



Newsletter

Term 1, 2024

Students and Families of the ILC,

The Independent Learning Centre staff would like to extend a warm welcome to the new school year. We have had a positive start to the 2024 school year, welcoming new and returning staff and students. We hope all students have a productive and enjoyable year.

2023 saw 6 of our Independent Learning Centre students achieve SACE completion showcasing resilience and dedication. We are immensely proud of each student who navigated the challenges of their final school year. We wish them all the best for 2024 and their future endeavors.

A further 20 students achieved their Stage 1 Completion. This highlights the positive learning environment fostered at our school, where students are encouraged to take ownership of their learning and succeed.

A special mention goes to our individual award recipients:

Sarah Long – *Creative Arts Award* sponsored by Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West.

Evelyn Blacker – *Respect, Trust Commitment Award* sponsored by Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West.

Jaden Watts – *Aspiring Futures Award* sponsored by Stand Like Stone.

Quinn Searcy – *Leadership Award* sponsored by the City of Mount Gambier.

Macie Sommers – *Values Award* sponsored by the District Council of Grant.

Jade Doueal – *Values Award* sponsored by the District Council of Grant

The start of the term has been extremely positive and we are looking forward to another successful year, with

a focus on the well-being of our students and positive learning outcomes.

Regards,
Lori-Ann

NEW CASE MANAGERS



Amy Dohnt



Rhiannon Allen

This term we welcomed Rhiannon Allen and Amy Dohnt to the ILC and Kids first Australia Case Management team.

Amy joins us from Adelaide. Her previous roles have included residential care and administration. Amy enjoys watching young people grow and thrive, empowering them to reach their self-identified goals. In her down time, Amy loves nothing more than taking her English Staffy, Vince for a walk along the beach and out for a puppy chino.

Rhiannon comes to us with a wealth of knowledge gained through her employment in residential care. She loves identifying the unique and special talents each young person possesses and giving them the tools and strategies to shine. Rhiannon enjoys spending time with her family, preferably outdoors.

TERM DATES 2024:

Term 2: 29th April 2024—5th July 2024

Term 3: 22nd July 2024—27th September 2024

Term 4: 14th October 2024—13th December 2024



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Creative Arts Award 2023 – Sarah Long

Sarah Long was the worthy recipient of the 2023 Creative Arts Award. She actively participated in all learning activities displaying wonderful creativity and design skills. For her community activities Sarah donated a Very Hungry Caterpillar felt sensory board to the library and designed a range of Care Bears which were distributed to local children via AC Care Christmas Hampers.



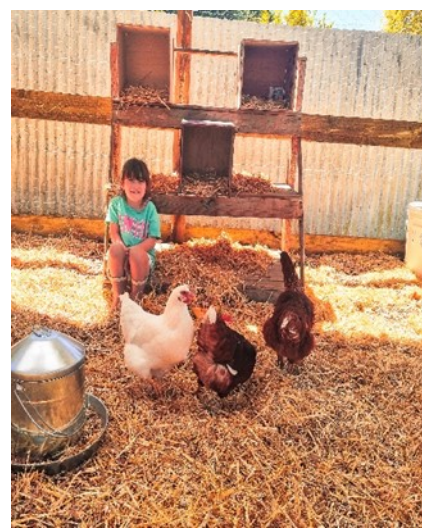
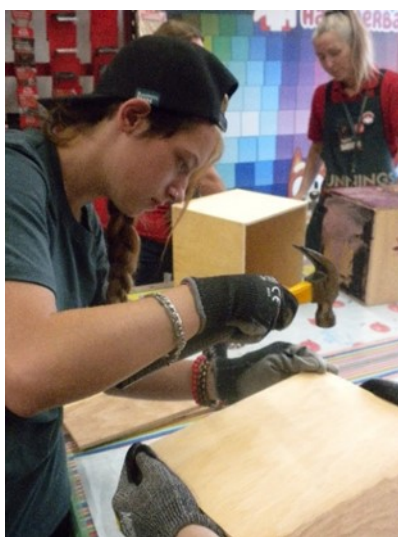
Textiles

Students are currently designing and sewing fabric pouches for orphaned wildlife to donate to Wildlife Rescuers in our local community. Deb Thompson is kindly volunteering her expertise every Wednesday morning to assist students with this community project.



Volunteering

Students recently participated in the “Trade Skills for Teens” at Bunnings. They developed valuable DIY skills from experienced tradies and constructed chicken nesting boxes to donate to a local Child Care centre. Students also made a bench seat which is being utilised by students and families near the entrance to the ILC. Thank you to the friendly staff at Bunnings and volunteer, Robert Aldersey, for assisting with the valuable learning activities.



Health and Recreation

Students recently enjoyed learning the rules, tactics and skills involved in Lawn Bowls at the Mount Gambier RSL & District Bowling Club from experienced bowler Tony Freeman. Thank you to Tony for his wonderful expertise and kindness displayed to our students.

