Yolla District High proudly offers a supportive and caring learning environment. The thing we do really well is build positive relationships with and between our students. We are big enough to offer a great learning program and small enough to care for each and every student. No-one gets lost at Yolla. Not only do teachers really know our students and their families, but our non-teaching staff also build wonderful connections as well.

2014 has seen Yolla students participate in wide and varied learning programs with many wonderful learning opportunities, to name a few:

- The UTAS Science Investigations,
- A mini-journalism opportunity with the Advocate to publish the Ignite magazine
- Cows Create Careers
- Pop-Up restaurants
- Our Breakfast Club
- PlayLife
- Beacon Foundation, offered our grade 10s a Work Readiness program
- Chess Club
- Work Skills
- Our grades 6, 7 & 8 camp.
- Burnie Regional Art Gallery exhibitions, and our Eisteddfod performances.

All these opportunities give our students the opportunity to be challenged, have a go and shine. Our classroom programs have been complemented with excursions, individual projects and buddy classes. We have focused on English and Maths with our school timetable prioritising these two areas and keeping them as uninterrupted as possible to allow explicit teaching. This has paid off with our newly implemented Bridges program and NAPLAN results showing marked improvements across all grades.

I would like to thank the many people and organisations that have helped us throughout the year. Schools rely on this assistance and it is very much appreciated. Rather than naming everyone today we are writing to each and every one of you thanking you for our support. We look forward to continuing this relationship with you next year.

Speaking of 2015, there are a few exciting opportunities for our students. Mr Lehman will be delivering Certificate 2 in Agriculture to 15 Hellyer College students. This will happen in the Ag room over Mt Hicks Road. These students will not be mixing with our K-10 students, but may offer some Ag programs to our younger students within their certificate course under Mr Lehman’s guidance. We are also looking at opening our school farm up to other primary and early childhood schools to visit – similar to Hagley Farm School. We are excited about this and have been working really hard, under the guidance of our Farm Board to get ourselves ready for this. These two opportunities value add to our school and also offer our students interested in Agriculture further learning opportunities and pathways.

We have also applied to have a school chaplain support our school. This program offers an extra adult to support our children. The support offered is not of a religious nature, unless it is specifically asked for. If we are successful our School Association and myself will have input into the selection of the person to be appointed.

We will again be a Raising the Bar School, with the appointment of Cathy Bester as a full-time Assistant Principal, who will take responsibility for the delivery of literacy and numeracy programs K-10 in 2015. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and acknowledge Mr John Lehman for the fantastic job he has done this year, as our AP. I have really appreciated your support, advice and assistance given to our students. Thank you John!

2015 unfortunately will not see us have access to a Pathway Planner but we will be implementing the new My Education program in our grade 10 classes, and also be supported through the Beacon Foundation to build upon existing relationships with business and industry to provide our students with work placements, workplace visits and guest speakers. We are hoping that the relationship with Beacon will be across three years. Connecting with our local business and industries is important for our school and students and we are looking forward to strengthening existing relationships and fostering new ones.

Our 2015 classes will be: Kinder with Mrs Anita Holland; Prep/1 with Mrs Maree Pinner; Grade1/2 with Miss Jana Kalweit; Grade 3/4 with Mr Brendan Cocks; Grade 4/5 with Mrs Jan Guest. Our secondary classes including our grade 6/7 classes will be taught by (in no particular order): Mrs Lydia Brown, Mr Richard Walsh, Ms Jen Medwin, Mr Matthew Woolnough, Ms Lisa Kreamers, Mr John Lehman, Ms Sharon Neilson, Mrs Abbey Pennington and Mr Greg Wilson (both on Long Service Leave for term 1) and myself. Ms Cathy Bester will be our Raising the Bar AP and taking over “Tiny Taters” program again. There are still three teaching positions to be determined, including the two positions covering our teachers on leave. Mr Trent Nicholls and Mr Noel Cramp are leaving us for new teaching positions at Wynyard High and Parklands High respectively. We are sad to see you both go, but know your new schools will appreciate your enthusiasm and dedication. Congratulations to Ms Jenni Maartensz on successfully being appointed to Montello Primary for 2015 in a leadership position. We know you will be fantastic in your new role; Montello’s gain is our loss for 2015.

Our new year will look different, with changes to our staffing allocation, our team, the new faces in our student body and new programs to implement. Schools are dynamic places and we look forward to working closely with all of our students and their families in the new school year.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas, a safe and fun-filled holiday and we will see you back ready for another full year of opportunities to learn and succeed in 2015.
2014 Award Recipient

Prep – Grade 10 Academic, Outstanding Effort, Encouragement, Endeavour & Citizenship Awards

Prep:  Academic Achievement - Keeley Adams; Outstanding Effort - Robert Dobson; Citizenship - Sarah Gardner. All sponsored by by Kay Jones and Kathy Dudley, In Memory of Jye Jones

Grade 1: Academic Achievement - Meagan Hamilton; Outstanding Effort - Shae-Lee Barnes-Devine; Citizenship - Harrison Hillier. All sponsored by Annaglen Pty. Ltd.

Grade 2: Academic Achievement - Kayley Stonehouse; Outstanding Effort: - Kaitlyn Hardy; Citizenship - Grace Bell. All sponsored by Annaglen Pty. Ltd.

Grade 3: Academic - Madeline Forman Sponsored by Annaglen Pty. Ltd; Encouragement - Jonty Blake Sponsored by Braddon Liberal Team; Citizenship - Zachary Kenlish Sponsored by Lions Club of Wynyard.

Grade 4: Academic - Sarah Beer Sponsored by Waratah-Wynyard Council; Encouragement - Lachlan Wise Sponsored by Braddon Liberal Team; Citizenship - Tarni Saward Sponsored by Lions Club of Wynyard.

Grade 5: Academic - Aydn Martin Sponsored by Waratah-Wynyard Council; Endeavour - Haylea Heazlewood Sponsored by Braddon Liberal Team; Citizenship - Reanna Hardy Sponsored by Lions Club of Wynyard

Grade 6: Academic - April Potter Sponsored by Parents and Friends; Encouragement - Broderick Howard Sponsored by the Willis family

Grade 7: Encouragement - Abby Greenhalgh Sponsored by the Willis family; Citizenship - Jack Heazlewood Sponsored by Lions Club of Wynyard

Grade 8: Academic - Aidan Radford Sponsored by Jones on Wilson Boutique B&B; Endeavour - Erin Brown Sponsored by Braddon Liberal Team; Encouragement - Riley Ransom Sponsored by Wynyard Bus Lines

Grade 9 Academic - Joshua Resta Sponsored by Jones on Wilson Boutique B&B; Encouragement - Jake Roetz Sponsored by Mr Bryan Green MP; Endeavour - Monique King Sponsored by Wayne and Narelle Symes

Grade 10: Academic - Sutera Morice Sponsored by Rotary Club of Wynyard; Endeavour - Lachlan Hardstaff Sponsored by Wynyard Bus Lines; Citizenship - Shinai Anderson Sponsored by Rotary Club of Somerset

Grade 10 Curriculum Awards


Special Awards

Music Award - Daniel Gladwell Sponsored by Wynyard Bus Lines; Long Tan Award - Sutera Morice Sponsored by the Australian Defence Force; Champion Dairy Handler Award - William Dudfield Sponsored by Roberts Rural Supplies Wynyard; Champion Beef Handler Award - Gracie Beamish Sponsored by Yolla Co-op AIRR; Stockman of the Year - Chloe Walker Sponsored by YDHS Cattle Handling Team; Junior Sportsperson of the Year - Kayden Gardner Sponsored by KAW Training; Work Skills Program - Robert Williams Sponsored by Yolla Co-op AIRR; Outstanding Senior Councillor - Sutera Morice Sponsored by Ruth Forrest MLC; Braddon Community Leadership Award Grade 6 - April Potter Sponsored by Mr Brett Whiteley MP; Braddon Community Leadership Award Grade 10 - Darcy Gregson Sponsored by Mr Brett Whiteley MP; the Central Wynyard Neighbourhood Watch Award - Emma Jones; Respectful Student Award - Hannah Berechree Sponsored by the Minister for Education and Skills; Art Acquisition - Courtney Knights; The UTAS MyState Foundation Springboard to Higher Education Bursary - Cory Hannan; Bessie Smith Award for a passion of words, books and language - Samuel Hiller

Student of the Year Awards

Grade 6 - Fraser Symes Sponsored by Yolla Co-op AIRR; Grade 7 - Jessica Prior Sponsored by Yolla Co-op AIRR; Grade 8 - Angel Courtney Sponsored by the Knights family; Grade 9 - Rachel Sharman Sponsored by Yolla Co-op AIRR; Grade 10 - Sutera Morice Sponsored by Wynyard RSL In memory of Lance Cox