Over the past two weeks our primary students have been undertaking the Swimming and Water Safety program at the Burnie Pool. As usual this has proved to be a very successful activity and with our Swimming Carnival coming up next week, a timely one. The weather conditions over the past few weeks have made this an added bonus.

I met with the Parents & Friends last week and they are excited about the Easter Fair that will be running this year. It is planned for Thursday, March 29. As usual they are extremely committed to ensuring this event will be an outstanding success and planning is underway with teaching staff to make sure there are lots of fun activities for everyone on the day. Please support this event as it is a great opportunity to see the school in a different light and have a fun and relaxing day with our children and other parents, teachers and staff. Similarly, our annual Bonfire will be held on May 11. Hopefully, the weather will be a bit kinder to us this year.

Also during May NAPLAN testing will take place once again. In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program is scheduled to continue in 2012 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 to be assessed using common National tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students in Tasmania have been participating in literacy and numeracy tests for a number of years, so there is familiarity with the test formats and the types of questions. The scheduled dates for the tests in 2012 are Tuesday 15 May, Wednesday 16 May and Thursday 17 May.

These National tests will provide information on how students are progressing against National minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level, as well as performance across the whole range of student abilities. The results will support improvements in teaching and learning for students.

Parents will receive an individual report that shows their child’s results and a comparison of their child’s performance against all other Australian students in their year level. The report will also indicate how your child performed in comparison to the National average and the levels of achievement expected at that year level.

For students in Years 5, 7 and 9, the results from the 2012 tests will provide parents and schools with important information on progress made since they last participated in NAPLAN testing in 2010.

The best way you can assist your child is by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests, and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

For more information about the National tests, including test samples, frequently asked questions, the test schedule and a parent information brochure, please visit the National NAPLAN website at: http://www.nap.edu.au
SCHOOL BANKING

This year **TUESDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once students individually collect 10 tokens they can be redeemed for a range of exclusive reward items in recognition of their continued savings. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Yolla School.

Art Department

The Art Dept is seeking donations of aluminium cans. All donations can be left at the office. Thank you.

Wynyard Basketball will be running clinics every WEDNESDAY for grades prep - 3 3.30-4.30 and grades 4 - 6 4.30-5.30 at Table Cape Primary school. Cost is $2.00 and please bring a drink. See you there.

Message from Sid Sidebottom MP

As some of you may be aware, the Federal Government released the independent review of school funding conducted by eminent businessman David Gonski on Monday 20 February.

I believe that all Australian parents should be confident their child will get a world-class education. This should be the case no matter where they live or the school they attend.

But this isn’t always happening at the moment. While we have a great education system, some students are falling behind. We need to do more to lift performance.

Since 2007, the Government has driven a strong national school reform agenda to do this. The Federal Government has invested in teacher quality, giving more powers to local principals, and building new classrooms and science labs in schools across the country.

The next important step is to make sure schools have the funding they need to teach our children. That is why we have done the first full review of school funding in almost 40 years.

We said when we started the review that no school would lose a dollar of funding per student as a result of any changes. This remains the case. Indexation will also be a feature of any new system.

The Government wants to be sure that any change will deliver the best result for our schools. We want to hear from parents, schools and the community about what you think works.

I will be in contact with your school over the coming months to get thoughts and feedback on how we can improve our schools. We want all of our students to get the best start in life.

If you would like any further information about the report please do not hesitate to contact me on 6431 1333 or visit [www.schoolfunding.gov.au](http://www.schoolfunding.gov.au).

### Australian Informatics Competition

**Thursday 10 May 2012**  -  **Entry Fee $5.50**

The Australian Informatics Competition (AIC) is a one hour problem solving competition using mathematical skills. The AIC seeks to identify computer programming potential; something which students might not normally have an opportunity to demonstrate.

The AIC is now a programming competition and no programming experience is required.

Results in the AIC often enable a talent to be discovered which is not always apparent or sought in normal classroom testing. Some questions test the ability to accurately perform procedures. Others require logical thought while the more challenging problems require the identification and application of algorithms.

There are three papers. A senior paper for students in year 11 and 12, an Intermediate Paper for students in Years 9 and 10 and a Junior Paper for students in Years 7 and 8. Each paper includes six multiple choice questions, followed by nine more challenging questions where each answer is a number. Students enter their answers on a supplied answer sheet which is returned to the Australian Mathematics Trust in Canberra for marking.

The AIC is open to secondary school students in Years 7 to 12. Written by some of Australia’s most experienced teachers and computer scientist, it is accessible to all students. The competition is an ideal activity to encourage an interest in programming and is suitable for any mathematics class as no previous experience in computer programming is necessary.

Students write computer programs to solve a series of problems. Training materials are available at orac.amt.edu.au/aioc/train for students with little or no programming experience.

If interested please see Mrs Guest.
DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday 1 - Friday 2 March  Grade 3-5 Swimming
Tuesday 6 March       Prep to Grade 10 Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 7 March    Parents and Friends Meeting 7.30pm in the house
Thursday 8 March     Assembly 9.30am
Monday 12 March      8 Hour Day Holiday
Tuesday 13 March     K-6 Performance ‘Alpha Beat’
Wednesday 14 March Playgroup starts 9.30am - 11.30am
Friday 16 March      Interhigh Swimming
Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 March Relay for Life, Penguin
Tuesday 27 March     Photo Day
Thursday 29 March    Grade 3-4 Sports Expo
Thursday 29 March    Easter Fair
Friday 6 April       Good Friday
Monday 9 - Friday 13 April Easter Break

Parents and Friends

The Yolla Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 21 February. After several years of hard work and brilliant service through the P&F Karen Harman resigned as the President, the position has been filled by Rachel Reilly and Celia Harris as Co-Presidents. Rachel Hamilton was elected to replace Sophia Forman, whom has been our Secretary for the last two years, thank you for your great help Soph and Charleen Beamish remains in the position of Treasurer. Karen Harman will remain closely involved in the P&F for which we are eternally grateful as she has made it the success that it is today and we will appreciate her guidance into the future.

Looking forward to the near future we have the Yolla School Fair on Thursday 29 March, this event will see us busy in preparation for what is hoped to be an extremely successful event. We will be asking family and community members to support us in this endeavour as this is a major opportunity to raise vital funds to enhance the education of the future generations.

The Fair Organising Committee met on the 27 February and plans are looking very good, we are seeking donations of the following items; stamps, beads and beaded jewellery (old is great), fabric scraps and calico, wool, baskets, glass jars suitable for jams, tea cups and saucers, lots of old keys, ice-cream containers with lids, and anything else that you feel may come in handy with crafts etc. Donations can be left at the School office.

We will be holding a Craft Day in preparation on Wednesday 7 March from 9am at the School all are welcome to attend and we would greatly appreciate your contribution to the day, drop in for half an hour or three, we would love to see you.

If you have any questions or queries for the P&F you can contact us via email: yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com and you can also keep up with what’s happening by following us on Facebook at Yolla Parents & Friends. We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to a very successful year.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 7 March, 7:30pm in the School House (adjoining the Online Access Centre). All Welcome!
Western Schools Soccer Association  
Expression of Interest

We are currently taking expressions of interest for students wishing to play in the Western Schools Soccer Association Winter roster. If your child is interested in playing soccer please fill out and return the permission slip below. We require slips to be returned to the school as soon as possible so that we can determine if there are enough players to form teams.

In the past most games are held on a Saturday morning. Under 6’s to Under 10’s play at McKenna Park Burnie, whilst Open’s play at the Frederick Street grounds in Wynyard. We will confirm further details after the next Soccer Association meeting.

Cost will be approximately $60.00 registration (we will inform you of the exact amount when known), and is to be paid to the school office. **If a team is formed in your child's age group the school will invoice you accordingly.**

Clothing requirements are as follows: Black shorts, Long socks, Shin Pads (compulsory), Soccer boots (compulsory), Mouth Guard (recommended)

Shirts are provided by the school.

Any parents interested in helping coach teams are asked to contact Ian Rogers on 6438 1350 or 0418 317 808, or the school office.

Please sign the expression of interest form, and return to the office as soon as possible.

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MY CHILD …………………………………………………………..……DATE OF BIRTH ………………………………
IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR YOLLA SCHOOL IN THE WESTERN SCHOOL'S SOCCER ASSOCIATION WINTER ROSTER.
I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND THAT UPON TEAMS BEING FORMED A REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED AND PAYABLE TO THE SCHOOL PRIOR TO MY CHILD PARTICIPATING.
SIGNED ………………………………………………..   DATE ….../….../ 2012
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Burnie Netball Association  
Expression of Interest

We are currently taking expressions of interest for students wishing to play in the Burnie Netball Association’s Winter roster. If your child is interested in playing netball please fill out and return the permission slip below. We require slips to be returned to the school as soon as possible so that we can determine if there are enough players to form teams.

The roster is run on Saturdays starting 24 March. There will be no games over the Easter break and June school holidays. The roster runs for 18 weeks in total with the finals being held on 11 and 18 August and the grand final on 25 August.

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WYNYARD SERVICE PROVIDERS  
INFORMATION DAY

Thursday 15 MARCH 2012  
10.00 am – 12.00 Noon

Wynyard RSL Sub Branch, Goldie Street  
Admission Free – Tea / Coffee available

**Services include:**
- Advocacy Tasmania
- Aspire/Sage Hill
- Autism Centre
- Carers Tasmania
- Centrelink
- Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre
- Family Based Care Association
- Gamblers Help
- Mission/Gateway
- Optia
- Southern Cross Community Care
- Standby Response

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Welcome back we hope everyone had an enjoyable break. During the break, a parent from the team unfortunately had an accident but is now on the mend. We'd like to wish her all the best and a full and speedy recovery.

Also during the break, some dairy team members attended calf days for most breeds, assisting breeders and practising their handling skills. A couple of our members also went to the Chudleigh Show. William and Nathan each won their age group in handler classes, putting them into the Champion class, but weren’t able to win that day. Both boys also had some success with their individual animals.

The Team are currently preparing for the Wynyard Show on March 17.

We will be holding our Annual General Meeting in April, for anyone thinking of joining up for the forthcoming season. Further details closer to the time. For anyone interested, please talk to current members or Mr Paul White to find out what happens. Also talk to your parents about joining.

New members welcome. Now we are all rested from our break, any new fundraiser ideas, would be greatly appreciated.

Included in this newsletter is an Easter Fundraiser, please help us raise money by purchasing a packet of Anzac Biscuits or Premium Easter Buns. Please return your form to the school office by Friday 23 March.

Results from Wynyard Show, next report. - Sonja Dudfield.

Wynyard Concert Band
Beginners Information Night
When: Today Thursday 1 March 5.30 to 6.30pm
Where: Band rooms Johnson Place Wynyard (near Squash Courts)
For all ages 10 to 100. From complete beginners to virtuosos!
Come and try out some instruments and learn to play in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.
For further information phone Alison 64381285/0408354574.
If you can’t make it this week come next week at the same time.
Intermediate Band starts again March 8 at 6.30pm.
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*Friday 23rd March - Order sheets and money to be back to School no later than this date.  
*Monday 2nd April - Products delivered to the school