IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 4

Wed 28th & Thurs 29th Oct – Alice In Wonderland Jnr
Tues 3rd Nov – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Wed 11th Nov – Alpine Students Fundraiser (casual dress)
Thurs 12th & Fri 13th Nov – Pathways to PE Trip
Tues 17th – Thurs 19th Nov – Yr 9 Surf Camp
Wed 25th Nov – MSC Enrolment Night 3.30 – 6.30pm
Mon 23rd -Fri 27th Nov - Yr 10 Exam Revision
Mon 30th Oct to Wed 2nd Nov – Yr 10 Exams
Thurs 3rd Dec – Graduation Dinner
Fri 4th Dec – Student Free Day
Tues 8th & Wed 9th Dec – Yr 6 Transition/Yr 10 Orientation Day
Wed 9th Dec – School Council Meeting
Tues 15th Dec – ISC Awards Night
Fri 18th Dec – Term 4 concludes 2.30pm

Acting Principal’s Report
This term is progressing quickly and now our big week of celebrating the school production of Alice in Wonderland is upon us. Our cast and crew have been practicing for months, under the guidance of Drama teacher Noeleen Davis and her band of dedicated parent, staff and student helpers. It has really been a team effort and all of the time devoted to lines, costumes, music and props will be showcased this Wednesday and Thursday in front of matinee and evening audiences.

State Finalists
We have a number of students who have won through to the State Final in their respective sports this term; an impressive achievement. Added to Tarsha Hawley and Lachlan Timms who will be venturing forth soon in State Golf, and the achievements of Julian Rayner, Jordan Stainer and John Salatielu in their respective State Athletics finals last week and our State Basketballers, we now have both our Junior and Intermediate girls Table Tennis teams eligible for State. Well done to Kate Bennett, Savannah Kalms, Aleicia Schrieber, Courtney Orwell, Eliza Hill, Tarsha Hawley, Kendall McLean and Chloe Barker on their success at regionals last week.

Success at the Mildura Show
Congratulations to our Yr 10 Creative Cakes class and their teacher Mrs Kerryn Pongraz on their success at the recent Mildura Show. Our students in the Novelty Cake section won First Prize: Ashlee Hester, Second Prize: Delaney Ormsby and Third Prize: Nick Zappia. In the section Any Other Decorated Cake, First Prize was awarded to Madlen Fitzgibbon.

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Alpine Leadership students

This term has also seen the return of our Yr 9 Alpine Leadership students. It was great to hear of their adventures and experiences on their term away at Leadership school at our school assembly this week. As part of their project, Lachlan Op de Coul, Courtney Orwell, Sarah Willis, Callum Witte, Bethany Curran and Ellie Fenwick, are raising funds for Sunraysia Cancer Resources. On November 11th they will be conducting their Community Learning Project at ISC. They will be holding a Morning Tea to raise funds for Sunraysia Cancer Resources and promoting awareness of cancer in our community.

On Wednesday 11th November, students will be able to purchase sweet and savoury food items at recess. The food items have been donated by businesses in the local area and within the school community. Students are able to attend in casual dress for a gold coin donation and representatives from the Sunraysia Cancer Resources will be in attendance to help raise awareness and will have merchandise for sale.

If you are willing to bake a batch of ‘goodies’ and donate them for this worthy cause, please contact Mrs Sarah Doolan at ISC.

Staff Professional Development

After school this term, our teaching and ES staff have been busy undertaking professional learning activities every Monday night on developing our School vision, along with reviewing school improvement strategies and initiating a framework for improving school outcomes. The new Education State funding is based on the premise of building an education system that produces excellence and reduces the impact of disadvantage. This means schools will be selecting initiatives that best match the needs of their students, families and communities, with access to expert guidance and coaching.

Every Tuesday night our teaching staff have been undertaking further professional learning in teams around the Marzano ‘Art and Science of Teaching’ model.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to our October winners!

7A - Tarlissa Carnelutti
7B - Siaan Brookes/Brianna Hibberd
7C - Chloe Barker/Maddy Hutchins
7D - Brianna Caminiti
7E - Trinity Harcoan/Jack Hicks
7F - Jack Bennett

8A - Hazal Bakir
8B - Sione Tuimoala
8C - Tiana D’Amico
8D - Georgia Leutner
8E - Brodie Adams/Anus Cole
8F - Bailey Aitken/Hayley Young

9A - Ellen Abbott
9B - Bianca Moore
9C - Leala Jory
9D - Olivia Caminiti
9E - Savanna Kalms
9F - Nicholas Price

10A - Phoebe Train
10B - Mimi Barbary
10C - Mikayla Anderson
10D - Ashlee Hester
10E - Madlen Fitzgibbon
10F - Emily Harford

Student Leadership

Congratulations to our school captains, Kyle Milner, Jake Barker and Marianne Fiorillo for their involvement in the setting up, and co-hosting of the Yr 8 Anti-Drug forum held for the district’s Year 8 students.

A big thank you to Mr Todd Hughes for supporting our leaders in accompanying them to the pre-planning meetings prior to the day.
Academic Success
At our school assembly this week, I took particular pride in presenting Irymple Secondary College students certificates from the National Schools English and National Schools Mathematics competitions.

Special commendation to Izaac Luitjes for achieving a High Distinction in the English competition which puts him in the top 2% nationally at his year level.

Well done to our recipients of Distinctions in the Mathematics Competition: Emily Schmidt Yr 7, Damon Morris and Joshua Fangaloka Yr 8, Izaac Luitjes Yr 9, and Thomas Moore Yr 10; whilst Distinctions in the English Competition were awarded to: Jake Barker Yr 10 and Jessica Bath Yr 10.

Mrs Anne Symes – Acting Principal Term 4

Acting Assistant Principal’s Report

Gail Lever – Education Support Officer and Costume Maker Extraordinaire
I hope many families have had the chance to see this year’s production of Alice in Wonderland. It takes a lot of people to make this happen beginning with our energetic and passionate drama teacher, Ms Noeleen Davis. We also appreciate the efforts of parents, students and staff who give up their time to make this biannual event a memorable experience. I would like to publically acknowledge the contribution of Gail Lever in spending all of her spare time making costumes. I recall having afternoon tea with Gail in the first term holidays and she was showing us the Alice costume she had in mind. I think she has lived and breathed these costumes for over nine months. Not once have we heard Gail complain or despair. She continues to support students and staff in the classroom as well as being the silent fairy who looks for ways to help out, like keeping our staff kitchen clean. The Irymple Secondary College community appreciates the difference Gail has made to our school.

Corridor Barriers
Students now have a visible reminder that the corridors are to be student free during recess and lunch breaks. Visitors to the school will notice the yellow and black tape in the corridor as they enter the main building. The tape allows students to still move from one area of the playground to another without having to walk all the way around the external buildings. Since moving the lockers inside for security reasons there has been a noticeable increase in traffic and noise during breaks. To minimise this we ask students to go to their lockers after Sessions 2 and 4 and then move quickly out of the corridors and not return until the end of the break. The front office area is always open for student support but should not be used as a thoroughfare.

FLO Students completing Certificate II
This year some of the Year 9 students enrolled in our FLO program are undertaking a Certificate II in General Education for Young Adults. Under the excellent tutorship of Ms Sally Corless and Ms Kara Taylor they have almost completed the 11 units. I look forward to presenting the certificates before the end of the year. Parents who are interested in information on our FLO program can contact me at the school. We are currently taking names for potential new enrolments next year.

Year 10 Leadership Positions 2016
A reminder to the current Year 9 students that your applications for School Captain, House Captain and Peer Mentors are to be in to the front office by 2 pm Friday 30th October.

Mrs Karen Boyce - Acting Assistant Principal Term 4
Sunraysia Youth Drug Forum 2015

Year 8’s across the Sunraysia region attended The Sunraysia Youth Drug Forum at the Mercy Theatre on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th October. We were a part of the organising committee, along with Year 10 students from Chaffey Secondary College, Merbein Secondary College and Coomealla High School, and were responsible for the planning and delivery of information along with Mildura Police and Sunraysia Community Health Services.

The forum provided students with information regarding the side effects of drug use, highlighted local services available to support adolescents and promoted the idea of making informed choices when it comes to their future health. The year 8’s had the opportunity to interact with a panel of experts by asking a wide range of questions about their roles and gaining further information in regards to the dangers associated with drugs.

We enjoyed the opportunity to work with the other students, teachers, police and drug experts on such an important event and hope the year 8’s who attended gained some useful information and make the right choices in regards to drugs.

Marianne Fiorillo, Jake Barker and Kyle Milner - ISC College Captains

Anti-Bullying Committee

Bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence are all interpersonal behaviours that can create or contribute to negative social environments. At Irymple Secondary College we have created an anti-bullying committee to help put a stop towards bullying. This team consists of students and teachers that want to help create a safe and enjoyable school environment.

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behaviours that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behaviours are repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time. Both kids who are bullied and who bully others may have serious, lasting problems. This may include anxiety, depression, mental issues, substance use and suicide.

The anti-bullying committee along with Headspace have a mission; this mission is to not only put an end to bullying but to provide information and ways to resolve a situation. We want students and teachers to learn what effects bullying can have towards the person being bullied, the bully and bystanders.

As a committee we ask that if you are being bullied, struggling with anxiety and depression or are having suicidal thoughts that you speak to someone, there are plenty of people around the school that are willing to help you such as teachers, counsellors, nurses and chaplains. There are also community health centres such as Headspace, Sunraysia Community Health and MDAS who you are also able to contact.

Thank you, from the ISC Anti-Bullying Committee

Beyond Blue Support Service

Website: www.beyondblue.org.au
Phone: 1300 22 4636

Headspace

Website: www.headspace.org.au
Phone: 1800 650 890
Educating For Success

Mr Hung & Ms Davis Hit the Road!
Over the past few weeks a group of dedicated scientists and upcoming actors, along with Science teacher Mr Hung and Drama teacher Ms Davis, hit the road to visit our surrounding Primary Schools to proudly showcase our successful Science program and Drama production. Top effort from everyone involved – you did ISC proud!

State Athletics Championships
Following their success at the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics, Jordan Stainer, Julian Rayner and John Salatielu competed at the State championships at the Lakeside Stadium, Albert Park on Tuesday 20th October. Jordan competed in the 13 Yrs 1500m, Julian in the 12-15 Yrs 1500m walk and John in the 16 Yrs Discus. Jordan and Julian travelled down with Jordan’s father Chris, while John travelled down with his father Olo.

Julian and Jordan performed really well in trying conditions. The hot weather was certainly a factor in their performances on the day. Julian produced a good race walk, coming in 6th overall (and 1st of the 13 Yrs boys competing) with a time of 9:55.90. Jordan ran a good strategic race but the heat took its toll and he ran a time of 5:05.41 which is about 10 seconds outside his PB. John also couldn’t perform as well as he would like, throwing 27.96m which is about 10m outside his winning throw at the LMR championships held in Bendigo 2 weeks ago. Still congratulations to our 3 competitors for qualifying and competing at the State Titles and thanks to Chris and Olo for accompanying the boys to the championships.

Tarsha Hawley and Lachie Timms - State Golf Championships
Year 9 students Tarsha Hawley and Lachie Timms will compete in the State Golf Championships which will be played at the Gardiners Run Golf Course in Melbourne tomorrow, Friday 30th October. We wish Tarsha and Lachie all the best in the championships.

Mr Steve Morrish – Sport Coordinator
Spring Carnival Report 2015

Once again one of the highlights of the school year took place on the last day of Term 3, that event being the Spring Carnival. It was such a pleasure to be involved in yet another successful Spring Carnival and it is always so nice to see all the students ‘pitching’ in with their class mates and form teachers to make the day such a success.

Some of the popular activities and food stalls were back again this year such as Lazer Force, Sponge Throw, Dart Throw, Horizontal Bungee and the Mexican Food Van. We had the return of some popular activities that we haven’t seen for a few years such as the Photo Booth and the Sumo Suits and one of the brand new activities that proved to be very popular were the Bubble Soccer Balls.

This year we extended an invitation to the Grade 5/6 students from Irymple Primary School who eagerly accepted our invitation. We had the pleasure of hosting the Primary School students for an hour before the stalls were opened up to the whole school. From the feedback we have received the students thoroughly enjoyed their time at our school and are looking forward to when they will be at our school in Year 7 and can be fully involved in the whole Spring Carnival process.

We are very pleased to announce that we made a profit of $2,306.69

The money will now go towards improvements around the school which will be determined by the SRC at the next SRC meeting.

Some comments from some of the ISC students who attended were:

Melissa Bakir (Yr 9) – ‘The thing I liked most about Spring Carnival this year was ‘Spring Idol’ because I really enjoyed seeing all the acts and especially seeing Mr. Sauer, Adrian and Teari dressing up as girls in their act.’

Callie Cochrane (Yr 9) – ‘I enjoyed seeing all the students playing in the Bubble Soccer Balls especially when Liam Milton fell over and landed on his head upside down.’

Regina Tinetti (Yr 9) – ‘I also enjoyed the Bubble Soccer Balls because I enjoyed seeing my friends send each other flying when they crashed in to them.’

Damika Tyson (Yr 9) – ‘I enjoyed the Lazer Force activity because it was fun and so good that it could be set up at our school.’

Ana Thompson (Yr 8) – ‘Spring Carnival was amazing and ‘awesomely’ fun. The best thing was the food, especially the souvalaki’s.’

Emily Harford (Yr 10) – ‘The Milkshakes were the bom.com’

We would also like to thank the following businesses for their kind donations:

Crazy Mexican – Who once again allowed us to use their food van and donated most of the food items that were for sale. This once again allowed us to make a very healthy profit.

Mildura Ice Works – For donating ice for our drink stall.

Fishers IGA – For Donating milk, chocolates, topping, etc… for the Milk Shake Stall.

Mr. Luke Sherman – For donating the meat for his souvalaki stall.
SPRING CARNIVAL PHOTOS
Cake Decorating Success at the Show

Our students had great success at the Annual Mildura Show. Many of them received above 85% from the judges. Our highest score was 96%, achieved by Maddie Fitzgibbon for her beautiful ribbon topped cake.

Prizes were as follows:

In the ‘Any Other Decorated Cake’ section, 1st place went to Maddie Fitzgibbon. This section was well contested with over 10 entries.

In the ‘Novelty Cake’ section: 1st place went to Ashlee Hester with her very innovative garden scene

2nd place went to Delaney Ormsby with her ‘Curious George’ theme

3rd place went to Nick Zappia with his cake that looked like a baseball.

Congratulations to all the students who entered their cakes into the show and to those who didn’t. They made a wonderful display and represented our school with great success.

Many new skills were learnt and hidden talents discovered.

Mrs Kerryn Pongraz – Food Technology Teacher
Interschool & LMR Basketball
On the 13th of October four teams from ISC headed to the Mildura Basketball Stadium to fight it out against all the other schools in the district. It was a fun filled day with laughs, three pointers and rejects.

The Year 7/8 Boy’s team consisting of Deklan Loveridge, Dre Kirby, Nick Arnold, Harry Rogers, Joel Trevaskis, Connor Irwin, Josh Jackson and Riley Keel were successful on the day winning the grand final against St Josephs and went off to play in Bendigo for the LMR competition on the 22nd of October. With an early start of 4.45am they headed to Bendigo to compete in the LMR basketball competition.

The team was understaffed to begin with as both Joel Trevasikis and Deklan Loveridge suffered ankle injuries before we even left for Bendigo.

The boys tried their hardest on the day, but the size of the opposition players were just too tall for our team. We came away with one win from four.

A big thank you must go to Kim Walder who was the Year 7-8 Interschool Girls coach and our super talented Year 9-10 Interschool Boys coach Calvin Henry (Mildura Heat’s Basketball Import).

Well done to all the players who competed in each of the competitions.

Mrs Michelle Beswick - Year 7-8 Boys Basketball Coach

Year 9/10 Interschool Girls Cricket
On Monday 19th October the Year 9/10 Girls Interschool cricket team headed to Aero ovals to compete in a Super 8’s Round Robin Tournament against the other schools in the Region.

The girls were super competitive in all their matches and improved as the day went on, as they adjusted to the format of the game. Their first match saw a 34 run win over Trinity College with Tarila Couzner and Tarsha Hawley leading the way with the bat. Next ISC took care of Red Cliffs Secondary College with a 43 run win thanks to Emma Martin smashing the ball around the field and Jjesemy Thornton and Courtney Ransome taking some vital wickets.

The third game of the day resulted in the team’s first loss at the hands of Merbein Secondary College by 23 runs. The game came down to the final two overs, where Merbein managed to make some important runs to win the game and proceed to the grand final.

The girls are to be commended on their overall effort, behaviour and sportsmanship while representing the college.

Mr Todd Hughes – Yr 9 / 10 Cricket Coach

Intermediate Boys Cricket
Last Tuesday 20th October we ventured down to the Aerodrome Ovals to compete in the interschool cricket competition. The boys came away with third on the day after narrowly losing to St. Josephs for the right to play in the grand final. The lads tried their best and were a credit to the school in etiquette and sportsmanship. Notable contributors on the day were:

Jeremy Graham, 79 runs and 7 wickets
Nick Price, 100 runs and 1 wicket
Caleb Garraway, 99 runs and 3 wickets
Lachie Timms, 68 runs
Brandon Grenfell, 97 runs and 6 wickets
Lockie Thornton, 62 runs and 2 wickets
Ben Symes, 2 wickets

Mr Gregor Allan – Yr 9 / 10 Cricket Coach
Loddon Mallee Table-Tennis Championships

Both our junior and intermediate girls Table-tennis teams competed in the Loddon Mallee Table-Tennis Championships which were held in Bendigo on Thursday 22nd October with the girls leaving at 5:00am! The junior team consisted of Kate Bennett, Kendall McLean, Chloe Barker and Aleisha Schreiber, while the intermediate team consisted of Eliza Hill, Savanna Kalms, Tarsha Hawley and Courtney Orwell. The girls were accompanied by Mr Morrish and travelled down with the Yr 7/8 Boys Basketball team who were coached by Ms Beswick, together with other team representatives from the region.

While the junior girls only had the 1 game, against Catholic College Bendigo, they came out to play and were convincing winners on the day, winning 6 rubbers to nil, even with Catholic College shifting some of their seedings on the day to try and seek an advantage. Scores for the day were:

Singles:
Kate: 3 games to 0 - 33 points to 0
Kendall: 5 games to 0 – 56 points to 19
Chloe: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 15
Aleisha: 2 games to 3 – 35 points to 21

Doubles:
Kate and Kendall: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 8
Chloe and Aleisha: 3 games to 0 – 35 points to 21

The intermediate girls had 2 games, the first against Swan Hill Secondary College. They also came out convincing winners, winning 6 rubbers to nil. Scores for the match were:

Singles:
Eliza: 3 games to 0 - 33 points to 10.
Savanna: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 3
Tarsha: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 22
Courtney: 3 games to 2 – 43 points to 36

Doubles:
Eliza and Savanna: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 6
Tarsha and Courtney: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 6

In their second match, against Catholic College Bendigo, it was a closer affair in some of the matches although our girls still came out convincing winners on the day, winning 5 rubbers to 1. Scores for the match were:

Singles:
Eliza: 3 games to 0 - 33 points to 18.
Savanna: 3 games to 1 – 40 points to 21
Tarsha: 3 games to 1 – 37 points to 28
Courtney: 3 games to 1 – 43 points to 32

Doubles:
Eliza and Savanna: 3 games to 0 – 33 points to 13
Tarsha and Courtney: 3 games to 3 – 45 points to 50

As a result of their performances, both girls teams qualify for the State finals which will be held on Wednesday November 18th at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre at Albert Park in Melbourne.

We would like to thank the girls for their behavior and effort throughout the day and congratulate them for their success and wish them best of luck for the State Finals.

Left is a photo of the successful and happy teams with their winning pennants.

Mr Steve Morrish – Sports Coordinator