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Thurs 23rd February 2017

## IMPORTANT DATE

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Yr 7 Camp  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March Yr 7 Meet & Greet Evening

Wed 29<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Teacher Interviews  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March – Last Day of Term One

### Principals Report

Week 4 has almost finished and we are flying through first term. There is so much happening and when we go through our calendar we are very busy as I can imagine your own personal calendars as well. The best way to manage our busy lifestyles is to be organised – keep abreast of the notes coming home, check the portal, check our FB page and website. We would hate kids to miss out on opportunities because they are not organised.

Today we have our School Swimming Sports and I wish all the students competing for their House all the best. It is generally a fun day which allows us all to socialise, have fun and compete.

Next week sees our Year 7s go out to camp – this is a brilliant opportunity for them to get to know each other and the teachers really well in a fun relaxed environment. I thank our staff for their willingness to provide these opportunities for the kids as they are expected to be on duty 24/7 but unlike private business there is no in lieu time or overtime provided to them it relies on their good will. With this in mind I encourage you and your child to thank the tired staff when they all get off the bus on their return to school – a simple thank you goes a long way for our staff who have been away from their own families for these periods of time.

Please keep a look out for a letter that is going home regarding our reporting processes for this year – we are trialing using our portal to provide you with ongoing up to date information about your child's learning and progress rather than the twice a year (often out of date) information. The information provided is current and personalised for your child. The students will also be able to upload their work for you to see and both you and the student will be able to comment about the work. We expect an app to be available for your smart phone by the end of March – this will provide you with notifications when there have been actions on your child's portal page which we hope will save you a lot of time. At the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on March 29<sup>th</sup> we will have available staff to support you to get onto the portal. Similarly, we will have staff available to support parents to get onto the Portal at the Year 7 Meet and Greet evening on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

Reminder that the school grounds are not a place to hang out in during out of school hours – please speak to your students about the fact that they are actually trespassing if they enter the school grounds in out of hours' times. NO bikes, scooters etc. are to be ridden in the school grounds at any time.

### **School Council Election:**

The 2017 School Council election process is underway and parents are invited to nominate for four vacant parent representative positions. A school councilor's term is for two years, with half the councilors being elected each year to ensure continuity on the College Council. Details of the election process have been posted on the college portal and displayed on the college foyer.

Nomination forms are available at the front office and close at 4pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Mrs Jo McQuinn  
Principal

## **Assistant Principal's Report**

### **Taping into Opportunities at Irymple Secondary College**

Our term has begun in full earnest and it is timely to remind all students to read the bulletin so that they are aware of all of the academic, sporting and extra-curricular programs on offer at ISC. Drama Club has begun in full flight, open to all interested students every Wednesday night in the Drama room. We also have a team of teachers who operate the Homework Club which occurs after school on Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively in the school library.

This week will see our annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival conducted during the day on Thursday. Next week we wish our year 7 students and staff a wonderful school camp from March 1st to March 3rd at the Grampians.

Last week we had a full leadership training day for all our school leaders and SRC representatives, along with the official investiture of all student leaders from our peer mentors, college, house and vice house captains, and our SRC students from each form group.

### **Year 7 Meet and Greet Evening**

An invitation is extended to all Year 7 parents/guardians and Year 7 students to meet with respective staff on Wednesday 8th March from 5.30pm-7.00pm in the Irymple Secondary College library. This will be an opportunity to have an informal chat with staff, follow up with any assistance that is needed with the parent portal, and seek any further information on Bring Your Own Devices. We will also be having some of our student leaders attend this evening. This is an informal occasion and families are welcome to drop in at any time during the evening to meet with members of the wellbeing team, classroom teachers, form teachers, or year level coordinators. We look forward to seeing all new and continuing families of Year 7 students at this evening!

### **Year 7-10 Parent/Guardian, Student and Staff Term 1 Interview Night**

We will be holding our Parent/Teacher/Student interviews on Wednesday 29th March from 4.00pm -7.00pm; bookings for interviews will be opened up for families on 22nd March. This will be an important opportunity to meet with teachers to discuss your student's progress and seek any further feedback from the assessment data and comments that all staff are providing for students and parents in each subject via the school's portal.

### **Further Congratulations!**

Congratulations to ex-ISC Year 11 students, Tegan Harris, Ellen Abbott and Izaak Luitjes on their leadership roles, being appointed to the SRC at Mildura Senior College.

### **Parent and Student Portal**

A reminder to our families to regularly check the school portal where assessment tasks, due dates, feedback on assessment, attendance data, messages from staff and daily news will be located.

Mrs Anne Symes  
Assistant Principal

**Maths News**

**Homework:** A reminder that students have weekly homework sheets and these are available under the resources tab on the college website (<http://www.irysec.vic.edu.au/>). It is the student's responsibility to print these out and paste them into their homework book – Math staff will not accept loose sheets (no display folders please). Alternatively, students can simply answer in their homework book if they are unable to print the sheet.

**Textbooks:** Maths staff will be contacting parents if their child requires a textbook and does not have one yet. Without the textbook, students are unable to access the online support materials. Books can be ordered through Collins in the mall or by contacting Ballarat Books on 5333 3222.

**Calculators:** Students need a scientific calculator (we recommend Casio Fx 82 Au Plus II). Officeworks have these for less than \$20. Phone calculators are a very poor substitute.

**Drop Off/Pick Up Area**

A reminder to parents and students to use the area on Karadoc Avenue for Drop Offs and Pick-ups.

We have 7 buses entering/exiting the college grounds, and ask that our families only use the college asphalt carpark if they are going to the college office. We need to minimise our traffic up the college driveway due to buses and for student safety.

**Year 7 vaccinations in 2017**

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – three doses
- Varicella (chicken pox) – one dose

Parents/guardians of year 7 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the booklet and complete and return Part A regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

The **Mildura Rural City Council** immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2017 if you do not want your contact details given to the **Mildura Rural City Council** immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au) or [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)

**SCR Leadership Workshop:**

What Great Day - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> saw our Student Representatives and Year 10 Leadership Group, being involved in a full day workshop. Thanks to ex students Tyler, Erica and their friend Gabe for all their work with our Leadership Group, what a fun and inspiring day – being Leaders together



**Congratulations:**  
to Zach Stainer from Year 7 (3<sup>rd</sup> on the podium). Zach has had a highly successful weekend at the SA Track and Field State Championships. In the U/14 division, Zach achieved Silver in shotput, Bronze in Discus and 4<sup>th</sup> in Javelin.

## Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application

Schools are able to accept and process CSEF application forms up until the **end of term two (30<sup>th</sup> July 2017)**

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$225 per year paid for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Eligible parents can apply for this fund now (application forms available from the General Office).

Funds not used before the Student leaves ISC have the option of either being transferred onto the Senior College or carry over for younger siblings.

### Criteria 1 -Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

1. on the first day of Term one, or;
2. on the first day of Term two;
  - a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are **not** eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend a Victorian school

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years.

### Eligibility date

CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of term one or term two.

#### Term one validation

If the parent/legal guardian's concession card successfully validates on the first day of term one, the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from March, 2017.

For applications which fail the term one validation, but become valid on the first day of term two, the application will be processed and annual payment will be made to the school during term two.

### Payment amounts

The amount payable for eligible primary and secondary students is:

\$125 for Primary school students.      \$225 for Secondary school students.

### Payment timing

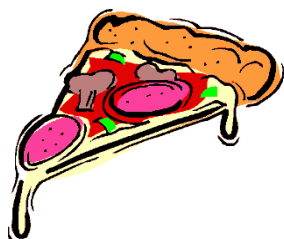
The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant.

CSEF payments will be processed directly to schools with the majority of payments to commence from March, 2017 onwards. The CSEF system will remain open during term one and term two for applications to be added.

## Canteen Price List

### 2017 IRYMPLE SECONDARY COLLEGE CANTEEN PRICELIST

ROLLS/SANDWICHES		FRUIT	
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50	Apple/Banana	\$1.50
Ham & Salad	\$5.00	Fruit Salad	\$3.50
Chicken & Salad	\$5.00		
Chicken, Cheese, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00	SNACKS	
Salad No Meat	\$3.50	Chips	\$2.00
Wraps full	\$7.00	Shapes	\$2.00
Wraps ½	\$4.00	Cough Lollies	\$3.00
Caesar Salad	\$7.00	Milky Way	\$1.00
HOT FOOD		DRINKS	
Pies/Pasties	\$4.00	G.V Juice	\$3.50
Sausage Rolls	\$3.50	Iced Tea	\$4.00
Potato Pies	\$4.00	600ml Milk	\$2.00
Vegetable Pasties	\$4.00	Oak 300ml Milk	\$3.00
Plain Hamburgers	\$5.50	Oak 600 ml Milk	\$4.00
Hamburgers with the lot	\$6.50	Ice Break 500ml	\$4.00
Chicken Burgers	\$5.00	500ml Lencia	\$3.00
Dim Sims	\$1.20	Lol/can/zero	\$2.00
Chicken Nuggets	\$0.50	Adam's Ale Water	\$2.50
Chicken Crackles	\$0.80	750ml Pump Water	\$4.00
Salt & Vinegar Strip	\$2.50	600ml Coke/Diet Coke	\$4.00
Pizza Singles	\$3.50	390ml Coke/Diet Coke	\$3.50
		600ml Soft Drink	\$4.00
		Slushy Large	\$3.00
BREAKFAST		Slushy Medium	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin	\$3.00	Slushy Small	\$1.00
Hash Browns	\$1.50		
Milo	\$1.00		
		DAILY SPECIALS	
		Mon – Roast beef gravy rolls	\$5.00
		Tues – Tacos	\$3.00
		Buritos	\$5.00
		Wed – Schnitzel & gravy roll	\$5.00
		Thurs – Hotdogs	\$4.50
		Fri - Carbonara	\$5.50
ICE CREAMS			
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00		
Crunchas	\$1.00		
Calippo Mini	\$1.00		
Calippo Large	\$2.00		
Paddle Pop	\$1.50		
Paddle Pop Shake	\$2.00		



## Sunraysia Daily 39<sup>th</sup> Mildura Eisteddfod May 31 – June 19 2017



Entries are now open. Entries close Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

Information can be found at our website <http://www.milduraeisteddfod.org/>

and by following us on Facebook Mildura Eisteddfod Timeline.

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### **African Ladies Troupe film**

**"A MUST SEE! AN EMOTIONAL AND UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE."**  
GILLIAN ARMSTRONG

**"IMPORTANT AND INSPIRING!"**  
GEORGE MILLER

**Time: 6:30pm**  
**When: 8th of March 2017**  
**Where: Mildura Art Centre**

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