**Principal’s Report**

**Drama Club and Eisteddfod Performance**
Last Thursday evening students who attend the Drama Club every week presented a number of items to a very appreciative audience. The performances were the culmination of the semester’s work and included musical and drama items. It was a delight to see the talent, assurance and enthusiasm of our young performers. Noeleen Davis conducts the Drama club after school every Wednesday night and it is one of the many extra-curricular programs the school offers.

Over the coming weeks a number of our students will perform in the Eisteddfod and parents and students have the chance to see a pre-Eisteddfod performance tonight in the Student Centre from 6-7pm.

**Cross Country**
The school held its annual cross country at Apex Park last Tuesday in perfect weather conditions. It was pleasing to see such a high participation rate and congratulations to all students who represented their House. A number of parents attended to support students and thanks to those who helped out with setting up and manning a station.

**School Building Project**
The school has a short timeframe to complete the first phase of planning for our building works before an architect is appointed. Staff have been reviewing the current school facilities, both internal and external, and determining their level of suitability as teaching and learning spaces. Members of School Council toured the school at our last meeting and discussed in depth the range of possibilities for the works to be undertaken. Student groups will meet over the next two weeks to gain their input.

**Pupil Free Day**
A reminder that this Friday is a pupil free day and students are not required at school. Staff will be involved in professional learning at the school on Friday morning and will then visit local schools which have had building upgrades completed in the last five years. This is part of the consultation process for the first phase of planning in our future building project.

**Indigenous Writers Workshop**
Maryann Porker and a small team of students attended an Indigenous Writers Workshop on Friday 13th May. The workshop was funded by MDAS and students and staff worked with acclaimed indigenous author Tony Birch. They learnt about writing short stories, poetry and life stories and the feedback was very positive. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students.

**End of Semester**
With the end of the semester approaching parents are asked to support their children in completing all work requirements and in preparing for year 10 exams. Please access the school portal to monitor their progress in work tasks and homework and contact teachers if you have any concerns or queries.

**Sporting Finals**
We have had a number of students represent the school in baseball, golf and hockey at a state level this week. We also had a team compete in the interschool cross country on Wednesday. Detailed reports will appear in the next newsletter, however all our students were outstanding representatives of the school. The Year 9/10 baseball team are State Champions for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all involved.

Mrs Robyn Blackie (Acting Principal) blackie.robyn.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Assistant Principal’s Report
Grade 5/6 Enrichment Second Workshop Series

Last week our second workshop series started after school on a Wednesday for Grade 5/6 students from District Primary Schools. With just under 50 students in attendance, our workshops were a buzz of activity and learning: History Challenge saw 10 eager young historians join Irymple Secondary College students and Humanities staff - Mrs Rebecca McClure, Mrs Kara Taylor and Mr Paul Gibbons, to start research for their projects, excited budding scientists joined Mr George Conner to undertake physics experiments in the Science extension workshop, whilst keen potters accompanied Mrs Loretta Clyne to participate in the Ceramics workshop and finally the very popular Food Technology workshop got underway with staff members Mrs Kerryn Pongraz and Mrs Lisa O’Neill.

We have enjoyed the support of our district feeder primary schools in encouraging students to experience a workshop as part of their transition process and familiarity with a secondary setting. Anthony Ryan, Enrichment Coordinator, and I are indebted to our staff for offering a diversity of workshops that will offer extension challenges to our primary visitors, but also special thank you to Mrs Angela Hung for her tireless work in catering for our students’ after school snacks before the workshops begin!

Podiatrist visits Irymple Secondary College

A big thank you to Tracey Meyer, our local Irymple podiatrist/Foot Doctor and parent of our school, who has made her business’ services available on Monday 23rd May and Monday 30th May to offer free foot screenings to students and staff of Irymple Secondary College.

Semester One Reports

Even with the number of current extra curricular and sporting activities on offer, students and staff have been very busy focussing on our core business of enhancing students’ academic outcomes and pathways’ choices. Our Yr 10 students have their exams scheduled for the last week of term, with their Semester Reports to be distributed upon Yr 10 students return to Term 3 in week 3 after work experience and the Snow Trip. For our Yr 7, 8 and 9 students, reports will be distributed in the last week of Term 2. This means students and parents are reminded to actively check the school portal to view assessment tasks and their due dates.

Staff Professional Development

Our teaching staff have been working hard undertaking Marzano workshops on a Monday night after school in Term 2. Workshops have been facilitated by Mr Bill Sauer - Academic Games, Ms Karen Francis - ICT tools and myself - Chunking Content into digestible bites to retain new knowledge. Students are no doubt experiencing a range of pedagogical tools to support a stimulating learning environment in their classrooms and will soon witness our staff undertaking peer observations in the classrooms which are part of our school’s ongoing strategy to drive school improvement.

Mrs Anne Symes – Assistant Principal  symes.anne.as@edumail.vic.gov.au

Youth Leadership Summit

On Wednesday 18th May, the SRC, School Captains and Youth Action committee members (Tegan Harris and Courtney Orwell) attended the Youth Leadership Summit at Mildura Senior College. It was a fantastic day where students learnt about leadership and taking action to make positive changes in schools and the wider community. Students also had the opportunity to get to know student leaders from other schools in Sunraysia. Our student group has chosen the issue of littering and hope to make a positive impact on the school grounds. Our students were excellent ambassadors for our school and found the day very rewarding and fun.

We would like to thank Mildura Rural City Council for organising the day.

Mrs Carlie Kee and the SRC  kee.carlie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au
Interhouse Cross Country

Our Inter-House Cross Country run was held at Apex Park on Tuesday 17th May. With over 300 students participating in the event, the day was a huge success, with everyone having a great day. The weather was fine and cool which made the day an ideal one for running. The cool weather and effort put in by runners might also explain part of the reason why Gibbo’s snags were so popular at the end. Many students took the opportunity to run their best times while others chose to jog and/or walk the course at their leisure. Some excellent times were recorded with age group champions and placegetters on the day being:

13 Yrs Girls – 1st and AGC – Paige McLean (M), 2nd – Laura Bettess (R), 3rd – Latara Trigg (L)
13 Yrs Boys – 1st and AGC – Coby Mitchell (M), 2nd – Keegan Archer (R), 3rd – Vincent Brigante (M)
14 Yrs Girls – 1st and AGC – Chloe Barker (L), 2nd – Brooke Hards (J), 3rd – Shakara Delcastegne (L)
14 Yrs Boys – 1st and AGC – Jordan Stainer (R), 2nd - Joel Trevaskis (L), 3rd – Julian Rayner (R)
15 Yrs Girls – 1st and AGC – Shae Gathercole-Mills (L), 2nd – Claudia Bozzi (J), 3rd – Jordan Sievewright (J)
15 Yrs Boys – 1st and AGC – Lochlan Lloyd (J), 2nd – Nick Arnold (L), 3rd – Angus Cole (M)
16 Yrs Girls – 1st and AGC – Courtney Ransome (R), equal 2nd – Jessemy Thornton (J) and Tarsha Hawley (R)
16 Yrs Boys – 1st and AGC – Tom Reddy (R), 2nd – Shaun Jackson (M), 3rd – Cooper Kalms (J)

We have become accustomed to close finishes after Middleton’s 1 point victory over Johansen in 2014 and then Roberts’ 2 point margin over Johansen last year. It looked like Johansen were going to become the perennial bridesmaids. As it turned out Johansen reversed the last 2 year’s result to come out on top. The final scores were:

- Johansen 190 Points
- Roberts 182 Points
- Middleton 141 Points
- Lloyd 140 Points

Congratulations to Johansen House, age group winners, placegetters and to everyone who “had a go”!

The first 7 place getters from each age group for both males and females from our Interhouse Cross-Country represented the college yesterday at the Interschool competition. Hopefully we will some good results to report in the next newsletter.

Mr Steve Morrish – Sports Coordinator morrish.steve.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Drama Club Performance

The Drama club runs from March to the end of October and each Semester students work towards a variety type performance for family and friends. The aim is to introduce students to interesting stories, characters and texts in an imaginative and unique way as well as developing their performance skills. We seek to inspire children to read in full the stories they are rehearsing and also research the issues, settings and historical context of the works.

Every one of our students is different and has joined Drama Club for different reasons, so the exact content and difficulty of lines and language will be different for every group and for every child within the group. We want to ensure that each child is given the opportunity to reach their full potential and, as such, we often operate on role-share basis. The majority of the students involved in this performance were newbies to the club and to our school and I’m always amazed by the calibre of talent we are able to source. At least four of the actors have never stepped foot on a performance stage before and took to the whole scenario like seasoned actors.

Thank you to all the support from parents who ventured the elements to watch their children and those who assisted back stage, namely Danielle White and Rosie McIntyre and in particular to our extraordinary staff who allow me to indulge in my passion. If you are a parent who would like to get involved I look forward to you making contact. Our next show will be a Pre-Eisteddfod performance on Thursday 26th May, starting at 6.00pm. Give the school a call to reserve your free seat.

Mrs Noeleen Davis – Drama Teacher  davis.noeleen.m@edumall.vic.gov.au
**Maths News** - Maths Challenge (MCYA) starts Wednesday 18th May. Maths Competition (AMC) is scheduled for 28th July 2016.

**EXAMS EXAMS EXAMS! PREPARE NOW!**
Exams for years 8-10 are fast approaching.
Students must make sure that their summary books are up to date.
To minimise anxiety it is important that students start preparing now.
Revising the topics that we covered in Semester 1 will decrease the stress of preparing at the last moment.
Please approach your teacher if you need some help.

**HOMEWORK**
Please complete your homework each week.
Homework classes run on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY from 3:30 – 4:30pm.

**Year 10 Work Experience** - Last date to submit paperwork is 10th June 2016
Work experience dates are approaching very fast. I suggest students talk to their pathways teachers and employers to arrange work experience. Pathways teachers have a list of employers with contact details who have accepted our students for placements in the last few years.
Every student needs to complete Safe@work Modules.
Every student need to complete the **General Module** and **Industry based Module**.
It’s a legal requirement to complete one general and one industry based module. It means every student has to complete two modules (some might have to do three if they are doing work experience in different areas).
Please contact me with any queries

**Mrs Sunita Kalkal, Work Experience Coordinator** kalkal.sunita.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

**Pathway & Careers News**

**Work Experience** – Year 10’s should be well on their way to having their placements organised for the first 2 weeks of semester 2 or in the upcoming school holidays. There is a lot of office paperwork that needs to be prepared once students’ return their information page so it should not be left to the last minute. The school time set in semester 2 for work experience is exclusively ours. School holidays can be used by any school in the district and it can be very difficult to get a placement, so the earlier it is organised, the better. Students should seek help with their Pathways teacher, Mrs Kalkal or myself if needed.

**Weekly Careers News** – 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
Interschool Netball – Friday 13th May 2016

Junior A’s – Mrs Jackie Horkings

Junior A’s started off with a strong 14-0 win over Trinity. This was followed by a nail biting draw against Merbein. Our next match against St Josephs was a disappointing 1 goal loss but our last game was the best of the day, defeating the eventual winners Red Cliffs 12 goals to 8. Overall we came second for the day, which was an excellent effort. Best players on the day were Brooke Hards who intercepted countless balls and was the main driving force in the mid court, Shakara Delcastegne was very accurate in goals and the defence combo of Louisa Stevens and Paige McLean made it difficult for any of the opposing teams to penetrate. Well done girls and we hope we go one better next year.

Junior B’s – Ms Kim Walder

The girls played well and were willing to play in any position allowing for stronger combinations, however were beaten by all, except for Merbein, where the girls won by 2 goals. Thanks to the girls who offered to score on their game breaks, much appreciated. Claudia Fangaloka, Eve Kellet and Gemma Moiler were most consistent across the day.

Inter A’s – Miss Ali Callahan

The Inter A’s played four games coming away with one win, a draw and two losses. All girls showed good determination and sportsmanship throughout the entire day and put up a good fight against tough oppositions. Kendall McLean was very strong in defence, with Courtney Ransome driving it through the mid court. Consistent goaling by Courtney Orwell and Megan Hammond ensured the girls were competitive in all matches.

Inter B’s – Mrs Michelle Beswick

We started off on the back foot, losing a couple of players leading up to the day due to injuries however we were able to put 8 players on to the court on the day. Unfortunately we didn’t come away with any wins on the day, but the girls did enjoy themselves. Thank you to Amelia Hill who was my assistant and official scorer for the day. Best Players: Maddison Sparrow and Tarsha Hawley.
Northern Zone Tennis Report
Two ISC teams qualified for the ZONE tennis finals which were held at Mildura Lawn Tennis Club.

The Intermediate girls team comprised of Kendall McLean, Savanna Kalms, Chloe Barker and Paige McLean. Unfortunately the Intermediate girls faced their toughest opponents in the first match vs. Swan Hill. Kendall McLean was the only player to win her set 4-1. The girls then went ahead and beat the rest of the teams comfortably, but had to hope that Swan Hill would lose a match. Unfortunately that did not happen and they came second overall. Considering that Chloe is in Year 8 and Paige in Year 7, the team did a remarkable job getting into the Zone final against much older and more experienced players. Well done girls.

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The boys team of Daniel Harberger, Cooper Kalms, Tom Nichols and Damon Morris got off to a great start winning their first match 4-2. The next game against Bendigo Catholic College was a nail biter, coming down to games to decide the winner. The boys beat Maryborough 4-2 next which set up the final deciding against Echuca who were destroying everyone they came up against. Echuca’s number 1 player had only given 1 game to any opponent but Thomas managed to take him to a tie-breaker. All the boys played strongly and only narrowly lost the match, coming second overall. A fantastic effort.

Mrs Jackie Horkings – Coach  horkings.jackie.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Adolescents & Smoking

Impact of smoking
- Tobacco smoking is the largest single preventable cause of disease and death in Australia and most of the developed world today.
- Men and women are now smoking at similar rates. The rate for men has decreased over time.
- Young people who start smoking and continue to smoke are at much greater risk of dying early from tobacco related illnesses than non-smokers.

Note: It is unlawful for cigarettes to be sold or supplied to children under 18 years of age.

Why young people start
Research shows that 8 out of 10 people who smoke start smoking before they are 18 years old. There is a difference in the way young people and adults view health. Young people are more concerned with what affects them personally in the short term, such as relationships, how they look (clothes, weight, skin problems) and emotional difficulties. They worry less about the future. Many things make it more likely that a young person will start smoking, including:
- having family members and friends who smoke
- having peers who smoke
- coming from lower socioeconomic groups
- seeing smoking in the media, especially smoking in movies
- having low self esteem and confidence
- wanting to make a statement about who they are - rebellion, or smoking because they see it as an adult behaviour
- beliefs about ‘benefits’ of smoking - eg smoking as a stress reliever and for weight control.

What you can do to help your child stays a non-smoker
- Set a healthy example by not smoking, or if you do, talk about how you feel about it.
- Keep your home smoke free. If you choose not to do this, smoke outside or in one room only.
- Talk with them about the dangers of smoking and listen to what they have to say. Be available when they are ready to talk about any health issue.
- Trust your child to make their own decision.
- Support smoking prevention programs and "No Smoking" policies in schools.

If you think your child may be smoking
- If your child smokes, support them to quit and to recognise that it takes more than the first try. Young people can become addicted to the nicotine quickly
- Focus on the immediate effects of smoking – these may be more relevant to young people. For example the smell, decreased fitness and the effects of smoking on the skin, hair and teeth could be highlighted.
- Young women may be interested to know that smoking increases the risk of period pain and heavy periods.
- Talk about how much smoking costs and how much they would have to spend on other things.
- Encourage them to find alternatives to smoking, where they can achieve independence and self esteem without feeling the need to smoke to become popular, such as team sports (netball, football, soccer, basketball, etc), bush walking, music, movies, and computer games.

Some good news!
- There are now more Australians who have quit smoking than Australians who smoke.
- There are a lot of young people who try smoking but don’t go on to be regular smokers.
- Evidence exists that the longer young people stay non-smokers, the more likely it is that they will continue to not smoke.
- The bad effects on your health are reduced whenever you quit smoking.

References: www.cyh.com

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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 sleeves 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 sleeves 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

PLEASE NOTE: Hoodies and Beanies are not permitted. Scarves are to be grey, white or navy only

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