







## ISC NEWSLETTER

## Principals Report 13/07/2023.

Hi everyone and welcome to a shivering start to Term 3. We hope that you all took the chance to recharge your batteries and we look forward to a productive and positive semester. We'd like to send a big shout out to Jo who is currently on leave, recovering from cancer treatment which she endured for the last 3 weeks of term 2. I'm sure that everyone wishes her a speedy recovery while she is on leave for the first two weeks of the term. Karen Francis is also on leave for the first two weeks, and we need to say a big thanks to Todd Hughes and Luke O'Shannessy for stepping up and helping out in the leadership office in Karen and Jo's absence.

We would like to welcome back Sarah Doolan who is returning from family leave this term. We also have a new member of the canteen team, Lydia Mazza, as well as a new CRT, Regan Zaxos. We also have Chelsea Tuohey covering most of Steve Morrish while he is on long service leave for the term and Harry Tonzing has agreed to stay on supporting Mathematics learning for the rest of the year. We are very fortunate to have recruited such great people to the ISC Team and we wish them great success.

Semester one reports are being written now and will be published on COMPASS during week 3. Please bear with us as we navigate through a new reporting system on COMPASS, and we hope that these will be released without too many surprises. Big thanks as always to our IT guru Rohan Eddie for leading this change. We encourage parents to read these reports in conjunction with the results and feedback given through learning tasks throughout the semester and talk to your kids about how they went and how they might continue to build in their strengths and improve their weaknesses as they move into the future.

We are currently preparing for our 4 yearly review which is a process where an external reviewer from an independent team comes in and gives us feedback as to how we have performed as a school over the last 4 years. There is a lot of data analysis which holds us accountable to targets that we set for our school 4 years ago. There will be interviews with parents, students, and staff as well as learning walks, all designed to get an accurate picture of how we are functioning as a school. From all this data, conclusions are drawn, and new targets are set for the next 4 year period.

Our year ten students are currently undertaking work experience which is a great opportunity to learn work-related skills, make connections and gain a sense of the skills and

dispositions that employers require of employees before they hit the workforce later in life. It's also a great opportunity for kids to develop a sense of whether they like a certain field or not which may help them make more informed decisions about their year 11 subject selections later in this term. Thanks to the Pathways team and office staff for all their work to organise this experience for our kids. Feedback so far from employers has been very positive with many students offered future employment down the track and many positive comments about our students work ethic and initiative.

Next week we are taking 95 year ten students to the snow for the ski camp. A 90 cm snow cover should make for a great week at Falls Creek, and we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable week. Camps like these create a fair bit of pressure on schools as it means that we have 12 staff out for a week. Thanks to all the teachers staying back who will be taking the extra classes which enables trips like this to take place. Also, thanks to the 12 staff who will be putting in the long days and nights to ensure an enjoyable time can be had by all.

The Nest is currently having a face-lift, on the inside at least. We are having the Nest windows replaced and the inside replastered and painted. Part of this process involved the removal of the old windows which contained asbestos, and this work was done over the holidays when no one was on site. There will be restricted use of The Nest for a couple of weeks but it's going to look fantastic when it's finished and will result in a safer environment for our school community.

That's all from us, eyebrows up everyone and let's make this a ripping good term.

Gregor, Dee, Luke and Todd

# Year 10 Term 3 Important Dates

WEEK 1

Work Experience

WEEK 2

Year 10 Ski Camp/Work Experience

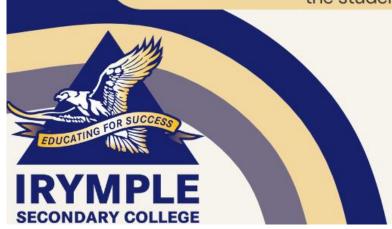
Wednesday - Pathways class
WEEK 3 Submit the blue subject selection form before
Friday, 28th of July

WEEK 4

MSC come to visit ISC, Students will enter subject choices into 'Webchoices'

## \*Please Note\*

Work experience dates may vary depending on the student

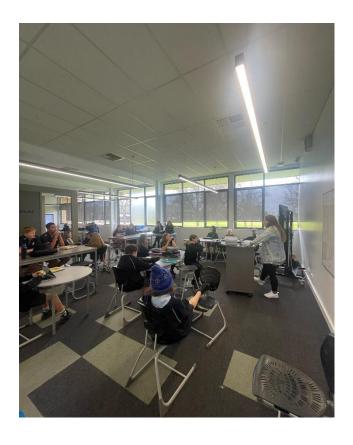




### **WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3**

Welcome to Term 3! It's great seeing everyone back today for the start of Semester 2! Year 10 Students will start school again on the 24th of July, after their Work Experience and Ski Camp







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### **'THE CYBER BULLY' PLAY**

On Tuesday the 11th of July, the Troubie Theatre performed a play called 'The Cyber Bully' for the Year 7 and 8 students. The play addressed the serious issue of cyber bullying among young people and explored the dangers of sharing too much personal information on social networking sites, the unauthorised use of pictures and film and the misuse of texting. Students witnessed the emotional and legal consequences of these actions and through empathy were shown how to navigate the internet more securely. We would like to thank Trisha Starrs and her team for the enjoyable and educational performance.





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## **Join our Youth Council**

Are you aged 12 to 25 and want to make a difference in your community? Expressions of Interest are now open to join Mildura Rural City Council's Youth Council.

The Youth Council is an advisory and advocacy committee which will represent the voice of young people who live, work and study in our region.

Nine Youth Councillors will be appointed for a one-year term, with Expressions of Interest closing 5pm on Friday 28 July 2023.

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