I wish to sincerely thank those parents and community members that have taken the time to respond to the proposed changes to Yolla District High School’s enrolment areas and processes. It is such an important issue, and even though it may not directly affect your children’s current enrolment it WILL have direct impact on the numbers attending our school in future years. If you have not had your say and wish to, please contact the school or any School Association member before Friday 16 August so your thoughts can be represented in our response. A big THANK YOU to all those who attended our community forum on Monday evening. We really appreciated your support in coming out on such a wet and windy evening, and THANK YOU also to Mandy Sharman and Lesley Radford for giving up your time to meet and greet parents, and inform them of the proposals.

As I write this, our grade 10 students who are on a University pathway, are currently in Hobart on a University excursion. They are away for 3 days, in which time they visit the Hobart and Launceston Campuses of UTAS, including the Conservatorium of Music, School of Art and Architecture and the Maritime College. It is a fantastic opportunity and I hope it helps motivate these students with their commitment for further study. Our grade 7/8s also visited a UTAS campus recently. They went to the Cradle Coast Campus, where they participated in a “Great Race” type activity, where they found out what courses are delivered at the campus and a little bit about each one. Again, this is a wonderful experience that allows our students to see what is available for them in future years, and helps them expand their thinking regarding their options for the years after grade 12. These opportunities were organised by our Pathway Planning Officer, Sonia Hodgetts and her team. Thanks Sonia and Guaranteeing Futures!

Next week our grade 10s head off on the Spirit of Tasmania to Melbourne. They will be there from Tuesday to Sunday, exploring Melbourne and experiencing city life. Mrs Moore and Mr White will accompany them and we wish them all well. Another fantastic opportunity for our young people. I look forward to including a report from them in future newsletters. I hope the students and their parents appreciate the huge commitment from Mrs Moore and Mr White, in taking our students interstate. I certainly commend them and thank them for making this opportunity available.

Unfortunately, we had to postpone our Wheelies Day due to bad weather. We will definitely hold this day in the future, but a date has not been set. We will give you plenty of notice once we have decided on another date.

I want to commend our football team members on their behaviour over the past 2 football matches. I received a wonderful email from the umpire of the game played between Mountain Heights and Yolla in Zeehan last week. He commended our players on their team spirit, good sportsmanship and fair play. Congratulations to each and every one of you. You should be very proud! The reports I received from the netball venue were also positive. Well done netballers! It is fantastic to receive such positive feedback! I am confident we will hear similar comments regarding our grade 5/6 students who are participating in the Sports Day, as I write this memo. We can all be very proud of our students. Congratulations everyone!

Mrs Ruth Forrest, MLC, visited our school today, to be hosted and entertained by our Grade 1/2 students. Mrs Forrest couldn’t make the book launch last month so arranged to visit our budding author/illustrators today. Again, I was so impressed by our students’ beautiful manners, their sincere welcoming greetings, their presentation and the delicious scones, jam and cream they had prepared. Congratulations Grade 1/2 and Ms Maartensz. It was just a little bit sad that your grade 5/6 buddies and Mr Cramp couldn’t be there to share in the experience. You are all wonderful and I know Mrs Forrest was totally impressed with you all.

**Library Fundraising**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Term 2 BOOK FAIR. $507 worth of books were bought for the library from this fundraiser. Looking forward to the next Book Fair in Term 4. The boxes of cards raised $104. This money will be put towards some new DVD’s.

**OLD MAGAZINES**

Do you have any old magazines that you no longer need? The school is after any old fishing, motor vehicle, or other suitable magazines that are appropriate for school aged children. Any donations are appreciated and can be left at the office.
Yolla District High School
DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Wednesday 7 to Friday 9 August
Grade 10 University Trip

Friday 9 August
Dr Karl Grade 7-10

Friday 9 August
Magical World of Crazy Science (Prep-Grade 6)

Friday 9 August
Launching into Learning trip to TLC Aquatics

Monday 12 August
Parents and Friends Meeting at 9:15am

Tuesday 13 August
ICAS Maths Competition

Tuesday 13 - Sunday 18 August
Grade 10 Melbourne Trip

Friday 16 August
Aurora Sparky Program (Prep-Grade 6)

Friday 16 August
Father’s Day Stall working bee 9:15am onwards

Monday 19 August
Grade 9/10 Master Builders Presentation

Tuesday 20 August
Grade 7 & 10 Immunisations

Friday 23 August
Launching into Learning trip to Child and Family Centre Burnie

Thursday 29 August
Father’s Day Stall

3 September
Grade 9's trip to Hellyer College for Pippin Production

Thursday 19 September
Parents and Friends Meeting at 7:00pm

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

Friday’s 11am to 1pm

We are going to TLC pool tomorrow (Friday 9 August) for a splash. The bus will depart School at 10:30am and arrive back about 12:45pm. There is no cost for the bus or the pool. On 23 August we will be heading to the Child and Family Centre in Burnie. The bus will depart at 10:30am and arrive back at approximately 1:30pm. There is no cost, however there is a possibility to purchase a toastie and soup for $2.00. Please bring along a packed lunch for children. Our Pre-Kinder sessions will be starting on Wednesday, 4 September at 1:30pm.

For more information on upcoming events please email carol.j.boyd@education.tas.gov.au

MECCANO or LEGO APPEAL

Do you have any Meccano, Lego or Lego Technic that is surplus to your needs?

The school would love any donations or are willing to pay a small price for any Meccano, Lego or Lego Technic you may be happy to part with. For more information please contact the office.

ENROLMENTS

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten and Grade 7 for 2014. If you have a child turning 5 in 2014 we would love them to be part of our school community. If you know of a local family with a kinder or grade 7 aged child, please pass on this information. We'd love to hear from them.

Australian Mathematics Competition

On Thursday, 1 August, Joshua Resta, Loren Delbridge, Aidan Radford, Sutera Morice, Riley Chivers, Lachlan Dick and Cory Hannan represented our school in the Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. They were required to complete quite challenging problem solving type questions in a time limit of 75 minutes. They are to be congratulated for “volunteering” to compete. They were nominated by their maths teachers and their entry paid for by the School Maths Department in recognition of the work ethic and ability they have demonstrated to date.

Good luck to everyone involved and we look forward finding out down the track how they went.
Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to netballers Tammy Murfet, Taylah Wilson and Amy Symes. Tammy and Taylah were joint runner up best and fairest A3 division playing for Yolla 1 9/10 team and Amy Symes B2 runner up best and fairest playing with WHS yellow. Well done girls.

Well done to Fraser Symes and Errol Hanson who were selected to play for the Wynyard Football team in the NWPSSA Football Mini Carnival at West Ulverstone on Wednesday 7 August.

Congratulations to Emily Shires, April Potter and Ellie Johnson they have been named in the squad for the NWPSSA Darwin netball teams, the final teams will be named later this week.

Caterpillar Visit

On Wednesday, 3 July, Nikolas, Bill, Jordan and YC coordinator John Braslin went on a tour of the Caterpillar Underground Mining facility in Burnie. The day started with John picking up Nickolas, Bill and Jordan at 9:00am at school and driving to the Caterpillar facility. Once there we all had to sign in and wear high visibility vests and visitor ID cards. Simone was our tour guide and our first destination was the logistics centre at Wivenhoe. This facility is where all deliveries and parts first come to and it was huge with rows and rows of 10 metre high shelves. Jordan asked how many different parts they had in the building and the logistics supervisor said there was 10,548 different parts at the moment and this was constantly changing with new parts being added all the time.

The next areas visited were the fabrication facilities and at this area we had to wear special goggles as well as ear plugs and we had to follow strict rules as to where we walked. Nikolas was impressed by the automatic robot welders and the operator of the robot explained to him about what his role was in operating the machine and the training he needed to do. We all were very impressed at how well everything seemed to run and especially how the workers communicated to each other in such a noisy environment and this was a thing we found hard to do because of the noise and the ear plugs we were wearing.

Our last stop was at the assembly facilities and this is where all the parts are put together to make the underground mining machines. Caterpillar makes 2 different types of machines, trucks and loaders and each of these come in different sizes. Bill asked Simone if he could drive one of the trucks but to Bill’s disappointment he was not allowed. Bill enjoyed watching a diesel mechanic working on an engine that was as big as a small car. The mechanic told us that he followed procedures that were written in what he called a build folder and that it was very important that he understood the instructions and the different specifications of different engines.

The tour finished and we thanked Simone for taking us around, we took a photo at the main entrance (Caterpillar do not allow cameras in their facilities) and headed back to school. On the way back we talked about the connections to school work and what tasks we saw being performed by the CAT employers. We all agreed that the importance of literacy and numeracy within this business was just as important as the practical side of the job and every employer we spoke to verified this.

John Braslin - Youth Connections Consultant

Parents and Friends Update

If you can wield scissors and wave a glue stick then you have enough crafty skills to help make some items for sale at the Fathers Day stall! All the children love to come and buy something for Dad so please come along and help make sure the stall is bursting with goodies. If you have items to donate please leave them at the office.

The Father’s Day stall will be on Thursday 29 August.

Our next meetings are Monday 12 August at 9:15am and then Thursday 19 September at 7:00pm.

These will be held in the old school house.

Our meetings are always open to all, hope you can come.
Cattle Handling News

Hope those who purchased lollies thoroughly enjoyed them. Certainly were some excited students, when we delivered the orders to the classrooms. Thanks.

We’ve been organising our muster, which is being held on Sunday. We’ve acquired the services of some great guest instructors. We appreciate their time and for passing on their knowledge to our handlers. Thanks to Mr Lachlan Woodcock - beef and Mrs Jayde Lee - dairy. There will be 4 beef handlers attending Cressy High School. We hope this could be the start of a co-operative partnership between the 2 schools in the future.

We have another generous stud owner loaning the team one of their valuable heifers. So thanks and welcome to Mrs Jayde Lee and family - Oklen Park Holsteins. We’d also like to acknowledge Betta Milk again for sponsoring the team, with a few more hats.

The team intends to conduct a raffle, commencing soon, which will be drawn at our Christmas break-up in December. We have some great prizes on offer, of which some are donated by some of our newer sponsors. More details later.

The team consists of 5 beef handlers, 8 dairy handlers and 7 calf handlers this season. This is on par with previous years. We seem to be recruiting more younger handlers. Lets hope they continue well into the future. We certainly do have a diverse group.

The bulk of our work is about to start. Weekends away, lack of sleep and caring for our heifers.

Duty of Care

We wish to remind parents that our staff do not have Duty of Care for students who are on our school grounds before 8.30am and after 3.30pm (or until the last bus leaves).

If it is necessary that your child be at school outside of these hours, they will not be supervised by staff.

SANDPIT TOY APPEAL

The Early Childhood and Kinder sandpits are in need of some sandpit toys. If you have any toys (tonka toys, diggers, etc) that you no longer require the school would be very appreciative of them. Please bring any donations to the office. Thank you!

Food and Nutrition Workshop Feedback

On Saturday, 27 July the Wynyard Community Food Collaboration held a Food and Nutrition workshop presented by Lee-Anne Mundy at our school. The school thanks the food collaboration for choosing us as a venue. We have received some wonderful feedback to the school and wanted to share it with you.

“It was a wonderful workshop! and what a great kitchen! Everyone was impressed with it, and with the lovely location of the school. The majority of the participants were not originally from Tasmania, and not familiar with the Yolla District High School.”

Please take time to read their next free workshop on Preparing for Spring.

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