Just a reminder that mid-year reports will be posted home on Friday, 3 August and Parent Teacher interviews will be held on the following Thursday, 9 August. As I mentioned in the last newsletter I can’t stress the importance strongly enough of making the effort to talk to your child’s teachers on this evening if you are able. I understand that for some of you this time may be inconvenient, if it is please feel free to contact the school office to negotiate a more suitable time to meet with your son or daughter’s teachers.

You may have read articles in the media over the last week or so about mid-year reports so this is a timely opportunity to reiterate how this years’ format is different from previous. This year students will be assessed against both the Tasmanian (TCF) and Australian Curriculums (ACF) and the report card for each, in terms of assessment, will be slightly different. The three curriculum areas to be assessed this year under the Australian Curriculum are English, Mathematics and Science. Unlike in previous years where each of these subjects was assessed against a fifteen stage progression (which is still the case for those subjects assessed under the TCF), this year will see the introduction of an A-E assessment regime. The curriculum enables high expectations to be set for each student. Achievement Standards have been set to ensure they are challenging and contribute to all students receiving a quality education. A ‘C’ rating means that a student has learnt challenging material and is performing at the level expected of their peers across Australia. So from this perspective it should be regarded as something more than ‘satisfactory’. Below is an overview of what the ratings mean:

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I’d also like to invite parents who are enrolling their children in school for the first time in 2013 to start making the necessary moves now. Some of you are currently accessing our Wednesday Playgroup sessions and this provides a great way to connect to our school early and ensure a more productive transition for your child into school life. If you are not using this program please consider it as a valuable activity for both yourself and your child. If you need more information just contact the office on 6438 1188.

The Olympics are coming to Yolla!
Monday 30 July 2012

All students will be participating in an Olympic sports competition during the day organised by the Student Executive Council.

K-2 10am - 11am
3-5 11.40am - 12.40am
6-10 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Opening Ceremony in top quadrangle 9.10am - 9.20am

Show us how proud you are to be an Australian. Come dressed as an Australian supporter.

Jeans for Genes
Thursday 2 August 2012

Students are invited to wear jeans to show their support for Children’s Medical Research.

Gold coin donation.

Please note this is not an out-of-uniform day just jeans and normal school tops.
**DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS**

**Monday 30 July**
Celebrate Olympics Day:
Block 1 (9.30-11.00am): Kinder - Grade 1/2,
Block 2 (11.30am-1.00pm): Grade 2/3 – Grade 5
Block 3 (1.30pm-3.00pm): Grade 6 - Grade 10

**Tuesday 31 July**
English Competition

**Thursday 2 August**
Jeans for Genes - Gold Coin donation

**Thursday 2 August**
Australian Maths Competition

**Friday 3 August**
Reports posted home

**Thursday 9 August**
Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Thursday 9 August**
Speak Easy Grade 9/10

**Saturday 11 August**
Yolla Shopping Expo at Krackatinni Tavern 10am-3pm

**Sunday 12 August**
Woolworths Earn and Learn ends in the supermarket

**Tuesday 14 August**
Coles Sports for Schools ends in the supermarket

**Tuesday 14 August**
ICAS Maths Competition

**Tuesday 14 August**
School Banking visit Redeem your Tokens from 1pm-1.30pm

**Monday 20 August**
Last Chance to hand in any Sports for Schools vouchers

**Friday 24 August**
Last chance to hand in any Earn and Learn stickers

**Friday 7 September**
Last Day Term 2

**Monday 24 September**
STUDENT FREE DAY

**Tuesday 25 September**
First Day Term 3

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**Help Us Help Our School**

The recent Gonski Review of school funding would see approximately an extra $1500 per student invested in our school if the Federal Government acted on the recommendations. That would amount to about $390,000. With that we could offer a wider variety of educational programs, employ more staff and provide more resources for learning. Our School Association is urging the Government to finalise legislation by the end of August to ensure more funding for public schools. Please help us by registering your support at the website: www.igiveagonski.com.au. If you are unable to visit this website to register your support we have a dedicated laptop available at the office.

**Students in the Spotlight**

Congratulations to Mani Gregson and Eli Whish-Wilson for being selected to play in the Grade 5/6 Darwin Football team and Amy Symes who has been selected in the Grade 5/6 Darwin Netball training squad, of which 16 players will be selected. The teams will play against Devon teams on Friday, 17 August in Devonport.

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**Redeem your Dollarmite Token Day**

Theresa from the Commonwealth Bank will be visiting on Tuesday, 14 August to hold a “redeem your tokens session”. If you have 10 Dollarmite tokens bring them in to school and redeem them for a reward at lunch time.
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.

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Improving Elliott’s Internet Service

The community of Elliott are trying to get ADSL broadband service activated in Elliott for cheaper, faster, more reliable internet.

To show support email Mark Knights at m.knights@bigpond.com or phone him on 0448 440 402.
Alternatively look for the Improving Elliott’s Internet Service page on Facebook and click the like button.

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Yolla School Parents & Friends Annual Dinner

Saturday 4 August at 7.30pm
at Krackatinni Tavern
upstairs
$15pp for a 3 course meal
RSVP to Rachel Reilly by 2 August
0400 566 851
or return the slip below to the office at school

Yolla School Parents and Friends Annual Dinner

Yes ___ people will be attending.
Thank you.
Yolla SHOPPING Expo 2012
You will find us at the
Krackatini Tavern upstairs
Sat. 11th Aug from 10-3

Sausage Sizzle, Soup and Cake Stall

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$4 Mystery Bags - every bag has a prize!
Face painting and Kids lucky dip bags

All profits made on the day by the Yolla Parents and Friends are being used to buy items for our Library and Music Departments at school.