IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 11th Oct – Variety Night rehearsal
Wed 12th Oct – Interschool basketball & table tennis
Tue 18th Oct – Curriculum Day

Principal’s Report

THE IRYMPLE WAY

BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT, All in, no excuses
I wish to introduce myself and let you all know a bit about me and what I am passionate about.

My name is Jo McQuinn and I am married with two grown up children, a daughter in law and now with great excitement I am a nanna. I am originally from Wycheproof (the halfway stop between Mildura and Melbourne) and we were broad acre farmers until we moved to Mildura almost 22 years ago. I went to school with my siblings at Wycheproof P-12 College and was very fortunate to be a part of a community where everyone cared about each other.

I have done almost every job you can do in a school from the cleaner (during holidays whilst at uni), Library Assistant, Business Manager, Primary and Secondary Teacher, Year 8 Co-ordinator, Literacy leading teacher, Assistant Principal and Principal. I am moving from a school that I have poured all my efforts into for the past 11 years with a real sense of pride of what has been achieved in that time and knowing that Nichols Point PS will continue to be a school of choice for its community.

Now the challenge for me is to return to Irymple SC which has always held a special place for me – when I moved to Mildura all those years ago I was a part of the ISC team for 10 years. My children attended the school and I have always felt that there is something very special about this school and what it can offer young people.

I am incredibly passionate about kids, young people and ensuring that every day that they are at school is the best 6 hours it can be. I expect them to have excellent teachers and staff who care about them as young people and learners, I expect them to work in an inclusive genuinely friendly fun environment, I expect them to work in an innovative environment that allows them to experiment, make mistakes and learn from those mistakes and I expect them to be respectful of their environment and those they work with.

I intend to develop a culture at ISC that is based on trust and respect and is open to discussions that are positive. I urge you to pop in and see me for a chat and let me know what you desire for your child’s future and how I may be able to support this. Please speak to me about anything that concerns you as I will listen and support you but I cannot do this unless you speak with me. I can be contacted at the school, or my mobile number is 0429041819. My email is mcquinn.jo.e@edumail.vic.gov.au.

TO BE PART OF SOMETHING GREAT and develop the IRYMPLE WAY we need to all work together and change the conversation about our school and what we are achieving. This is the responsibility of all of us – staff, students, parents and community and I urge you to jump on board and come with me on this journey so that together we can create a culture of trust and make Irymple SC Great.

Cheers Jo.

CURRICULUM DAY – on the 18th October we will be having a joint curriculum day with staff from Chaffey Secondary College. We will be working with an expert from the Victorian Curriculum Authority to develop appropriate curriculum that is in line with the new Victorian Curriculum that will be implemented in full at Irymple Secondary College in 2017.

Mrs Jo McQuinn – Principal mcquinn.jo.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
Assistant Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Term 4 - this term will culminate with our Variety Night, Graduation Ball for Year 10 students and their parents, and our annual Awards Night - all occasions to celebrate the success and endeavours of our students over the school year. It also means that students will need to ensure that they are undertaking a regular work routine, making the most of their class time, accessing Homework Club and teacher assistance and meeting deadlines. A reminder to parents that the parent portal is one way to support your student with their studies by logging on to see assessment tasks and their due dates. It also provides parents and students with the opportunity to email subject teachers directly.

Year 9 Leadership Opportunities in Year 10 2017

Our Year 9 students were issued with information about peer mentor positions, house captain and college captain forms in the last two weeks of Term 3. Spare copies are at the office. All application forms are due back to the General Office by this Friday 7th October. We hope that all interested candidates are finalising their resumes, references and near the completion of their forms. Any inquiries can be directed to either Yr 9 Coordinators Sally Corless or Kara Taylor, Student Manager Sarah Doolan or myself.

Welcome to our new principal - Jo McQuinn!

And finally a big, warm welcome to Jo McQuinn, our new principal, who has hit the ground running, meeting each year level of students and quickly stepping into steering our new massive building project.

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

Australian Mathematics Competition Results 2016

This year a number of students participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition. Many of our students performed well in this competition. The results are listed according to the year level.

Year 7
Distinction: Connor Stone and Zac Watson
Credit: Paige Mclean, Samantha Marr, Latara Trigg and Claudia Fangaloka
Proficiency: Makayla Lia, Joshua Ndaisaba and Jasmin Lilley
Participation: Ryan McLean

Year 8
Distinction: Jack Bennett
Credit: James Prictor, Joel McDonald, Cade Murphy, Ashleigh Allen, Chloe Barker and Rory Morgan
Proficiency: Shakara Delcastegne, Caleb Davis, Revin Kadian and Mitchell Karanikich

Year 9
Distinction: Lachlan Fangaloka
Credit: Alec Matthews, Bailey Aitken, Angus Cole, Tim Dutton-Ashcroft, Mathew Caf, Joshua Fangaloka, Kendall McLean and Andrew Fava
Proficiency: Joseph Irvine, Chloe Milne and Bailey Stone
Participation: Elise Cirillo and Lachlan Fangaloka

Year 10
High Distinction: Sam Fangaloka
Credit: Daniel Harberger, Izzak Luitjes and Lily Tindall
Proficiency: Tarsha Hawley
Participation: John Mendoza

Congratulations!
Thanks to all of the students and staff that attended the Spring Carnival on the last day of term 3. A special thanks to all the staff for their organization and hard work on the day as well as those students and families that helped out and donated goods. We would also like to thank Irymple Primary School staff for bringing their grade 6 students over to our school for an hour of fun. The day was a great success and lots of fun was had. The winner of ISC’s Got Talent 2016 was Ricky Newey of 10B. Ricky performed a drum solo and showed us all his drumming talents. He received $50 cash as 1st Prize. Second prize went to Ashli White of 8D who received $30 for a solo singing performance. Third prize of $20 went to Chloe Niutta of 10D for also performing a solo. Thanks to all those that performed – it was a great show.

The final tallies for profits will be done by the SRC in the coming week and announced at a further date. Stay tuned for the next newsletter article which will include these details. Here are some photos to help you reminisce about the day. – SRC and Mrs Kee.

Variety Night

The Irymple Secondary College Variety Night of all nights.
Presenting: A Night at The Movies

26th and 27th October Mildura Arts Centre 7-9:30pm

Bringing to the Stage… Dance, Songs, Drama, Instrumental, Art

Students have been busy choreographing their own dance, tuning their instruments, warming their voices and treading the boards all to delight your senses. All routines will be from famous plays and movies

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$5.00 students
$10.00 Adults
$25.00 family of four (children under 12)

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IRYMPLE SECONDARY COLLEGE PRESENTS....

VARIETY NIGHT

These tremendous two days will showcase Irymple Secondary College’s best performers in the performing arts.

Dates: Wednesday 26th October 11am, 2pm and 7pm to 9:30pm.

Thursday 27th October 11am and 7pm to 9:30pm.
Congratulations to the following Sunraysia district students who made it through to the state finals of the National History Challenge:

Makayla Lia and Samantha Marr, Irymple Secondary College; Deniz Karakaya, Cardross Primary School; Sofia Ghidinelli-Matheson, Nichols Point Primary School and Frances Strubelj, St Paul’s Primary School.

The students presented their entries via Skype to judges from the History Teachers Association of Victoria (HTAV) on Sunday 11th September. Their state final entries included presentations on Phar Lap, Turkish immigration to Australia; the White Australia Policy; suffragettes and one student’s personal family history.

Further congratulations to Frances, whose entry has now gone on to be judged in Canberra. We eagerly await the results of this.

The students were all part of a group of students from ISC and surrounding primary schools including Nichols Point, Irymple, Cardross and St Pauls who worked on their entries at afterschool workshops or lunchtimes at ISC and then presented to local teachers for the regional judging.

The Challenge is an exciting contest that encourages students from Year 5-12 to use research and inquiry-based learning to discover more about the past. Students are the historians. They can investigate their community, explore their own and their family’s past and consider ideas throughout history. The competition encourages the use of primary and secondary sources and offers a variety of presentation styles. It rewards students with generous cash prizes and travel opportunities. Students may work individually or in groups to devise their own project which must address a theme; this year’s was Triumph or Tragedy, but can be on any episode, event or person in history the students would like to research and learn more about.

Well done to all the students involved this year and thanks to the staff who helped with running the workshops (Mrs Rebecca McClure, Mrs Kara Taylor, Mr Paul Gibbons and our regional judges, Mrs Robyn Blackie and Ms Karen Francis). We will continue to run workshops next year for any students interested in pursuing their passion for history.

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