Acting Principal’s Report

Celebrating Success

At our final whole school assembly for 2015, it was my great pleasure to farewell our current cohort of Year 10 students and in particular our college captains, house and vice captains and peer mentors. Our Year 10’s have been wonderful ambassadors for our school, involved in the Writers’ Camp, representing the school in a range of sporting competitions, ten students were part of the China Exchange program, a large number have participated in Drama Club and the school production of ‘Alice in Wonderland’, and for all of your efforts over the past four years, thank you and all the best in your future endeavours.

A further highlight of the assembly continues to be our Students of the Month recognition. Congratulations to the following winners:

7A – Shakara Delcastegne 8A – Hazal Bakir 9A – Ellen Abbott & Casey
7B – Ashleigh Allen 8B – Lachie Deem 9B – Callum Witte & Ethan
7C – James Prictor 8C – Lachlan and Joshua 9C – Olivia Caminiti
7D – Tyler Garraway 8D – Maddison Sparrow 9E – John Mendoza
7E – Dylan Twaddle 8E – Ally Young 9F – Connor Mensch & Nicholas Price
7F – Jared Hawley 8F – Bailey Aitken 10A – Phoebe Train & Frankie Parisi

Awards Night

This year our annual ISC Awards Night will be held at the Mildura Art Centre on Tuesday 15th December, starting at 7.00pm prompt. All students who will be on stage are reminded to be wearing full summer uniform.

Please advise the office of your intentions to attend so that tickets can be issued.

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.
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Graduation Ball
On Thursday 3rd of December, our school conducted its annual Graduation Ball. This is always an absolute highlight on the school calendar and this year was no different. Spectacular dancing, great speeches, the awarding of certificates; we had very proud parents and staff who were in attendance to watch our Year 10 students graduate from Irymple Secondary College.

A special thank you to Karen Boyce, Sue McPhee, Sarah Doolan, Helen Harrison, Todd Hughes, Jarrod Kee and all staff who assisted us with this evening.
Professional Photographs can be ordered from Teagan Jane Photography: [http://GeoSnapShot.com/e/ISC-Year-10-Graduation](http://GeoSnapShot.com/e/ISC-Year-10-Graduation) password is ISCyr10
Active as of 14th December – Sunday 20th December.
All enquiries to Tegan Jane  tj@teaganjanephotography.com  Phone: 0400 895 049
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**Farewells**
We farewell staff members: Georgia Orwell, Kim Butcher, Luke Sherman, Brodie Athorn, Carla Baxter and Shani Gamage in 2015 and thank them all for their contributions in their time at Irymple Secondary College.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff of Irymple Secondary College for all your support, endeavours and involvement in our whole school program this year. I wish everyone a safe and festive season and would like to remind all that our school year concludes: Friday 18th December at 2.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you again back in January 2016 (Staff start: Wednesday 27th January - pupil free day/book collection day; Students start: Thursday 28th January).

*Mrs Anne Symes – Acting Principal Term 4*

**Acting Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Mobile Technology Policy Review**
Recently we asked parents to respond to a survey on the use of mobile phones at school. There was overwhelming agreement from parents and staff that mobile phones should not be in sight during class time. Pending School Council approval, next year all students will be required to keep their mobile phones in their lockers during class time. All students will be given a copy of the Mobile Technology Policy at the beginning of the school year.

**Come and Try Sports Day**
A big thank you to our Year 9 potential leaders for helping out on this day to celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities. They had a one hour training with Tracy Wild before last Thursday and then spent all day Thursday assisting with the running of various sports like Table Tennis, Basketball and Carpet Bowls. A few of our students with a disability joined in the sports and said they enjoyed themselves.

**Peer Mentors**
We are pleased to acknowledge our Peer Mentors for 2016. These students have had two training days in preparation for Orientation Days this week.

Abbey Simpson, Bethany Curran, Caleb Garraway, Callum Witte, Chloe Niutta, Courtney Orwell, Courtney Ransome, Daniel Harberger, Emily Cox, John Mendoza, Kyle Mackintosh, Lachlan Timms, Maddison Cody, Madison Lloyd, Marissa Alicastro, Olivia Caminiti, Ramsey Wootton, Sarah Willis, Savanna Kalms, Simran Kaur, Tyler James

**Orientation Days**

Ninety-five Grade 6 students were welcomed to Irymple Secondary College on Tuesday, 8th December for the beginning of two days of experiencing secondary school life. Rotating through a program to taste all areas of our curriculum it seems the Grade 6 students are eager and ready to become fully fledged members of Irymple Secondary School. Big thank you to Mrs Loretta Clyne and her team.

**FLO Students**
Congratulations to Abbey Minter, Caitlyn Richardson, Kyle Mackintosh, Max Stainer, Laresse Haase and Bianca Moore for completing their Certificate 2 in General Education. These students are to be commended for their hard work during FLO lessons to satisfactorily complete eleven units of work in addition to their Year studies. We are very proud of you.

*Mrs Karen Boyce – Acting Assistant Principal Term 4*
Dante Alighieri was a 13th century poet who was born in Florence, Tuscany. Dante Alighieri is for the Italians, what William Shakespeare is for the English. Latin was the official language for any written or scholarly works, however, due to the success of his masterpiece “The Divine Comedy”, in his regional dialect, the Tuscan dialect was adopted as the official language that is still used today all over Italy, and taught in our schools in Australia.

The Dante Alighieri Awards were held on Tuesday, December 1st, 2015 at the Mercy Stadium in Mildura and there were over 400 people in attendance.

The Dante Alighieri Certificates are awarded to students who have excelled in their studies of the Italian language. This year 160 students from around the district received a certificate.

A huge congratulations must go to the following students from Irymple Secondary College, who received a Dante Alighieri Certificate:

7A Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Shakara Delcastegne
Certificate of Merit – Joel McDonald

7B Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Briana Hibberd
Certificate of Merit – Tamsin McLean

7C Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Chloe Barker
Certificate of Merit – Cade Murphy

7D Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Annabel Hocking
Certificate of Merit – Emily Schmidt

7E Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Joshua Jackson
Certificate of Merit – Jack Hicks

7F Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Jack Bennett
Certificate of Merit – Nathan Curran

8AE Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Elise Cirillo
Certificate of Merit – Jasmin Walter

8CD Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Megan Hammond
Certificate of Merit – Tiana D’Amico

8BF Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Kendall McLean
Certificate of Merit – Aleisha Schreiber

9 Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Izaak Luitjes
Certificate of Merit – Daniel Harberger

10 VSL Italian
Certificate of Distinction – Peter Callipari

Mrs Loretta Clyne, Mrs Carlie Kee and Mrs Chelsea Tuohey
Italian Teachers

Izaak’s trip to Italy

Izaak Luitjes, of Year 9, will be spending 6 months in Italy in Semester 1 in 2016. He will be staying with his host family in Torino, Piemonte, at the foot of the Alps in northern Italy. Piemonte is one of the wealthiest regions of Italy, well known as an industrial centre and the home of Fiat and Lancia.

Good luck on your trip Izaak, and we look forward to hearing about it upon your return.

Good luck to Peter Callipari, Year 10, who is moving onto the Mildura Senior College in 2016. Peter is continuing with his studies of the Italian language and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.
Christmas Concert
The Drama Club ended with a spectacular performance on the 2nd December with a good crowd of parents and friends in attendance. This performance showcased some of our up and coming stars and foundation arts students but also farewelled a few of our year 10 students who have been great advocates for the performing arts at ISC.

Kendell Dew of year 8 sang the opener with gusto. Kendell has been a student of vocal coach Bianca Deckett for the last two years and sang a beautiful rendition of, ‘Mean’. Our other vocalists Chloe Nuittta and Khadeja Mapapalangi wowed the crowd accompanying their songs with guitar instrumentals. There were dancers galore with Mrs Menhennet’s year 8 and 9 dance groups completing their class assessment tasks in front of an audience and Nicola Reid and Lareese Haase making their choreography debut coaching the year 7 girls. The dance highlight was Rimitai Meneri, who gave us the Cook Island experience, moving to the beat of the drums.

The thespians in the group, Lily Tindal and Bethany Curran performed ‘Presents,’ Isabel McIntyre, Thomas Ralli and Taurie Bishop in ‘Shopping Mall’ and Ethan Buckinham, Callum Witte and Carly Shreiber brought ‘Interactive TV’ to life. However the best performance of the night was acted by Hannah Benson and Ashli White in a skit Ashli wrote a couple of weeks before. Ashli also took the opportunity to introduce us to her gorgeous younger sister Zhoe, a grade 3 student at Mildura South Primary singing the duet ‘Do Ray Me’. Annette Smith and Luke Haaja, our Instrumental Music Teachers, coached our percussionist through their set with Teari Campbell and John Salatieu performing their farewell saxophone in a duet to the tune of, ‘The Gov’ner’. The last of our instrumentalist was Ashley Higgins, a self-taught keyboard player normally a drama student, showed us his skills.

It was wonderful to see so many staff taking time out of their busy schedules to support the students, in particular Sally Corless and her FLO students, Gail Lever and the Art Staff. It would be remiss of me not to thank Danielle White and Rose McIntyre for their on going support of the Drama Club and of course to Emma Ash, who was Master of Ceremonies for all Drama Club evenings. It is with true sadness that we bid our year 10s a fond farewell as they enter the next stages of their lives and thank them for their contribution to the performing arts at ISC.

The Drama Club will commence at the start of term one in 2016 and we wish you all the joy and happiness for the new season. Stay safe.

Thank you on behalf of the Performing Arts staff.

Ms Noeleen Davis, Mrs Beth Menhennet and Mr Leigh Penna
Performing Arts Teachers
State Schools’ Relief
Year 7 uniform package initiative

Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind. As part of the Victorian government’s uniform expansion program, every Year 7 (in 2016) government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a free uniform pack.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

What’s included in the uniform pack?
The uniform pack includes all basic uniform items needed to start secondary school (approx. value $225):
- Jumper x 1
- PE shirt x 1
- PE shorts x 1
- For girls: a dress (or shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)
- For boys: shorts or trousers x1 and a shirt x1 (long or short sleeve)

How can parents apply for the packs?
The 2015 CSEF recipients can apply for a pack from 1 December 2015 by contacting the secondary school where their child will attend. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools. Parents who missed this year’s CSEF applications or were ineligible in 2015, can apply in 2016. The 2016 program will be promoted via school newsletters and websites.

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for 2016 are entitled to a winter package available next year.

Can parents who are ineligible for the Camp, Sports and Excursion Fund or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
- Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
- Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
- A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
- The order is valid for 75 days from date of issue.
- Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
- Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
- Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
- No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
- Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
- The maximum voucher value is $225 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.

More Information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr
State Schools’ Relief, 1/8 Johnston Court Dandenong South, VIC 3175
Telephone: 03 8769 8400, Email: contact@ssr.net.au Website: www.ssr.net.au
**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.

**Message from Buslink**

On Friday 18th December (last day) ALL SCHOOL BUS afternoon runs will commence one hour earlier than a regular school day. ALL PUBLIC SERVICE ROUTES WILL CONTINUE TO RUN AT THEIR NORMAL TIMES AS PER THE CURRENT TIMETABLE. Any children that would normally catch connecting buses will be required to make their own arrangements. Please be aware that students must be at their regular bus stops an hour earlier than general to ensure they do not miss the bus.

Please find below Route 717 that has a time amendment in place for the commencement of 2016.

After departing Mildura South Primary School, the times have been brought forward by 3 minutes therefore the students that wait for route 717 after MSPS will need to be out at their stop 3 minutes earlier than currently.

The driver has been asked to issue the students travelling over the next two weeks with an amended route timetable in which they will be advised at the commencement of 2016 will operate.

If you have any queries please contact Buslink Sunraysia (03) 5023 0274

**ROUTE No. 717**

7.36 AM  Position Cnr Ash Avenue and Walnut Avenue – Continue along Walnut Avenue to
7.40 AM  River Avenue – Left into McCarthy’s Road – Right into Cowanna Avenue – Left onto Sturt Highway to **MERBEIN SOUTH SHOP**
7.45 AM  Right into Paschendale Avenue – Right into 7th Street – Left into River Avenue
7.50 AM  Right into McEdwards Street – Right into Dow Avenue
Left onto Sturt Highway at **MILDURA AIRPORT** – Right into Walnut Avenue
8.00 AM  Left into Whitecliffs Avenue – Left into Deakin Ave
8.12 AM  **MILDURA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL** – Drop passengers to be picked up by D11
8.14 AM  Right through Deakin Avenue cutting back to 16th Street – Left into 16th Street
8.17 AM  Right into Etiwanda Avenue – **Pick up Irymple Secondary College students dropped off by D11**
8.20 AM  Right into Gordon Avenue – Left into San Mateo Avenue
8.23 AM  Left into 21st Street –
8.27 AM  Left into Benetook Avenue
8.32 AM  Right into 16th Street – Left into Karadoc Avenue – Left into
8.42 AM  **IRYMPE SECONDARY COLLEGE** – Left into Karadoc Avenue – Left into Calder Highway to **IRYMPE PRIMARY**