing. Could I also please encourage parents to phone teachers if they do receive one of these letters so that we can work together to help ensure their child’s success?

**Mr Wayne Johnston**
Acting Assistant Principal - Middle School

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**Redan Campus Family VCOP Night**
On Thursday, 13th October, 2016 we had a HUGE turnout for our Family VCOP Night at Phoenix P-12 Community College. Those who attended the night learnt all about our VCOP - Big Writing program on the Primary Campus, before splitting into four groups to have an absolute ball rotating around many VCOP activities. VCOP stands for Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation; the specific skills we are working to improve or up-level in all children’s writing. A big thank you to all the families who made the time to come along, and our fabulous staff who ensured the night was a big success. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did and we truly appreciate your enthusiastic support of our learning programs.

Debra Benoit
and Meaghan Beddoe
Leading Teachers: P-6 Learning
Annual College Presentation Evening
November 29th, Founders Hall

This year’s Presentation Evening will again be a “night to remember” and will include the special guest appearance of Jules Allen.

Jules Allen is an award-winning Australian youth advocate, motivational speaker and spirited earth mother whose life is guided by the philosophy: ‘The more you give, the more your get back!’.

AKA ‘The Youth Whisperer’, Jules has an uncanny ability to connect with the even most stranded teens in crisis, inspiring them to turn their lives around. “I speak their language”, she says. “And I listen.”

Jules has professional experience in child protection, youth support, school counselling and private practice. But by far, her most valuable tools have come from her own troubled beginnings.

As a youth, she was at risk. So when she speaks to the next generation on how to survive trauma and adversity, and then go on to make a positive difference in their lives - they listen.

During the past 20 years, Jules’ quest to empower youths to understand themselves, and equally importantly empower adults to understand youths, has taken some memorable turns.

She’s the proud single mum of four grown children, a blend of her own, adopted and fostered. In the past 12 years, she’s also cared for 31 foster kids. Jules describes her parenting experience as ‘massive’ and the most wonderful source of lifelong learning.

Professionally, Jules has an impressive list of charitable ‘babies’ to her name.

Along with celebrity couple Hugh Jackman and Deborra-Lee Furness, Jules crusades for adoption reform. She’s also worked on a global scale with women and children who are victims of gross human rights violations.

Jules is the face of Australian charities such as Adopt Change and Foster Care Australia. Later this year, she’ll launch YOUTHinc, a progressive social and global initiative to bridge the widening gap between generations.

In 2013, prompted by a dare from her kids, Jules found herself as a contestant on MasterChef Australia. In quintessential style, she put her new profile to good cause by emphasising the healing power of good food in raising well-balanced children.

Jules is writing her first book, YOUTHinc. From cyber stalking to self-harm, the book takes an insightful, honest and practical approach to the big issues faced by today’s youth while offering real-world solutions.

As one of the leading experts on youth, Jules is popular on the national public speaking circuit. She’s known for her captivating, humorous and candid presence and regularly speaks to crowds of hundreds.

She’s been featured on various TV programs including Australian Story and The Project, and major magazines such as New Idea, the online Women’s Weekly and The Collective. Jules is currently based in Victoria.

We are looking forward to spending this wonderful night of celebration with Jules, our students and families on Tuesday, 29th November where we celebrate the sensational achievements of the College during 2016.

Mrs. Karen Snibson
Principal
Late in October the VCAL Department held our Annual VCAL Celebration Ceremony. We were impressed with the number of family and friends who came to support our successful Year 12 VCAL students.

The students were celebrated in style with speeches made by Logan Trezise and Jack Mills; individual awards given for exceptional efforts; roll call; photo story presentation and a lovely afternoon tea.

**Students who received individual awards included:**

*Community Excellence* - Jesse Owens

*Program Achieve* - Emma Whitcher, Rebecca Jebb, Sheridan Price, Madison May-Farrar, Sarah Jensen

Andrew Waight.

*Leadership* - Jack Mills

*Industry* - Joel Cummings

*Teamwork* - Ellie Johnston, Shelby Stewart

*Pathways* - Olivia Lyon-Miller

*Excellence* - Lycinda Trotter

*Persistence* - Kelly McNeight

We are so proud of all our students and wish them the very best for the future!

Ms Maree Hall
VET/VCAL Manager
Recently we had two Senior Girls Crews competing at the Hamilton and Nestles Regatta at Lake Wendouree. Our Division 4 Crew competed on Saturday in both a preliminary and final and raced hard against a competitive crew from Damascus College in some very challenging conditions. The girls did well to keep their boat upright with conditions getting so extreme that the final was cut from 1km to a 500m sprint. Little Jack Anderson described the weather well after being dunked under yet another wave, asking me if they were competing in the ocean rowing titles!

On Sunday we had our Division 3 Crew compete with slightly better conditions (few less waves!) and row competitively in both heats and finals to grab a third place. Both crews who competed over the weekend have new crew members and this was their first racing experience together for this season. Thanks to all staff who came down to support the girls and to Maree Hall for running bow numbers up and back while I tried to ensure no one went for a swim. The parent turn out on the shore was fantastic and we hope this continues to build over the racing season.

If you see the following girls and young man around the College this week, wish them luck as we head off to Dimboola next Friday for a whole weekend regatta to row proudly in our Phoenix colours.

Division 3 Crew
Cox – Mary Greed, stroke – Holly Dawson, 3 – Sophie Norris, 2 – Caitlin Ritchie, bow – Abby Simpson.

Division 4 Crew

Photographer – Kirby Lee (Year 8)

Miss Kiya Eberle
Sport and Rowing Coordinator

STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In mid October, four students went down to Lakeside Stadium in Melbourne to compete in the State Track and Field Finals. Rodney Davis and Mason Keast competed in individual events and, joined by Carter Prendergast and Matthieu Brehaut, took on the best in the State in the 4 x 100m relay. We had some excellent results against a highly competitive field of athletes from across Victoria as the boys took out the gold to be crowned 4 x 100m relay champions for the Under 17 boys division!! A huge congratulations to all four boys for an outstanding effort and achievement.

Mason Keast represented Phoenix P-12 Community College with EXCELLENCE, competing in the 100m and 200m individual events, placing 2nd in both and taking home a 3rd in Long Jump; walking away from the meet with four medals in total. Rodney Davis competed in the 100m, 200m and 400m, claiming a 3rd in the 100m.

A huge thanks to Mr Greed for taking the boys down to Melbourne to compete. GOOOOO PHOENIX!!

Kiya Eberle
Sport and Rowing Coordinator
Year 12 student Jacob Rumler won the City of Ballarat Major Youth Award for 18-25 years. This is a fantastic achievement. Phoenix P-12 Community College was well represented with 10 students being nominated across various categories.

Amongst the nominees were: Kellie Monger, Aimee Stowe, William Stephens, Jasmin Robinson, Phoebe Norris, Jasmin Muscat, Ashleigh Sorrell, Phoenix College TOTO Troupe and Phoenix Connect IDAHOT Day Group.

Congratulations to these outstanding young men and women; as a community we are well placed for the future.

This year saw seven of our Years 7 and 8 students participate in the induction to AIME Program. The students had a fun-filled day of activities and skill building to support them to strive for their aspirations toward higher education and beyond.

AIME is a dynamic educational program that is proven to support Indigenous students through secondary school and into University, employment or further education. AIME gives Indigenous students the skills, opportunities, belief and confidence to grow and succeed.

Ms. Cheryl Kennedy
Careers Development Practitioner

The Humanities Department would like to proudly congratulate all students who took part in the Australian Geography Competition this year. 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.

High Distinction - Alicia Marchant and Jake Roberts.
Distinction - Dakota Campbell, Frances Robbins, Elizabeth Whitten-Bale, Joel Dyer.
Credit - Andre Davis-Williams, Zoe Doyle, Maddison Newman, Liam Olsen, Brett Smith, Samantha Spicer, Emma Linahan, Jack Slorach.

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

Mrs. Nadia Impey, Miss Bath and Mrs. Thomson
Humanities Department
NEWS FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

COMMUNICATIONS WITH FAMILIES - COMPASS

A reminder that much of the communication with families is now directly through COMPASS, including messages about school activities and events, specific information for year levels or students and school reports.

Please make sure you access COMPASS regularly and also check the Phoenix P-12 Community College Website to keep you and your family in touch with what is happening at Phoenix. If you have a problem with your COMPASS LOGIN - please contact the General Office for assistance.

IMPORTANT - Help us keep our data accurate please.

Please contact the General Office or update COMPASS 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 make sure you let us know. The monthly Newsletter and Family Accounts are now emailed out to families, along with other vital information regarding the education of your child (ren).

ENROLMENT 2017

REMINDER CALL FOR 2017 Enrolments

Students cannot start the year unless their enrolment has been completed through the official enrolment/interview process. If your child will be attending Phoenix P-12 Community College (Years 0 – 12) and you have not had an enrolment interview, please contact the General Office (5329 3293) and arrange for an appointment to complete your child’s enrolment to ensure they have a place for next year. No students are accepted without official enrolment completion.

BOOKLISTS 2017

Booklists have been distributed for all year levels this week. Please make sure they are returned by no later than Tuesday, 6th December.

Sebastopol Campus

Our booklist service is still being provided by Ballarat Books. Booklists will be distributed separately. PLEASE NOTE: The process for collection of your Booklist Packs has changed this year. Ballarat Books will NOT be distributing booklist packs from the College this year. You will be able to collect your booklist packs directly from Ballarat Books Parcel Distribution Centre – 61-63 Scott Parade, Ballarat from mid-January, 2017. Families will be notified by Ballarat Books of actual dates for collection. This should make it easier for families to collect with more days and a central collection point.

Redan Campus

Booklists for the Primary Campus for 2017 will be supplied by Radmac Office Choice. Full payment will be expected by Radmac Office Choice when the books are collected from the shop at 110 Armstrong Street South, Ballarat Central from Friday, January 20th 2017.

FAMILY ACCOUNTS

REMINDER ALL 2016 EDUCATIONAL COSTS ARE DUE.

Family statements will be sent out shortly and are due for payment by the end of November please. Payment can be made at the General Office on either campus.

NOTE: CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding) affects the balance on your account.

Please check your statement to see if you have unallocated CSEF Funds sitting on your account. If you do, and have outstanding Core or other costs, you need to pay the amount outstanding, (Outstanding costs + the unallocated CSEF amount) not just the balance on the bottom of the statement. I apologise if this sounds confusing, but the way the statement works is that it deducts your CSEF from the outstanding balance, confusing some families who are just paying the final figure at the bottom of the statement.

For example: If your balance due says $100.00 outstanding at the bottom, but you have $120 CSEF Funding unallocated, then you add the two together and you need to pay $100.00 (outstanding costs + $120.00 = $220.00 to clear the outstanding costs), leaving the $120.00 balance unallocated as we are unable to use those CSEF Funds to cover other educational costs.

The $120.00 unallocated CSEF funds will remain on your family account for use against Camps, Sport or Excursions when the costs arise. The balance WILL CARRY OVER to 2017 and if you have unallocated CSEF Funding it will be sitting in your account to be used for your child’s camps, excursions or sports costing.

IT IS SMART TO PLAN FOR 2017

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 2017 to help with your educational costs. 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 2017, 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.

VISITORS TO THE COLLEGE

Please remember to report to the General Office on either Campus 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 the school buildings and grounds at any time. We have one entrance to each College Campus, which is through the gates at the front, which leads you directly to the General Office where you will be welcomed and assisted with your enquiries.

REDAN CAMPUS

If picking up students during the day you must go to the Office and request to collect your child. You will be asked to wait whilst your child comes to meet you in the waiting space, and sign the Leaving Early Register before you leave. Students should not leave the College unless picked up via the Office.

After school parents are asked to wait outside their child’s classroom if they wish to meet their child.

SEBASTOPOL CAMPUS

If you need to see staff or pick up your student, please go to the General Office. You will be asked to wait in the foyer whilst they are contacted and asked to come to meet you. Students are not to leave the College unless collected from the General Office.

Ms Lorraine Hayes - Business Manager
Our goal is to ensure that all 2017 Year 7 students can start the year fully prepared with their laptop ready for laptop training in the first few days of the school year. Thank you to the parents who attended our Parent Information Evenings and who have already purchased their child’s laptop. For parents who are yet to order a laptop, we are offering a second bulk purchase date to access the cheapest price (OPTION 1). Bulk ordering enables us to pass on great savings to families to make it more affordable, which is of great importance to us.

**SCHEDULE:**

**FIRST BULK ORDER – LAPTOPS - CLOSED and READY FOR PICKUP ORIENTATION DAY**

**SECOND BULK ORDER (IN 4 WEEKS TIME): ORDER AND PAY BY 9th DECEMBER 2016**

**OPTION 1 TOTAL PRICE : $549**

Includes **FREE** Laptop Bag provided by Phoenix College for all orders made by this date.

**PAYMENT MUST BE FINALISED BEFORE COLLECTION OF LAPTOP**

If you are having difficulties with payment options please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine Hayes our Business Manager or alternatively contact the ICT and 1:1 Laptop Program Team. Please email ICThelp@phoenix.edu.au or phone the General Office on 5329 3293.

Once again, Phoenix P-12 Community College has paid membership for all families to have free access to the Sustainable School Shop to sell or buy books or uniform. If you are looking for second-hand books or uniform, please check the Sustainable School Shop. Likewise, if you wish to sell your books or uniform, Sustainable School Shop is a great way to let people know you have goods for sale.

If you need some assistance with the web site – please feel free to ask the General Office or Mrs Bedford for assistance.

2017 STUDENT PHOTO DAY

College Photo Day for 2017 has been scheduled for February 2nd 2017 across both campuses. Photos will again be available for ordering and payment to COMPASS. We have made some improvements to the Photo Day process and hope that the photos will be available much earlier in 2017.
Phoenix P-12 Community College adopts a philosophy of education being a shared responsibility between parents and the school, striving to achieve the best possible educational outcome for each child in our care. This shared responsibility extends to the provision of resources which enables the school to provide the facilities and resources which allow our extensive curriculum program to run effectively.

We provide a wide variety of different learning opportunities, activities and classroom excursions for the best learning outcomes possible for each individual. All costs fall within the DET guidelines and are approved by the College Council.

The fee structure includes Essential Items, Electives (for senior year levels) and camps and excursions. The College Council has approved the Essential Items charge for each year level across both campuses; curriculum excursions, as appropriate to each year level, which parents are required to pay and are non-refundable as the activities are a part of the curriculum and students are expected to attend. Costs for camps and electives are charged separately at the time of the activity.

**Primary Campus**

**Essential Items:**
- 0-2: $100
- 3-6: $120

**Class Excursions/Activities:**
- 0-2: $65
- 3-6: $90

**Swimming:**
- 0-1: $65
- 2-4: $110
- 5-6: $115

Educational costs include essential items and core curriculum requirements. The extensive Swimming Program and all curriculum based excursions (non-refundable) for the Primary Campus are also included.

Camps are not included and will be an additional cost which are charged to the family account at the time of the activity.

**Sebastopol Campus**

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Educational costs include essential items including various curriculum excursions and activities. The College magazine and the student diary/handbook and other essential items supplied by the College for classroom learning are also included.

**Additional costs:**

**Senior Elective fees** (Years 8 – 12) are incurred when students choose their subject and are charged to family accounts accordingly. Musical Instrument hire, Specialist Sports, Years 8-12 (Including VCE) electives and other extra-curricular activities are additional costs and charged when selected. Elective charges will be processed for each Semester.

**Camps and some excursions** are NOT included in the above charges and are charged nearer the time of the activity. Eligible families will be able to use their CSEF Funding to cover some of their Camps and Excursion costs.

**Curriculum Excursion payments are non-refundable (except for special circumstances) as participation is a required part of the curriculum.**

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**2017 PREP AND YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAY IS TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2016.**
LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP

In October 43 Phoenix P-12 Community College students were invited to participate in the Artlink to Archibald Workshop in celebration of the Portrait in Art. The Art students from Years 7-12 viewed the Archibald Exhibition and participated in a whole day life drawing workshop.

Ms. Julia Newson
Art Teacher

On 4th November nine students took up the opportunity to hear the inspiring Deng Adut speak about his life, his views on the asylum seeker debate in Australia and his experiences in writing his autobiography Song of a War Boy.

Deng Adut, in conversation with his co-author Ben McKelvey and the audience, engaged the students with the stories of his childhood in his Dinka village, his forced conscription as a child soldier and his miraculous escape to Australia. He spoke confidently and in an upbeat manner about his Australian identity and poignantly about his brother John.

The students selected from across Years 7-10 were polite and attentive listeners. Jake Roberts (Year 10) stated that it helped him gain “a new perspective on how tough it can be for people in other places”. Clancy Piera (Year 8) and Bethany Somers (Year 7) “didn’t expect” some of Mr. Adut’s views on the asylum seeker debate and views of Australia. A view echoed by Joel Dyer (Year 10) who found it “interesting to hear views on our country from an immigrant, who has had to deal with serious conflict”. Meanwhile Liam Duff (Year 10) found the fact that Deng Adut’s only concept of “a childhood toy was an AK47 – heavy”, while Meg Tilley (Year 10) found his openness about his brother’s life “emotional”. Olive Evans (Year 9) found it “inspiring” and Hannah Anwyl (Year 10) reflected that it made her feel “grateful”. Shantelle Warrener’s (Year 7) take away impression was that “we take education as a given, yet in other countries it is a privilege”.

All of the students were great ambassadors for the Phoenix P-12 Community College at this community event. Their presence was clearly appreciated by Mr Adut, who directed many of his comments specifically to our students. Thanks to the M.A.D.E Museum and the Wheeler Centre for the provision of this free experience.

Back Row: Shantelle Warrener, Bethany Somers, Clancy Piera, Joel Dyer, Deng Adut, Jake Roberts and Liam Duff
Front Row: Meg Tilley, Olive Evans and Hannah Anwyl.

Mrs. Kirstie Thomson - Humanities
Last month our Senior Band was part of the Big 5 Concert. This is a fantastic evening involving Phoenix P-12 Community College, Ballarat Memorial Concert Band, Mount Clear College, Ballarat High School and Haddon Concert Band.

Our students rehearsed five band charts (one chosen from each band) for just over an hour, then had a break for dinner and followed by the concert. The charts included William Tell Overture, The Night’s Lullaby composed by Ballarat resident Jack Stacey, Florentiner March, The Magic of Harry Potter and Andrew Webber in Concert.

The sound was awesome, no wonder with an 65-piece band. Congratulations to all students involved on their wonderful achievement in such a short time frame.

On Friday 28th October the College Choir was invited to perform at the Art Gallery of Ballarat to provide light entertainment for visitors during the prestigious Archibald Prize Exhibition. The choir performed a 40 minute set which included a variety of songs such as “New Soul”, “High Hopes” “Fire and the Flood”, “Viva La Vida”, “Riptide” and “I Dreamed A Dream” from Les Miserables. Duets and solos were performed beautifully by Brodie Kamp, Brienna Kamp, Frances Robbins, Felicity Liston and Sharni Shields. Congratulations to the Choir for their recent performances.

The Phoenix P-12 Community College recently performed for two community events. Last month the Choir performed at the Eureka Hall for “Light the Night ” which is the Leukaemia Foundation’s Annual fundraising walk to help more Australians beat blood cancer.
Our school community came together at the beginning of Term 4. A big thank you to Village Leaders who ran the celebrations. Many staff commented on the fact that students were engaged and motivated to do better and all Villages ran more than one competition.

Students were excited to push the envelope in front of their peers; they were courageous. Frogs (Albion) embraced this process most of all, and as a teacher I was in awe that the Spelling Bee was so successful.

A big thank you to all staff involved and also commendations to our Student Leaders who ran each Village:

We had a reporter and photographer visit from 'The Courier' newspaper who were impressed with the information and success of the program.

Days like today, although they are extremely difficult to get right, can assist in a positive change to our school culture; in this case towards academic achievement involving spelling. The fact that NAPLAN results indicate an improvement in our spelling scores shows that these initiatives are worthwhile and for some, life-changing.

Mrs. Jade Browning
Oral Language Coordinator

Recently I had the pleasure of attending the Lions Youth of the Year Competition held in Sebastopol. Harry Lodge went up against some fierce competition from Loreto College and Ballarat High School.

The nerves dissipated after the impromptu speeches, topics on "Bullying and its ramifications" and also "What is something that needs fixing in the world today, and how would you change it."

The five minute prepared speeches clearly showcased the amount of effort and the quality of our future youth, given the opportunity of participating in this competition.

In a public forum such as this, the local community study student representatives of local schools and pass their own judgement.

Harry performed well to take out the Public Speaking Award at the local club level. It was noted that Phoenix P-12 Community College was clearly committed to taking part in community opportunities. The only Teacher supporting their school candidate throughout this evening was myself.

Well done Harry; another notch on the belt for Phoenix P-12 Community College as we continue to improve our reputation and the positive future prospects our students show themselves to be capable of.

If you see Harry, please congratulate him.

Jade Browning
Oral Language Coordinator
**HOMEWORK CLUB**

Homework Club continues during Term 4 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

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**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM CALENDAR TERM 4 2016 FOR STUDENTS FROM YEARS 6 - 8 3.20 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY AFTERNOONS**

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| 15th November | **Mystery night 3.30 – 4.30 p.m.**  
Afternoon tea will be provided until 3.25 p.m. in B40. | ASP staff will be running rotating activities for students. | Please bring your runners to change into at 3.30 p.m. Water bottle a good idea if it is a warm day. |
| 22nd November | **Sports night in the Gym from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.**  
Afternoon tea will be provided until 3.25 p.m. in B40. | Student leaders will be running Soccer, Basketball and one other activity chosen by students. | Grade 6 please wear your sports uniform to school with your runners; everyone else please bring your runners – cannot participate in activities without them.  
Also please bring a full water bottle as you will be running a lot. |
| 29th November  | **Movie Night – in the Grade 6 Village south end starting at 3.20 p.m. sharp.**  
Movie will be selected by students by popular vote. | Student ASP Leaders will serve snacks and milkshakes during the movie. | 5.00 finish – if your child is required to leave earlier, please send a note so they can be ready to be picked up from the office. |

**Welcome to everyone** – please be prompt to sessions/afternoon tea and check where you need to be and what you need to bring by checking this calendar the day before our sessions. Tokens will be given to students doing the right thing and following the school values each week.
2016 CALENDAR

November
14th Year 11 Exams start
15th Year 7 Immunisations
18th Year 12 Orientation Week Begins
21st Year 10 Exams Commence
23rd Year 9 Graduation
Ballarat Golf Club
28th Redan Campus Community Celebration Evening - Founders Hall 6:30pm
29th Sebastopol Campus Presentation Evening - Founders Hall 7:30pm
30th Year 10 - 11 Orientation Day

December
1st Year 10 Final Day for Term 4
2nd REPORT WRITING DAY - STUDENT FREE DAY
5th Middle School Camp - Sydney
6th Prep and Year 7 Orientation Day
13th Activity Week Starts
16th Last Day of Term for Students Finish Time 3.15pm
19th Select Parent\Teacher\Student Interviews

PRESENTATION EVENINGS 2016

Redan Primary Campus: Monday, November 28th 6.30pm - 8.15pm
Sebastopol Senior Campus: Tuesday, November 29th 7.30pm - 9.30pm

We have started preparing for the Presentation Evenings for 2016.
Please make sure you keep those dates free to attend the Phoenix P-12 Community College Annual Presentation Evenings which will again be held at Founders Hall, Federation University. We are always very proud of our students and this night is a great night to acknowledge and celebrate achievements and hard work during 2016.

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