Principal’s Report

Welcome to Term 2
Welcome back to term 2, which is an 11-week term. There are many activities planned for term 2 and teachers and students will be focusing on consolidating semester 1 learning. The year 6-7 transition process will commence this term with Open Night in week 4 and year 6 excursions to local secondary colleges in week 9. The college will also provide an enrichment program for year 6 students throughout terms 2 and 3.

The school cross country is planned for this term, along with a range of other extra-curricular sporting events for students. The Drama Club will continue to operate after school on Wednesday afternoons and work will begin on school based enrichment programs for our own students, such as the Mungo Project and The History Challenge.

The annual Writers Camp and an excursion to the National Gallery of Victoria will be held next week.

Mildura Senior College Commencement Ceremony
There were a number of ex-Irymple Secondary College students recognised for their achievements in Year 11 at the annual Mildura Senior College Commencement Ceremony held in term 1. This included:
- Latrobe University Mildura Business School Economics Award – Jan Noya
- Paige McCarthy-Beard Memorial Award – Leigh Ferguson-Dolan
- MSC Sports Award – Mebal Kadian

Congratulations to our ex-students, the Irymple Secondary College community is proud of you and your achievements.

Anzac Day
As Anzac Day will fall on Monday 25th April this year, the College will hold its Anzac Day commemoration service for students and staff on Friday 22nd April.

Whole School Assembly
The first whole school assembly for term 2 will be held on Tuesday 26th April during session 4 at the Irymple Leisure Centre. Local MP Mr. Andrew Broad will be in attendance to present the College Captains with new flags. Parents are always welcome to attend our assemblies.
Student Attitudes to School Survey
The annual Attitudes to School Survey will be completed by all students over the next two weeks. This survey provides schools with valuable feedback from students on a range of questions related to student relationships, teaching and learning and general student wellbeing. The survey results are analysed each year and inform future College planning decisions around teaching and learning, student engagement and student wellbeing.

School Insurance
Students and parents are reminded that there is no Department of Education and Training (DET) insurance program for student accidents and theft. Any items brought to school by students must be locked securely in lockers and it is strongly advised not to bring items of any significant value to school. There are companies which offer insurance for student accidents, however this is the responsibility of families not the College.

Ambulance Cover
Parents are reminded that if a student injury or medical event of a significant nature occurs the College’s qualified first aid staff will call for an ambulance to attend and transport the student. The cost of an ambulance callout is significant and is the responsibility of parents. It is strongly recommended that families have ambulance insurance cover.

Mrs Robyn Blackie (Acting Principal)

Assistant Principal’s Report
Welcome back to Term 2. Hopefully everyone is feeling invigorated and ready for a lengthy term with a full calendar. For our Year 10 students it will be their first encounter with exams and they should use this term to get into an effective revision routine, gearing up for these assessments. A reminder to all students, parents and guardians to use the portal to keep a check on assessment tasks and due dates. If any parent has lost their portal password, they are asked to contact the office for a new one. This term will see some of our students attend Writers’ Camp at Lake Cullulleraine next week, a number of Yr 9 and 10 students are taking up the offer to visit the National Gallery of Victoria to view the exhibit of Andy Warhol and Ai Wei Wei, and then our Yr 7 and Yr 9 students sit their Naplan tests on May 10th, 11th and 12th. We continue to offer Drama Club on a Wednesday night after school, along with Homework Classes on a Wednesday/Thursday after school.

Breakfast Club
Our newly introduced Breakfast Club program starts the first week back of Term 2 on Thursday morning. We welcome all students to attend and become involved in our healthy breakfast program. Doors are open in the Food Tech room from 8.00am on a Monday and a Thursday. On Thursday 28th April we will be holding a Casual Dress Day with all proceeds used to fund our Breakfast Club program for this term. Any inquiries about our Breakfast Club can be directed to either Ms Boyce or Mrs Symes.

Grade 5/6 Enrichment Program
This term our enrichment workshops start for Grade 5/6 students beginning after school on a Wednesday and Thursday in the first week. Our first series of enrichment offerings are: Writer’s Workshop, Maths Extension, Puppetry/Drama Workshop, PE/Fitness Program and Woodwork Enrichment. We are holding two more series of workshops, one in the second half of Term 2 and another program starting in Term 3. Information has been made available to all feeder primary schools and students about the extension workshops ISC is offering. This should be an exciting opportunity for our feeder primary school students and we are looking forward to hosting them at ISC. Any further inquiries can be directed towards Mrs Symes via the front office on ph no: 5024 5407.
Car Boot Sale
This Saturday 16th April our school is holding a Car Boot Sale from 8.00am-11.00am to raise funds for a new school fence. We welcome all families to come along to ISC and see what bargains are on offer. For interested sellers, the cost is $30 a vehicle. Entry is gold coin donation for adults. Please contact our front office if you wish to have a site for your vehicle. Thank you to Tim Dutton-Ashcroft for our publicity flyer attached.

Scooter/Bike racks - FLO students application successful!
Congratulations to our Yr 10 FLO students and FLO teacher Sally Corless for their successful application late in Term 1 into the ‘Bike Racks Opportunity for Schools and Early Years Services’. We have received funding of $782.10 to purchase our new scooter racks from this successful application.

Winter Uniform
Students have started back in Term 2, many in their winter uniform. Just a reminder to all students and parents that only the grey school tracksuit pants with the school logo are the permitted tracksuit pants to be worn as uniform. A further list of winter school uniform is included on the back page of this newsletter.

Mrs Anne Symes - Assistant Principal

Year 10 Work Experience
Congratulations to Corban Williams, Will Rowe, Cooper Kalms, Savanna Kalms and Daniel Harberger for completing work experience with Tennis Australia during the recent Mildura Grand ProTour Tournament.
A fantastic opportunity for our students.
Remember work experience is to be organised ASAP and all enquires are to be directed to Ms Kalkal.

2016 work experience dates are:
Term 3 Week 1: 11th July to 15th July
& Term 3 Week 2: 18th July to 22nd July

For students participating in Snow Camp, the second week is to be completed during the semester holidays from 27th June to 8th July.

Ms Sunita Kalkal – Work Experience Coordinator
Leadership Day

On March 9th, the College Captains, House Captains and House Vice Captains attended the Mildura Golf Course for a day of leadership activities. There was also time for a golf lesson with Brendan Rouse where the boys tried to beat our resident golf pro Tarsha. Activities included public speaking, effective teams, running meetings, building spaghetti towers, connect four and planning for 2016 events. Mrs Kee and Mrs Doolan really enjoyed working with the school leaders and hope they have a successful 2016.

Mrs Carlie Kee & Mrs Sarah Doolan

Easter Basket Competition

The school captains and SRC are thrilled to announce that this year Irymple Secondary College was able to raise approximately $1600 for Oasis Aged Care Irymple in our annual Easter Basket Competition fundraiser.

The best overall Easter basket was made by 7A (pictured left). Second place was 9E (below middle) and third went to 8D (below left).

A special mention should be made to the Year 10’s who surpassed past year 10 efforts!

The form that sold the most raffle tickets was 7D—well done!

Paige Atkinson in 7D also won the award for the most tickets sold by an individual. A great effort!

We would like to thank everyone that donated and sold/bought tickets in order to raise this much money. A cheque will be presented to Oasis Aged Care at the first whole school assembly in term 2.

SRC Representatives
Clear blue skies with a slight breeze greeted the Junior and Intermediate teams as they assembled with high expectations of success at the Aero ovals baseball complex in the SSVS Interschool Baseball Titles held on the last Wednesday of term one.

**Junior Boys**
The junior squad of quality baseballers took to the field, with some very pleasing results. Game one we were up against the might of St Joe’s but they were out classed by a more superior Irymple team. Irymple were victors with a score of 11 to 1, with most of the runners making it back to home base at least once and awesome pitching from Tyson Giles.
The next game we were up against Red Cliffs and the Irymple powerhouse continued with another 11 to 1 victory. With some great pitching from Lachy.
The third game and final game for the day was up against the quality filled team of Merbein, But Irymple weren’t phased by their team and went into the game with lots of confidence, Merbein got off to a good start and Irymple made some early errors and it looked like Merbein would run away with it. But some great pitching in the third innings by Coby Mitchell got Irymple back within a sniff of a victory. Again a couple of errors and Merbein won the game 6 to 4. The whole team performed well and should be congratulated on their efforts.

**Intermediate Boys**
The intermediate team began their quest with captain Harley Holmes going in with his best line up against St Joseph’s College. In a tight match they were able to hold them at bay and recorded a win 10 runs to one. Solid pitching from Dallas Holmes and catching from Josh Stanley as well as great batting from Messrs Cooper and Price were amongst the highlights.
The next match was against Merbein P- 10 with some excellent support from the team in the field and with their strong fielding, the team was successful winning the game 6 runs to nil. Sound batting from Messrs Cooper and Kortekaas were highlights here.
In the third and final match against Red Cliffs SC, pitcher Will Kortekaas worked very hard and Josh Stanley, who also continued to work hard. Great base running was a feature here and the team was successful 4 runs to nil.
As a result, the intermediate boys won through to the LMR finals to be held here in Mildura on Monday 2nd May. We wish the boys the best of luck.

Thanks to all the team who tried their hardest and also to parent Shanhan Barrot who coached the junior team on the day and trained both the junior and intermediate teams leading up to the day. Thanks go to Mr Morrish for his paperwork support, all the parents that came to support and score the teams, as well as junior players that gave great support to the team on the day.

**Mr Paul Gibbons and Mr Anthony Ryan – Baseball Coaches**

**Lodden Mallee Regional Swimming**
The LMR Regional Swimming Sports were held Thursday 17th March at Swan Hill. We had 4 swimmers, Daniel and Reece Plummer of Yr 7 and Brayden Simpson and Archer Zambelli of Yr 8. In what is traditionally a very strong competition, the boys performed to the best of their ability against some very good swimmers. Unfortunately the 25m was not able to be used for warm ups which hindered the boys performances. Results for the day were:
Daniel - 5th for the Boys 13 years 50m Backstroke, Butterfly and Freestyle.
Brayden - DQ for the Boys 14 years 50m Butterfly
Daniel, Reece, Brayden and Archer - 4th for the 14 Yrs 4 X 50m Medley Relay

Well done boys for your efforts on the day and special thanks to parent Elly Plummer who took the boys down for the day’s competition.
2016 Interschool Girls Volleyball

On Monday 21st March, 16 girls attended Chaffey Secondary College to compete in the Girls Interschool Volleyball competition. The girls were a bit rusty to start with but improved in each match over the day. They faced some tough competition from teams that play competitively but they didn’t let that stand in the way of enjoying themselves. They were excellent representatives of our school and although there was only one win for the day, they scored many good sportsmanship points. A special mention should also be made to Georgia Leutner for umpiring several matches on the day and to Regina Tinetti for her coaching prowess.

Teams:
Year 7/8
Cassie Smeaton, Tuyen Dinh, Natasha Parks (absent from photo), Lori Dean, Mary Fine, Aliarna Christos, Georgia Hollow, Isabella Walsh
Year 9/10
Kate Bennett, Aleisha Schreiber, Ipali Piawi, Mele Lauteau, Sarah Lucas, Georgia Leutner, Dilara Bakir, Bethany Curran
Assistant Coach: Regina Tinetti

Mrs Carlie Kee – Volleyball Coach

2016 Interschool Boys Volleyball

On the 21st of March the year 9 and 10 Volleyball side played a round robin tournament against the rest of the schools in our area. The team was fairly inexperienced but made up for that with an extra dose of pure enthusiasm. The boys finished fifth on the day, the highlight being a thorough demolition of Red Cliffs Secondary College in two sets. We were only narrowly defeated in two of our other games.

Well done to everyone in the team who participated with all the positive qualities that we have come to expect from our students at ISC. The sportsmanship towards the other teams and officials was top class and the duties were carried out in a very reliable fashion.

The team from left to right. Declan Loveridge, Callum Brookes, Blayne Asimos, Logan Mackinnon (Back row) and Connor Mensch, Will Ubonkit, Jake Lay, Ross Panaretos and John Mendoza (front row).

Mr Gregor Allen - Volleyball Coach

Sunraysia Volleyball
An under 15’s mixed competition for girls and boys is being organised, starting on April the 20th. Anyone interested in starting up a team or joining an existing team can contact Allan Hassell on allan.hassell@sunraysiavolleyball.com.au
Immunisation

Why immunise?
Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. Immunisation not only protects those people who have been vaccinated, but it also protects those in the community who may be unable to receive vaccines themselves, by reducing the spread of disease. Immunisation is a proven and safe way to be protected against diseases that cause serious illness and sometimes death.

Why immunise in secondary school?
The protection provided by some childhood vaccines fades and needs to be boosted in adolescence. Adolescents are at an age when a vaccine will be most effective and provides protection before they may be exposed to a disease. Sometimes a new vaccine becomes available. Information about a new vaccine will be given to parents. Sometimes a vaccine program ends such as the hepatitis B vaccine program, which finished at the end of 2012 as a school-based program. Hepatitis B vaccine is now given to babies.

What vaccines are offered free to my child in secondary school?

- Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine Students are given three injections with two months between the first and second dose and four months between the second and third dose.
- Chickenpox (Varicella) vaccine If your child has previously had one dose of the chickenpox vaccine, they should have another dose. It is a single injection.
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine This vaccine protects against the three diseases in a single injection. Your child will have been vaccinated against these diseases in early childhood but an adolescent dose is recommended to boost protection.

Who will give the vaccines in school?
Each year local councils contact all the secondary schools in their area to arrange for immunisation nurses to vaccinate at the school.

What do I need to do?

- Look out for the immunisation information and consent form that your child should bring home from school. Read the information, complete the consent form and return it to school as quickly as possible. It is important you complete and return the consent form to the school regardless of whether your child is to be vaccinated or not in the school based program. There is a space on the form for you to decline the vaccine/s for your child through the school-based program.
- If you consent, explain to your child that immunisation is important and everyone must have these vaccines when they are adolescents for protection against disease
- Encourage your child to eat breakfast on the day the immunisation session is scheduled and to wear loose clothing so that the upper arm below the shoulder is easily seen (the injection is given into the upper arm).

What if my child misses their vaccines at school?
You can take your child to a local council immunisation session by contacting your local council. You can also make an appointment with your doctor to catch-up a missed vaccine.

What if I prefer my child to have their vaccines elsewhere?
You can take your child to your doctor or your local council to receive these vaccines for free. The vaccines are only available for free at equivalent ages to the year level the vaccine is offered at schools. Some vaccines may need to be ordered in advance for your child, so inform your doctor of the vaccine.

Reference: www2.health.vic.gov.au

Mrs Julia Lohmeyer – School Nurse
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.

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 – Wincheater 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

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 – Wincheater 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

Physical Education (PE) Uniform
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
NEWSLETTER DELIVERY

Did you know that you can access our fortnightly newsletter a number of ways?

Each second Thursday you can access it via:

- ISC Website [www.irysec.vic.edu.au](http://www.irysec.vic.edu.au)
- Students and Parents/Guardians can collect copies at the General Office
- Or simply ask the General Office to be added to the mailing list

CHANGE OF DETAILS

It is important that the school has up to date contact details including emergency contacts, medical conditions, living arrangements, change of addresses and phone numbers. Parents/Guardians can change their details via the parent portal or contact the General Office.

SMS MESSAGING

In addition to comprehensive information on the parent portal, this year ISC commenced SMS (text messaging) Parents/Guardians regarding daily absences, upcoming events and other school information.

To ensure our records are up to date and you have been receiving SMS (text) messages to the correct mobile number, please complete this slip and return to the General Office. Only one mobile number can be selected for this service.

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2016 Winter Social Competition

Get a Group of Friends Together & Join Our Saturday Morning Competition at Mansell Reserve

Under 9's Through to Under 17’s

Competition Starts
Saturday 30th April 2016

Game Times 9.30, 10.30 & 11.30am

Register Your Team

Single Player Registration Also Available
(Subject to Numbers)

Registrations Close Friday 22nd April 2016

Coaching Support

Umpire Mentor Program

For More Information or to Register Contact Melissa Haby
Ph: 0408 129 076 or E: admin@mildurannetball.com.au

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.