



Successfully engaging young people in the community with learning and career pathways

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Newsletter

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Students and Families,

Enjoy this jam-packed newsletter, it contains very important information regarding end of year arrangements and showcases all the wonderful experiences ILC students have participated in this term.

SACE Deadlines

Term 4 is notoriously busy, with SACE resulting and end of year preparations. While we aim to be as flexible and inclusive as possible throughout the year, there are non-negotiable SACE deadlines that students must meet to ensure that teachers can mark, grade and result student work. We appreciate your ongoing support in ensuring students are attending regularly, completing set work and catching up where required.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of those Stage 2 students who have worked hard to get their final reflections completed. For those still working to finish, reflections must be submitted by Friday of week 10 in order to be resulted this year.



Work on Contracts and Folio's will continue in the first half of next term, due at the end of week 4.

Flexible Industry Pathways / VET

Any students interested in undertaking VET courses in 2024 (Cert II or III qualifications), are encouraged to speak with their case managers before the end of term. Students need to meet eligibility criteria through industry exposure, such as employment, work experience or industry immersion in the area they are looking to study in. Referral into VET courses closes mid-term 4.

Community Learning Interviews

Students that have undertaken self-directed community learning activities, in areas such as community development, independent living, self development or work skills and career development, can apply for recognition at Stage 1 by undertaking an interview with our teachers. These will take place in week 8 of Term 4, case managers will contact eligible students to arrange an interview time.

Students exiting the ILC in 2023 will be supported by case managers in their transition from school. Guided by the development of transition goals, students will be encouraged to apply for work, further study or be referred to employment providers.

Students and families should be proactive in developing these goals with case managers so that we can adequately support you during this time.

Caregivers of **students continuing next year** will be provided with the 2024 FLO Consent Form. This form secures your child's enrolment with us, please return it to ILC Admin staff prior to the end of year.

I look forward to making the most of the sunshine and celebrating a hugely successful year with you all in Term 4

Regards,
Jamie



End of Year Celebration!

Save the Date:
Tuesday, 12th Dec
1:30pm

A special event for families to celebrate the growth and achievement of students across the year.

Families will receive a formal invitation early in Term 4.



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

TAFE SA Open Day

The TAFE SA Open Day provided the Work Ready class with the chance to learn more about several career options.

Students were able to get a realistic look at different vocational courses including: early childhood care, aged care, allied health, automotive, construction, engineering, plumbing, electrotechnology, hospitality, and kitchen operations.



Celebrating Success!

Congratulations to three students who completed their vocational education qualifications this term, earning extra SACE credits through on the job and school based training:

Libby: Cert III in Meat Processing

Kori: Cert III in Business

Hannah: Cert III in Retail



Free Event: Women in Trades

In Term 4, MEGT and Bunnings are hosting a free **Women In Trades Event** at the Riddoch Arts Gallery.

During this in-person workshop, students will have the opportunity to connect with experienced industry professionals, learn about the diverse range of trades available and gain practical tips to navigate the challenges often faced by women in this field.

When: Wednesday, 25th Oct

Where: Riddoch Arts Gallery

Time: 4:00pm

Cost: Free

Please see Mel if interested in attending.



Term 4 Important Dates:

2nd Oct: Labour Day Public Holiday

20th Oct: School Closure Day:
Mount Gambier Show

25th Oct: Women in Trades Event

6th November: Student Free Day

10th Nov: Stage 1 Last Day

29th Nov: Stage 2 Last day

12th Dec: End of Year Celebration

4-7th Dec: Community Learning Interviews

12th Dec: End of Year Celebration

18th Dec-26th Jan: School Holidays

Last Day of School

For Stage 2 Students:

Friday Week 4, 10th Nov.

For Stage 1 Students:

Wednesday Week 7, 29th Nov.

If students are completing a mixture of Stage 1 and 2 subjects, after week 4 they will only be required to attend those being resulted as Stage 1.

Stage 2 students may wish to continue attending to maintain routine or for fun, this is welcomed and encouraged.

If you are unsure when students are expected onsite, please speak with their case manager or teacher.



Photography

Photography students have spent the term learning about the principals of portrait and landscape photography, culminating their expertise in our in-house **exhibition** in weeks 9 and 10 of term. The effort and sense of pride students displayed in their work was inspiring.

Families are invited to visit the ILC during school hours until the end of term, to view the exhibition and provide feedback to students on their images.



Image: Dom's entry into the One Forty One Forest Photo Competition

Forest Photo Competition Exhibition 2023

The Riddoch Art Gallery & Mt Gambier Airport

Twelve of the (hundreds!) of entries into the One Forty One Forest Photo Competition have been selected for exhibition. Congratulations to Dom, whose image was selected as one of the prestigious twelve!

Images are currently on display at the Riddoch Art Gallery until the 27th of September, in the Southlink Space facing the Cave Garden and can be viewed from outside when walking past. The exhibition then moves on to the Mount Gambier Airport.



ILC Anglers

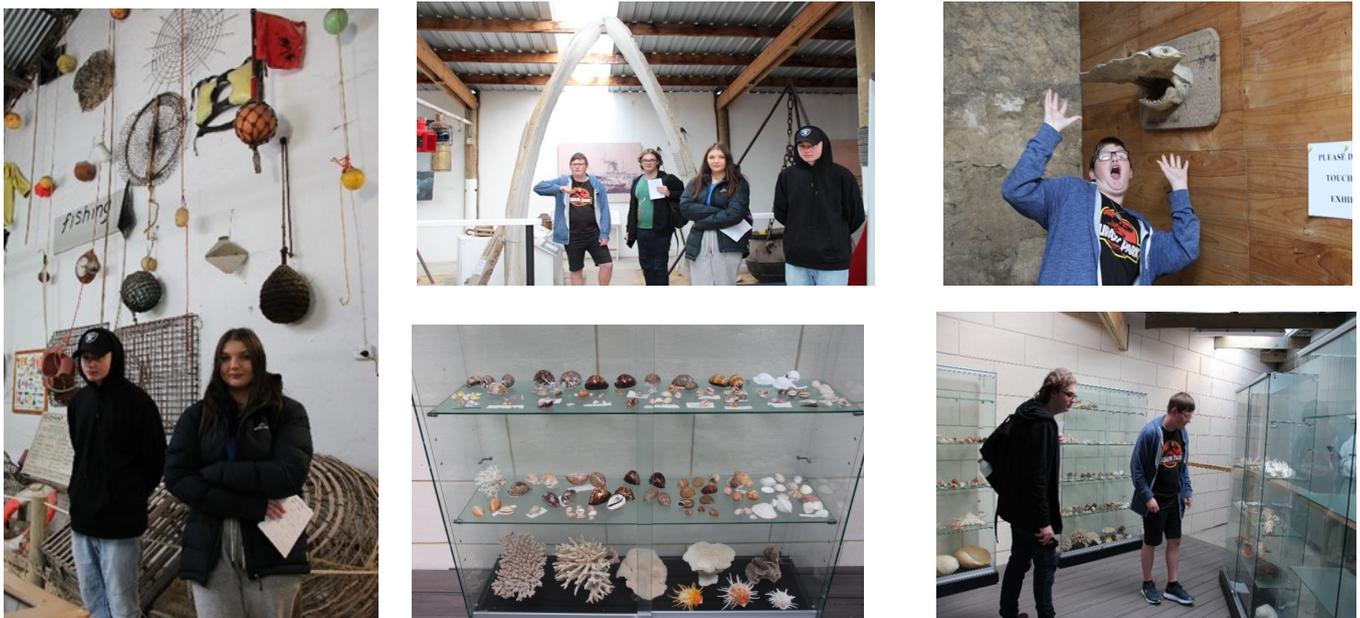
Earlier in the term, Anglers students took part in a unique cultural experience on Gunditjmara Country at the UNESCO World Heritage Site, **Budj Bim National Park**.

On a guided tour, students explored ancient aquaculture systems, eel traps, lava flows and the remnants of Aboriginal stone houses, finishing the day sharing a platter of assorted eel produce at the Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre.

Students (and staff!) were fascinated to learn about the eel life cycle and meet researchers that were attempting to capture eels as they migrated back to the Lake Condah from tropical oceans.

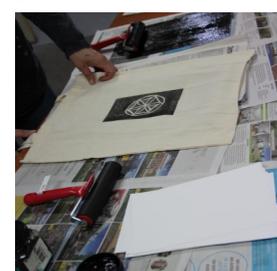


In week 5, Anglers students visited the **Beachport Museum** to learn about the area's rich fishing and agricultural history, including whaling practices dating back to the 1800's. The museum exhibits replica living quarters, information on the region's Aboriginal history, fossilised shells and crustaceans, fishing, agricultural and communication equipment including a telephone switchboard, wool press, tractors and cray pots. Students were captivated by the whaling history in Beachport and the items on display, especially the caldrons and enormous whale bones.



Artopia

Students created a series of linocut pieces this term. Linocut or lino printing is a printmaking technique in which a sheet of lino is used as a relief surface. Students etched their designs into the linoleum surface using a chisel, with the uncarved areas representing a mirror image of the design in print. Students inked the surface of their designs with a roller, and then pressed them onto paper before creating their own tote bags, with one student opting to extend their design to incorporate water colour.



Wear It Purple Day

On August 25th, students and staff celebrated "Wear It Purple Day".

This special day strives to foster supportive, safe, empowering and inclusive environments for rainbow young people.



Looking Forward to 2024

Thank you to those students who completed our survey regarding subject options for 2024, the timetable is being finalised incorporating your feedback. As in previous years, formal course counselling will take place in Term 1.



Community Garden

Holla Fresh Industry Immersion:

Community Garden students toured the Holla Fresh facility in Tantanoola this term, exploring career pathways in horticulture. The tour took students through the commercial growing process from seed to supermarket. Students learnt about the difference between hydroponic and soil growing practices, controlled versus non-controlled greenhouses, natural pest control, quality assurance, packing and transport. Holla Fresh employ up to 60 staff locally and supply approximately 60% of SA/NT supermarkets. Students were fascinated to learn about Holla Fresh's approach to limiting the use of chemicals, which included the growth of chilli plants and distribution of natural bugs (wasps and moths) that consume harmful pests.



Heavy Vehicle Simulator Excursion

Students were invited to experience a virtual heavy vehicle simulator on Tuesday 19th September at Grant High School. Students enjoyed the virtual exposure to driving a large, heavy vehicle. They were able to look at their performance including their acceleration, revs per minute, gears used and overall performance.



Work Experience Placements

Several of our students participated in Workplace Learning Placements this term, in preparation for transition to work and further studies in vocational education in 2024.

Toby: Trident Tyres

Macie: Carma Playhouse

Bailee: Carma Playhouse

Thomas: Ben Morris Plasterers

Thank you to the employers that supported our students in their placements. We have a number of students completing work experience over the coming weeks, we wish them all the best.



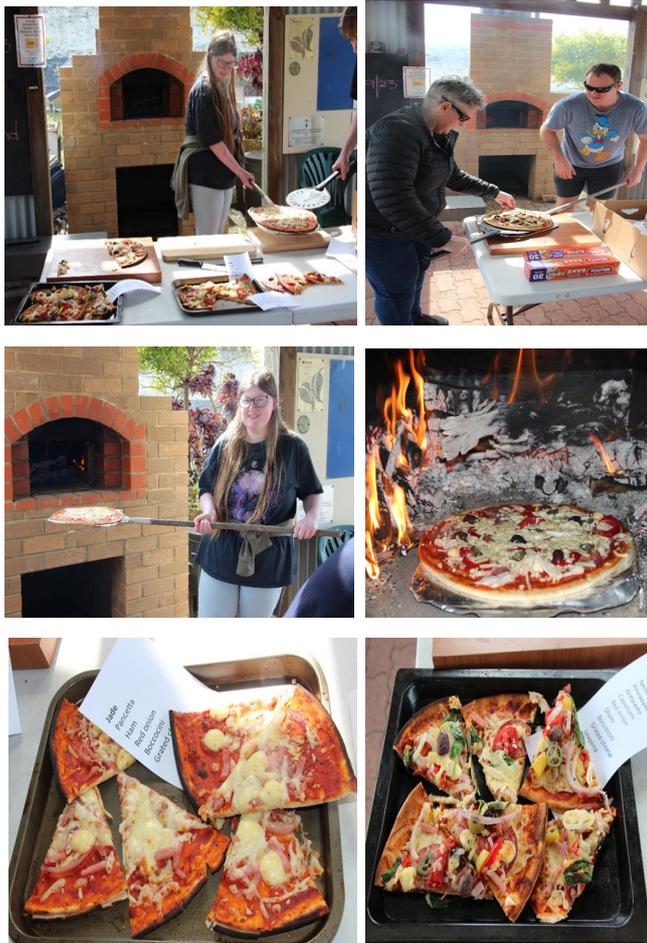
R U OK? Day

“We’re here to hear”

This year, we celebrated R U OK? Day through a Wood Fire Pizza event at the Old Mount Gambier Gaol Community Garden. CAFE ILC and Community Garden combined classes to cater the event and plant out our spring crop.

On R U OK? Day, and every day, we are here to listen and support students through life’s challenges, to remind them that its okay not to be okay and that they are never alone.

Our wonderful case management team facilitated fun activities on the day, promoting a sense of connection and positivity amongst the group.



Make staying connected and asking R U OK? part of your everyday

Start by asking, ‘are you OK?’

No, I’m not OK.

Dig a bit deeper:

- “What’s been happening?”
- “Have you been feeling this way for a while?”
- “I’m ready to listen if you want to talk.”

Yes, I’m fine.

But your gut says they’re not:

- “It’s just that you don’t seem to be your usual self lately.”
- “I’m always here if you want to chat.”
- “Is there someone else you’d rather talk to?”

Listen with an open mind

Encourage action and offer support

- “How can I help?”
- “Have you thought about seeing your doctor?”
- “What would help take the pressure off?”

Make time to check in

“Let’s chat again next week.”

RUOK?

ruok.org.au



Youth Leadership and Business Summit

In July this year, Year 11 student Mary Van Der Heul was awarded a scholarship to attend a The Magic Moments Youth Leadership & Business Summit in Sydney, NSW.

The event aims to provide young people with the tools & strategies they need to succeed in an everchanging world. Over 300 participants aged between 14-17 attended from Australia and around the World.

Mary described the experience as lifechanging.

“It was such an amazing opportunity. It was a place where strangers became friends and friends became family. It truly was the kindest place on earth.”

Mary shared that she left the event with lifelong friends and developed new skills that will remain with her for the rest of her life.

“I highly recommend this program, and strongly encourage others to give it a go!”

Visit the magic moments website to find out more:

www.magicmoments.org.au

Congratulations, Mary!

Sunset Community Kitchen Donation

Community Garden students donated their excess winter produce to the Sunset Community Kitchen this term.

The Sunset Community Kitchen provides free takeaway meals to those in need every Monday and Wednesday night from 6pm-6:30pm, located in the John Frew Centre behind Hungry Jacks.



Community Services Noticeboard

Foodbank Mount Gambier

New Opening Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11am to 3pm



Address:
23 Cave Road, Mount Gambier
Telephone: (08) 8723 0287

Headspace Mount Gambier



Address:
171 Commercial Street East, Mount Gambier SA 5290
Telephone: (08) 8725 0443

Mount Gambier Public Library



Address:
6 Watson Avenue, Mount Gambier SA 5290. Telephone: ((08) 8721 2540

Sunset Community Kitchen



Meals are available every Monday and Wednesday night from 6:00-6:30pm.

Singles, couples and families are all welcome. The Sunset Community Kitchen overlooks Frew Park in Mount Gambier.

Centrelink and Medicare

5 Percy Street, Mt Gambier
Telephone: 13 24 68

