IMPORTANT DATES – TERM 2

Tues 3rd May – Interschool Boys Soccer
Wed 4th May – Yr 8 Cyberbullying Session
Wed 4th May – Open Night, Yr 7 2017
Thurs 5th May – Interschool Girls Soccer
Mon 9th May – Yr 7 Immunisations & I/S Golf
Tues 10th to Thurs 12th May – NAPLAN Testing
Fri 13th May – Interschool Netball
Wed 17th May – ISC Cross Country
Thurs 19th May – Drama Club mid-year performance

Wed 25th May – Interschool Cross Country
Thurs 26th May – Pre-Eisteddfod Performance
Thurs 26th May - Model UN Conference, Robinvale
Mon 30th May – Interschool Girls Football
Wed 8th & Thurs 9th June – Yr 6 Discovery Day
Fri 3rd June – CSEF Applications Due
Mon 13th June – Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Thurs 16th June – Interschool Hockey
Fri 24th June – Last day Term 2, 2.30pm dismissal

ISC WELCOMES ROUND 1, 2016 ENRICHMENT STUDENTS!
Principal's Report

State Budget Funding
The College was informed on Wednesday that $7 million has been allocated to the school in the 2016-2017 Victorian State Budget towards the modernisation of the buildings and facilities. This is wonderful news and will provide a much needed injection of funding to upgrade and modernise the school. Details are limited at this stage and I will include more information in the next newsletter.

Open Night for Primary Students and Families
Wednesday 4th May will see the College hosting families from our district primary schools as they take the opportunity to visit our school to learn more about secondary schooling and the year 6-7 transition process. Many rooms will be open and our current students will be invited to assist teachers in Open Night activities. If your child is required to attend you will receive a letter with details from the staff member requesting their assistance. The evening will run from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

Writers Camp and National Gallery of Victoria trip
Last week saw 30 students head to Lake Cullulleraine for the 22nd annual Writers Camp. The camp provides students from years 7-10 with the opportunity to work with members of our English staff and visiting staff from Melbourne who have provided support and expertise to the camp for many years. It is a rich and valuable extra-curricular activity.

The National Gallery of Victoria extended an invitation to the school to send a group of students committed to the study of the visual arts to visit the NGV and view the Ai Weiwei and Andy Warhol exhibitions last Friday in Melbourne.

Whole School Assembly
The first whole school assembly for term 2 was held on Tuesday 26th April and was an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and talents of our students. Local MP Mr. Andrew Broad was in attendance to present the College Captains with new flags and two staff members and a resident of Oasis Aged Care attended to receive a cheque for $1580, the proceeds from the Easter Basket competition and raffle held in the last week of term 1.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN literacy and numeracy testing program for year 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May. The NAPLAN testing program is only one aspect of our range of assessment practices. Parents are encouraged to be positive when discussing the tests with students and to reinforce the school message of doing your best to ensure the school's data is as accurate as possible. The program provides students, parents and the school with valuable information to support improved student learning outcomes.

There is a letter attached to the letter with all details around the NAPLAN testing process.

The testing schedule is:

Tuesday 10th May  Language Conventions  Writing
Wednesday 11th May  Reading
Thursday 12th May  Numeracy (calculator)  Numeracy (non-calculator)

Mrs Robyn Blackie (Acting Principal)  blackie.robyn.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

PHONE LINES
Following on from last week’s unexpected outage, we are currently operating on limited phone lines. This is being rectified urgently unfortunately may take some time.
Thank you for your patience if you have experienced difficulty calling ISC.
Non urgent matters can always be communicated via the parent portal or by emailing the teacher.
Thank you for your understanding.
Assistant Principal’s Report
Gr 5/6 Enrichment Workshops
This week is our third week of enrichment workshops that ISC has offered to district primary students from our feeder schools. Students have been offered extension work in challenging their skills and knowledge in writers’ workshop, mathematics, and PE/fitness and exposed to new content in the woodwork workshop and drama/puppetry workshop respectively.

In two weeks time, starting 18th May we begin our next series of workshops operating after school at ISC on a Wednesday night: Science experiments, food technology, ceramics and National History Challenge.

Interested Gr 5/6 students can obtain Expression of Interest forms from their respective primary schools to apply for the workshops offered.

Any other inquiries can be directed towards Mrs Anne Symes at Irymple Secondary College.

Anzac Ceremony at Irymple Secondary College
With a number of our College Captains away on a National Gallery excursion to Melbourne, it was wonderful to see other student leaders step up under the guidance of Mrs Kee, Mr Gibbons, and Mr Penna to conduct our official Anzac Day service at ISC on Friday 22nd April. Congratulations to Shaun Jackson, Jake Lay, Lachlan Op de Coul, Ben Symes, Jessemey Thornton, Georgia Leutner, Latara Trigg and Steven Sziladi for their efforts.

ISC Representation at Irymple Anzac Service
College Captains Sam Fangaloka and Nicola Reid capably represented our school in the march and wreath laying ceremony at our local Anzac Day service at the Irymple Cenotaph on Monday 25th April. It was pleasing to see the number of students, parents and staff from our school in the audience.

Breakfast Club
Our Breakfast Club operates every Monday & Thursday in the Food Tech room
Doors open from 8.00 am
All students are welcome to enjoy a toastie, milo, cereal etc supplied by Irymple Secondary College to kickstart everyone for a great day of education and learning!

Mrs Anne Symes - Assistant Principal symes.anne.as@edumail.vic.gov.au
Writers’ Camp Rides Again

Thirty students across Years 7-10 participated in our 22nd Annual Writers’ camp at Lake Cullulleraine last week. The writers took part in a series of workshops focusing on song-writing, fiction and memoir and each of the four work groups produced a magazine to showcase its efforts.

The Tuesday night concert was again a highlight of the camp with most students taking the chance to share their work, including a couple of beautifully crafted original songs by Sarah Lucas (Year 9), Chloe Niutta and Ruby Underwood (Year 10).

Our presenters led by the remarkable Barry Carozzi (who has guided every one of our Writers’ Camps since the original outing in 1995) again did a splendid job of engaging and encouraging students to explore their creative capacities.

Year 10 students Bethany Curran, Lily Tindall, Sarah Willis and Callum Witte were awarded Life Memberships of Writers’ Camp for attending in four consecutive years, and with a good crew of Year 7 and 8 students attending this year, the future of the camp remains positive.

Mr Bill Sauer, Camp Commandant sauer.bill.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
National History Challenge

This year the college is once again participating in The National History Challenge for 2016.

The theme for the 2015 Challenge is triumph or Tragedy and entries are now open. More information is available on the National History Challenge website: http://historychallenge.org.au/

Regular meetings for students in Years 7-10 who wish to enter the competition will be held each Wednesday after school in room D1 where planning and research on student entries will take place. All students with a passion for history are welcome. Mr Paul Gibbons, Mrs Kara Taylor and Mrs Rebecca McClure will be sharing the supervision and assistance. Students who wish to participate should see Mrs McClure for a permission letter and further information.

Entries are due for submission in mid-August, 2016.

Past winners from ISC have included:

State Finalists in 2012
- Madeline Barker (Australian Wartime Experiences)
- Josh Symes (Australian Democracy)

Young Victorian Historian of the Year in 2014
- Phil Konstandouplous

Any Year 9 and 10 students who wish to complete an entry for the Simpson Prize or Spirit of the Anzac Prize can also use this time to work on their entries or seek assistance and feedback from humanities staff. More information about these two competitions are available from Mrs Taylor.

We look forward to working with future budding historians.

Ms Rebecca McClure - History Challenge Co-coordinator 2016 mcclure.rebecca.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Tech News - Computer Upgrades!

Students in the music and media program have been treated to brand new desktop computers in the Music/Media computer lab. The college has also purchased up to date cutting edge industry standard computer software Mixcraft that will be used within the existing music program.

Irymple Secondary College is proud to be one of the few colleges in the district to update the Adobe Creative Suite, which includes programs such as Photoshop, Illustrator and Premiere Pro. These upgrades now complete the College’s investment of updating and replacing 65 desktop machines across the school.

We are excited to see how students will use this new equipment and software to get creative!

IT Team

Model UN Conference

A model UN Conference is a creative simulation of the UN General Assembly in which students represent member states of the United Nations. In teams of 4, students will attempt to reach agreement on a new UN Resolution addressing Ending Violence against Women and Girls. The conference is an opportunity for students to learn about international relations, the United Nations system and global issues in a fun, dynamic environment, while developing their negotiation and public speaking skills.

The conference is being managed by the United Nations Association (Victorian Division) in partnership with Robinvale College and is sponsored by the Department of Education & Training. It will run over a full school day. There will be some preparation before the day.

The Model UN Conference will be held at Robinvale on Thursday 26th May, 2016. If you are interested in representing Irymple Secondary College for this conference please contact Mrs Sarah Doolan with your expression of interest.

Mrs Sarah Doolan – Student Manager cleary.sarah.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
**Interschool Tennis**

Late last term, three ISC teams completed in the Interschool Tennis competition where we had a very successful tournament, winning both the girls and boys intermediate sections.

The junior boys made it to the semi-finals but were defeated by the overall winners.

The intermediate girls (pictured here relaxing between games) faced their strongest opponent in the first match against St Joseph’s College, but with strong and determined play defeated them and hardly dropped a set for the rest of the day.

Similarly, the intermediate boys didn’t drop a set until the final with Red Cliffs who also had a very strong team. Games were very close but the strong 6 – 0 win by our 3 & 4 combination gave us the extra games needed to take out the match.

The teams consisted of:

Yr 7/8 Boys: Julian Rayner, Jack Littlehales, Billy Ransome and Jesse Roberts

Yr 9/10 Boys: Cooper Kalms, Daniel Harberger, Thomas Nichols and Damon Morris

Yr 9/10 Girls: Kendall McLean, Paige McLean (Yr 7), Chloe Barker (Yr 8) and Savanna Kalms

Both winning teams will now compete at the LMR sports to be held here in Mildura next week on Monday May 2nd. We wish them both the best of luck.

*Mrs Jackie Horkings – Tennis Coach*

**Mildura City Council Youth Awards**

On Thursday 14th April a group of FLO students attended the Mildura Youth Awards dinner presentation. They were nominated for the Group Artist award for their contribution to the Anzac Mural they created last year as one of their projects in FLO. We are very proud of the students for their commitment and passion in completing the mural, learning about the Anzacs along the way and asking lots of questions. Unfortunately they did not win, beaten by the Gang Show Movement Group.

Jemma Searle, an ex student, was a member of the Gang Show Movement Group. She was also successful in being presented as dual winner for the Youth Volunteer Award. Irymple Secondary College congratulates Jemma on her success and we admire her commitment to community involvement.

Students pictured above: Kyle Mackintosh, Caitlin Richardson Bianca Moore, Lareese Haase

*Mrs Karen Boyce – Special Programs Coordinator* boyce.karen.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Opportunities for budding Mathematicians

Maths Challenge- The CHALLENGE Stage is an opportunity for students who enjoy mathematics to develop their problem-solving skills. It consists of six problems for Years 7 and 8 students (Junior) and six problems for Years 9 and 10 students (intermediate). We will run this program for 3 weeks starting in the middle of May. The best solution will be submitted to the AMT on the 24th of June.

AMC- The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is one of the largest single events on the Australian education calendar. The competition is held in July/August. The AMC is for students of all standards. Students are asked to solve thirty problems in 75 minutes (Years 7–12). The earliest problems are very easy and all students should be able to attempt them. The problems get progressively more difficult until the end, when they are challenging to the most gifted student. All students receive a certificate and a detailed report showing how they went on each problem, with comparative statistics. Most of Australia’s leading mathematicians aged below 40 were identified and developed as a result of taking part in the competition.

CHOOSEMATHS Awards: Students collaborate in small teams to create videos around this year’s theme “Maths is more than just numbers”. The winning team will receive prizes ranging from $1000 to $2000.

Those students who are interested, please contact me.

Mrs Mohini Barrett – Maths Coordinator  barrett.mohini.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

NGV Art Trip

On Thursday and Friday last week a group of year 9 and 10 students travelled to Melbourne to see the wonderful exhibition showing international artists Andy Warhol and Ai Weiwei.

After arriving in Melbourne we checked in at the Space Hotel and were soon off to view the Top Arts show of the best Year 12 Art Folios from 2015. Then a bit of shopping (and getting caught in the rain) before a nice meal at the Melbourne Central Food Court.

The next day (Friday), we arrive at the NGV and had an hour lecture before viewing the exhibition. The exhibition lived up to all expectations and every student seemed to get something out of it. We also bumped into the Year 11 & 12 students from the Mildura Senior College!

Following the exhibition we had a lunch which was provided by the NGV and then participated in a workshop which gave us the chance to create work in a similar style to what we had just experienced.

Then, just as we were ready to leave, we were invited to go and view the famous painting by Whistler ‘The Artists Mother’ which meant we were really spoiled.

Thank you very much to the patrons of the NGV who provided travel and accommodation costs for us. We appreciate it very much.

Mr Geoff Symons – Art Teacher & Lily Tindall- Student
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 lohmeyer.julia.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Year 10 Work Experience
Please ensure you are making contact with employers to set this up. Bring your completed ‘yellow’ form to the front office ASAP and all enquiries 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  kalkal.sunita.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

Weekly Careers News
This publication is an excellent source of careers information and upcoming events which has hyperlinks direct to many of the organisations. It is messaged out via the ISC portal each week to year 9 & 10 parents and students. There is also a ‘Quick Link’ located on the right hand side of ISC homepage under the heading Careers-Pathways for all other students and parents. I encourage all students, especially those in year 9 & 10 to check it weekly to see if one or more of the items interest them.

Some of the items from the last few weeks included:

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Mrs Jackie Horkings – Careers/Pathways Coordinator  horkings.jackie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Dear Parent/Carer

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 10th May, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th May 2016. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 14 May 2016.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students that require them.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. To organise this you must call the school on 50245407 before Friday the 8th of May.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child’s progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Robyn Blackie
Acting Principal
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
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.