Welcome to our new Exchange Students

This week we welcome to our school two exchange students from France, as part of the Southern Cross Exchange program. They will attend Irymple Secondary College over the next three months. Augustine Courbois will be residing with Emily Williams, Yr 10, and her family, whilst Oscar Vanier is staying with Mitch Undy, Yr 10, and his family.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month

At assembly last week it was my privilege to congratulate our students who were nominated for Student of the Month, then read out the successful winners. Below is a list of our Students of the Month for May.

7A – Noah Maiorana
7B – Caterina Bakogianis
7C – Cade Murphy, Revin Kadian
7D – Dustin Doolan
7E – Nicholas Brown
7F – Jared Hawley, Jack Bennett
8A – Jasmin Walter
8B – Sione Tuimoala
8C – Christian Brannen
8D – Kate Bennett
8E – Steven Sziladi, Alexandria Young
8F – Amelia Hill
9A – Tyler James, Ellen Abbott
9B – Caleb Garraway
9C – Leala Jory
9E – Jordyn Ward, Holly Mills
10A – Aliza Benchmo, Phoebe Train
10B – Quin Garzon, Mimi Barbary
10C – Tarlia Couzner
10D – Dharma Hawson, Shalailah Carter
10E – Catherine Huynh
Semester One Reports

Our teachers are certainly gearing up for Semester One reports. Yr 10 students will complete exams in the last week of Term 2 and receive their reports upon their return to school in Term 3. All other students will receive their reports at the end of Term 2. Please note that our Report Writing Day, which is a council approved pupil free day, is pencilled in for Monday 15th June.

Mrs Anne Symes
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Year 10 Transition Presentation

On Wednesday 3rd June, Andrew Ough, Belinda Hudak and Tracy Marr presented to the Year 10 students. They provided information to the students about what it is like at Mildura Senior College and the transition process. Study time, subject selection, uniform, teachers, career pathways and education and training options were all discussed. The students were engaged in the presentation and asked lots of relevant questions.

Uniform

Students are looking great in the winter uniform, especially the Year 10 students in their rugby jumpers. Now that the cooler weather has arrived it is expected that all students will be in correct school uniform. School jumpers need to be worn and can be purchased from LOWES. If a student is out of uniform they need to bring a note from home and report to the Student Managers for a Uniform pass. Hooded jumpers are not to be worn to school.

Year 10 Exams

Year 10 exams will be held during the last week of term 2. Year 10 students will receive a copy of the exam time table early next week. If a Year 10 student is going to be away during the exam period they need to let the Year 10 Coordinators know ASAP so that alternate arrangements can be made for exams.

Snow Trip

Thanks to the families who have made payments for the Year 10 Snow Trip. Medical forms will be sent home with students and need to be completed and returned to the office by 12th June 2015. This is also when the final payment is due. If a student is eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund, this payment could be used to finalise outstanding Snow Trip fees (see page 5 for eligibility criteria).

Peer Mentors

Year 10 Peer Mentors have been working with the Year 7 students this week. They had a training session last week to plan the activities they were going to do with the Year 7 students. The sessions are aimed at looking at bullying and resilience at school and strategies that can be implemented. The students listened to a presentation by Donna Campisi who has overcome many hurdles in her life, before they completed some brainstorming and group activities.

Sarah Doolan
Acting Assistant Principal /Student Manager
Year 10 Australian Food Trends.

Aliza Benchmo and Phoebe Train proudly display their Chinese Toffee Banana dish (below). Students are enjoying weekly cooking from around the globe and are eagerly waiting to prepare their class banquet as a final celebration.²

Mrs Pongraz (Food Teacher)

Flo Program

In Week 6, FLO students were treated to a coffee making session. Anyse Austrums, a local training/working barista, from Madec, shared her vibrant passion and expertise for coffee making with the students. Students were keen to make the most of the opportunity and thoroughly enjoyed using our coffee machine to create a delicious brew. New skills included coffee grinding, tamping, temperature control, aeration and control of milk pouring. Special thanks to Mrs Boyce for organising Anyse’s visit.

Mrs Impey and Mrs Pongraz. (Food teachers)

TERM DATES FOR 2015

Term 2
13.04.15 to 26.06.15

Term 3
13.07.15 to 18.09.15

Term 4
05.10.15 to 18.12.15
This year the college is once again participating in The National History Challenge for 2015.

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

The 2015 Challenge includes a new category focusing on the legacy of Australia’s longest serving Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies. It will also have a focus on the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta and Australia’s federal system of government.

Regular meetings for students who wish to enter the competition occur each Tuesday lunchtime in Room: D1 where planning and research on student entries takes place. All students with a passion for History are welcome.

Entries are due for submission in late August, 2015.

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 Konstandopoulos

We look forward to working with future budding historians.

Paul Gibbons / Rebecca McClure
History Challenge Co-ordinators 2015

 Wonderland Wanderings

The Library display looks great with an Alice dress, playing cards, rabbit ears and flowers in evidence. Check it out!

We are hoping to arrange cast T shirts as a memento of the show if there is sufficient interest. They are likely to cost $27.50. If you think you would be likely to purchase one, please let Ms Davis know ASAP so we can make a decision.

All cast and crew are reminded to check out the production blog (http://productionatisc.global2.vic.edu.au/alice-rehearsal-schedules/) for when you are required at rehearsals. You can leave your own messages or make arrangements for extra rehearsal time to polish up specific parts. The little white rabbit continues to hop through every page of this newsletter – did you spot him?

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**Experience LaTrobe**

La Trobe University in Mildura are running an exciting experience during the School Holidays on Wednesday, July 3. Students and parents will be able to undertake a hands-on workshop in their areas of interest from a huge selection of course areas and career areas. Examples of course areas covered at the workshop include:

- Creative Arts - graphic design, visual art, photography
- Business - marketing, accountancy, property
- Education - early childhood, visual art
- Science - biology, chemistry, physics
- Health Sciences - nursing, medical industry
- Information Technology - IT, web design, media
- Physical Education - coaching, weight training
- Social Sciences - psychology, criminology
- Engineering - civil, electrical, mechanical

You will receive free lunch and be able to speak with current students and lecturers.

To view the full list of workshops and to register, go to [www.latrobe.edu.au/school-holiday-experience](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school-holiday-experience)
Year 7 Bullying/Resilience/Belonging Sessions

On the 1st of June, the Year 7s were involved with a bullying and resilience program run by our school nurse Julia Lohmeyer. The day began with a presentation from Donna Campisi who spoke to the students about how she overcame a stroke, type 1 diabetes and the death of her brother to go on to run a marathon. This is Donna’s bio and is a snapshot of what she spoke to the year 7s about:

Donna has faced some major challenges in her life, some by choice...others by circumstances out of her control.

Donna’s message is to inspire and encourage us that ‘there’s no such thing as can’t...’ She has proven this to be true! Doctors said Donna would never walk or talk again, after surviving a stroke at 8 years of age. Then at 14 years of age, Donna was again in another critical condition, when diagnosed with Diabetes Type 1.

In Nov 2012 she was only able to run 30 tentative steps. In Oct 2013 she ran a marathon, creating her own campaign called ‘Run Donna Run’ raising funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital, and inspiring many along the way. Donna is an inspiring speaker, blogger, author, humanitarian and crazy marathoner and adventurer! She now speaks regularly with humility and humour with students and corporate audiences, encouraging them to turn their dreams into reality!

Her extraordinary life story is a heartfelt, inspiring one that covers a full spectrum of areas including: strength, determination, self-belief and building on capabilities with the right mindset.

Donna is a woman who takes a challenge and believes it is achievable when broken into ‘baby steps’ and having the right mindset...

Donna is originally from Mildura (now living in Melbourne). After the presentation from Donna the Year 7s participated in a session of team building and belonging. They were divided into groups and did activities lead and managed by our Year 10 Peer Leaders. It was great to see the Year 7s working together and co-operating to achieve outcomes.

A special thank you to Julia Lohmeyer for running the program and Donna Campisi for giving some good advice and inspiration to our Year 7s.

Beth Menhennett
Year 7 Co-ordinator

Irymple Secondary College thanks the following sponsors

For every pair of school shoes or runners purchased from the Athlete’s 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 Athlete’s Foot. If you’re in the market for a new pair of shoes, please consider purchasing them from the Athlete’s Foot and just let the shop assistant know that you are from ISC. We thank you for your support.