



Newsletter

May 2023

Issue #1

Students and Families of the ILC,

I am incredibly honoured to have been appointed as Campus Manager of the Independent Learning Centre. I join you from Mount Gambier High School having spent the last two years coordinating the Flexible Learning Options Program and a term as Deputy Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, students and families for the warm welcome I received in term 1. I have been continually impressed with the respect, enthusiasm and commitment students have shown toward their learning and toward each other.

The ILC is a unique school environment with an established student centred approach to teaching and learning. Staff at the ILC remain committed to providing accessible and individualised curriculum, catering to all learners. We have expanded our timetable in 2023 to include Community Studies classes, Volunteering, Artopia, Work Ready and ILC Anglers.

Case Managers have been busy developing action plans for every student at the ILC, establishing

clear pathways for students to attain their personal and learning goals. Whitelion welcomed Youth Workers, Samuel Zeitz and Joel Schaefer to the team in Term 1. Sam comes to us from the employment service industry, having previously supported youth in the flexible learning program at Henley Beach High. Joel has worked with young people across multiple service organisations in the Limestone Coast.

We also welcome Leonie Lattin to the team in 2023. You will see Leonie's smiling face at reception 4 days a week.

I feel privileged to be part of the ILC journey and look forward to supporting our students to shine in 2023.

Regards,
Jamie Ryan



New Staff 2023



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Sam Zeitz
Joel Schaefer
Leonie Lattin

Term 2 Important Dates:

4th May: Group Training Employment, Student information session

11th May: WDEA Works, Student information session

25th May: UniSA Foundation Studies, Student information session

26th May: Art Crawl Opening Night, 4pm at Metro - Art Crawl runs from the 26th May to the 4th of June

6th and 13th June: Sexual Health Information sessions with Carolyn Collins, South East Regional Community Health

8th June: Forestry Immersion: NF McDonnell Mill Tour

9th June: Student Free Day: staff are undertaking professional development in the use of data to inform their practice

12th June: Public Holiday

2nd-9th July: NAIDOC Week

Term Dates 2023

Term 2: 1 May - 7 July

Term 3: 24 July - 29 September

Term 4: 16 October - 15 December



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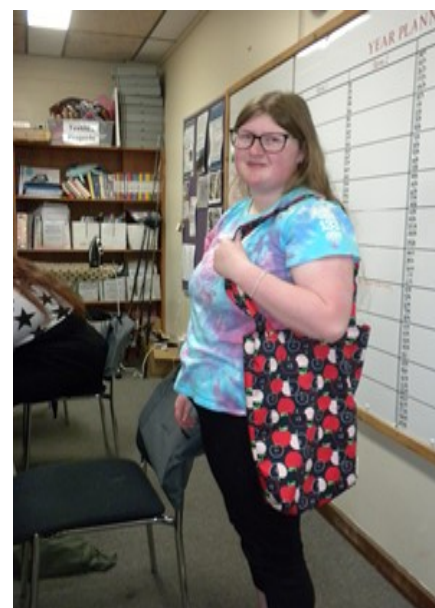
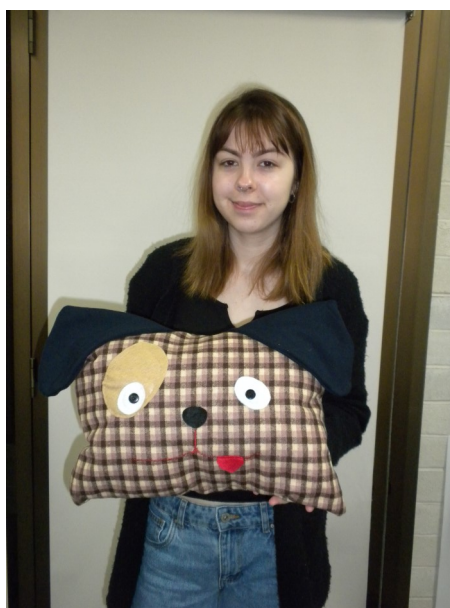
Volunteering—Making a Difference

ILC Students are currently working with Trudi Shelton and assisting the organisation **'Four Reasons Why'** with their annual **WINTER WEAR CAMPAIGN**. Students are collecting good condition pre-loved clothing, beanies, scarfs, footwear, blankets and brand new items that are donated by our community. These items will be distributed to schools and agencies throughout the limestone Coast to children and youth living at disadvantage, with warm, winter appropriate clothing. This opportunity helps our students to **develop social skills, find their purpose and help others, connect with people in their community and increase their self-understanding, independence and confidence.**



Did you know making items using textiles is a great way to relieve anxiety? **When “the hands are moving, the brain is grooving” so to speak!** Sewing is a wonderful way for students to get in the moment, to calm those unhelpful thought patterns and relieve anxiety. Students have completed various introductory sewing activities and have obtained great satisfaction from their finished products and are currently designing individualized projects. The students in textiles sessions are extremely lucky and thankful for our wonderful and talented volunteer, Debra Thompson.

Rosie



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ILC and MAS Collaboration

Ashlynn Wagner from **MAS Careers** provided ongoing support to Stage 2 Work Ready students throughout Term 1. Undertaking several targeted workshops, including **MAS Careers Services, Resume and Cover Letter Development**, Employer Expectations and Interview Skills, students developed knowledge and skills in work readiness, employer expectations and the tailoring of employment applications to specific roles. Students were also offered the opportunity to complete a Harrison Career Assessment and 1:1 consultation with Ashlynn to develop a personalized Career Action Plan.



Forestry Careers Talk

On the 9th March, we welcomed **Green Triangle Forestry's Workforce Development Manager, Josh Praolini** as a guest speaker at the ILC. Josh facilitated a detailed and interactive presentation on the 3 pillars of the Forestry Industry: Forest Management and Silviculture, Harvest Haulage and Port Operations, and Milling and Wood Products.

After gaining a broad understanding of the Forestry Industry, students were given the opportunity to clarify their understanding of employment conditions, earning potential and most importantly, how to apply for work.

The exploration of careers in forestry continues in Term 2, including **Forestry Immersion opportunities: Girls in Trucks simulator, mill tours and work experience.**

Further information will be provided to students and their caregivers via Case Managers.



Community Garden

In the garden, students spent Term 1 harvesting the summer crop and preparing the garden beds for winter planting. Students were fortunate to attend a workshop with Bunnings gardening specialists Hannah and Liz sharing their knowledge in soil preparation, natural pest control and plant selection. **Bunnings generously donated seeds and seedlings for our winter crop.** Patto's plots produced an abundance of Jerusalem artichokes, garlic, onions, silver beet and beetroot which, in a true paddock to plate experience, CAFÉ ILC students used to create a delicious Roast Vegetable Salad. Jamie and Patto



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ILC Anglers



The inaugural ILC Anglers Club met on Fridays throughout Term 1. Students began by learning the ropes: organizing tackle boxes, tying knots and rigging fishing lines.

This impressively passionate bunch of students have begun co-constructing their learning, with plans to incorporate inquiry-based investigation and an Aboriginal cultural focus in Term 2. Practical lessons took place at the Valley Lakes, where students tried their luck fishing for Carp. Although a catch still eludes us, it certainly hasn't dampened our spirits. Students spent bus rides and rained out lessons strategizing and are switching their focus to ocean fishing for Term 2.

I would like to acknowledge BCF Mount Gambier for their generous donation toward our Anglers Club. **BCF provided us with a \$200 voucher to purchase a large tackle box and 3 x fishing rods..**

I look forward to seeing how the group further develop their knowledge through inquiry and investigation in Term 2.

Jamie



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Artopia

ILC Artopia students have been working incredibly hard on their artworks for the upcoming **Art Crawl** event. Individual artworks will be on display from the 26th of May until the 4th of June in businesses across Mt Gambier, including Bricks and Mortar, Metro, Natural Born Grillers, Kaboom, Treehouse, Confessions, the Library, the RSL, Copenhagen and Little Blue Wren .

Students and their families are invited to the **Art Crawl Opening Night** on Friday the 26th of May at Metro from 4pm-5:30pm. Nibbles will be provided, student artwork on display and Art Crawl booklets distributed detailing where the artworks can be located.



Art Crawl
And Independent Learning Centre

26th May ~ 4th June

BRICKS & MORTAR

CNFSN CONFESSION

TREEHOUSE ADVENTURE CENTRE

COPENHAGEN

METRO

Little Blue Wren

KABOOM

Mount Gambier High School invites you to their annual Art Crawl

Students from Year 10 Visual Art, FLO's Artopia class and Independent learning centre have created artworks that are exhibited and for sale in various locations across Mount Gambier

Opening night at METRO Friday 26th May 4:00pm-5:30pm

City of Mount Gambier Library

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