Welcome back everybody from what was hopefully a refreshing Easter break. As you are aware, Mr Michael Rubock, who has been acting in my absence, has himself gone on some long service leave for the remainder of the term. I’d like to thank him for ‘holding the fort’ while I was away and wish him all the best on his travels.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Parents & Friends and all those who took part in the Easter Fair for their efforts. From all accounts it was an outstanding success. As Mr Rubock alluded to in the last newsletter, to be successful, events like these require a lot of organisation, coordination and time, and the response from the community and our staff and students in support of the Fair is testimony to all the unseen work that sits behind an occasion like this. Thank you and well done to all concerned! Hopefully as a result of this, the Easter Fair can become a regular part of the Yolla School calendar.

Over the next few weeks there are a number of other major events taking place. Next Friday, 27 April, Term 1 Progress Reports will be going home. These reports will contain a Home Teacher comment and an outline of student progress to date in each of their subjects. A parent/teacher evening has been arranged for Tuesday 1 May. Details of this will go home with the report. Next week we also have our Annual General Meeting for the School Association. It will be held at the school at 7.30pm on Thursday 26 April. This is a great opportunity to be actively involved in our school and I invite anybody who is interested in becoming a committee member of this body to come along.

On Friday May 11, we will also be holding our annual Bonfire. Putting on my weatherman hat, I am predicting a perfect autumn evening, crisp but not too cold, still and clear and a bright moon entering its last quarter. You can live in hope! Humour aside, I’m expecting another great night, and even though the weather was against us last year the spirits weren’t dampened and a good time was had by all. Come along and let’s make this another fantastic evening.

Finally, I need to alert parents to the fact that there has been a spike in the number of whooping cough cases reported in Tasmania this year. Please see below for more detail about this infection.

Once again, welcome back and let’s build on the successes we have already achieved this year.

Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

We have been alerted to a confirmed case of whooping cough. This letter is to inform parents to look for any symptoms of this very contagious infection. If you have any concerns please see your GP as soon as possible.

A bacterial infection of the nose and throat caused by Bordetella Pertussis.

The illness may begin with cold-like symptoms which develop into a cough, or a person may simply begin coughing. After several days, severe coughing bouts develop. Each coughing bout has many coughs and may be followed by vomiting or a sudden, gasping inhalation (whoop).

The coughing bouts can continue for one to three months. Infants less than 3 months of age may not cough; they may simply stop breathing. Adults and older children may not develop a typical whoop or vomit after coughing. Whooping cough is particularly serious in children under two years of age and hospitalisation is usually necessary.

Diagnosis is made by clinical examination, a blood test and sampling mucus from the nose and throat.

Whooping cough is spread by direct mucous membrane (lining of nose and throat) contact with infected droplets from the nose and throat produced by coughing and sneezing.

The incubation period is commonly 7-10 days and rarely more than 14 days.

Highly infectious when the ‘cold-like’ symptoms occur in the early stages. Without treatment, a person is infectious for the first three weeks of coughing. With appropriate antibiotic therapy, the person is no longer infectious to others five days after starting antibiotics.

Treatment of the person with whooping cough and their household contacts will reduce the spread of the infection. It is important that anyone with suspicious symptoms see their doctor so that an accurate diagnosis can be made and treatment commenced, if necessary.

A person with whooping cough should be excluded from child care, preschool, school or work until 5 days after starting antibiotic treatment or if not treated, for 3 weeks from the start of symptoms.
School Canteen Competition
The School Canteen is seeking a good nutritional meal to add to their specials menu next term.
Under school canteen guidelines it must:-
- Have low fat content
- Low salt and sugar
- Low artificial colour and flavourings
Winner will be selected by Canteen Committee and receive a free meal for one week.
C Warren ~ Canteen Operator

Cattle Handling Report
On behalf of the Cattle Handling Team, we would like to thank all those who supported us at the Fair by purchasing hamburgers, etc. and we are sorry to those who missed out. Everyone certainly kept us busy till we sold out. So a huge thanks. We raised $195.00 towards our team’s forthcoming season. It all helps, thanks again.
Thanks to all the support crew for helping set up, pack-up and for cooking and serving. Thanks Martin & Mel Blake, Jenny Granger and Olive Burr. Also thanks to Mr Hyland and the boys that helped move the trailer. Thanks also to Mr Dudfield for the extra bread run to the shop.
Congratulations to the Parents and Friends and all the classes who ran activities, the volunteers who helped with activities and stalls. You all did a great job. Hope everyone had a great day at the Fair and see you all at the next one!
If you did have a great day, then lets try it all again at the Bonfire. The Cattle Handling Team will be there cooking the BBQ again. So tell everyone and come and see us. It’s a great night (pray for better weather than last year). See you at the Bonfire! ~ Sonja Dudfield

Soccer Registration
A reminder that Soccer registrations are payable to the school office and are due by Friday 20 April for Primary and Monday 21 April for Secondary Students.
Players can not take the field if registration has not been paid.

Australian Mathematics Competition
Thursday 2 August 2012
The Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is a mathematics competition containing 25 multiple-choice problems and 5 questions requiring a number answer.
There are 2 Primary and 3 Secondary divisions. The time allowed is 60 minutes for the Primary Divisions and 75 minutes for the Secondary divisions.
Students are assessed only against other students in the same school year and country or Australian State so age or curriculum differences between students are irrelevant.
The problems are very easy at the start of the paper and become progressively more difficult until the end when they are challenging to the most gifted student. Students of all standards will find a point of challenge.
All students receive a certificate showing their level of achievement and a detailed report showing how they performed on each problem with comparative statistics.
Unlike formal mathematics testing, many of the problems are set in situations to which students can relate, showing the relevance of mathematics to their everyday lives.
Any enquiries to Mrs Guest.
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**Notice of Annual General Meeting - Yolla District High School Association**

The School Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the School, on Thursday April 26, 2012 at 7:30pm. The minutes of the preceding AGM will be confirmed and Office Bearers will be elected. Nominations close with the Returning Officer, Mrs. Heather Jones, (School Executive Officer), by April 23 2012. Elections if necessary will be held at the AGM on 26 April 2012 at the School.

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:

- Community members of the School Association (2 positions)
- Parent members of the School Association (2 positions)
Come and Join the Fun at Yolla District High School's Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Spectacular Firework Display!

Glow Products
Live Band
Food Stalls
Fun for All

FRIDAY MAY 11
6-8pm
Fireworks start at 7.30pm
Buy Tickets at the Gate

Family of four - $20.00
Adults - $10.00 each
Children - $5.00 each

*Alcohol Free Event*