As most of you would be aware NAPLAN testing will run this year from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. I have included some information below about the NAPLAN national testing regime which might be helpful.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual National assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, States and Territories with information about how education programs are working and which areas need to be prioritised for improvement.

Earlier this week you may have read about the release of the NAPLAN toolkit by the Minister for Education, Mr Nick McKim. This toolkit aims to assist student improvement in literacy and numeracy by allowing teachers to identify students’ individual strengths and needs and determine which children would benefit from participating in targeted literacy and numeracy programs. Over the coming weeks teachers at Yolla will be briefed in the use of this toolkit and it should provide a useful adjunct to the work that is already going on in classrooms to improve student outcomes. It is important to remember though NAPLAN tests are one aspect of the school’s assessment and reporting process, and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student performance over the year.

I would like to remind parents, volunteers and visitors to the school of the necessity to sign in at the office when coming on to the site and leaving. There are a number of reasons for this: it gives our administrative staff a clear indication of who is in the school; should there be a fire, it enables us to account for all visitors; and finally it is an essential component of our duty of care provisions. Whilst on Duty of Care, I would like to reiterate that school hours are between 8.30am and 3.30pm and staff are legally bound to provide a duty of care for our students during these hours. This legal requirement does not extend beyond these hours, and as such it is important that parents are aware of this. In particular, arrangements for students who remain on school property at the end of the day, unless otherwise arranged with the school (for example, after school sport, excursions, etc), are the responsibility of the child’s parents or guardians. Team coaches and coordinators of sports training after school are responsible for students participating in training only, they are not responsible for siblings, friends and others who come along to watch.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Oliver Radford and Keiren Anderson on their contributions to the ANZAC day ceremonies last week. I was privileged to hear both boys’ speeches and I must say both the quality of their speech and the way in which they were presented was a credit to themselves, their families and the school community. Well done!

Parents and Friends Report

We have a big couple of days coming up with Mother’s Day Stall and Bonfire Night a day apart.

Donations for the Mother’s Day Stall would be greatly appreciated; hankies, chocolates, anything crafty.

Also we have some dates that if you could spare some time that would be great.

Wednesday 9 May - Washing the spuds in the Kitchen, 9am and craft pricing and finishing after.

Thursday 10 May - Mother’s Day Stall. Students may bring some money to purchase something special for mum.

Friday 11 May - Bonfire Night - if you can spare some time that would be great.

If you could help with any of this that would be great.
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

New Equipment
On the Tuesday before Easter a lady came into my classroom and said I have new equipment for you Declan. I said thank you Jill and she gave me a clear view machine. It makes words and pictures bigger. It is awesome and I use it for reading books and the class novel we are reading (The Long Walk). The book is wicked and the girl’s mum is in hospital.
I also got a laptop and I put it in large print and I like it. For the holidays I am allowed to take it home. Mrs Guest put a typing game on it and I like it. There are some arcade games to help me learn to touch type and they are awesome.

Learn Guitar
Acoustic, Electric, Bass.
Lessons available.
Contact Mr Greg Wilson (qualified teacher) on 6442 3745 after hours or at work on 6438 1188.

WYNYARD ANZAC DAY SERVICE
25 April 2011
11:00am
Lest We Forget
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**Education Tax Refund**

**Are you eligible?**

Do you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A?

You do not need to lodge a tax return to claim!

In 2010, the parents of approximately 20,000 Tasmanian students missed out on education tax rebates worth up to $800 because they did not lodge a claim (The Mercury 29/01/12). Since 2009, parents have potentially missed out on refunds of school expenses of up to $2323.

For 2012, the refundable limits are -

- $818 per child in high school or college
- $409 per child in primary school

And if you have not lodged a claim for an earlier year, it is not too late!

**Claimable expenses include** -

- Laptop computers and home computers
- Internet costs
- Printers, paper, ink
- Discs, USBs
- Textbooks and stationery
- Educational software
- School uniforms
- Trade tools (where a compulsory acquisition for education)

**How to make your Education Tax Refund claim?**

Visit www.ato.gov.au and follow the links to Education Tax Refund, download the form, and post or deliver to the ATO.

Or

Contact your local H&R Block office for assistance on 13 23 25. Our tax professionals can help complete your claim with you.
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*