Welcome back to all staff and students for Term 4. I hope you all had a refreshing holiday period with family and friends, enjoyed the many local and national sporting finals that were on over the break, and are re-energised for the final Term of the year.

There are many busy weeks coming up on the calendar so it is important that everyone notes down calendar dates and key events that they wish to be involved in.

Our major focus (as always) is on learning and improvement. These areas of a student’s development are in focus even more this term, as students receive results, undertake examinations, and are acknowledged with awards and recognition throughout this term for their efforts which is a culmination of a hard year’s work. As staff, we’ll be working hard with students to get them to perform at and above expected levels in assessment tasks and on learning outcomes. Of special commendation are our results in the Australian Mathematics Competition published in this newsletter.

Our Performing Arts program has continued over the holiday break with students rehearsing for the upcoming performance of “Alice in Wonderland”. This Irymple Secondary College production will be held on Wednesday 28th October and Thursday 29th October starting at 7.00pm at the Mildura Arts Centre. Please come along and support our wonderfully talented students and dedicated staff - tickets can be purchased at the ISC Office or at the Arts Centre on the night. Adults $10 Children $5 Family $25.

We also have two matinee performances being held which will see our students performing in front of audiences of district primary school students.

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Our sporting program has also received strong accolades, with our school taking out the Junior Shield at the recent interschool Athletics Carnival, then further success for students at regionals last week culminating in Jordan Stainer, Julian Rayner and John Salatielu eligible for the State finals! Congratulations to our three students who competed in regional golf championships last Friday. Well done to Tarsha Hawley who won her section with 81; she now goes on to the Victorian Championships. Lachie Timms and James Prictor also competed recording fantastic results.

Also over the Term 3 holidays our China Exchange students and staff members, Garry Costello, Jarrod Kee and Kate Douglas continued their tour of our host sister school in China. We welcome Mia Welsch, our new Southern Cross Exchange student from Germany and hope that she has a great time at ISC and living in Sunraysia with host sister Emily Williams and her family.

**Staffing**

Congratulations to Ms Brodie Ahorn who has accepted a Term 4 contract to teach Mathematics to our students.

A further congratulations to Ms Karen Boyce who has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal for this final school term.

**State Government announces Indicative Budgets**

All schools across Victoria will be receiving extra funding through their budgets for 2016. This was announced by the State Government late last Term. Our school will receive a boost in our funding for next year of just over $150,000 which is expected to be used on implementing specialist programs to improve student outcomes. The school is currently looking at strategic ways we can utilise this extra funding for programs and student support. Increases in school budgets across the State have been variable from very small to very significant.

The greatest increases in funding for secondary schools will be going to schools dealing with a high percentage of students from low socio-economic/disadvantaged backgrounds, and those with a high percentage of students entering secondary school with lower than expected literacy and/or numeracy skills. Primary schools will also receive more funding on average across the State than secondary schools, to support early years learning.

**HTAV – History Teachers’ Association of Victoria – Winning Prize**

In the holidays, ISC History teacher Kara Taylor won a $20,000 prize for our school through the Latitude Group Travel which can be used to subsidise students travelling to places of historical significance. Our Humanities faculty are now working through some scenarios as possibilities to access this prize and fully support the further enrichment of history and cultural awareness to our students’ lives.

**School Council Meeting**

The next scheduled school council meeting will be held on Wednesday 21st October.

Finance Committee 6.00pm; Full committee 6.30pm.
Assistant Principal’s Report

Term 4
Who can believe we are three quarters of the way through the year! We have a lot happening in Term 4 with the Alice in Wonderland School Production, Year 9 Surf Trip and Year 10 Pathways to PE Trip, Interschool Basketball and Cricket as well as various other extra-curricular activities. However, we must not forget the core business of teaching and learning.

Students are encouraged to understand and complete work to their best ability. Before we know it, reports will need to be written. Homework club is offered after school for an hour every Wednesday and Thursday. The school portal is used by all teaching staff to keep students and parents informed of due dates for assessment tasks.

I encourage all students to make the most of all opportunities provided to engage in their schooling and achieve success.

Year 10 Leadership Positions 2016
Next week we will be inviting our current Year 9 students to nominate themselves for one or more of the Leadership positions in 2016.

School Captain and House Captain Candidates will need to prepare a speech.

If interested in applying, I suggest you begin by talking to the current leaders. We will also be calling for Peer Mentors who will be required to attend a two day training course at the end of November.

Detailed Information will be given to students at the Year Level assembly on Thursday, 22nd November.

Karen Boyce - Acting Assistant Principal Term 4

Year 8 Tasmania Camp
Last newsletter, the article about Year 8 camp was incorrectly attributed to Mrs McClure, the Year 8 Coordinator.

The article was in fact written by Georgia Leutner and Edie Hopgood, Year 8 students who attended the camp.

Apologies for that, girls.

Mrs Rebecca McClure – Yr 8 Coordinator

Mia Welsch - Southern Cross Exchange student from Germany

What do you like about Australia?
I love the warm weather, in Germany it hardly gets over 30°C in summer. Also everyone is really relaxed and friendly towards new people and I had a great welcome to Irymple. And I love most Australian animals like Kangaroos and Koalas.

How is your German school different compared to here at Irymple?
In my school we don’t have a school uniform and the classes are different. We only have about 15 people in each class and between 6 and 8 classes each day. Also we don’t have a 2 week timetable and not such a big variety in creative and practical subjects as you have at Irymple.

What has been your best experience in Australia so far?
A few weeks ago I was feeding a kangaroo which was also the first time I saw a real life kangaroo and that was one of the main goals for my stay in Australia. I never thought kangaroos are so fluffy.
Loddon Mallee Region Athletics Championships

Irymple Secondary College was well represented at the Loddon-Mallee Region Athletics carnival held in Bendigo last Thursday October 8th with 24 competitors attending the meet. All competitors must be commended on their behaviour and for performing so well, especially considering the early start to the day for most of us who travelled by bus (we were on the road by just after 5:00am.) Two students travelled down with parents on the morning of the competition.

We had three individual winners as well a number of podium finishes. Winners on the day were Jordan Stainer in the 13 Yrs Boys 800m, John Salatielu in the 16 Yrs Boys Discus and Julian Rayner in the 12-15 Yrs Boys 1500m walk.

Other results from the day were:

Chloe Barker 2nd in the Girls 13 Yrs 800m and 5th in the 1500m
Archer Zambelli 2nd in the Boys 13 Yrs Javelin
James Atonio 2nd in the Boys 14 Yrs Shot Put
Shaun Jackson 2nd in the Boys 12-15 Yrs 1500m walk
Jake Barker 3rd in the Boys 16 Yrs 400m and 1500m, 4th in the 800m and 5th in the TJ
Alex Young 3rd in the Girls 13 Yrs High Jump
Aliza Benchmo 3rd in the Girls 16 Yrs 1500m
John Salatielu 4th in the Boys 16 Yrs Shot Put
Kendall McLean 4th in the Girls 14 Yrs Javelin
Deklan Loveridge 5th in the Boys 14 Yrs 100 and 200m
Bryce Thomas 5th in the Boys 16 Yrs Long Jump
Tom Reddy 7th in the 15 Yrs 1500m

We had 4 relay teams competing on the day with the results as follows:

13 Yrs Girls - Chloe Milne, Brooke Hards, Annabel Hocking, Chloe Barker – 3rd
14 Yrs Boys - Deklan Loveridge, Lochlan Lloyd, Jarod Harcoan, Beau Smith – 3rd
16 Yrs Boys - Jake Barker, John Salatielu, Bryce Thomas, Kwan Kinnersly – 3rd
16 Yrs Girls - Aliza Benchmo, Tarlia Couzner, Shalailah Carter, Demi Wall – 4th

As a result of their performances, Jordan, John and Julian (above) qualify for the State finals which will be held next Tuesday October 20th at the State Athletics Centre at Albert Park in Melbourne.

We would like to thank all competitors for their behaviour and effort throughout the day and congratulate our winners for their success and wish them best of luck for the State Finals.

Loddon Mallee Region Golf Championships

Congratulations to Tarsha Hawley of Yr 9 who won the Junior Girls competition at the LMR Golf Championships held at Rich River Golf and Country Club Moama last Friday 9th October. Tarsha performed exceptionally well to win the stroke event with a total of 81 off the stick which also gave her second place in the handicap event.

Congratulations as well to Lachie Timms of Yr 9 and James Prictor of Yr 7 who also competed at the LMR championships. Lachie missed the cut to compete in the state championships by 2 strokes while James came 3rd in the Handicap event. As a result of her performance at Rich River, Tarsha qualified for the State Golf Championships which will be played on Friday 30th October. Thanks to parents Brad Hawley and John Prictor for taking the three students across to Moama for the competition.

Mr Steve Morrish – Sport Coordinator
Maths Competition Results
Congratulations to the following students for the terrific results obtained in the annual Australian Mathematics Competition.

DISTINCTION

Yr 7 Emily Schmidt  Yr 8 Damon Morris & Joshua Fangaloka  Yr 9 Izaak Luitjes  Yr 10 Thomas Moore

Distinction Certificates will be handed out at either the Year Level Assembly or at Whole School Assembly.

CREDIT, PROFICIENCY & PARTICIPATION

Year 7
Caleb Davis, James Prictor, Cooper Lea, Shakara Delcastegne, Rory Morgan, Nathan Curran, Brayden Lloyd, Harry Primis, Cade Murphy, Jack Bennett

Year 8
Ally Young, Bailey Aitkins, Lachlan Fangaloka, Joseph Irvine, Angus Cole, Eliza Bessell-Tafengatoto, Alec Matthews

Year 9
Samuuela Fangaloka, Daniel Harberger, Caleb Garraway, Jordyn Ward, Tarsha Hawley, Ross Panaretos, Chloé Niutta, Lily Tindall, Isobel North

Year 10
Jake Barker, Kyle Milner, Kwan Kinnersly, Peter Callipari, Jessica Bath, Mitchell Hynoski, Aliza Benchmo, Brooke Tremelling

Congratulations to all students who entered and received Credit and Participation Certificates. Their certificates will be handed out in class.

Mrs Mohini Barrett – Maths Coordinator

PE Classes and PE Uniform
Another friendly reminded as of term 4, students will not be allowed to wear their PE uniform to school if they have PE session 1 and 2.
Students will need to wear full school uniform to school and bring their PE clothes to get changed into at the beginning of the lesson.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Michelle Beswick - Health & PE Coordinator
ISC IS ALWAYS FULL OF ACTIVITY!
A snapshot of some of the exciting things our students have been busy with.
Look out for more photos and articles on Spring Carnival and the China Exchange in the next newsletter!
Payment is required at the General Office and tickets will be issued at the start of Term 4.
For ticket enquiries please phone 5024 5407 or email irymple.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

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UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS AND SUPPLIERS

Lowes Mildura are the official supplier of the Irymple Secondary College Uniform. Below is an important reminder of the uniform requirements at the College.

**Girls Uniform**
- **Polo T-Shirt**: White or navy with ISC logo.
- **Polo Long sleeve shirt**: White or navy with ISC logo.
- **Skirt**: Grey, straight with zip pocket.
- **Shorts**: Grey with elastic waist OR grey, tailored & cuffed.
- **Dress**: Irymple Secondary College regulation fabric.
- **School Track pants**: Dark grey fleece with ISC logo.
- **Pants**: Grey, long stretch fabric.
- **Trousers**: Grey, long with elastic.
- **Rugby Top**: Wool blend, washable, light blue with dark blue and white stripes with ISC logo.
- **Jumper – Wool knit**: Navy, knitted V-neck with ISC logo.
- **Jumper – Windcheater**: Navy crew-neck jumper with ISC logo.
- **Jumper – Polar Fleece**: Navy polar fleece jumper with logo.
- **Tights**: Navy, 70 denier.
- **Socks**: White or grey.
- **Hat**: Navy – wide brim.
- **Black Shoes with black or white laces**

**Boys Uniform**
- **Polo T-Shirt**: White or navy with ISC logo.
- **Polo Long sleeve shirt**: White or navy with ISC logo.
- **Shorts**: Grey with elastic waist.
- **School Track pants**: Dark grey fleece with ISC logo.
- **Trousers**: Grey, long with elastic.
- **Rugby Top**: Wool blend, washable, light blue with dark blue and white stripes with ISC logo.
- **Jumper – Windcheater**: Navy crew-neck jumper with ISC logo.
- **Jumper – Polar Fleece**: Navy polar fleece jumper with logo.
- **Socks**: White or grey.
- **Hat**: Navy – wide brim.
- **Black Shoes with black or white laces**

**Physical Education (PE) Uniform (Boys & Girls)**
- **T-shirt**: White and Blue with ISC logo.
- **Shorts**: Navy, basketball shorts, short or long in length.

*PLEASE NOTE: Hoodies and Beanies are not permitted, Scarves are to be grey, white or navy only*

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