Acting Principal's Report

The last week has seen a number of our students highly successful in their participation in sport, endeavours in subjects and applying for Leadership positions in 2016, with two of our Year 10 students be awarded a University of Melbourne 2016 Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship.

State Finalists: Table Tennis and Baseball
Firstly a big congratulations to our three teams of students who participated in the State finals in Junior Table tennis, Intermediate Table Tennis, and Baseball. Whilst our table tennis teams performed very well, it was our Baseball team that returned home State winners. A huge thank you to parents who supported all teams: Wayne Kerslake, Dianne Smith, Shanhan Barrot, Kylie Holmes and Greg Barker, staff members, Geoff Symons and Jackie Horkings and well done to our students. Full report following.

College Captains 2016 and House/Vice Captains 2016
Congratulations to our newly appointed College Captains for 2016: Ellen Abbott, Sam Fangaloka, Tegan Harris, Tarsha Hawley, Jake Lay and Nicola Reid. Well done to all students who nominated for these leadership positions and went through an interview and speech process.

A further congratulations to our newly appointed House and Vice House Captains for 2016:

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Once again, thank you to all Year 9 students who stepped forward and nominated themselves for these positions.

Kwong Lee Dow 2016 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Jessica Bath and Kyle Milner (pictured) who have been notified of their success in applying to the University of Melbourne for Kwong Lee Dow scholarships.

* All students and parents should please refer to the following Education department website to look at a number of scholarships on offer for students in Yr 7-12: www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/
Student Achievements

Congratulations to Jake Barker and Emma Ash (pictured left), competing in the Irymple Lions Youth of the Year. Jake now goes on to represent the local chapter in Broken Hill next month. Another congratulations goes to Will Kortekaas (pictured right), who was recently chosen from 36 candidates to represent South Australia in the Under 16 State Baseball Squad to play at the National Championships in January 2016. Good Luck Jake and Will!!

A further well done to Brooke Tremelling of 10E on her gymnastics achievement on the 21st November at the Natimuk Invitational Gymnastics Competition. Brooke was awarded 1st on floor & beam, 3rd on vault, 4th on bars & overall 2nd National Level 7. Her team (Mildura) came second overall. Well done, Brooke!!

2015 Year 10 Students
The year is quickly coming to a close and this means a hectic schedule for our Year 10 students. Last week a number of our students held highly successful mock businesses as a culmination of work in their respective Business classes. They were capably supported by teachers, Ms Jacqui Garrigan and Mr Paul Gibbons.

This week has also provided me with the opportunity to work with our 2015 and 2016 College Captains and start planning for increased student voice in 2016, along with key activities that the captains wish to organise for our student body. All of our Year students are gearing up for their Year 10 exams and making good use of the supports/revision classes offered by staff - this is all necessary skill development and preparation for their VCE/VCAL subjects next year. On Thursday December 3rd we will be gathering at Club Da Vinci to celebrate our Year 10 students’ achievements at our annual Graduation Ball. All inquiries should be directed towards our office about Table bookings.

End of Year Program for Yr 7, 8 & 9 students
By now, all students should have received information about our school's End of Year Program. It would assist with our planning if all forms could be returned as soon as possible. Any inquiries about specific days should be directed to our office or respective year level coordinators.

Awards Night
Our annual Awards Night will be held at the Mildura Art Centre on Tuesday 15th December and is a celebration of student academic achievement and recognition of key student leadership positions held at the school. All students are expected to wear full summer uniform on this night if they are to be on stage.

Student Free Day
A reminder Friday 4th December has been allocated as a Student Free Day for report writing purposes and as such students will not be required on this day.

Mrs Anne Symes – Acting Principal Term 4

HOMEWORK GROUP
Need some time to get overdue work completed? Would you like some help to get homework finished?

Remember that Homework Group meet in the Library EVERY Wednesday and Thursday 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the Library.

Last Homework Group meeting will be Thursday 3 December.
Acting Assistant Principal’s Report

College Captains 2016
It gives me great pleasure to announce the College Captains for 2016.

Ellen Abbott – Ellen is reliable, outgoing, organised and confident. She is always smiling and likes to have fun. Ellen has made significant contributions to the Anti-bullying committee formed this year.

Sam Fangaloka – Sam is looking forward to working with his peers as a leader at ISC. He is enthusiastic and a good communicator. Sam hopes to include the student body in having a voice in decision making.

Tegan Harris – Tegan was a School captain at primary school. She likes to direct plays. She is optimistic, confident and persistent. Tegan has lots of ideas to show appreciation to the school community.

Tarsha Hawley – Leadership is not new to Tarsha having been a School Captain at primary school. Tarsha is well known for her prowess as a golfer. She has been given a lot of opportunities and would like to give back to the school.

Jake Lay – Jake likes to encourage others to do their best. He always puts in the hard yards to achieve his best. He is looking forward to contributing to the school community. Jake is vibrant and will work toward a positive outcome for all. He is proactive in ISC’s campaign for anti-bullying.

Nicola Reid – Nicola believes she can be a positive role model. She is involved in all aspects of the college and makes the most of every opportunity presented to her. She would like to see all students get involved in the extracurricular activities at ISC.

Holiday Activities
Mildura Rural City Council offer holiday activities for students who over 12 years of age. If you are interested Registration forms are available by contacting youthservices@mildura.vic.gov.au or www.mildura.vic.gov.au/youth

For further information contact Mildura Rural City Council Youth Services on 5018 8280. ALL participants need to complete the 2016 Intake Form.
Early Departures or Leaving the Area
To help us with our planning for 2016 we appreciate any early notice from parents and guardians who are moving out of the area or to another school next year. Thank you to the parents who have already made contact with us.

Mobile Phone Policy Review
The staff recently reviewed the Mobile Phone Policy with the intention of making some changes for the start of the 2016 school year. We will be sending a survey link to parents via a text message on Friday. Please take the time to answer the two survey questions. Your views are valued and will be considered before making our final policy changes.

Scholarships
There are a number of scholarships available to assist students and their families. I am making myself available to support families who think they may qualify for one of the following. Please email (boyce.karen.l@edumail.com.au) or call me at the school if you would like to apply for one of the following 2016 scholarships.

- Year 8 Student with one or both parents who are police officers
- Year 9 Student with one or both parents as police officers
- Year 9 student going into year 10 who can demonstrate financial hardship (3 year scholarship)
- Year 10 student going into year 11 – Financial Hardship
- All Year level students who can demonstrate financial hardship (valued at $700)
- Year 8 student involved in school and community activities
- Koori students completing year 10 and involved in school and community activities

Mrs Karen Boyce - Acting Assistant Principal Term 4

SRC Purchases New Tables and Chairs for the Shade Sail Area

The SRC has purchased three new sets of aluminum tables and chairs to be used around the school yard specifically under the new shade sail area that was officially opened in Term 1 of this year.

As you can see from the photos the Year 10 students are already putting them to good use and are very pleased with the new additions to our yard.

It is so nice to see the money that the whole school has helped to raise go back in to the school for the whole student body to be able to use.

Thanks to Mr Adrian Taylor and Mr Leigh Penna for assembling the tables and chairs.

Ms Sally Corless, Mr Leigh Penna and SRC Members

Koorie Education Support Officer
At the start of Term 4 we welcomed a new KESO, Koorie Education Support Officer, to Irymple Secondary College, Victoria Van Schie.

Victoria has been working with our Koorie support teacher and our Koorie students to complete the year and our Learning goals. As well as looking at any opportunities that our students can access. Victoria also works at Mildura Senior College with the Koorie group there and creates great pathways from our school to MSC for our students.

If you have any issues you need to bring up with Victoria she is here on Thursdays and is more than happy to assist on the other days you can still contact Kara Taylor. We would like to thank Victoria for all her work so far this term and look forward to the rest of the year.

Mrs Kara Taylor - Koorie Support
ISC State Baseball Champions
On Monday 16th November, our ISC Boys Baseball Team, consisting of a combination of Year 7 and 8s, travelled to Melbourne to participate in the SSV (Vic) State Baseball Championship.

After a long drive to Melbourne then a pleasant meander through the lovely city traffic and traffic lights, we eventually arrived at the picturesque Crystal Brook Tourist Park in Warrandyte.

No sooner had we unpacked than baseball connoisseur/parent/coach Shanhan Barrot had all the boys doing last minute practice drills across the road at a baseball park situated amongst the serene rain forest.

Back at the park we had a quick dip in the heated pool (as you do), before tucking into a sumptuous hot meal provided by parent Diane Smith who along with Kylie Holmes, did a tower of work during the trip attending to the admin duties during the competition, helping with packing, organising and managing the team. Thanks to parents Greg Barker, Hayley Wilson, Ali Scott and Nicole Lewis who assisted Diane with preparing and supplying food for the trip. I need to also mention parent Wayne Kerslake who shared the driving with me and made my task so much easier.

On Tuesday morning we once again dared to venture out into the insane traffic and crawled our way across several more suburbs until we finally reached the competition venue in Knoxfield. First up was another quick training session then into the competition.

The competition was divided into two groups. We were in Group 1 and had to play against three other teams. The team who finished with the most wins/highest score from their group would qualify to play in the final against the winner from Group 2.

First up we played a team from Strathmore SC and had a confidence building win 10:1. Then we played The Lakes P-9 (South Morang) and had an easier time winning 21:1. We were on the cusp of making the final. Our high scoring had put us in a strong position but we still needed to make sure by winning our third game. We played against Koonung SC and they gave us a tough workout that gave us better preparation for the final. It made the boys dig deep and show they were the real deal. We won that close game 14:12.

The other group had two teams playing their final game to decide who would play against us. Bendigo SE and Brighton SC had a close tussle with Brighton coming out on top.

The nerve-wracking final was a battle of wills and after the first innings there was only one run between us with Irymple in front. During the next couple of innings however, Brighton cracked open like the proverbial egg hitting the floor and we went on to a glorious victory 7:2.

The celebrations could’ve gone on all night but we had a bit of driving ahead so after a few speeches and photos we were back on the bus and home bound.

It must also be mentioned that the boys were exemplary in their behaviour and attitude throughout the trip and so much so that a staff member from another competing school specifically congratulated the boys and their entourage on their attitude and sportsmanship.

All in all it was a great trip capped off with the crowning glory of a state title for the team that consisted of:

Year 8s: Harley Holmes (Captain), Josh Stanley, Angus Cole, John Cooper, Regan Kerslake, Carter Ward, and Joel Trevaskis.

Year 7s: Tyson Giles, Jack Barrot, Nick Brown, Dylan Twaddle and Lachlan Scott.

Mr Geoff Symons – Baseball Coach
State Table-Tennis

On Wed 18th November the Junior and Intermediate girls participated in the Table-Tennis State Championships in Melbourne after successfully winning at the local and zone level.

The year 7/8 team of Kate Bennet, Kendall McLean, Chloe Barker and Aleisha Schrieber (pictured right) played brilliantly all day. They had a very tough first match, narrowly being defeated 4-2 to Bayside P-10 (the eventual winners).

The second match was a clean 6-0 sweep vs. Bairnsdale which got the confidence up.

The third match vs. East Doncaster was a ‘must win’ match to get to the finals and it went right down to the wire. Kate had to play against a State rep in the singles and did well to get as many points as she did. Both teams won 3 matches and 10 sets so it came down to the total amount of points won. This went 186 -185 in our favour, much to the delight of the girls who went a little crazy!

The semi-final was another close match but we could not match the skills of McKinnon who went on to face Bayside. Bayside won by 3 sets over McKinnon in the Grand Final.

The year 9/10 team of Eliza Hill, Savanna Kalms, Tarsha Hawley and Courtney Orwell (pictured left) started off with a good 4-2 win vs. Hoppers Crossing, with Eliza Hill having to play singles against a State player which proved pretty difficult with her tricky serve.

The next match was a massive 6-0 win over Bairnsdale and confidence was high.

Our next opponent was Glen Waverly who proved to be a very tough opponent, losing 6-0.

All was not lost though as we qualified for the semi-finals but faced an even tougher opponent in Mac Robinson’s Girls High who had two State reps! We lost 6-0 and Mac Robertson went on to beat Glen Waverly 4-2 in the Grand Final.

Congratulations to both teams on making the semi-finals and for their efforts both on the day and in the many trainings organised by Mr Morrish leading up to the event.

A big thanks also to Greg Barker for driving the bus and even managing to find a Crispy Kreme Donut shop for the girls as a reward for their efforts!

Mrs Jackie Horkings – Table Tennis Coach
7E’s Kindergarten Visit

Students in 7E recently visited Irymple Kindergarten to share their Picture Story Books, which they’d created in English.

Students had worked for 3 weeks writing, editing stories and creating fabulous pictures, knowing that they were going to have the opportunity to read to the children.

Our students read and shared their stories with confidence, as they rotated around the 3 classes, which were taken in by the excited 3 and 4 year olds.

*Mrs Kerryn Pongraz - English Teacher*

A Brush with Sporting Royalty

On Thursday the 19th of November we were fortunate to have two of Australia’s premier athletes from the Victorian Institute of Sport visit our college and talk to our students.

Alex Rowe is an 800m runner who was a member of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games Team and current Australian record holder. Kate Maloney has represented Australia at various levels in Netball and current member of the Melbourne Vixens Netball Team.

The athletes spoke candidly to our students about nutrition, personal success, resilience, overcoming rejection, personal sacrifice and shared their journey’s highs and lows with us. Kate’s key message was, Set your goals high - and don’t stop ‘til you get there!” Alex’s main message was, your time at the top of your sport is limited so you must prepare well for a life after sport by balancing training with education.

This annual opportunity has been created in partnership between ISC’s Pathways to PE class and the Victorian Institute of Sport. For information on the VIS or any other athletes go to: [www.vis.org.au](http://www.vis.org.au)

*Mr Gregor Allan – Pathways to PE Teacher*
**Careers & Pathways**

**Weekly Careers News**

The ‘Weekly Careers News’ has snippets of information about a range of career choices, opportunities and study options with hyperlinks to sites to get more information. Each week I message this informative publication via the portal to all year 9 & 10 students. A PDF is attached to the message which has direct links to all the different websites. The ‘Weekly Careers News’ can also be accessed via the college website under the ‘Quick Links’.

Some of the features over the past fortnight are: Focus on careers in media and communication - journalism, marketing and public relations

- New double degree in Health & Physical Education and Outdoor & Environmental Education
- New think website developed by Deakin University - profiling graduate careers and popular topics
- New elite sporting precinct at Deakin University, Geelong
- Science career resources from Australia National University
- New double degree in Laws (Honours) and Global Studies at Monash University
- The Victorian College of the Arts and Melbourne Conservatorium of Music’s Summer School
- Latest science news from RiAUS - Australia’s Science Channel
- New Health & Wellness Careers Viewbook
- Creative media courses at JMC Academy and scholarships for the 2016 intake
- What is nursing and midwifery like?
- Australian Defence Force - YouTube Channel, Work Experience and Health Careers.
- Bachelor of Medical Research at University of Tasmania
- Careers in Criminology and Justice, Navitas College of Public Safety
- University newsletters for secondary school students
- Do you have a passion for agriculture? Join the University of Melbourne Pre-Ag Club
- Apprenticeship resource - My Gain website
- Apprenticeship resource - Australian Apprenticeships Ambassadors

*Mrs Jackie Horkings - Careers/Pathways Coordinator*

**BYOD @ ISC 2016**

Students who have already returned their signed ‘BYOD Expression of Intention’ form indicating that they will be participating in the BYOD program in 2016 are able to bring their device in prior to the end of the school year to be configured to work on the school system.

Before bringing their device to school, students must ensure they have they have a lock for their locker to keep their device secure. They should also be aware that they will not be able to use their own device in the school until the 2016 school year.

Students who are unable to bring their devices in at this time, or who do not yet have their own device, will be able to have their device configured in the first two weeks of the 2016 school year.

Our IT technicians and student e-team will be configuring devices using the following timetable, for current students:

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Students will need to bring their device to the IT Office during lunchtime on their designated day. Friday the 11th of December will be used as a ‘catch up’ day for students who were unable to bring their machines in on their designated day. For further information on the BYOD program, please refer to the information included in the course booklets, the College website or by contacting Karen Francis via the Parent Portal or email francis.karen.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Educating For Success

Student Scholarships administered by the Department of Education (DET)
Do you have students in years 4-12 in financial need or who wish to pursue a specific career?
Parents/Guardians are encouraged to apply for 2015/16 scholarships administered by the Department of Education.
Further information can be found on our website, Department website www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/or from the front office. Scholarships open on 16th November and closing date for applications is 1 February 2016

ISC BUCKET HATS
Bucket Hats are available to purchase from the General Office at $25 each. There is a limited supply available with the hope these will be stocked by Lowes in the future to purchase. Please pay at the general office.

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.

LOWES
Shop T47 Mildura Central
Cnr 15 St & Deakin Ave, Mildura
Phone: 03 5021 0463

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
Trousers 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
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.

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