**Principal’s Report**

**School Swimming Sports**

The annual school swimming sports were held this week and more information regarding results will be included in the next newsletter. A team will be selected to represent the college at the district swimming sports to be held next Wednesday.

**Whole School Assembly**

The college’s first whole school assembly will be held on Tuesday 1st March during session 4. Parents are always most welcome to attend, particularly if your child is performing or receiving an award. School captains will be presented to the college body on this day and house captains will receive their badges. Year 7 scholarship awardees will be recognised and the first student of the month awards will be presented.

**Teacher Learning**

Teachers will be continuing their work based on Robert Marzano’s book, ‘The Art and Science of Teaching’ during terms 1 and 2. They are participating in after school workshops based on teaching strategies which will improve student learning and engagement. Some of the workshops offered to date include using academic games, chunking content into digestible bites, engaging students in cognitively complex tasks, ‘withitness’ and applying consequences in the classroom, and using ICT to support learning.

As well, teachers have the opportunity to participate in professional learning once a fortnight based on the effective use of student data and understanding the use of the new data management tool purchased by the school.

**Mildura Rural City Council drainage project**

The drainage upgrade being completed by Aurecon/Waters Excavation on behalf of MRCC is almost complete. The work has run overschedule, but fortunately caused minimal disruption during the school term. Aurecon are committed to restoring the grounds to their original condition. Thanks to all school community members for your understanding over the past couple of weeks.

**Irymple Junior Football and Netball Club**

The School Council has approved an agreement between the College and IJFNC for the use of the school’s facilities during the football/netball season. Training will occur weekly on Thursday nights on the school grounds and the school oval will be used on approximately 8 Saturdays. This is part of the SFNL decision to timetable junior games on Saturdays this year. I believe it is a positive move to encourage access to school facilities to the wider community and we look forward to extending our existing partnership with the Irymple Football and Netball Club.

Robyn Blackie
Acting Principal
Assistant Principal’s Report

Fire Drill
Tuesday of this week we conducted our Fire Drill and it was pleasing to report the orderly manner that students undertook the drill. Each term our school undertakes a different emergency management procedure to ensure that all students and staff are aware of what is required to ensure all are safe in case of an emergency.

Lockers
It has been pleasing to see the number of students who have padlocks for their lockers. If your student hasn't yet obtained a padlock, could this be rectified over the next week please! It's important that all valuables are secure, especially when our phone policy requires phones to be kept in lockers during class time.

Reports
Our Term One interim reports will be available in two weeks time and this means Parent/Student/Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday March 9th. Please note this date in your diary. We will be asking for parents to make their bookings via the school portal for interview appointments. If you require assistance, then please contact our Office directly and one of our office staff members will be able to assist with your online bookings.

South Australian Athletics Track and Field State Championships
Well done to Julian Rayner and Jordan Stainer who recently competed in the South Australian Athletics Track and Field State Championships. They achieved the following results:
Under 15: Jordan Stainer Gold in 2000m Steeplechase, Silver in 600g Javelin, 5th in 1500m, 5th in Long Jump and 5th in Triple Jump.
Under 15: Julian Rayner Silver in 3000m Walk, Bronze in High Jump, Bronze in 600g Javelin and 5th in 1500m.

Below is a photo of the boys on the podium after the presentation of their medals for the javelin.

Mrs Anne Symes
Assistant Principal

School Immunisation Program for Year 7 Students

Parents/Guardians are reminded that the Immunisation Nurses from Mildura Rural City Council will be attending school on 10/3/16 to offer the following vaccines to all Year 7 students.
- Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)
- Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough)
- Chicken pox

If you have not returned a consent card (with a YES or a NO consent) please return the card to the school office by Monday 22nd February.
Does your child have Asthma?

If a student at Irymple Secondary College has symptoms of asthma, staff will follow the first aid actions outlined on the right unless we have been told otherwise.

If your child has asthma and needs to receive different treatment, please ask the Office Staff for an Asthma Management Plan form to be completed by your GP.

Julia Lohmeyer
School Nurse

Asthma First Aid

1. Sit the person upright
   - Be calm and reassuring
   - Do not leave them alone

2. Give 4 puffs of blue reliever puffer medication
   - Use a spacer if there is one
   - Shake puffer
   - Put 1 puff into spacer
   - Take 4 breaths from spacer
   - Repeat until 4 puffs have been taken
   - Remember: Shake, 1 puff, 4 breaths

3. Wait 4 minutes
   - If there is no improvement, give 4 more puffs as above

4. If there is still no improvement call emergency assistance (DIAL 000)*
   - Say ‘ambulance’ and that someone is having an asthma attack
   - Keep giving 4 puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives

Online Safety

As you start collecting new stationery, books and uniforms for a new year at school, it’s also important to start preparing for a new year online. As parents we need to maintain a dialogue with our children about the online world.

Take a look back

Talk with your child about what they experienced online or via mobile phone in the past. Were there any positive experiences? Where and how did these positive experiences occur? Were there any negative experiences? What happened and how could it have been prevented? Looking back on past events will allow you and your child to determine which activities provide the most benefits and which activities were accompanied by risk.

Take a look around

Make a list of all the electronic devices and online accounts your child operates or has access to. This list should include computers or gaming devices they play at friends’ or relatives’ houses. The first item to address is: are these websites, applications and games age appropriate? The minimum age to hold an account with Facebook, Twitter, Myspace and YouTube is 13 years old. If your child does not meet this age requirement but is operating an account on one of these sites, it is important to discuss with them why these sites have an age restriction, why the child wants to operate an account on these sites and if there is a safer alternative for them to use.

Have a look at the games which your child plays on their gaming console or device and check the classification. Don’t be misled into thinking that games classifications are not as relevant as film classifications. Both use the same guidelines and film content which is restricted to those aged 15 years and above is the same as video game content.
...Online Safety ....cont....

restricted to those aged 15 years and above. Discuss with your child why it’s important to follow these classifications and what they should do if someone wants to play a game which is not age-appropriate.

Consider how much time your child spends in front of a screen, be it TV or the computer. Many organisations suggest that children should spend no more 2 hours per day in front of a screen for recreation (not including using the computer for homework). If your child is spending much more than two hours in front of a screen, you may wish to sit down with them and discuss appropriate time limits for using the computer, gaming devices and watching TV. Develop some recreational activities which don’t involve a screen and encourage the whole family to participate.

Take a look ahead

Be a positive role model: young people are exposed to many influences but their parents, friends and families can have the most profound impacts. Help your child safely and responsibly navigate the digital landscape by showing them how it can be done.

Mobilise bystanders: help your child develop a strategy of what they can say or do and who they can talk to if they see another child being bullied.

Define an online friend: young people can be caught up in a popularity contest around how many online contacts or friends they have. Encourage your child to only accept friend requests from people they know and trust.

Review computer protection: Make sure your operating system, anti-virus and anti-spyware software are up to date. It may also be a good time to change your passwords, making sure that they are strong.

Reference: www.thinkuknow.org.au

CAMPS SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

A reminder to parents/guardians holding a valid means-tested concession card or to those who are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursions Fund). The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Forms are due back on 3rd June 2016. Contact the Office on 50245407 for more information.

2016 TERM DATES

Term 1 Thu 28th Jan to Thu 24th March
Term 2 Mon 11th April to Fri 24th June
Term 3 Mon 11th July to Fri 16th September
Term 4 Mon 3rd Oct to Tue 20th December
YEAR 7 NEWS

What a fantastic start!!!

The Year 7 students have settled in well at Irymple Secondary College in the first three weeks of school and we have been very impressed with their approach to their learning at our school. Year 7 students are managing to find their way around the school easily and get to their classes on time. They have been coping really well moving to their different subject areas and getting to know their new teachers. The students have also been becoming familiar with their new class mates and developing new friendships which will help them build their confidence and feel connected to our school.

7A with Miss Garrigan

7B with Mr Hughes

7C with Mrs Davis

7D with Mrs McClure

Year 7 Grampians Camp

The Year 7 camp to Halls Gap in the Grampians National Park is coming up on March 2\textsuperscript{nd}, 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} which will be a great experience for those attending. This camp helps develop resilience, team work and organisational skills which is a step towards developing their independence. Students not attending the camp will be expected to be at school every day.

NOTE: Please contact Mr Hughes or Mr Kee on 5024 5407 if you have any questions about the camp.
YEAR 7 NEWS continued ... - Year 7 Scholarship Recipients

Leading up to the orientation days in 2015, we received around 20 applications for the Irymple Secondary College scholarships. We really enjoyed reading through the applications and it is very impressive to read through the list of school and community achievements the students have participated in.

We are very pleased to present the 2016 Irymple Secondary College scholarship recipients. They are pictured with the Year 7 coordinators.

Congratulations to Paige, Samantha and Zac. We look forward to further supporting them in developing their academic, personal and interpersonal skills in their schooling at Irymple Secondary College.

Paige McLean — Sporting Scholarship
Paige has achieved excellent grades working 6 months ahead in English and 12 months ahead in Physical Education. Paige demonstrated leadership skills in her role as School Vice-Captain and House Vice-Captain and in the last two years she has won the State Schools Victoria Loddon Region Tennis Championships in her age group. Paige was chosen to participate in the State School Victoria Netball Championship. Paige is an active member of local and district Tennis Clubs, Netball/Football Clubs, Table Tennis Association member and has participated in a wide variety of sporting events at primary school.

Congratulations on receiving the Irymple Secondary College “Sporting Scholarship” for 2016.

Samantha Marr — All-Rounder Scholarship
Samantha has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Samantha is working 18 months ahead of the expected level in all aspects of English, 12 to 18 months ahead in Maths and ICT. Samantha has On-Demand Reading and Numeracy levels two years above the expected level.

Samantha is talented in the field of the performing arts. She learns guitar, piano and the flute. Samantha also plays the drums and sings. She has performed at the Eisteddfod in solo and group vocals and has received an honourable mention for her solo performance at the Eisteddfod. She is a member of the Mildura Gang Show.

Samantha is in the Mildura Scouts, an organisation that builds resilience, perseverance, leadership skills and community spirit.

Congratulations on receiving the Irymple Secondary College “All-Rounder Scholarship” for 2016.

Zac Watson — Academic Scholarship
Zac has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement. Zac was working 18 months ahead in English (Reading and Viewing) and Maths (Numbers & Algebra and Measurement & Geometry). He was working 12 months ahead in English (Speaking and Listening).

Zac achieved an astounding 10.4 on his Maths On-Demand test, working at Year 10 level. Zac is an excellent speller with his latest test he achieved results equivalent to a spelling age of 15.

Zac also achieved Band 8 Naplan results in Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy and Band 6 in Persuasive Writing.

Zac has consistently demonstrated outstanding academic ability across a variety of assessment strategies and tools.

Congratulations on receiving the Irymple Secondary College “Academic Scholarship” for 2016.

Mr Kee, Mr Hughes (Year 7 Coordinators) and Loretta Clyne (Junior Student Manager)
**Welcome letter to parents and students of Year 9 Students**

Dear Parents, Guardians and Year 9 Students,

Hello and welcome back to the 2016 school year. I hope you all had a restful holiday and are looking forward to a busy and rewarding year ahead. I look forward to forming a great working relationship with you all over the next 12 months in my capacity as one of the Year 9 Year Level coordinators along with Mrs. Kara Taylor.

Sally Corless - For those of you who do not know me I have been a teacher at ISC since 2001, mainly teaching Art and Ceramics and as well as recently being given the opportunity to teach FLO (Flexible Learning Options) within our school. I have also spent much of the last 15 years working as a Year Level Coordinator – if you have older children, there is strong chance I may have been their Year level coordinator at some stage in their time at ISC and we probably already know each other. I feel the experience that I have gained in this role over the years has helped me to be a supportive, understanding and nurturing class room teacher as well as an effective Year level coordinator. I look forward to working in partnership with you and your child throughout the year and would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to make contact with myself or Kara if you have any concerns at any time.

Kara Taylor – Hi, I have taught at ISC for almost 7 years now. I teach Humanities and the History classes at year ten. I also at times teach English and for the past few years I have co-run the Library. I work with Sally in the FLO program as well. I am looking forward to working with Sally as well as all the students and their parents and guardians this year to make sure we all achieve greatness for 2016.

**OUR KEY EXPECTATIONS FOR 2016**

Some of our key expectations for this year are –

- That students are respectful of others and the learning environment.
- Students put their best effort in every day and make the most of the learning opportunities that will be given to them.
- Students are in full school uniform every day.
- Students are punctual to all classes.
- That all students are prepared for class with all necessary equipment.
- We expect high attendance levels.
- Students aim to achieve academic success.

**CONTACT DETAILS**

If your contact details have changed we would appreciate that you update them with the office.

**LOCKERS**

Lockers were allocated on the first day of school. It was so pleasing to see so many students with their locks with them and ready to put on to their new lockers. The lockers which are only 12 months old are still in pristine condition and we encourage all students to treat them with the utmost respect and care; they are really spacious with plenty of room for all the books and school bags that need to be stored in them. There is to be No swapping or sharing of lockers and definitely no stickers or graffiti to be put on them. We will swap lockers in Semester 2 with the students in the top lockers swapping to the bottom and vice versa. All students are encouraged to have a lock on their locker at all times. Thanks to those parents and students who were super organised and had a lock ready to be put on, on the first day of school.

**HOT WEATHER**

We are in for a burst of hot weather in the next week. I would encourage everyone to make sure they have their water bottles with them in all their classes and to make sure they keep well hydrated during recess and lunch.

**UNIFORM**

If for some reason your child is out of uniform please provide a written note with an explanation as to why they are out of uniform. Students are expected to report to the Student Managers office before form group to collect a blue uniform pass. So far I am very impressed with the standard that the whole of Year 9 are setting with their immaculate uniform. Well done.
NEW PHONE/ TECHNOLOGY POLICY –

It has been extremely pleasing to see such a positive attitude by almost all of the Year 9 students to the new phone/technology policy with almost all students adhering to the school’s policy to have them locked in their locker during class time. We understand that sometimes it is difficult to get used to a new school rule or policy but overall the response from the Year 9’s has been excellent and we are very impressed with this positive start. Well done.

Below is a list of people that you may need to contact throughout the year. Please feel free to make myself, Kara Taylor or your child’s form teacher your first point of call. My email is corless.sally.s@eduamail.vic.gov.au

Kara Taylor’s email is taylor.kara.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

If we cannot help you, we will be sure to direct you to the appropriate person.

- PEOPLE TO GO TO FOR ASSISTANCE –
  - Form Teachers – 9A Mr. Chris Andrews
  - 9B – Ms. Karen Francis
  - 9C – Mr. Bill Sauer
  - 9D – Mrs. Kara Taylor
  - 9E – Mrs. Michelle Beswick

- Mrs. Symes – Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Doolan – Student Manager Year 9/10
- Mrs. Robyn Blackie – Acting Principal
- Lisa O’Neil – Welfare
- Andre Whitton - Chaplain
- Julia Lohmeyer – School Nurse

**Important Dates:**

- **Week 4**  Thursday 18th February - Swimming carnival
- **Week 7**  Wednesday 9th March - Parent teacher interviews

Have a great year.

Ms. Sally Corless and Mrs Kara Taylor

**ISC Production news**

Some of our Performing Art students had very little rest over the summer break, going straight into rehearsals for their January performances. First was the Red Cliffs Musical society’s, “Puss in Boots”, pantomime which included ISC students, Ashli White, Callum Witte, Carly Schreiber and boasted past students, Bethany Witte and Taylah Farlie, now at MSC. Staff also featured at the Irymple Australia Day celebrations, with Leigh Penna conducting the amazing Mildura Brass Band and again with our Ashli White belting out the National Anthem. This past weekend ended with, ‘A Night at the Theatre’ with the ELT company. Numbered among the 40 cast members (pictured above) were Brooklyn Trigg, Latara Trigg, Ashleigh Allen, Cardin Jasper Nairn, Nicola Reid, Yianna Panaretos, Abe Kortekaas, Bronte Stone and avidly supported by the best Mildura Road Crew, Karen Francis and I have had the pleasure of working with. Daniel Harberger and John Mendoza on the spot lights; Olivia Caminiti as our microphone manager, Caitlyn Zbierski, Emma Ash and Teari Campbell, supporting us as general crew.
Click here [http://productionatisc.global2.vic.edu.au/](http://productionatisc.global2.vic.edu.au/) to check out the 2016 Eisteddfod schedule for our students.

Noeleen Davis
Production coordinator/Drama Teacher

Opening night for Puss in Boots. From left Callum Witte, Carly Schreiber, Noeleen Davis, Ashli White, Taylah Farlie and Bethany Witte.

[The Mildura Road Crew] - Normally a camera shy bunch, always dressed in black, they detest being centre stage and caught in bright lights however, they do love gaffer tape and lollies.

Red Cliffs Lawn Tennis Club - Junior Tennis

Red Cliffs Junior tennis has resumed and we are encouraging all interested players and junior members to join us on a Saturday morning from 9am for section play. Beginner coaching every Saturday 9-10am @$7 per child {Just turn up}
Tena Williams: Junior Coordinator
0437809206

We are also offering an introduction to tennis through the Hot Shots program on a Tuesday from 4-5pm. Interested children will learn all the basics of tennis thru to scoring and playing a game in a fun environment @$10 per child.
Contact Lisa Hill 0400726824 for further information.
Irymple Secondary College thanks the following sponsors

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.