IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 23rd Aug – House Athletics
Wed 24th Aug MSC Subject Selection
Wed 31st Aug – Fri 2nd Sept – Mungo Youth Conference
Wed 31st Aug – Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 5th NAIDOC Celebration

Tues 6th Sept – Interschool Athletics
Wed 7th Sept – Course Information Evening
Thurs 8th – Sat 24th Sept – Exchange to China
Fri 16th Sept – Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm dismissal

Principal’s Report

Principal Position
On behalf of the school community I would like to welcome Ms. Jo McQuinn as the new principal. Jo is a well-respected and valued member of the local principal network and her appointment to Irymple SC will lead the school through a vital and exciting period of growth, including the $7.2 million rebuilding program.

Farewell to Margo Impey
Mrs Margo Impey has been a teacher at Irymple SC for over 11 years and Margo finished her employment at the school at the end of July. Margo was a valued member of staff and always went out of her way to build positive relationships with students. She filled a year level coordinator role for a number of years and was a thoughtful and committed staff member. The staff will farewell Margo with a special morning tea this week and on behalf of the school community I thank Margo for the contribution she made to the school and to the lives and education of many students.

Parent Opinion Survey
Thank you to those parents who completed and returned the 2016 Parent Opinion Surveys sent home recently. The feedback you have provided will be returned to the school in term 4 and will provide valuable feedback to the school’s leadership team in planning for the future.

NAPLAN
The 2016 NAPLAN reports will be available from this week. The reports provided to the school will give teachers valuable information on year 7 and 9 students which can be used immediately to inform teaching and learning programs. The reports also provide long term trend data for the school. Individual student reports will be distributed to parents next week.

Architect selection
I met with Peter Kuhne (NWV region facilities manager) and Arno Van Vuuren (Victorian School Building Authority representative) in Melbourne last Friday to select the architects for the school’s building project. Each of the firms which had visited the school earlier this term was asked to deliver a 30-minute presentation. I am very happy with the firm finally selected and believe they will be easy to work with and consultative in their approach.

China visit
A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year’s sister school visit from Dali, which was a resounding success. The 14 visiting students and 5 teachers thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to hosting our students and staff in four weeks. Thanks to the host families and students who ensured the visiting students were made welcome and had a wonderful experience in Sunraysia. Thanks also to all members of staff who helped in big and small ways to ensure the visit was a success and that the students and teachers had a range of new and unique experiences. The sister school exchange is a very important program and a valuable part of the school’s annual calendar.

Bike Path Development
The MRCC is currently considering the development of bike paths in the school’s local area. Many of you would have concerns as to the busy nature of some of the roads students need to traverse to reach the school. Parents are asked to contact the MRCC via the details below to add your thoughts and suggestions to the planning and consultation phase.
Please email andrew.lucchesi@mildura.vic.gov.au at MRCC with questions and recommendations around bike paths connecting to Irymple SC. You can also visit the MRCC website to see the proposed plans.

Mrs Robyn Blackie (Acting Principal) blackie.robyn.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Assistant Principal’s Report

China Exchange
Our school and my family, along with other families of Year 10 students, have been fortunate to host this past week Chinese students from Dali. Each year we are so impressed with their English language skills and this year was no exception. Our students that we hosted, Sylvia (Zhao Hanxi) and Mike (Xie Jinhui), study English every day as part of their school’s academic program. Currently in Year 10, they resume a new school year in September at Xiaguan Number 1 Middle School. A big thank you to all the host families who gave our Chinese visitors some amazing experiences in their time in Sunraysia and a special congratulations to our school organisers, Kate Douglas and Alison Callahan, for making this exchange such an enriching experience for our students. Our students, along with their teachers, join students and teachers from Merbein and Red Cliffs, to travel to Dali in early September. We wish them all the best in this amazing cultural experience.

Course Selection Evening - current Year 8 students into Year 9 2017 / current Year 9 students into Year 10 2017
Our course selection evening will be held on Wednesday 7th September in the Irymple Secondary College library. For current Year 8 students looking at selecting courses for Year 9, 2017, the information evening will be held from 6.00pm-7.00pm where students and parents are invited to speak to careers advisors and subject teachers to make their course selections. For current Year 9 students looking at selecting a course for year 10, 2017, the information evening will be held from 7.00pm-8.00pm and this is a great opportunity to discuss with careers advisors, representatives from TAFE, and the Trade Training Centre on VET courses, as well as subject teachers about Year 10 subjects or VCE subjects of interest, prior to making your course selection. All students will receive course handbooks prior to this evening, along with further information about prospective subjects.

Any inquiries can be directed to either Mrs Jackie Horkings, Careers Coordinator, or Mrs Anne Symes, Assistant Principal. We will be asking all students to return their course selection forms by Monday 12th September, 2016.

Term 3 Progress Reports
Teachers are in the process of completing student’s progress reports. Our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Wednesday 31st August in either the ISC Library or Student Centre from 4.00-7.00pm. Bookings will be undertaken via the school’s portal and our office staff are also available to assist with bookings. Parent/Teacher/Student interview bookings will be open from Thursday 25th August.

Year 10 Course Selections for Mildura Senior College
We have Mildura Senior College staff at ISC on Wednesday 24th August to meet with students individually to go over subject selections for 2017. A reminder to parents that they are also able to make appointments to attend course counselling by contacting MSC direct. By now all enrolment forms for MSC in 2017 should have been returned.

Mrs Anne Symes – Assistant Principal
symes.anne.as@edumail.vic.gov.au

Hard Copy Reports
Parents are reminded to contact the school if they require a hard copy of student reports. Hard copy reports will be available Monday 29th August.

Chris Andrews – Reports Co-ordinator
andrews.christopher.n@edumail.vic.gov.au
National Science Week at Irymple Secondary College

8th-12th August 2016

We have been celebrating National Science Week by getting our students involved in fun and interesting experiments. The highlights of the week were Mr Hung’s Science Show at lunchtime, dry-ice experiments on Wednesday 10th August and colourful cabbage chemistry.

Thanks to all students who participated and to the Science staff for their hard work!

Carlie Kee – Science Teacher
kee.carlie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Change of details: Please inform the office if any family details gave altered, such as doctor’s details, work and home phones numbers, residential and postal addresses.

Student Absence: Please call the office before 10am on 5024 5407 if your child will not be attending school.

Dropping off and collecting students: All parents/guardians are requested to use the Karadoc Avenue car park (located at the front of the school grounds, when dropping students off in the morning and collecting them at the end of the day.)
Try a Trade Day

On Friday the 12th August our Year 9’s who were not on Art Camp were lucky enough to attend the local Try a Trade day. This year the event was held at the Mildura Trade Centre at Mildura Senior College. Students were able to try different trade’s including plumbing, building, welding, hair and nails and painting. Students were able to make cupcakes in the cooking area, change a tyre out in the mechanics’ area and even try on and have a running race in full police vests. Students were able to speak to industry teachers and experts and get advice on how to get in to particular trades or what subjects would be beneficial in Year 10. We commend the Year 9’s who went to Try a Trade day for their enthusiasm and participation.

Snow Trip 2016

On the 18th July, forty-one Year 10 students accompanied by seven staff set off on the long journey to Bright Chalet to embark on their final camp at Irymple Secondary College. Once we arrived, we sat down to our first of many great meals followed by an evening jam packed with pant, jacket, boot and ski hire as well as information overload for the following three days on the mountain. Although excitement levels were high, the students settled down for the night ready for some big days ahead.

Tuesday morning, we had our first glimpse of the windy roads and beautiful mountains as we took the two-hour journey up to Falls Creek. The weather was kind to us with sunshine and blue skies for our first ski lesson. Students had a great day practicing the basic skiing skills and familiar-
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isging themselves with the main green run Wombat Ramble. By the time we got back to Bright, students and staff were very happy to find a beautiful buffet meal waiting for us. The evening was filled with positive conversations about success on the slopes and the best stacks for the day.

Day two was overcast but still a really nice temperature and great conditions for skiing. Some strategic grouping ensured all students had gained success on the mountain by the end of their second lesson. Most students and some staff showed huge improvement in their ability to stop which was reassuring for the teachers and medical team!

After a quick lunch break by the bus, students were back racing down Wombats Ramble and trying their luck on Drovers Run. With rain forecast on our final day on the mountain, we were keen to get started quickly. Students got the chance to have a ski before tackling their third lesson. Some of the groups were able to try the blue runs – Highway 93 but unfortunately due to the foggy weather we chose to stick to the runs we knew best in the afternoon. In saying that, the weather wasn’t going to stop our students, they continued skiing until late in the afternoon when we had to drag some very wet, soggy, cold children back to the bus to head down the mountain for one last time. Again we were rewarded with a delicious meal which filled the spot after a long cold day in the snow. I would like to congratulate all students who attended the 2016 Snow Trip. They were persistent, enthusiastic and they were happy to jump in and help out when called upon. It made the trip very enjoyable for all accompanying staff and ensured that everyone had a fun time.

Alison Callahan - Year 10 Coordinator
callahan.alison.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Homework Club

Homework Club operates from 3.30pm to 4.30pm, on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the ISC School Library. Every session is supervised by Maths, Science, English and Humanities teachers, to assist with any of our students’ needs across the subject areas. Students needing assistance with preparation for assessments, exam preparation, or general catch up from missed classes are welcome to attend. No formal commitment is needed; staff will be available for assistance at these scheduled times/days.
Join us at Powercor Tour de Depot - a community cycling event for all ages and fitness levels. Powercor Tour de Depot brings the community together to raise much needed funds for local charities. All monies raised, including 100% of entry fees, goes directly to the Mildura Region School Breakfast Partnership and the Sunraysia Cancer Resources.

**Help** raise funds for the Breakfast Club by participating in the Powercor Tour de Depot. As a registered school we have the chance to win up to $5000. You can register in two ways:

1. Fill in the registration form attached to this newsletter or that your SRC members will be handing out at year level assembly. Make sure Irymple Secondary College is written on the form. Hand in your completed form and money to the office.

   
   Again make sure Irymple Secondary College is included when asked for on the form.

   Online registrations close **Friday 19 August**.

**10km Community Participation Ride:** 10:00am at Nowingi Place

**FREE Community Festival:** 9:00am – 3:00pm

The community festival at the finish line includes free rides, face painting, market stalls, a sausage sizzle, local entertainment and much more.

**Registration fees**

- **$35** for families (2 adults and 2 children)
- **$15** for adults
- **$5** for children and students

Haven’t got a bike? Scooters are accepted.

Busy that weekend but still like to support the School Breakfast Club partnership?

You can make a donation at:


Anne Symes and Karen Boyce (ISC Breakfast Club Co-ordinators)
# Registration Form

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## SCHOOL NAME (if part of the Powercor Schools Incentive Program)

School name: Irymple Secondary College

## EVENT

- Sunraysia Cancer Resources Time Trial **$50**
- Community Participation Ride - Family (2 adults & 2 children) **$35**
- Community Participation Ride - Adult **$15**
- Community Participation Ride - Child **$5**

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## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ENTRY

1. I understand that participation in this ride is subject to the Tour de Depot terms & conditions and this is an important document which affects my legal rights.
2. I acknowledge that a copy of the terms & conditions has been made available to me on www.toureddepot.com.au and that I have read and understood them prior to signing this Rider Entry Form.
3. By completing this Rider Entry Form, I agree to the terms & conditions and all other terms and conditions notified to me by Bicycle Network, from time to time, in relation to the ride.
4. I am making a commitment to prepare physically and emotionally for the Tour de Depot.

Protecting Your Privacy: We collect, use, disclose and otherwise handle your personal information in accordance with the terms of your Privacy Policy Statement. See [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/search/privacy) for full details. All information remains the property of Bicycle Network.

## SIGNATURE (registrations not accepted without signature)
INTERHOUSE ATHLETICS

Our last inter-house competition, the Inter-House Athletics is next week on Tuesday 23rd August.

Students in P.E classes have been fine-tuning their skills in the running, throwing and jumping departments in readiness for the big day and the best performers will be chosen to represent their House in various events. Winners at the Inter-House competition will qualify for the I/S Athletics competition which will take place in week 9, on Tuesday 6th September.

The program for the I/H Athletics is as follows:
All field events (High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Shot Put and Discus) as well as the 800m running events will be held from 9:50am – 12:30pm, while all other track events – 1500m, 400m, 200m and 100m will take place in that order from 12:20pm. Relay events will commence at 2:20pm and conclude at 2:50pm, with the highlight of the carnival (the staff relay) to be run at the conclusion of the relays (time permitting).

Remember, parents/guardians and immediate families are quite welcome to attend and support their son/daughter. We hope to see you there!

Finally, if any parents or guardians are available to assist with any duties throughout the day, whether it be on the BBQ, timekeeping, helping out on the rake in the LJ pit or anything else, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me at the college prior to the day or on the day at the sports if you are able to help out.

Steve Morrish
(Sport Coordinator)

VSSA State Squash Titles

A combined secondary schools team competed recently in the VSSA state squash titles in Melbourne and performed well, finishing fifth overall. Michael Penna represented Irymple Secondary College and congratulations Michael on your selection in the team.

Girls Cricket

Irymple Cricket Club “Come and Try” day will be on Sunday, August 28th at Henshilwood Oval, Irymple at 10am. Any girls aged between 10 and 18 who might be interested in playing cricket this season are encouraged to come along and participate in some skills sessions followed by an “Egg n’ Bacon Burger Brunch”. Everyone most welcome, come along on the day, or for more information contact Matt BUTTON 0419235923 or Darcie ANDERSON 0457614242
Booking Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday, 31st of August from 4-7pm.** Interview timeslots of 10 minutes will be open for booking from **Thursday, 25th of August.** Bookings can be made on the parent portal.

**To book parent teacher interviews:**

1. Login to the parent portal (login screen pictured) at [https://psportal.irysec.vic.edu.au](https://psportal.irysec.vic.edu.au) or use the parent and student portal link on the College Website. You should have your unique username and password. Please contact the College on 50245407 if you experience any issues logging in.

2. Select the Parent Teacher Interviews tab from the School menu, in the top left hand corner.

3. Your child’s teachers should automatically be visible. Select the interview times you would like for individual interviews from the drop down menu.

4. Confirmed bookings should now be visible at the top of the page, under the ‘Confirmed Bookings’. You can check your bookings at any time by logging in to the parent portal.

Please contact the College on 50245407 if you require any assistance with booking parent teacher interviews.
For every pair of school shoes or runners purchased from the Athletes Foot $5.00 goes to the school to be put towards sporting equipment. This offer is open to students and parents who purchase shoes from the Athletes Foot. If you’re in the market for a new pair of shoes, please consider purchasing them from the Athletes Foot and let the shop assistant know that you are from ISC. We thank you for your support.

**MUMS IN TENNIS @Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club**

Thursday 5-6pm. Beginning 18th August ‘16. Running for 5 weeks @$10 per week. All ladies wanting fitness and fun while learning or brushing up on their tennis skills please enquire: Lisa Hill 0400 726824 rick_lisa@bigpond.com * Racquets available & Everyone Welcome.

**HOT SHOTS @ Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club**

Running each week in term 3. Tuesday 4-5pm & Wednesday 4.15-5.15pm @$10 per session. Children aged 6-12 learn the fundamentals of tennis in small groups of similar ability. Racquets available & register for a free Hot Shots T-Shirt. or Lisa: 0400726824. (Community play coordinator)