A huge thank you to the 18 parents that braved the horrible weather Tuesday night to attend our Grades 5 – 9 parent forum. It was a great turn out and the discussion was informative and worthwhile. During the forum we reflected back to our childhood and schooling in the 80s; without internet, Social Media, reality TV, seatbelts, SunSafe awareness and so on. How life was so different then in comparison to the on-line, fast paced, forever changing world that our adolescents are living and learning in now. It’s no wonder our classrooms and learning opportunities look different to what we experienced and remember. Sitting in quiet rows, churning out worksheets just doesn’t “cut it” when we have forums, blogs, PowerPoint and Prezi, co-operative learning challenges that help our young people think critically and develop skills their future employers are looking for.

We discussed the population trends in Tasmania. And the State-wide student enrolment numbers, which helped us understand our school’s decline in numbers. When we see that this is a State-wide trend it is a sad comfort. There was much discussion around 2015 class groupings and it was encouraging to see that we all could respectfully listen to differing views put forward. I think the fact that we had acknowledged that we are all working hard to ensure our students, your children, get the opportunities to learn at their pace and level, helped us consider each other’s perspective. I really hope that parents take up our offer to come into our classrooms and see what is happening, how learning looks different now to our own schooling and chat with our learners and teachers about what you see.

We also took time to acknowledge and celebrate our school’s many achievements. I have included a table which shows the gains in our students’ NAPLAN results for our grade 5s, 7s and 9s over 2 years, compared to other schools similar to ours.

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The percentage shows the number of students for each year group who achieved a Medium or High gain since their last testing 2 years ago.

As you can see there are only 3 areas from the 15 that we perform below similar schools.

Reading will continue to be a specific focus for 2015, especially in our secondary classes. We are particularly proud of our Spelling results, as this has been a focus this year, and our Numeracy results also are worth celebrating.

Our grade 10 students were divided last week, with 18 attending the Melbourne Trip, with Mr Lehman and Mrs Pennington. They had a fabulous time, with many experiences and stories to tell. Congratulations to each and every one of you; the reports we received from the bus driver and accommodation hosts were excellent. You have done Yolla District High and your parents proud! Thank you also to Mr Lehman and Mrs Pennington, who left their families behind for the week. It is a huge ask and responsibility to supervise 18 young adults over 5 days and nights. We all appreciate your sacrifice very much. (…..and thank you Jed and Zeke for loaning us your mum for the 5 days!) Enjoy reading Kalandra and Sutera’s report in this newsletter.

The remaining grade 10s combined with our grade 9s and experienced a day in Devonport at Laser Skirmish and the Aquatic Centre. They also went to Stanley, with our grade 2 class to visit the Seaquarium and Highfield House. Again, the guides at both places could not compliment our students highly enough. Where we were initially advised 45 minutes would be enough to view both places and complete the tour, both venues held our students’ interest and we could have had double the time. The questions they asked and discussions we overheard were a real credit to them. Congratulations to you all, and again thank you to the supervising staff and parents. A report will follow in the next newsletter.

If you are free on the evening of November 8, please consider coming along to the Tiny Taters’ Trivia Night at the Yolla Tavern. It will be a fun evening with lots of laughs and prizes to be won. All money raised will be spent in our Launching into Learning program. Love to see you there!
### DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

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### Parents and Friends

The Pavlova Stall at the Tulip Festival was a great success. $1477 was raised for resources for the children of our school. Thank you to everyone who worked on the stall or donated ingredients and equipment for the day, and the cooking class for making the pavlovas. All the pavs were sold!

Parents and friends contact: yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com

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**Haunted House postponed now Friday November 14**

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Grade 10 Melbourne Trip

On the 19th of October eighteen grade ten students, Mr Lehman and Mrs Pennington embarked on the journey of a lifetime. We departed Devonport on the Spirit of Tasmania ready for adventure and lots of fun bonding with friends. We were not disappointed as we had an amazing week in Melbourne.

Some of our highlights were; visiting family at the zoo, rock climbing at terrifying heights, laser tagging in the dark and getting completely annihilated by a very trigger-happy John Lehman, shopping in the CBD and giving Austin a revolutionary makeover, dressing up and hitting the town looking as stylish as Beyoncé, overcoming a fear of heights at the top of the Eureka Skydeck, skating or crawling on the ice in pain at the Ice House whilst still trying to look good and Riley opting for some quick plastic surgery.

It was such a wild time and wacky experience for us all to enjoy together. Apart from Robbie who bought a large bag of building tools and a PS4 everyone behaved quite well. We encourage everyone who has this opportunity in the future to participate in this crazy week of little sleep, being force fed by Mr Lehman and touring Melbourne with all your grade ten pals. Thank you for reading! Written by Kalandra and Sutera
Congratulations 
Lachlan Dick

Tasmanian Science Talent Search

Lachlan entered his silage project in the ‘Tasmanian Science Talent Search’ (TSTS). This is a Statewide Science competition and is the next step up from the ‘University of Tasmania Science Investigations’, where Lachlan won the ‘Best Agricultural Award’. Lachlan took out third place in the TSTS. This also makes Lachlan’s project eligible for entry into the BHP Billiton National Science competition. We wish Lachlan the best in this competition.

North West Woodcraft Guild Annual Competition

Lachie was recently awarded the North West Woodcraft Guild, recognising his woodwork skills. This is an annual competition, where work can be entered by adults and students from across the North West Coast. Lachie’s myrtle coffee table and myrtle and huon pine sliding bevel won him first place. Congratulations Lachie!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Last week Daniel Marshall travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Special Olympics National Games. He competed in the Bocce and came away with three medals.

Bocce Male Pairs Div 3 - Gold Medal
Bocce Male Singles Div 5 - Silver Medal
Bocce Teams Div 2 - Bronze Medal

Well Done Daniel!

Tasmanian All Schools Track and Field Championships

Congratulations to Joanna and April Potter who both competed at the Tasmanian All Schools Track and Field Championships. They both competed well to make the finals.

Joanna:
400m Final 5th place Time: 1min 16.65sec  
(this is a PB for Joanna)
200m Final 6th place Time: 31.13sec
100m Final 5th place Time: 14.70sec

April:
100m Final 4th place Time: 14.46
200m Final 4th place Time: 30.51
Shotput 2nd place 7.94m

Well done Joanna & April!
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Can you name 3 varieties of spuds?

What is the Christian name of the licensee of the Yolla Tavern?

Who is the principal of Yolla District High School?

If you know the answers then come along and join us at our Trivia Night! There will be questions for everyone and fun to be had!

Tiny Taters Trivia Night

The Tiny Taters Playgroup at Yolla District High are hosting a Trivia Night. Please make up a table of 6 (over the age of 16) and come along for a fun night of trivia – great prizes to be won!

Where: Yolla Tavern

When: Saturday 8 November - 7pm

Why: We would like to buy some new toys and equipment for our Tiny Taters Playgroup at Yolla District High School.

Cost: $10 per person - Tables of 6 (please bring your own nibblies to have at your table)

Drinks available from the bar.

Why not make a night of it and enjoy a meal at the Tavern before the Trivia kicks off at 7pm

Please ring the school office to book your table.
2014 School Magazine Order and Payment Form

If you wish to purchase the 2014 School Magazine, you may do so by filling in your details below and returning this form with your payment back to the office by Monday 1 December 2014. The Magazine this year will cost $20.00, and will be ready for collection on book sales day or posted home.

Family Name: _______________________________________________________

Student Responsible for collection:  ___________________________________    Homegroup:  _________

Number of copies @ $20.00 each (inc gst):  ____________  I enclose payment for $__________________

Preferred Payment Method – please circle:             Cheque        Cash         Credit Card

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The Come Together Concert 2014 will feature Taylor Henderson supported by Jesse Teinaki and talented local singers/musicians.

This is a great opportunity for North-West Coast residents to see two X-Factor contestants in a live performance at the Ulverstone Sports and Leisure Centre on Saturday evening November 15. This will be Taylor Henderson’s first performance in Tasmania!

There are great seats available at prices that are considerably cheaper than at a mainland concert.

This is a Lions Clubs of Ulverstone and Forth Valley fundraiser to support the North-West Cancer Centre, Burnie.

Tickets are available from: Bendigo Bank Branches in Devonport, Ulverstone and Burnie and Mecca Restaurant (Phone: 6432 4488)
Dear Principal, Music Teacher, Parent,

EMUsicians is a Combined Primary School Band consisting of students from 10 primary schools in the Burnie and surrounding area. The Band offers the opportunity for Primary school age students to learn a band instrument (flutes, clarinets, saxes, trumpets, trombones, euphoniums, guitars and percussion) under the direction of qualified instructors and to perform in many concerts and public performances throughout the year. The band rehearses at the Burnie Concert band rooms at the Cooee Memorial Hall (beside the Burnie Bowls Club) on Monday afternoons between 12:45 – 3:00pm.

Auditions for new members are at the end of every year and consist of a short musical assessment by our team. Students that show a musical aptitude will be invited to join the program. It is not necessary to play an instrument or read music however music reading will be a big advantage and some instrumental knowledge (recorder, piano guitar etc) would also help. The EMUsicians has a limited number of instruments that will be allocated to new members at the beginning of the year however if any student has access to their own instrument and shows musical aptitude they may be included in the program.

2015 auditions will be held at Cooee Memorial Hall on Monday December 8th 2014. Any children in grades 3,4,5 or 6 in 2015 are eligible although preference will be given to grade 4 and 5 students.

The Audition will include:
- A demonstration of an instrument (if possible). Please bring along instrument and music e.g. recorder, piano, violin, drums, flute, guitar etc. Drums and a piano will be provided at the audition to use. Please note: guitarists and drummers need to have some experience to be included in the program.
- Demonstrate reading of music (if possible)
- Ear test (pitch - singing, rhythm - clapping)

NB - The ability to play an instrument and read music is an advantage but not a necessity.

Please keep the above information and return the form below, preferably through your school, or directly to EMUsicians by Friday 28 November.

Kind Regards
David Turner  EMUsicians Coordinator

To EMUsicians
C/- Parklands High School
Atkins Drive, Burnie Tas 7320
Email david.turner@education.tas.gov.au
Ph: 64330206

Dear EMUsicians
My child (name)____________________________________________ from (school and grade in 2015)______________________________________ would like to audition for EMUsicians and if successful I agree to:
- provide regular transport
- accept care of any musical instrument loaned to my child
- attend all EMUsicians activities
- make the payment of the 2013 levy ($180.00 can be paid in 4x$45 term payments)

NAME:________________________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
ADDRESS______________________________________________________
TELEPHONE_____________________________________________________
SIGNATURE_____________________________________________________

Would you like your newsletter emailed?
Please contact the school with your details

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