I can’t believe this is the last newsletter for our 2014 school year. We have one week of school left before we break for the Christmas and Summer holidays.

I wish to thank each and every family for allowing us to share 2014 with your children, and wish you all a very happy Christmas and a safe Summer holiday.

Our grade 6/7/8 camp to the East Coast was an amazing success with the students enjoying a wonderful week filled with amazing experiences. Their behaviour was exemplary, with much praise and many compliments received by the adults with whom they came into contact. The co-operation and consideration they showed each other and the adults accompanying them was wonderful. A HUGE thank you to Kath Bugg, her sisters Margie and Heather – our catering team, to Rodney – our bus driver, and of course to Mr Cramp, Ms Brown and Ms Maartensz for giving up their time and leaving their own families to provide our students with this opportunity. A special thank you to Ms Maartensz for her incredible organisation and co-ordination of the week long activities.

Our grade 10 students are enjoying the ATV safe-driving course, which has changed many attitudes about ATVs and the responsibility that goes along with driving these vehicles. Thanks to Mr Walsh for his co-ordination, to MAIB for the sponsorship of this safety program, and to TasTAFE for running the workshops.

Yolla participated in the Interhigh Athletic carnival on Monday. A strong team of 24 students participated, again demonstrating strong sportsmanship and co-operation. Mrs Pennington and Mr Walsh were very proud to be associated with them. Congratulations to all who participated and represented our school so ably. For results, please read article within this newsletter.

Congratulations to Lachie Dick, grade 10, and Mel Gerwin, grade 12 at Hellyer, for their outstanding success in the field of Science. They both were invited to a state-wide presentation in Hobart at the weekend. Lachie came home with a special award and a third place award for his science investigation. Mel was awarded first place for her investigation and now represents Tasmania in the National Awards. These results show that Science is certainly strong at Yolla District High, and coupled with the dedication and passion of these two clever individuals, can hold its own in Tasmania.

By the time you read this, we will have held a Transition Day for our grade 5/6 students along with a couple of new students coming to Yolla from other schools. Students will have worked through a timetable giving them the opportunity to experience a few of the subjects they will experience next year, and to work together with their new classmates.

Our grade 10s will have conquered St. Valentines Peak, with Mrs Pennington, Ms Brown and Mr Cramp. This will be the second attempt, as the first date was washed out. As I write this – I am hopeful that by the time you read this they will have gone, climbed and conquered, feeling a real sense of achievement and sense of team.

Friday sees our whole school community heading to Boat Harbour Beach for our end-of-year picnic. Let’s hope for fine weather – the forecast looks good at the time of writing this newsletter; fingers crossed. My two other school picnics have not been great weather so it is time! We would love to share the day with you – please feel free to come down to the beach if you are able. Just a reminder – if we do not have your consent forms returned, your children cannot swim.

From all reports our children sang beautifully and represented our school with pride at the Yolla Carol Service. Thanks to the students, their parents and Mrs Neilson.

Next week our grade 10s have activities and rehearsals planned for each day, to celebrate their years at Yolla. This all culminates with their Celebration Dinner on Wednesday evening. We wish them well for this significant event, and are looking forward to sharing it with them. We know they will look fantastic and will remember the evening for many years to come.

Thursday December 18 is our final day and final assembly for 2014. Again, we would love to see as many parents, carers, family members along to celebrate with us. This assembly is a wonderful way for us to recognise effort, citizenship and achievement in the many fields of life at Yolla School. Please come along at 10:00am to share it with us.

Thanks again to you all, for your support, interest and your wonderful children. We have loved sharing 2014 with you. Let’s look forward to a great year ahead in 2015.

Julie Jacobson
Principal
Friday 12 December  School Picnic
Monday 15 December  Grade 10 Sisters Beach trip
Wednesday 17 December  Grade 10 Indoor Bowls
Wednesday 17 December  Grade 10 Leaver’s Dinner
Thursday 18 December  Presentation Assembly
Thursday 18 December  Last Day Term 4

Tasmanian Science Talent Search 2014
Following on from the UTAS Science Investigation Awards Lachlan Dick’s presentation of ‘Temperamental Silage’ was entered in the Tasmanian Science Talent Search. On Saturday Lachlan went to Hobart to the presentation of these awards. We are proud to announce that Lachlan received third prize for the section Research Investigations - Intermediate, and a Special Award - Tasmanian Alkaloids in the field of Agriculture. Congratulations Lachlan on a job well done!

Mel Gerwin, ex-student also entered her research project on ‘Much Ado About Oil” which won the senior UTAS Science Investigation Awards. She has been extremely successful again winning the Australian Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology first prize, the Biochemistry Investigation of the Year and the Bell Bay Aluminium Research Investigation of the Year (Senior) awards. Mel is now a finalist of the BHP Billiton National Science Awards. She is one of twenty six finalists who will attend a four day science camp and awards presentation which will be held in Melbourne February 2015. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish her all the best!

Student Assistance 2015 (STAS)
Student Assistance forms for 2015 are now available from the school

2015 SEC and House Captains
We have made some changes to our nomination pool for our Student Executive Council (SEC) and House Captains. Our 2015 grade 9 and 10 students will be able to nominate for these positions and elections will be held in two weeks’ time. A majority of grade 10s will make up the SEC, with priority being given to them if voting is tied, as the grade 9 students will have the next year to run again. This is an exciting but daunting time for our students, so please encourage your children to have a go and nominate. It is a wonderful opportunity for them, and they will be supported in their roles if elected.
Circular Head show on Friday December 5 for handler classes in beef and dairy. Best placed dairy handler in 10 years and under class was Kaitlyn, best placed in 11-15 years was Harry. Others competed well though. Kaitlyn competed in champion handler and placed 5th, due to top 4 already in State final that placed Kaitlyn in, giving the team 3 in the State dairy final on Saturday December 6. Well done to all handlers and to our State finalists. Unfortunately beef handlers not placed but competed well.

Saturday during breeds. Gracie, Leah and Kelly as well as Chloe with assistance from Brandon placed well during the Murray Grey feature. Well done to the two generations of Wells/Beamish’s, would've been nice to see three but well done anyway girls/ladies. Brandon also led Tammy’s heifer in the Beef Shorthorn section and achieved Reserve Jnr Champ. Well done Brandon.

In the dairy, the handlers were kept busy. All placed well Edward - Reserve Jnr champ dairy shorthorn, William - Jnr champ Illawarra, Ayrshires - Blake boys 1st pair yearlings, Guernseys - Hardy girls 1st pair yearlings, Hamilton’s also joined forces with Penny in some classes and faired well as they did individually.

Don’t have results fully as paper got a little wet. Full story for weekend, enquire at the office and Linda can forward you our newsletter!

Team wishes everyone a great festive season, enjoyable and safe holidays. Catch you in the new year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY, SAFE 2015!!!!!!!!!

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Positive impact of attending Launching into Learning.

The Department of Education continues to track the performance of children who attend Launching into Learning prior to starting school via a Longitudinal Study.

The latest analysis continues to show that regular participation in Launching into Learning consistently and significantly improves educational outcomes for reading and numeracy performance measures.

- The proportion of students who achieved all markers on Kindergarten Development Check (KDC) continues to be higher for LiL students (students who participated in LiL regularly) than it is for non- LiL students.
- The number of LiL students scoring below expected standards on the Preparatory (Prep) assessments Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) is lower for LiL students compared to non-LiL students for both reading and maths.
- A higher proportion of LiL students were above NAPLAN National Minimum Standards (NMS) than non-LiL students.

These are exciting findings and we encourage all families with children aged birth to 4 years to take advantage of the free Launching into Learning activities that occur in our school.

A big thank you to our parents and children who have made our 2014 LiL program so successful and enjoyable. Your participation and support has been greatly appreciated. Thank You also to Mrs Cathy Bester and Miss Nikkila Popowski for the wonderful program they have offered.

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Zye Donnelly has been awarded a scholarship to the Wynyard Concert Band. This scholarship has been generously donated by an anonymous family in Wynyard. The scholarship covers membership, uniform and instrument hire for Zye right through until he finishes year 12. Congratulations Zye!

The school choir was invited to sing at this years Yolla Carols Service. Twenty students from grade 1-5 were involved and did an amazing job! We had only had a few practices in class time and Sunday was the first time that we actually sang together as a group. We sang 'Surfie Surfie Santa', 'One Small Child' and 'Jingle Bells'. Many of the people who attended were full of praise for our talented students! Thank you to all students who were able to attend.
National All Schools Track & Field Championships

April was selected in the State team for the National All Schools Track & Field championships, which was held at Penguin on November 28 to December 1. She competed in the 12 year old girls 200m track, shot put, medley relay team, 4 x 200m relay, shot put relay (all girls participate) and long jump relay (all girls participate).

April had a big 4 days at Nationals. The Tasmanian team really didn’t have a show with the impressive mainland talent. April’s shot put event had 17 girls, 8 of these threw over 10m, the winner 13.05m. It was an amazing experience for April to be there and she ran a PB in the 200m (29.10). Her medley relay team came a close 4th. Well done April all the best for your athletic endeavours in the future!

So, this is farewell….

It is with great sadness that I say goodbye from my role as the Pathway Planning Officer for Yolla District High School. For the last 10 years I have worked in four North West High Schools and I can honestly say it has been MY most rewarding career.

I want to express my enjoyment at being the Pathway Planning Officer for Yolla District High School this year. It has been a privilege to provide career development services to the young people of Yolla District High.

I would like to thank everyone for all your support of Pathway Planning and the Pathways programs that have showcased our students’ incredible capabilities. Many of theses programs have been recognised by the community and supported by local industries.

Over my year at Yolla, I’ve been fortunate enough to work in a progressive, supportive and caring environment. I have enjoyed the support offered to me by everyone and I will treasure the many happy memories and real friendships that I have established. It has also been deeply rewarding to observe students develop and begin to follow and reach their potential.

So, thank you so very much and please accept my best wishes for the future and for Yolla District High as I now continue on my own career pathway.

With lots of love and happy memories,

Deb Winton
Finally Kath and the girls thank Mrs J for the chocolate ;)

 Forecast rain, rain and more rain was not enough to dampen even the spirits of the 'swaggers,' as our intrepid crew set out on the grade 6-8 camping trip to the East Coast (once Ms M finally joined us on the bus that is!)

A long bus trip must be broken up, so our first stop had us lunching at Gumleaves! Brickendon Farm. Richard Archer took us on an historical tour of the property that had been in his family since colonisation - no matter how hard they deny it Lauren Wescombe, Dakota Simmons and Amber Quillerat-Wise were all rather taken aback by the loud gobbling of the three resident turkeys.

Next stop Campbelltown, the Lollyshop and the mammoth gobstopper that kept Kurtus Williams quiet ALL WEEK, our first drenching and the discovery of a hideaway bookshop that had many bookworms wishing we didn't have a $15 limit on spending money.

Saltshaker, in Swansea had us meeting up with Mrs Jacobson for tea and from there it was only a half hour journey to Gumleaves, our home for the week; and blessed we were to be upgraded to bunkhouses as the wet ground would not hold our tent pegs (Thanks Gumleaves!) However, Mr Cramp's room was not immune to possums as the possum poo on his bed evidenced (on writing this memoir new evidence has come to light, It wasn't a cheeky possum but a cheeky Brod that was responsible for the bedroom scats).

With Tuesday came sun and that morning we headed to the Freycinet Marine Farm where Giles explained oyster farming and Kurt cooked us up some mussels and introduced many of us to oyster tasting. Did Ellie finally swallow the oyster? No! And what does Emily want for her birthday? Oysters!

Next we walked to either the Wineglass Bay lookout or to the beach itself. Cold water, waves, dunking Mr Cramp, Mani's tumble, chatting to Canadian tourists, the snake, a bus with a flat battery and a small water fight were the order of the day. After a lengthy wait to fix the bus ice creams were needed to sustain us until we made our way back to camp - and the big learning of this purchase - establish the intricacies of the deal before eating the product or you're likely to save only $3 on a $163 deal.

Settling in for the night came easier for some than others and had Ms M showing her mad spider catching skills as Ben Marshall was not sleeping with a spider in the fire alarm above his head and Mr Cramp was certainly not going to remove it. Hayden doubled over in hysterics as Ms M chased the two spider phobes with the big hair legged arachnid is indelibly inked in Ms M's memory.

Wednesday had us spending the day in camp - and the rain did not go away, eventuating in a lot of wet orienteerers, flying foxers and mini-golfers.

Mad keen fishermen and women and swimmers headed to Swansea in the early afternoon and before even making it off the bus Brod Howard had a hook through his thumb. Luckily Dr Andrew had the hook out in time for Brod and Ms M to join the troops in an afternoon tea of bbq warmed savouries.

Thursday saw us up early and ready to tackle Maria Island, which was a greater undertaking for some... Errol's new travel sickness bracelets were useless and a windy bus ride and bumpy boat trip had him out of action and under a foil blanket while the rest of us roamed Darlington. The rain didn't let up and after a tied student vote of 15/15 as to whether we walked to the Painted cliffs or not, the adults cast the deciding votes and walk we did. It's such a magic place that many students declared they'd bring their families along one day. But the question must be asked... How many times can one person fall in the same place, Mrs Brown?

Gumleaves abounds in adventure play equipment and it was time to hit the flying fox across the lake again, with everyone holding their breath, hoping Daniel would not let us down and produce another squeal that Errol stated had 'ruined man's reputation for ever'. and fail he did not for without vision one may well have presumed it was a newborn kitten loudly mewing its way across the lake.

This was the night Jayden became "look at me man" and Toby ran horrified from behind the bunkhouses screaming, "oh my god, there's something really big behind there. It's up a tree!!!" Panic not, we found the offending 'big thing'... It was The Bear (aka Eli Whish-Wilson) strategically camouflaged behind a limb. Mind you, given all the food he ate at camp it was unsurprising that the said limb would not hide him (worst thing about camp, eh Eli - too much food!)

Friday came quickly and by 8.30 we were on the bus and heading to play a few highly anticipated games of Laser Tag at Zone 3 in Launceston (Note: it was laser tag that ultimately wrecked the teachers and had Mrs Brown crashed out on the couch and Ms M snuggling a pillow on the bus).

Anyway, we arrived back at school, full of stories, big smiles and appreciation to Rodney (Mr Quiche) for his driving skills and company, to the three sisters, Kath, Heather and Margie for all that delicious food (especially the caramel mud cake and to the three teachers, Mrs Brown, Mr Cramp and Ms Maartensz for simply being awesome (Ps. this was written by Ms M, hence the 'being awesome' comment).

Finally Kath and the girls thank Mrs J for the chocolate ;}
The Penguin Athletics track was resurfaced last year and for many of our team this was their first experience on a top standard synthetic track. As the day warmed up, the track became sticky and grippy, and this helped many students who were pleased with their efforts in both the track and field events.

All of our team performed well but there were some stand-out performances that deserve special mention. Cory Hannan broke the Grade 10 Shot Put record with a mammoth throw of 13.28m, breaking the old mark by over a metre. Congratulations Cory on a great result (it must be all that pumpkin throwing in training). Joanna Potter and Amy Symes lit up the track in their sprint events, Shinai Anderson, Hannah Berechree, Chloe Walker and Erin Brown battled it out in the heat in their distance events. Eli Whish-Wilson worked hard all day, completing his full program of both track and field, Riley Ransom had some close finishes in the Grade 8 boys sprints and Jackson Broomhall stormed home in the Grade 10 400m to grab 2nd place. Our relay teams were competitive and were only just beaten in the Grade 10 boys and Grade 8 boys relays.

Overall, many team members were pleased with their efforts, often scoring personal bests in their events, throwing or jumping further than the school carnival. Well done to our team, you performed well in your events and represented YDHS beautifully.

**Interhigh Team 2014**

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24th November 2014

The Principal  
Yolla High School  
School Lane  
Yolla 7325

Dear Mrs Jacobson

As 2014 draws to a close I would like to thank you, your students and staff who are involved in your work skills program, for their efforts during the past year in maintaining the Council reserves in the local area.

I can’t speak more highly of the professionalism of Richard Walsh and the standard of work that this team produces. The image that these young people portray to the public is a credit to your school and staff. It must not be underestimated the value to the community that Yolla high school provide by undertaking this work freeing Council employees & resources to work in other areas.

Hopefully the skills in work and public interaction that these students gain will stand them in good stead for their future endeavors.

I would like you to convey my wishes to all involved, firstly for the festive season but most importantly for the future of the students who once a week gave the community their time and commitment in helping maintain the wonderful district we live in.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]

Wayne Flint
PARKS & RECREATION CO-ORDINATOR
CHILDREN’S XMAS PARTY
ELLIOTT COMMUNITY HALL
829 MURCHISON HIGHWAY ELLIOTT

COME ALONG AND HAVE SOME FUN

GAMES & DANCING
SANTA WILL BE COMING AS WELL.

DOOR PRIZE & RAFFLE
SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER 2014
TIME: 7PM

ADMISSION: $5.00 PER FAMILY

PLEASE BRING A PLATE OF FOOD FOR SUPPER
TEA, COFFEE & CORDIAL PROVIDED

PARENTS PLEASE BRING A NAMED GIFT UP TO THE VALUE OF $10.00 FOR EACH CHILD FOR UNDER THE XMAS TREE.

CONTACT DETAILS: JUDY KEENE
64363216 OR 0409363217

CHRISTMAS WEEK DAY CAMPS!
Monday 22nd Dec
Full days: 9am – 3pm ($45)
Half days: 9am – 12pm ($25)
@ Slipstream Circus hall (Flora St, Ulverstone)

To book, please contact us:
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If we receive enough bookings, we will consider opening another Day Camp on Tuesday the 23rd too!

WANT TO BE A PART OF THE CIRCUS?
Classes resume on 9 February 2015.
Classes for children from 3 years!

Beginners and a advanced are welcome!
New classes: specialty classes in aerials, tumbling, juggling, handstand and more.

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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.

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.

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

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STUDENT GREENCARDS- APPLY EARLY AND SAVE!

Have you ever had a Student Greencard?

Does your Free Travel Student Greencard Expire at the end of 2014?

If you are studying full-time in 2015, turning 18 or less AND travel on a bus where a fare is paid- You need a Student Greencard!

If you don’t have a valid Student Greencard before school goes back in 2015 you will be required to pay the full student fare, even if you have travelled for free in the past.

Applications can be submitted from the 17th November 2014 and if received by the 2nd January 2015, you will receive a new Student Greencard before school goes back in 2015! All applications received after the 2nd January 2015 will be processed as soon as possible.

There are two ways students can apply for a New/Renewal Student Greencard:

1. Online at www.transport.tas.gov.au
2. Paper application forms can be obtained from Service Tasmania Shops, by going onto our website and printing one off, or by requesting copies directly from the Department on 6166 3333.

Students who have lost their free travel Student Greencard (with eligibility via concession card status- excluding Metro travel) can now get a replacement online at www.transport.tas.gov.au for a fee of $11. Free travel Student Greencard can also be replaced at Service Tasmania Shops for a fee of $11.

Students who have lost their fare paying Student Greencard OR students who only travel on Metro (free and pay a fare) are still required to replace at Metro for a fee of $5.

If you require any further information, please contact the Student Travel Officers on 6166 3333 or 6166 3341 or free call on 1300 851 225.