We would like to welcome back Mrs Amanda West. Mrs West will be our teacher aide working in our Kindergarten while Ms Beswick is on long service leave. We wish Ms Beswick all the best and hope she enjoys her time travelling.

Our secondary students have been involved in 2 excursions recently where they visited Wynyard High School for two different performances. The grades 6 – 10 students saw the performance “A Different Drum” on Thursday, August 7, and our grade 9/10s participated in a “Speak Easy” workshop, on Tuesday. After both excursions I received phone calls and comments complimenting our students on their appearance, their behaviour and their participation. It is these phone calls that make us feel proud to belong to Yolla District High School and very proud of our students. Congratulations to our students. You are fantastic!

Our grade 10 students are preparing for their transition to year 11. They have had a visit to Hellyer College, they are having conversations with our PPO, Deb Winton, and they will soon be selecting their subjects. Parents are invited to attend this session and a parent information session, both to be held in September, more detailed information soon.

We are also preparing for our upper primary students to transition into their high school years, and our senior staff team are planning for this to happen. We will be holding a parent meeting in the next few weeks, for our grade 5 and 6 parents. We will inform you when the date and meeting is planned. If any parents wish to discuss this with us at school, please phone to make an appointment.

Yesterday, Montana, Kimberley and Loren promoted our school and its programs on “Country Chat” on CoastFM. The girls spoke with confidence and pride about our school, and again represented our school brillianly. We hope some of you were able to tune in and hear our students live. Congratulations girls, and thank you to Mrs Deb Winton for coordinating this opportunity and helping our girls prepare for the interview.

Our budding artists have been busy preparing art works for the upcoming Kaleidoscope Exhibition. The exhibition opens on August 23 at the Burnie Regional Art Gallery, and runs for 3 weeks. Thanks to Ms Lisa Kreemers for the time and energy she gives to this fantastic opportunity for our students to have their work displayed publically. Congratulations to the students who have work selected for the exhibition.

Next week is Science Week and our grade 10 students have been working hard under Mr Woolnough’s guidance, to research, plan and prepare activities for our younger students. On Monday our Kinder to grade 2 students will participate between 9.30 and 11.00. Our grade 3 to 5 students will participate after 11.30, and the grades 6 to 9 students will enjoy these activities on Tuesday after 9.30. If you would like to share these experiences with your children, please come along. Experiences shared are very valuable and can stimulate conversations and further inquiries.

In our last newsletter I mentioned how important attendance is for your children and their learning. I have included an article in this newsletter outlining some facts and latest research. Please read this carefully. We are happy to discuss this with you if you would like to know more.

Whilst we are very keen for our students to attend school regularly, we are also very aware that if students are not well, then they cannot learn. There are some highly contagious conditions that require students to stay home; influenza, head lice and slap cheek are examples of these. At the moment there are confirmed cases of these in our school community. Please read the information in this newsletter regarding these, and follow the required procedures. If your child is unwell for longer than 2 days, please provide us with a medical certificate, and phone us to let us know why your child is absent from school. Thanks for your co-operation.
## Library Volunteers

Any parents or grandparents out there who would like to volunteer some time in the school library? Covering books and doing a bit of shelf tidying. You don’t have to be committed to a definite time every week. Just come in when you have some time to spare or you can come in weekly if that is what you would prefer. There is always something to do to help out. Contact the office or Julie Kuzmic in the library if you are interested.

## Slapped Cheek Syndrome

There has been a case of Slapped Cheek in the primary section of the school. This is a mild viral disease. Symptoms are fever, red cheeks, and an itchy lace like rash occurring on the body and limbs. Infected person often has a runny nose and sore throat.

The virus is passed through contact with respiratory droplets from the nose and throat of an infected individual. Those infected don’t need to be excluded from school because the most infectious period is before the rash appears and diagnosis is made.

## Head Lice

Head Lice have been found in the past few weeks. It would be appreciated if parents could please check their children’s hair for head lice (including secondary children).

Unfortunately your child is required to stay away from school if they have head lice until they have been treated and all eggs removed. Thank you!

## Parents and Friends Update

**Father’s Day Stall, Thursday, September 4:** Your help is needed!!!!

Please donate some items, cooking or craft for our Father’s Day stall. It is a lovely opportunity for kiddies (younger and older!) to purchase something small for the main man in their world. Your contribution would be very much appreciated. We also really need people to help out for an hour or two in the morning on the stall; email: yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com.

**TASSO:** (Tas Association of State School Organisations) is the organisation representing the parents of all children in state schools. They are having a state conference and AGM in St Helens on Saturday, August 30. The theme is Parents as Partners. If you are interested in attending or would just like to find out a little more please speak to Rachel Hamilton before August 20. (0407 36 3140)

**Meeting:** Don’t forget to note our next meeting in your diary: it’s on Wednesday, August 20 at 9.15 am, in the old school house. (Ask at the office if you need directions!) We will be talking about selling Pavs at the Tulip Festival on Saturday, October 11. This has been a major fundraiser for our school in previous years. October may seem a way off yet but it’s good to be prepared and we do need quite a few people to make it work.

The oval Ronson slow cooker would love to be back home in its own cupboard: please call Rachel, or ask at the office if it is yours.

If meetings aren’t your thing but you would still like to help, ask at the office for a contact number or email us at: yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com.

## Seeking Donation

The school is seeking donation of a rocking chair or similar. If you are able to donate please contact the school on 6438 1188, we would be very grateful.
Grade 5-6 Sports Day

King of the Court was held in the Upper Burnie Sports Centre. We competed against teams from Boat Harbour to Ridgley. It was a busy day where we rotated on and off the court every few minutes with very little waiting time between points. We had a 10 minute break in the morning and 20 minutes for lunch so we were really tired at the end of the day. Mrs Davies from Burnie Primary taught us the rules, as well as some volleyball techniques using the open palms of our hands. At lunchtime schools were allowed to go outside to eat and play. Only students from Yolla chose to be out in the sunshine. It was a freezing cold day. We enjoyed meeting new people, being in a team with students from classes other than our own and talking to students from our old schools.

The Yolla Soccer team played 5 games on Wednesday at McKenna Park. They played well as a team and scored some great goals. Ryan only brought one shinpad so that made it hard for him to hop around all day, Kayden scored a miracle goal from a corner kick that was assisted by the wind, Daniel was the self-appointed captain and organised everyone beautifully, Marni and Gracie were great in defence, Seth played all day in his hoodie with the hood on and worked hard for the team, Sam was a goal sneak up forward, Byron and Ethan ran their legs off, Jaspa did well in the goals for a game, Luke, Alex and Jack all enjoyed their day. It was freezing at McKenna Park but our team tried hard in every game, winning a couple and conceding a couple. Thanks to Austin, Colby and Sam for umpiring and helping out.

Though rain and wind were forecast, what a wonderful day it was - the intermittent rain was even a positive for without it that wonderful rainbow would not have been in evidence... and who cares about a little wet weather when all the kids have BIG SMILES on their faces. For the games, we were awesome... we played beautifully, with people playing in positions they hadn’t played before (even Sam Hiller had a go at Centre where he had to run way too much for his liking, eh Sam!?) And as always our Yolla students showed their sportsmanlike behaviour with three of our players happily joining a combined team (thanks Haylea, Hannah and Reanna) and Emily and Ellie trying their utmost to help the team they were playing against score a goal (without being too obvious, of course). Finally a huge thank you to our Grade 10 girls, Courtney, Joanna, and Rachel who tried to organise Ms Maartensz (who still kept forgetting the bibs!) and did a fantastic job umpiring our games! Now Courtney, has a whistle, look out everyone! Congratulations everyone on a fabulous day - you make us so proud, as a school, as a community, as human beings!

Fourteen boys from Yolla represented the school in a round robin series of football games at Langley Park. Opposition included teams from the West Coast, Ridgley and Somerset. The boys gave their best all day dominating their opposing teams, with a tough struggle against the combined West Coast team. Thanks to Darcy, Jackson, Lachlan and Cory for their much needed and appreciated support in goal and field umpiring.

Soccer Gala Day - 6 September 2014

The end of the soccer season is only 3 weeks away! There is a gala day at McKenna Park on Saturday, September 6, followed by a sausage sizzle for all players. This will be the end-of-season break-up for the Yolla Demons team and a chance to thank Zane and all the parents for helping us with soccer this year. There is also a lucky door prize so come along and the J-League will organise a roster on the day. Remember if you haven’t finalised your registration you must do it before the end of the season to receive your free soccer ball.
Budding Scientist in Grade 6-7

It's exciting times in B corridor at present with budding scientists galore in Grade 6/7 preparing for the UTAS Science Investigation Awards. Every student, whether in a group or on their own have identified an area of interest, formulated a hypothesis and are busy with their experiments and hoping madly that their results support their hypothesis. However, whether we’re right or wrong is irrelevant as we all know that science is all about making predictions, seeking to prove them and understanding that there are no failures but rather opportunities to learn from our misconceptions and create another hypothesis!

We’re all very excited and would love to share with you some of our Investigations and hypotheses but….. that would be telling! So how about coming down to the public viewing between 6.30 – 7pm on Thursday, September 4 instead and be prepared to be impressed!

On September 4 we will all bus down to UTAS Burnie Campus and Burnie Primary School where we will set up our displays, “sell” our scientific investigations to the judges and generally revel in our achievements.

Finally, parents… beware – you will undoubtedly have some keen scientists, eager to share with you what they are doing and quite probably be busy, busy, busy preparing for UTAS day!

Master Builders Presentation

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Master Builders Association last Thursday at 2pm. It was a presentation for students in grades 8-10 that may be interested in establishing a career in the building industry.

It was very engaging and covered a lot of topics. One of the presenters was a current apprentice with Vos Constructions and he detailed his experiences from his last few years of school to present.

Some of the highlights were the importance of literacy and numeracy, gaining work experience in a student’s own time, while at school and students understanding the diverse range of opportunities in the Construction Industry with opportunities from entry level labourers to Degree qualified.

Early Childhood Students

We would encourage all of our classes to wear gumboots for outside play and to bring along slippers for indoors, as the ground becomes wet and muddy during term 3.

Chess is clearly FUN! How do I know this? Well, that was the unanimous answer given by all our students who come along to Chess Club on a Wednesday afternoon with a very enthusiastic “It’s fun! It’s just fun!” from Toby. But that’s not the only good thing about Chess Club, as Ethan Russell says “We’ve all learnt some cool things about Chess thanks to Reg!” (Harvey) and just recently also Ian Rout. Luke has learnt the Four Move Checkmate which he has already used successfully, while Daniel is impressed that he has learnt to Castle and get his pieces out early to put pressure on his opponent. Kayden simply finds it an enjoyable way to finish off the day and Billy loves the fact that it is now another thing he can do when he is bored! Oh and evidently there are sometimes chess quizzes where the prize is chocolate, eh Luke Grieve!

In fact, Chess has become such an enjoyable pastime here at Yolla that we are also hosting the next ChessKids tournament on the 2 September (Thanks to the Yolla Football Club for allowing us to use their building for the day!). We hope to have a ripper team on the day who wow their opponents with all that new expertise they have gained thanks to Reg and Ian! Three cheers for Reg and Ian!!!

Anyway, if you’re keen to play – ask at the office for a form, fill it in, return it with your $5 and we’ll see you there!
Science Week

As a part of National Science Week, we at Yolla will be providing an exciting look into science. The year 10 students have been working on understanding and practicing hands-on science at school. They will be presenting their experiments to the school and also giving the other classes a chance to get hands-on with science.

The presentations will be held in the Gym as follows;
- **Kinder to Grade 2** on Monday 18 August from 9:30am to 11:00am
- **Grade 3 to Grade 5** on Monday 18 August from 11:30 am to 1:00pm
- **Grade 6 to Grade 9** on Tuesday 19 August from 9:30am to 11:00am

Parents, grandparents etc. are most welcome to attend one of the sessions to observe some of the science happening in our school.

Grade 5/6 Football Report

Combined Wynyard Australian Rules Football Team

The team arrived at a cold and blustery West Ulverstone Football Ground at approx. 9.30am. The students were excited to get the first game underway. After the opening ceremony the Wynyard team ran across to Ground Number 2 and prepared to meet Central Coast in the first game. After an even first half the Central Coast ran out the eventual winners by a couple of goals. A ten minute break and we started our second game against Mersey. Once again this was an even game with the Wynyard team starting to work together as a group. By this time the wind had started to blow across the ground bringing with it squalls of rain. The final score in the game saw Wynyard go down by a couple of goals. There was no rest for the team and the brave band of parents and Carers who had journeyed out on this cold and wet day to support the students. Our next game saw us play against a much larger Torquay team. The Wynyard team had started to work together as a team and were performing well against their opponents. Unfortunately, some rough play by a couple of our opponents marred the last 5 minutes of the first half. After consultation between coaches and umpires the second half started with the largest of the Torquay players being sent from the field. The Wynyard team followed instructions and played the ball and stayed on even terms for the second half of the game. There was a lunch break and then a bye for the Wynyard players who deserved a well earned rest. Our final game was against our traditional rival Burnie. The team met before the game and talked of a new game plan to implement a ‘press’ and then attack on the opposition turnovers. The students followed the plan beautifully and we won our first game by 5 goals.

Well done to all of our players who enjoyed their day and trip down to the foggy, chilly West Coast.

Andrew Woodard - Coach

West Coast Trip

The Senior B football team and our netball team travelled to Rosebery yesterday for a friendly match against the Rosebery District High School Teams. The netball was held at the stadium and our girls played a great game to come from a 10 point deficit to win 51-45. The third quarter was the difference with our team hitting the front and staying there for the remainder of the game. Joanna worked hard in Goal Defence and after she worked out which colour the lines were, played well all match. Chloé and Rachael shot beautifully in the first 2 quarters and Amy showed her dominance in the Centre then moved into Goal Attack late in the game. Rachel Sharman ran hard all game on the wings and Kalandra moved from the wing into Goal Defence late in the game. April was marking their tall shooter who only missed 1 goal all game but did an awesome job to close her out in the 4th quarter. Ebony worked hard in Wing Defence and Attack. The game was played in good spirits and we celebrated with a sausage at the end like all good athletes do!

The football team struggled in the first quarter where Rosebery kicked 8 goals to have a big lead going into the first break. The ground was heavy and made for a tough match. The Yolla boys showed great spirit and sportsmanship and were commended by the spectators who commented on their great efforts. Unfortunately the Rosebery team were far too strong and the scoreboard was very one-sided.

Well done to all of our players who enjoyed their day and trip down to the foggy, chilly West Coast.
A donation of shrub and tree seedlings from Forestry Tasmania enabled our school to take part in National Tree Day celebrations.

Students helped with the planting of the seedlings in the school grounds and it’s hoped they will be able to care for and watch them grow into maturity as they do themselves.

National Tree Day is supported throughout Australia by Planet Ark and the Assistant Manager of Forestry Tasmania’s Perth nursery, Carlton Cox, said about 65,000 seedlings had been made available to schools and community groups during its involvement over the past seven years.

There was an allocation of more than 7000 seedlings of 20 different species this year.

“Our range of species included plants from a variety of environments so that suitable plants were available for milder coastal areas through to the colder central regions of Tasmania,” Mr Cox said.

“Species include some less common eucalypts, Eucalyptus urniger, (urn gum) and Eucalyptus Risdonii (Risdon peppermint), the bird attracting Callistemon pallidus (lemon bottlebrush) & Melaleuca squarrosa (scented paperbark) which tolerates both wet soil and coastal conditions.

“The confines of some school grounds have resulted in the biggest demand being for smaller shrubs and we’ve had to grow a higher proportion of shrub species this year.”

“But the shade and natural environment they will create will make schools even more pleasant places to be.”

Mr Cox said the growing trees might even fit into the learning curriculum with a couple of scientific aspects possible for study.

“As they grow the seedlings not only help beautify their surroundings but they also provide habitat for native animals and capture carbon,” he said.

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WANTED FOR OUR OUTDOOR AGRICULTURE MUSEUM

We are in need of donations of any old agriculture machinery, implements and equipment for an outdoor agriculture museum.

From horse drawn to the modern day. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

BREAKFAST CLUB

The Yolla School Breakfast Club will be running on Mondays and Thursdays 8.30am onwards in D1

Open to everyone, Coin donation

We would like to thank the following businesses for their donations to the Breakfast club:

Woolworths Upper Burnie, Coles Burnie, IGA Express, VJ’s Bakery at Somerset
DARWIN FOOTBALL TEAM
CONGRATULATIONS TO FRASER SYMES!!
Fraser has been selected in the DARWIN Football team to play against the DEVON team on Friday, August 29.
WELL DONE FRASER!

BADMINTON

Congratulations to Kayden Gardner who has been selected to play in the Tasmanian Under 15 State Badminton Team. Kayden will play in the Val Nesbitt Trophy and Australian Under 15 Championships that will be held in Launceston from September 28 to October 3. We wish him all the best.

In the local Burnie Winter roster Kayden’s team played in the Division 1 grand final. There were some really good games with his team coming out on top. At the presentations Kayden was also awarded the Cyril Hills Memorial Trophy for Most Improved Player. Well played Kayden!

If you are interested in playing Badminton there is a Burnie Summer roster about to start in a few weeks at Upper Burnie Sports Stadium. Training for this roster is on Wednesday nights 7.30pm - 9.00pm. There is also a Wynyard Social Badminton night on Friday nights 7.30pm-9.00pm.

BOXING

Colby Neal will be competing in the O'Callaghan Boxing Club’s Open Amateur Boxing Tournament. If you would like to watch some local and interstate boxers competing then head along to Penguin District Community Learning Centre on August 30. Boxing starts at 6.30pm and costs $20 for Adults, $10 for Children, Kids under 5 are free or a family of 4 for $50. A courtesy bus will be operating from Burnie on the night. It will leave from the car park behind the Upper Burnie Chemist at 4.30pm and 5.30pm, returning after the event.

We would like to wish Colby Neal (70kg boys State champion) all the best at this tournament. Good Luck Colby!

Tasmania Endurance Riders Club (TERC)

Hannah and Holly Berechree have been racing motorbikes with TERC.

They are currently leading the Enduro Series in their classes and Holly is third and Hannah second in the Grass Track Series.

A grass track is a track set up in a paddock, that is normally around 1km long. A round is made up of 3 laps and there are 3 rounds.

There are 2 types of Enduro tracks, Enduro and Enduro-X. An Enduro is 5 - 10 kilometres long and depending which class you run, you can run from 2-3 hours. An Enduro-X is half in bush and half grass track. You compete in 3 rounds of 20 minutes and the track is normally around 5 kilometres long.

There are 2 events left, an Enduro and a Grass track. The Enduro is at Meander and the Grass track location is to be announced.

Well done girls and good luck for the last events!
It’s not okay to be away ... nor to be late to school

When kids miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work (which some never do), they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self-esteem.

That’s not a reason to be away!

It’s now commonplace for children to stay away from school for reasons that would have been unheard of just twenty years ago. These include staying away to celebrate their own or a sibling’s birthday; being absent because they stayed up too late watching television; going shopping for clothes; an extended long weekend; and kids not wanting to take part in a sports day or special school event.

This type of absenteeism sends a strong message to kids that parents don’t really value learning or their children’s school experiences.

Australian kids only spend 15% of their total time at school. They spend more time asleep than they do at school. So we need to maximise every day to get full value. That means turning up to school every day, on time.

Being late is not okay either

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

Current research shows that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day, with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost.

It takes strong parenting...

As a parent myself I know how persuasive children of all ages can be when it comes to taking a day off school. It takes a strong will to resist the persistent pressure that kids can bring to bear, particularly if they play the guilt card with comments such as “It’s not fair that I have to go school today because Aunty is coming to visit!”

Nice try. But the answer should be “No”.

As parents we need to make a commitment that our kids make the most of their precious time at school. That means that we send them to school every day, on time and ready to make the most of the school day.

Of course, there will be times, such as illness or genuinely extenuating family circumstances, when kids should be away. But these need to be a rarity rather than the norm.

It’s reassuring to know that you increase their chances of future success just by making sure they turn up to school every day. And of course regular school attendance also helps kids prepare for the workforce, where it will be expected that they turn up each day work-ready. The real world is unforgiving of those who stay away with NO EXCUSE.
Start time: Friday, 22 August at 6pm (please have tea before you come or bring it with you)
End time: Sunday, 24 August at 2pm

The weekend is designed to help train people (grade 8 and up) who are involved or who would like to be involved in volunteering at Riverbend’s holiday camps.

Registration forms are available from the school or contact Riverbend on 6452 1635 or admin@riverbend.org.au
Join us on Open Day to discover a world of exciting opportunities. Explore our campuses, chat with staff and students, learn about courses and research, ask questions and find answers.

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For details, visit www.utas.edu.au/openday and download the Open Day program.

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Open Day
31 August 2014

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