WOW! Here we are in our last week of term 3. I know our students are looking forward to their 2 weeks’ holidays and they have earned them. Our school has achieved some amazing results both in and out of the classroom. We are very proud of our NAPLAN results, which I have highlighted further into this newsletter. Our early readers are all making progress with our running record results showing good gains. Classrooms are active and engaging, and our students are finding their voice, petitioning us and organising fundraising events for money to improve outdoor seating. Our school was one of the highest achieving schools in the UTAS Science Investigations, we were represented in the State Chess Kids finals and had 12 participants in the Elite Sports Testing day. All of these incredible academic successes are reason enough for our staff to feel very proud, however the wonderful compliments we receive from outsiders regarding our students' behaviour, sportsmanship, caring nature and manners are even more reason for us to be proud. We are looking forward to sharing the last term with them and you.

Our school has just undergone an intensive 2 day audit, getting through with flying colours. A big “Thank You” to Mrs Heather Jones for ensuring our financial systems and processes are correct, and for our admin team, Linda Gardner and Mandy Sharman working so well in implementing them. Congratulations.

Mr Brendan Cocks has organised through the “Play4Life” organisation for our secondary students to participate in the opportunity to learn about bowls. A big thank you to the Burnie Bowls Club for their time. I believe it has been enjoyed by those who have participated.

We are looking forward to provision for our students in 2015. If you know of any families in our area with children of kinder age, please pass on our contact details to them, so we can discuss possible enrolment, and pass on pre-kinder information. We would also ask that if you have any information regarding your children that will impact on our planning for next year, can you please contact us.

We have sent letters home asking a random selection of parents to complete a school satisfaction survey. If you were one of these parents, please pass on our contact details to them, so we can discuss possible enrolment, and pass on pre-kinder information. We would also ask that if you have any information regarding your children that will impact on our planning for next year, can you please contact us.

Last Friday our school played host to Narrogin Agricultural College from Western Australia. The students were grades 10 – 12 and came from all over WA to board at the college. It was a fantastic day, with some of our students playing host and staff assisting with supervision. Our grade 9/10 HEC students catered for the visit with some other students assisting. It was a real team effort and showcased our school, the farm and our students in a very positive light! Deb Winton, our Pathways Planning Officer, has written a report for you to enjoy further in this newsletter. Thank you Deb for all of your enthusiasm to promote our school and organise this amazing opportunity.

Ms Medwin’s Gr 9/10 HEC students have just finished making over 1000 little pavlovas ready for sale at the Tulip Festival, in Wynyard on October 11. This is a mammoth effort – Congratulations to you all. They look amazing and you have picked up some great culinary skills along the way. Thanks to Mrs Karen Harman for organising the roster and the stall for the festival. It is a great fundraiser for our school – please go along to the festival, buy a pavlova and support our school and our wider community.

On a sadder note, our school community was saddened to hear of the passing of Mrs Bessie Smith. Mrs Smith was a teacher and life-long supporter of our school, a stalwart within our community, and author of local history. She will be sadly missed. In recognition of a wonderful life, we will be flying our flag at half-mast on Friday and some of our students will form a guard of honour at her service. Gone but not forgotten.

FOOTY FINALS DAY
Show your support for your favourite football team by coming dressed in your footy gear on Friday 26 September.

AUSKICK AFTERNOON
On Friday afternoon we will be holding an Auskick afternoon for students from Prep to Grade 5. Sam Rice from the Burnie Dockers will be helping out as well as the House captains, SEC and the Grade 8 PE class. Students are advised to bring shoes suitable for football on the oval.

Gold coin donation.
**Yolla District High School**  
**DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS**

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**Library Volunteers**

Are there 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.

**Parents and Friends**

**Tulip Festival October 11**

This will be our major fundraiser for the year, and your help would be really appreciated. The shift from 1.30 -3 in particular needs filling but any help throughout the day would be appreciated. Thank you Karen for coordinating this event; if you are able to help please contact her on 6442 1543 or pkharman@internode.on.net

You can contact the P and F on: yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com

**Cory Hannah**

with the bowl he made in MDT
Making Networks and Pathways with Narrogin Agriculture School

On Friday, September 19, Yolla District High School hosted a fantastic day for Narrogin Agriculture School from Western Australia. Narrogin Agriculture School is located in the Great Southern region of WA, my home state. The group is here in Tasmania for a 10 day tour of the state, observing different agriculture practices and farming initiatives.

Warren Dudfield and I, accompanied by five students, met the Narrogin group, at 8.30 at Mt Gnomon Pig Farm, in Penguin, owned and operated by Guy Robertson (an ex Yolla Student) and Eliza Wood for an in-depth look at specialised boutique farming practices. The students looked at value adding enterprise that Eliza and Guy have implemented to their farm. The Narrogin students remarked on the farm enterprise, their concept of “paddock to plate” to a niche market, which was something quite unique. They remarked on the cold too.

From there they made their way to Yolla School Farm and participated in activities throughout the day. These included; potato harvesting, potato picking, a tour of our micro farming practices such as, dairying, aquaculture and our sheep breeding and sheep handling program.

Barry and Sabrina Evans gave a talk about Hampshire sheep and skills involved in sheep handling. Brett Neal gave a presentation about potato harvesting and vegetable production. Mark Smith from Dairy Tas gave a talk on dairying and dairy production here on the North West Coast.

After lunch, the Narrogin Group went to visit the Van Diemen Quality Bulbs at table cape with Paul Roberts-Thomson. He provided the group with a tour of the farm and a great talk about horticulture practices here in Tasmania, and, of course a walk through the tulips, which were in flower.

Thanks to all those people who supported us to make this day a real success. They are Dairy Tas who sponsored Yolla District High School with $250. Simplot supported the school by providing some treats and freebies to all the Narrogin students. Our brilliant Yolla teachers and students provided the hospitality with a great BBQ and beautiful cheesecakes. The Yolla students really showcased the school farm.

Hopefully this connection that has been made between Yolla and other agriculture colleges on the mainland can be built upon so Yolla School can become a centre for other schools as an agriculture educational destination.

Deb Winton
Pathway Planning Officer
Yolla District High School
Just over 25,000 Tasmanian students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 from Government, Catholic and independent schools completed the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests focusing on reading, writing and numeracy in Term 2.

The results of NAPLAN tests show where students are doing well and where greater focus is needed to help improve students' literacy and numeracy skills.

**Key Results**

- Compared to last year's NAPLAN results, Tasmania's students closed the gap to Australia's mean scores in 18 of the 20 assessments.
- Tasmania improved its mean score results from 2013 to 2014 in 12 of the 20 assessments, compared to Australia improving in 10 out of 20 assessments.
- On average, across all domains, Tasmania improved by 1.9 points greater than Australia since 2013.
- In numeracy, Tasmania closed the gap in all year levels and improved mean score performance in all year levels.
- Reading is Tasmania's strongest area of performance with the difference between Tasmania and Australia being approximately half a question.
- In terms of students at or above the national minimum standard (AANMS), Tasmania closed its 2013 gap to Australia in 13 of the 20 measures, with the gap widening in five and two being stable.
- Since 2013, the percentage of students achieving AANMS increased in 8 of the 20 assessment areas for Australia.
- Tasmania performs slightly above the Australian average after socio-economic factors are considered.

**Comparison with other Jurisdictions**

It is important to recognise that there are often very small differences in results between the various states and territories. As these graphs demonstrate, Tasmania is tracking well alongside its counterparts in South Australia, Western Australia and Queensland in the percentages of students at or above the national minimum standard.
We were very pleased with our 2014 NAPLAN results, which show that we have improved in 12 of 15 assessed areas, from grades 5 to 9. Of particular interest are the gains in:

- Spelling,
- Persuasive Writing across all grades assessed, and in
- Grammar and Punctuation for all bar one grade area assessed.

These results are especially rewarding as this has been a real focus for our school over the past 2 years. Our results confirm to us that our focus needs to be on Reading, which is our new focus this year. Gains in our Numeracy results are also especially pleasing.

As in most schools we do have students achieving below the National Minimum Standard in all areas, but these students are making progress and improving in their understanding and application of literacy and numeracy.

These NAPLAN results give us important specific data which assists us with diagnosing problem areas, our planning, and implementation of relevant literacy and numeracy programs. We supplement these results with other on-going testing within our school, with anecdotal observations, running records, daily task completion, information from you, and feedback from the students. There is much more to a student’s day that what can be reflected in these test results.

NAPLAN data is important but is one test, reflective of your child’s performance on one day in literacy and numeracy. I hope you have discussed your child’s results with them, but also acknowledged the other wonderful areas that NAPLAN does not test. I hope you have discussed their strengths in other areas: history, sports, music, art, cooking, MDT and so on. I hope you have highlighted to them their other attributes that cannot be measured by tests, such as: caring, well mannered, supportive, fun loving, trustworthy.

We are proud of the improvements we are making and will continue to make in our NAPLAN results. But we are equally proud of the school that we belong to: its compassionate culture, its focus on teaching and learning, its dedicated staff, its supportive parents and its wonderful students.
ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

Last week's assembly came to a chilly end for 11 Grade 10 students and 6 staff. The SEC have been raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease charity here in Australia by having students vote for the staff member or Grade 10 student they'd like to see do the ice bucket challenge. Voting was frantic early with many Grade 10s opting out and paying the $5 opt out fee. Teachers who were also allergic to ice water also paid to opt out of the challenge. Mrs Gardner in the office was an early front runner in the votes, supported by her cheeky sons who were regular voters. Mrs Guest and Mr Wilson were also popular picks with student voters. In the Grade 10 section, there were plenty of revenge votes being cast with the numbers going up quickly for friends amongst the group. The SEC raised a total of $260 which has been sent to the Motor Neurone Disease Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and voted and an extra big thankyou to the Grade 10s and staff who were willing to get wet and cold for a good cause.

ELITE SPORTS TESTING DAY

The Burnie Dockers hosted an elite sports testing day at the Upper Burnie Sports Stadium on Wednesday last week. YDHS took along 12 athletes from Grade 6-10. Students were measured and weighed and underwent 4 tests: the beep test, line drill or shuttle run timed test, front plank endurance and the vertical jump test. Eli Whish-Wilson scored highly on the vertical jump while Fraser Symes was the last man standing in the primary beep test, scoring a personal best result of 9.9. Many of our students completed the front plank endurance test for the full 2 minutes which is a long time to hold that position! Students were also provided with a nutritious lunch and given information about nutrition for sport and recovery. Congratulations to all of our students who went along and pushed hard in their tests. Darcy and Mani Gregson, Fraser and Amy Symes, Cory Hannan, Angel Courtney, Sam Artis, Lachlan Hardstaff, Kayden Gardner, Joanna and April Potter and Eli Whish Wilson.
**Cattle Handling News!!**  By Sonja Dudfield

Firstly must make amends! We wish to thank Des Farrell for taking some extra heifers to the muster for the beef handlers to practice handling and some judging.

We had a productive meeting last Tuesday night organising details for the Burnie Show, along with catering for TERC again during the holidays. The team also have another catering job for the Yolla Producers AGM in October. Like I said October is a busy month for the team.

We hope you all enjoyed John's speech at the assembly and have an insight as to what we do as a team and how much work is involved for everyone, not just the handlers but families and staff for providing such opportunities for our children. We appreciate the work that is involved organising events like these.

The kids are getting rather excited and some are already counting down to Burnie Show. Not exactly sure how many parents are counting down. Sure there will be some highly strung and tired kids at the show. Hope the weather holds as tired wet kids are not much fun for parents. As long as the coffee and milk is set up ready to go - Sonja will be fine (maybe). Once we get organised and get the first show over things tend to fall into place. Wonder how many things will be left at home-first show?????

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe break. Just remember those of us busy working trying to control and calm heifers and kids, as well as cooking and serving. No rest for the wicked they say - no wonder the team’s always busy!!

**Statewide Chess Championships – Launceston**

On Monday five students travelled to Scotch Oakburn College to compete in the State Chess Championships. We left home bright and early to arrive at Scotch Oakburn for a 10am start. Daniel Gladwell, Errol Hanson and Zye Donnelly travelled with Ms Bester to Launceston – they discovered her taste in music was a bit girly! On the way home they found some ACDC on her ipod and they all thought she wasn’t so bad after all! Zachary Kentish and Billy Beard met us at Scotch Oakburn ready for a fierce day of competition.

There were 17 schools competing in the Primary Section and around 18 schools competing in the Secondary Section. All competitors played 9 rounds of chess with a 30 minute or 50 move time limit.

All of our boys faced some very skilled opposition. We all won some games and lost some games and competed with both skill and integrity. It was a pleasure to see our boys win and lose gracefully. The teacher from the overall winning school found Ms Bester at the end of the day to comment on how amazing our boys were and that she was so thankful that they showed such friendliness and support to her players! This made Ms Bester glow with pride!

It was a long day and took a lot of concentration to play 9 games of Chess. By the time we finished at 4pm we were ready for a quick trip to McDonald’s and the drive home.

**Seeking Donation**

The school is seeking donations of couches, lounge chairs and a rocking chair or similar. If you are able to donate please contact the school on 6438 1188, we would be very grateful.

**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.
Our club puts a high priority on introducing children (from primary school to under 16) to tennis and encouraging them to continue on in the sport.

Each year we are able to provide places in our teams for children who have never played before. The lowest grade is called Beginner Junior.

Next is Division 2 Junior which normally contains our juniors who have progressed through Beginner Junior. The club has 4 courts at Somerset and 2 at Wynyard.

The next pennant (played on Saturday mornings), begins on October 18 and runs until the end of term 4. **Total cost for the whole roster is $10.** Racquets and balls are provided.

Beginner juniors start at 9:00am. Juniors start at 10:30am.

Anyone wishing to take part in our program is invited to contact: Mitch Martin Ph: 6435 0157 Email: martin5160@hotmail.com

**SOCcer**

Congratulations to Angel Courtney who has been playing with the Devonport Strikers in their North West Youth Girls team. Angel won Best and Fairest in her team Devonport Yellow. Well Done Angel!

Well done also to Daniel Gladwell (U12) and Ryan Gardner (U10) who competed in the Launceston Cup Soccer Tournament on September 13 and 14. The boys enjoyed themselves and their teams went very well. The last tournament will be held in Burnie on October 4 and 5. We wish them all the best for this tournament.
Football Dinner Report

On Thursday 18 September we had our Football Dinner for the Senior B Football team. It was a great night with plenty of food and refreshments for all. We were fortunate enough to have 2 guest speakers from the Burnie Dockers Football Club. Mr Andrew Lee former AFL player and Mr Rudy Barratt (a former student). They both had an excellent message about where football had taken them, the opportunities it can provide and the life skills gained.

Major trophy winners were: Best and Fairest - Darcy Gregson, Most Consistent - Lachlan Hardstaff, Most Improved - Nik Leonard, True Yolla Demon - Kobi Milner, Goal Kicking - Darcy Gregson, Coaches Award - Courtney Knights, Demon Champion Awards - Sam Artis, Jackson Brooomhall, Cory Hannan, Quiet Achievers - Eli Whish-Wilson, Riley Ransom, Jake Roetz and Mani Gregson.

We would like to thank our sponsors for without them this great event would not have been possible: Atlas Copco, Yolla General Store, Yolla Football Club, Wynyard Football Club, Woolworths Wynyard, Wet Hairdressing, Burnie Rendering, Julie Jacobson, Richard Walsh and Burnie Dockers Football Club.
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High Tea Fundraiser
Supporting Ovarian & Breast Cancer
Sunday 9th November 2014
Cost - $30.00 per head
starting at 11.30am - Ridgley Primary School
Tickets are available from
Ridgley Roadhouse - Ph: 036438 5317
La Di Da - 0438 4799
Mary's Slings - 0412 6993
Virginia Flowers - 0438 5568
Wear something PINK or TEAL
Please come and support these worthy causes

Guest Speakers
Raffles Door Prizes Memory Candles available for purchase for $5

burnie Girl Guides invite their friends, and all interested girls aged 5 – 17 years, to join in a special meeting to recognise the real impact girl-time fun, skills and creativity can have - at

BURNIE GUIDE HALL, 15 Howe Street
Tuesday October 14, 4.30 – 6.00 (for girls aged 5 – 9)
Wednesday October 15, 6.30 – 8.30 (for girls 10 – 17)

Fun for FREE!

*Empowerment of and investment in girls are key in breaking the cycle of discrimination and violence and in promoting and protecting the full and effective enjoyment of their human rights

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