

## ISC NEWSLETTER

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** - LMR Tennis & Volleyball  
**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** - Cross Country  
**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Open Night  
**Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>** - Year 8 Phillip Island Camp  
**Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>** - Year 9 Melbourne Camp

### Principals Report 29/04/2024

Gee we have started Term 2 with a bang – there has been so much happening in our space this past few weeks which is fantastic.

We had a wonderful Anzac Service on Wednesday which was done a bit differently this year – I am sure the community really appreciated the way our students acknowledged those who fought for our freedom and country. On Anzac Day our Captains represented the school by marching and laying a wreath at the Irymple RSL Service.

Wednesday evening was Parent Teacher Interviews and we thank all those parents that participated in these important conversations about your children.

Today (Friday) is a pupil free day whilst staff do the mandatory first aid requirements and some professional learning.

Next week we have 3 lots of sporting events where our students have qualified for the next level of competition (Loddon Mallee Region). We wish these teams well during competition on Tuesday.

Staff are busy organising two camps that are going out mid-term, this is exciting for those students that are attending.

Thanks to those families that have organised the correct winter uniform for their children as the cold weather is certainly beginning to set in.

As always please don't hesitate to contact me if there are any concerns or anything we can help with.

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**Jo McQuinn,**

**Principal**

## ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday 24th April, Our School Captains led our ANZAC Service, which this year included a Memorial Wall with the photos & history of service men and women from our school families. Family members placed a ceramic poppy made by our Art and FLO students and staff on the wall next to their family member. Some of our Year 10 Drama students reading out letters from the service men and women during WW1 and local cadets laid our wreath and raised the flag. It was a beautiful service to commemorate those that have served our country.

Lest we forget



## STAFF TRAINING DAY

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, our staff completed their annual CPR training with Mildura First Aid.

Afterwards, an Anaphylaxis and Asthma Briefing was done as well as a leadership meeting.



## PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER

## 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

### About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6<sup>th</sup> May until 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

### What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

### What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

### How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets.

Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014* (Vic), the *Health Records Act 2001* (Vic) and the *Public Records Act 1973* (Vic), as well as the Department's [Schools' Privacy Policy](#). Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

#### How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

#### Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: [Olivia.orwell@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Olivia.orwell@education.vic.gov.au) before the survey commences on May 6, 2024.

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at [school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria

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## ALPINE SCHOOL

Our 2024 Alpine team has headed off last weekend. We wish them all the best.



Nathaniel Kuchel, Xander Diaper, Jaxon Barone, Jasmine Shaw, Georgia Jackson and Zoe Howard (left to right).

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is free and held every morning in THUB 1 (FLO room) from 8:00 to 8:45. We serve cheese toasties, baked beans and spaghetti jaffles, hot chocolate, orange juice and fruit.

We would like to thank AXIS Employment for supporting breakfast club, providing funding to help keep the program running as successfully as it is.



## YEAR 9/10 BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Last term the 9/10 boys Volleyball team lost to Merbein in their normal heats but won the rest of their games. This meant the boys had one last chance for the win but ran out of time on the day. Knowing this, Carlie did an amazing job organising the Volleyball final outside of this day which was held last Thursday the 18th of April. This saw the year 9/10 boys Volleyball team playing against Merbein in the Leisure Centre at lunch time.

It started off with a bang, literally, within the first 4 serves of the game a Merbein player had done his ankle and was in some serious pain. First aid responder Nat came to the rescue! The Irymple boys were off to a shaky start with Merbein being the dominant team initially, with strategic ball placement and the power of their strikes had our guys worried. After a while the Irymple boys rallied and got the gap down to just 6 with only 5 minutes to go. They then kept that composure which resulted in an exciting finish with Irymple winning by one point.

A fantastic effort and result for the boys who played. Thank you to Carlie for doing all of the organising. A big thank you to the P.E staff who helped along the way, Baz, Todd, Jarred, Luke and any I have missed (you know who you are). Lastly, thanks to the office ladies for helping us get organised. You are all responsible making it happen and for it to run as seamless as it did. Great job team!

Bring on the LMR!

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## BASEBALL

Our students had a very successful day out at Baseball on Monday the 22nd of April.

The Year 9/10's won against both Merbein and Chaffey.

The Year 7/8's also had a very eventful day and made our school proud. They won their first game against Merbein, 9-0. Then against Chaffey, winning 16-0.

Therefore, both teams are straight through to State Titles, more information to come.



## HOMework CLUB



# HOMework CLUB



- Homework Club is starting up this Wednesday, May 1st!
- Starting next week, it will run Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:30 in the Nest.
- This is a great opportunity for your child to get some one-on-one attention from teachers, catch up on work and get their learning on track.
- Students need to be picked up by 4:30 pm.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Parents are welcome to attend!

# Cross Country

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST

This year, Cross Country will take place on school grounds, on Wednesday, May 1st.

The Canteen will not be open for lunch, however if you still wish to order food for lunch this must be **collected at recess**

There will be cordial and a BBQ provided for students



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call us anytime  
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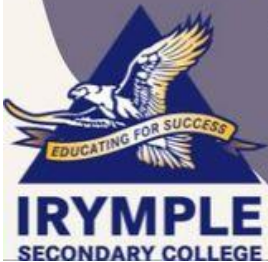
## ISC OPEN NIGHT

REMINDER FOR ALL  
PROSPECTIVE YEAR 7, 2025  
STUDENTS AND THEIR  
FAMILIES

**ISC OPEN  
NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 2ND OF  
MAY 6PM TO 8PM**

This night is fast approaching.  
We encourage everyone to come and  
see what our school has to offer



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## tuning in to teens

**A 6-week emotionally intelligent parenting program that helps you:**

- learn what teens are going through
- understand your teens emotions and help them to learn to manage their emotions
- manage conflict and communication more effectively
- create a closer, more connected relationship with your teen

**when**

Tuesday 14 May 2024, each week for 6 weeks, concluding on Tuesday 18 June 2024.  
From 5.15pm until 7.15pm

**where**

In our centre, 2/125 Pine Ave, Mildura

**contact**

Call 5021 2400 or email [my.headspace@headspacemildura.com.au](mailto:my.headspace@headspacemildura.com.au) for further information and an expression of interest form



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**APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**



**YOUTH RADIO**  
*Program*



Are you aged 12-25 years?

Interested in creating content  
for a Youth Radio Program?

**Nominations close on Friday 3 May at 5pm**



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# PERCUSSION JAM SESSION WITH LUKE MCCARTHY

Sunday 21 April 2024  
1pm to 3pm  
Powerhouse Place

A free, family-friendly percussion workshop for all ages and skill levels who want to learn some beats and play with different percussion instruments.



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# EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

**WEDNESDAY  
8 MAY  
10AM-4PM**  
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MILDURA

Open to all ages - Free event

Come and have a chat and learn more about our local Emergency Services organisations.



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READY TO TRY  
SOMETHING  
NEW?



**SUNRAYSIA HOCKEY PITCH  
OLD AERODROME OVAL SPORTING COMPLEX, MILDURA**

**COME AND TRY A TRAINING SESSION AND SCRATCH MATCH WITH THE 2024 TEAMS**

**U9 MIXED, U11 MIXED, U13 BOYS**

**5.15 - 6PM**

**U13 GIRLS & U16 BOYS**

**6.00 - 7PM**

**A MEN, A & B WOMEN**

**7PM**

All interested players 5+ are welcome.

**WE WILL PROVIDE:**

- HOCKEY STICK
- YOU WILL NEED TO BRING:**
- MOUTHGUARD
- WATER BOTTLE

\*Mouthguards can be purchased for under \$10 at a variety of stores.

**THURSDAY  
18TH APRIL &  
2ND MAY**



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