Here we are at the middle of our school year; the end of term 2, with 2 terms to go. If the remaining terms are as successful as these two terms have been, we will all be very happy and proud of what we have achieved.

Last week our school had one of the best professional learning opportunities available to teachers. We were very lucky to have two renowned Australian Literacy teachers come into our classrooms, work with our students, model best practice and interact with our staff. Julie Shepherd and Fiona Jackson led our staff through workshops and professional conversations, as well as modelled Reading and Writing lessons with our grade 4/5, grade 7/8 and grade 9 English classes. Our staff will now put what they have learnt into practice next term. A very big THANK YOU to Julie and Fiona, and also Julie Keegan for organizing this opportunity.

Continuing on the theme of celebrating successes and achievements, as highlighted in the last few newsletters, we are very proud of our students representing our school so proudly in the recent Burnie Eisteddfod. Our two choirs performed beautifully and it was so exciting to have enthusiastic kids singing together in a choir. This is what the adjudicators had to say: Grade 6 and Under - You told the story very well. You make a very nice sound. Sweet, pretty and true. Very good diction of these fast passages. Good uniform vowels. Very pretty oo sound and higher notes very nicely in head voice. Grade 2 and Under - Very sweet voices, uniform vowels, good discipline, clear words. Cute song, your memory work is really good. Your choice of songs were good. Thank you to Mrs Neilson for organizing the choirs and inspiring them to love singing and Music.

Also, a big congratulations to our Grade 9 Speech and Drama group who were awarded first place in their section. All performers were fantastic and certainly made Mr Cramp a very proud teacher. Congratulations also to Sakura Walker in being awarded the best performer in any one act play within the Eisteddfod. I also want to acknowledge the group's bravery in performing at our assembly today. It is difficult performing in front of your peers, so well done to each and every one of you. You should be very proud of each other and yourselves.

Today, I was again very proud to be the Principal of Yolla District High. Our grade 1/2 students and Ms Maartensz have combined with our grade 5/6 students and Mr Cramp, over the past few weeks and have collaborated to produce their own version of the story "Boo to a Goose." This delightful book was launched today, with parents and special guests all enjoying the enthusiasm and delight of our budding author/illustrators. A copy of this book will be on display in our foyer next term. It is well worth a trip in to have a look! Congratulations to everyone involved! A big thank you also to our two student teachers, Ms Colledge and Ms McNamara for their assistance.

As mentioned in last newsletter, the school’s catchment area is under review, and our community are asked to have input into the proposed changes. Please refer to the website: http://www.education.tas.gov.au/About_us/Pages/School-Home-Area-Maps.aspx Our School Association are currently reviewing these proposals, and are keen to hear from anyone with any suggestions or thoughts. Our next meeting is scheduled for the 25 July.

We wish to welcome to Yolla District High our new students: Monique, Lachlan and Joshua and farewell Jai, Cheyanne and Allaire.

Next week you will be receiving in the post, mid-year reports highlighting your children’s progress. Please take time to read these and celebrate them with your children. I believe every effort should be celebrated. Please focus on the comments written by our teachers, and discuss these with your children. It will be great to follow this up with parent teacher conversations in week 2 next term.

I would like to thank all students for their continued efforts and commitment to their learning shown this term. I wish everyone a happy and safe 2 week break and will see you all back at school on Tuesday 23 July. Our staff will be involved in a professional learning day on Monday 22nd.

Julie Jacobson
Principal
LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING
PROGRAMS FOR BABIES TO 4 YEAR OLDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Friday’s from 11am to 1pm

We are planning trip to TLC Pool and the Alpaca Farm early in term 3. For more information on upcoming events please email carol.j.boyd@education.tas.gov.au

Please come along and bring a friend.

PRE-KINDER SESSIONS
Our Pre-Kinder sessions will be starting on Wednesday, 4 September at 1.30pm

Parent/Teacher Conversations
Our staff have decided to offer more times for conversations. We now have appointment times from 3.30 to 9.00pm on Tuesday. We really hope to see as many parents and students, along to share successes and set goals for the remainder of the year. We strongly encourage students from grade 5 up to attend with their families. Please phone the school or return the slip which will be included with your child’s report.

Farmers’ Festive Feed
Yolla Memorial Hall Annual Fundraiser
20 July 2013
Yolla Memorial Hall
6.30pm for 7.00pm start

Single: $20.00 Double: $35.00
Family: $50 (2 adults / 3 children)

Enquiries to: Cherie 0448 729 315
Malcolm 6438 1331
Russell 6438 1630

Tickets available Yolla General Store

Student Work
A.B. Banjo Patterson was a famous Australian poet. His photo appears on Australian $10 note. He wrote the poem “Mulga Bill’s Bicycle” in 1896. He also wrote “The Man from Snowy River” in 1890.

By Samuel Blake
4/5 Guest
Learn to Swim Program

Students from the grades 3 to 6 have completed two weeks of swimming at the Ulverstone indoor pool. They enjoyed various activities including survival skills and stroke development. As part of the water safety program they have completed a daily diary of activities learning how to swim safely in lakes, rivers or the ocean. They have also learnt how to spell the words associated with swimming and water safety. They also worked on identifying which types of waves are dangerous when surfing and how to rescue people. At the pool students were required to swim in their clothes and jump in the deep end using a PFD in case the Spirit of Tasmania is sinking when they are on it and have to abandon ship!

As you know, our school has been participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. The program has now finished for this year, so a big thanks to everyone who supported our school. We’re now at the important stage of the program where Points Sheets are collected and lodged as our Earn & Learn claim. We will then be able to get new educational equipment for our school. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. So this week please send in your Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets and any loose Earn & Learn Points Stickers you may have. Remember to check your handbag, the car glove box or they maybe stuck on the fridge. Every little bit helps. Thanks again for all your support!
Cattle Handling News

We conducted our AGM a few weeks ago with no change to our office bearers. We have 4 new members this season. Welcome to the team Meagan Hamilton, Kaitlyn Hardy, Brandon Walker and A.J. Watters; we hope you enjoy your time with us. We will be losing a member in Tayla Oates, due to her gaining a school based apprenticeship in Agriculture. We wish her all the best and if you have a spare weekend during show season, I’m sure we could do with extra hands for washing!

We conducted another meeting on July 1 with our main focus being the organization of our muster. This will be held on Sunday, 11 August 2013.

We think we may have everything in order to reopen our facebook account. Hoping this will be right shortly. We will then start to finalize the reunion.

We have taken delivery of our new sticker, which has been placed on the front of our trailer. We are no longer nameless at shows, etc. With the sticker on the front and our artwork on the back door we can promote the team and school wherever we travel, whether it be at a show or out and about catering.

On Wednesday 19 June we (mainly parents) headed off to the Yolla producers Open Day at Wynyard. We fired up the BBQ’s and were kept extremely busy cooking and serving, along with replenishing the refreshments table. Thank you to the Yolla Producers for the opportunity to raise some funds for our team. Whilst we were there we placed a couple of donation tins on the tables. Thanks to the extremely generous farmers and representatives, who kindly donated $270 to our team. It all assists. Also thanks to all who assisted A.J., Chloe, Tammy, Tayla - Team members. Also the family members – Chris Murfet, Leigh Walker, Mel Haywood, Jaime Witek, Rachel Hamilton, Belinda and Phil Hardy, Kylie and Christian Porteous and Jacky Holness. Thanks to John and Warren for assisting with the collection of some heifers and overseeing the breaking in of some heifers and caring for those heifers that remain at school. Good luck to the Handlers.

Cattle Handlers Chocolate Fundraiser

Due to shipping problems the Chocolate orders will not be delivered till term 3.

Any problems contact Sonja Dudfield 0488411901

TLC Aquatics
Swimming Lessons
Infant, Toddler, School Age and Stroke Development available.
Now taking bookings for Term 3
Commencing from 22 July.
Private lessons available during School holidays.
*Birthday Parties, Private Hire, Group bookings*
Email swim@tlcaquatics.com.au, ph 0459 333 550
or find us on Facebook

Wynyard BMX Park
Lowe Street, Frederick Street sports precinct Wynyard.

7th July 12 noon

Come watch and enjoy the thrill of BMX racing, learn more and get involved in the sport of BMX.
For more information phone Matt on 0402 459 951 or Email: wynyardbmxpark@hotmail.com
Like us on face book or check out our website http://wynyardtas.bmx.com.au

It’s that simple!!