How proud was I to be YDHS's principal last Friday? I am extremely proud every day, but Friday was especially so as we had a visit from our Minister for Education, Minister Jeremy Rockliff. Minister Rockliff was invited to tour our school farm and learn about our Agriculture program. Some of our students hosted, catered and acted as tour guides for Minister Rockliff. There is a page of this newsletter dedicated to this visit. Please have a read and see why we are so proud.

Our school is also leading the way in our delivery of “My Education”, the DoE’s new career education program. Mrs Abbey Pennington is delivering My Education to our grade 9 and 10 students and working closely with the Beacon Foundation. Our students have participated in two ‘business blackboards’ where members from local businesses come into our classrooms and deliver workshops. Our grade 9s enjoyed a personal training workshop, delivered by Mr Kent Wyllie from KAW Training, and our grade 10s learnt about financial planning, with Mr Mike Brindley from Regional Development Australia - Community & Strategic Development. These business blackboards help our students understand the world of work, learn about the different career pathways and see the importance of learning. It also builds positive relationships between our school and our students’ future employers.

We are holding a parent session which will explain My Education and Beacon in more detail, next Tuesday evening, 4 August. This will be held at the Somerset Surf Club from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. If you are a parent of a student in grade 5 to 10 please make the most of this relaxed, informal evening to see what we are doing and learn how it will assist your child regarding understanding the world of work and career choices. We hope to see you there.

Coming home with this newsletter is our revised ICT Use Agreement, for our grade 5 – 10 students. We will be working through this document with our students at school and are hopeful that you will also read it with them and discuss its implications. Social media is such a significant part of our young people’s lives, and has both positive and negative impact on them. It is critical that adults in our children’s lives understand these implications and help our children make sense of it all. Please read the booklet, discuss it with your child, and then sign the back page, cut it out and return it to school.

Keep the booklet at home for future reference and discussions. Once we have received the signed back page we can enable your child to access the school network through their own devices. A less detailed agreement will be sent home shortly for Kinder to grade 4 students. A very big Thank You to Mr Richard Walsh for his time in researching and documenting this agreement, to Mrs Linda Gardner for organising it into a format that is user friendly and to our School Association for ratifying it. Please phone us at school if you would like to discuss this further or have any details further explained.
Next week will be my last week this term, at Yolla. I am fortunate enough to be taking long service leave for the remaining 7 weeks. I will return for term 4. As previously mentioned, Mr Phil McKenzie was to come in my place, however this is no longer the case. I am very happy to inform you that our very own Ms Cathy Bester will be filling the principal role, which allows us to continue with our learning programs without interruption. I know she will do a fantastic job and will maintain the momentum we are currently experiencing. Good luck Cathy and congratulations on winning this position!

Julie Jacobson
Principal

The Jeans for Genes foundation is an organisation that raises money for research into genetic defects of children.

On Friday August 7 Yolla will be hosting their own Jeans for Genes day to raise money for the foundation. So come to school in your favourite jeans and bring a gold coin donation.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

We have our Trivia Night this FRIDAY night! 31 July - 7pm for 7.30 start. Tables of 10 are still available or come along on the night and join in. $15pp and we have great prizes up for grabs!
Please call Ange for more info - 0409465750.

Fathers Day Stall is coming up on Thursday September 3 and we are now calling for donations. The kids love this event so let’s make it a great day for them!

Encore Performing Studio in Burnie is able to come up to Yolla and do a weekly group singing lesson on a Wednesday or a Friday after school. Please let us know your interest and hopefully we can make this happen!

Our next Low Carb High Fat night is on August 28th and is set to be a huge success like the last event. Tickets will be on sale soon! Info books are still available for $5 each.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25 August.
Last Tuesday we held our first Business Blackboard with the Grade 9 PE class. Kent Wyllie from KAW Training came along to speak about his pathway into personal training, other jobs he’s had along the way, advice he wished he’d listened to and lessons learned as he started his own business. Students were then put through their paces in 6 fitness tests and given the chance to follow a program set by Kent to improve the student’s fitness scores when we re-test in 8 weeks’ time. We had some positive feedback from the students who tried their hardest in the tests which were pretty tough and they were keen to take and start on their personal programs at home. Thank you to Kent for putting in so much care and effort into ensuring our first Business Blackboard was a success.

Yesterday Mike Brindley from Regional Development Australia spoke to our Grade 10 students about financial literacy including superannuation, tax and how to manage their money.

Parent Information Evening

What: YDHS Beacon Foundation and My Education Parent Meeting 2015
Who: Parents of students from Grade 5-10 (and the invitation is extended to anyone interested in hearing about the innovative programs we are running at YDHS)
Where: Somerset Surf Club
When: Tuesday, 4 August 7-8pm
Why: To hear what the My Education program looks like at YDHS and how the Beacon Foundation endorses what we are doing in classrooms already to help our students on their future pathways.

Special Guests: Matthew Jago (Northern Manager, My Education) and Jayne Newman (Business Engagement Manager, Beacon Foundation)

Come along for an interesting evening of discussion, a lucky door prize, some light refreshments and a chance to take part in some interactive learning activities held by our staff.

For catering purposes please complete and return to school by Monday 3 August 2015

There will be [ ] attending the Information Evening on Tuesday, 4 August at 7pm

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________ Signed: ____________________________
We were very happy to invite Minister Rockliff to tour our school farm last Friday. He arrived just after 11.00, and brought the rain with him. We also welcomed Mrs Ann Walker and Mr Paul Harding from Hellyer College, Mr Mike Buckby, Mr Mike Pyne and Mr Jay Summers from AgriTas, who all assist us with the certificate Agriculture program we deliver to grade 11 and 12 students. Our grade 6 leaders, Anna and Harry Hamilton, Abraham Shires and Grace Resta, welcomed Minister Rockliff and guided him to our classroom. Three of our grade 9 students, Mani Gregson, Amy Symes and Kurtus Williams provided a wonderful morning tea and were perfect hosts for our guests. Our SEC members, Joshua Resta, Rachel Sharman, Chloe Johnson and Emily Van De Belt introduced themselves, our special guests and gave a brief history and summary about our school and its Ag program. We noted that we believe our Kinder to grade 12 program in Agriculture is the only one in Australia. Emily then presented Minister Rockliff with a special gift from our school: our 2014 school magazine, Ag brochure and a designer pair of gumboots which he proudly wore for the remainder of his visit. Thanks Emily for your wonderful designs.

Despite the rain, and protected by umbrellas we ventured outside and visited our aquaculture building, where Eli Wish-Wilson informed Minister Rockliff about our rainbow trout farming. From there the three Hellyer students, Patrick Johnson, Zoe Newman and Chloe Walker took Minister Rockliff to our potato crop explaining our partnership with Harvest Moon. We then took shelter in our Ag shed, where William Dudfield and Gracie Beamish informed Minister Rockliff of our very successful Cattle Handling group, Jessica Prior and Alex Millwood shared information about our new and successful Sheep Handling group and James Barker stole the show with his information about poultry and rabbits. From the Ag shed we again braved the rain and assisted Minister Rockliff in planting a tree for National Tree Day. All of our students were fantastic and it was obvious that Mr Cocks, Ms Brown and Mr Lehman’s Ag programs have made significant impact on our students.

We have received many compliments from our guests since their visit with a wonderful offer of support from AgriTas to assist with our farming machinery. Congratulations and thanks to all involved!
Our Local Church Communities
Welcomed Lynnese Pease

On Sunday, July 27 there was a good turn out of the local church communities to welcome Lynnese Pease, our new chaplain.

Part of the role of the chaplain is to form links with the local community and Ian Cartmel from the Yolla Baptist Church organised a combined Church service on Sunday to welcome Lynnese, which was well attended.

The congregation was informed that this week’s church collection would go to support the Chaplaincy Programme at School and at the end of the service Pam McCulloch, representing Scripture Union, who employ Lynnese, was presented with a cheque which was very much appreciated and will be put to good use to purchase more wool for Finger Knitting Friday!!!

Ian interviewed Lynnese about her position, Pam McCulloch spoke about the role of the Chaplain in Schools and about Lynnese’s previous work as a School Chaplain at Somerset and Lesley Radford spoke on behalf of the school and the School Association.

Thank You

A huge thankyou to Kent Wyllie from KAW Training for donating a whole class set of boxing gloves and focus mitts for the HPE Department! We have started holding Girls Boxing sessions at lunch times on Fridays where the girls come along to get fit and learn some boxing combinations.

Tree seedlings for shade, beauty and study
24 July 2015

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 more than 70,000 seedlings had been made available to schools and community groups over the past eight years.

There was an allocation of more than 6000 seedlings of 12 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 morrisbyi, (morrisby’s gum) and Eucalyptus gunnii (cider gum), 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 could 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.

More information: Tony Scott 0428393792
Mrs Guest has a few paper forms you can fill in and post off, if you are unable to go online.

We have sent home catalogues this week with our early childhood students. If you did not receive a catalogue, and are interested in making a purchase, we have more catalogues on the way. Purchases can be made online or through the paper order in the catalogue. Please pop the school’s name into the “nominated centre” section to enable us to receive credit towards any purchases for the school. Thankyou!!

LESS THAN A WEEK TO GO!

But why wait? Go to https://register.msreadathon.org.au to register and get reading now!

You will be able to set up your own fundraising page, invite sponsors, keep your fundraising blog and record books that you have read. Spot our posters around the school, and don’t forget to watch our video to get inspired!

You will find more information about the MS Readathon, cool competitions and activities, and answers to some tricky questions on our website www.msreadathon.org.au.

Couldn’t find the answers you were looking for or want to share some great fundraising ideas?
Give us a call on 1300 MS READ (or 1300 677 323).

See you soon!

Mrs Guest has a few paper forms you can fill in and post off, if you are unable to go online.
Our Pop-up restaurants, designed and produced by grade 9/10 Cooking, Hospitality and Design students, are continuing this term. So far we have experienced ‘Tie Charm’ (Montana Willcox, Chloe Snell and Taleah Haines) and ‘The Lighthouse’ (Jacqui Rowe, Geoffrey Badcock absent and Susie Hardstaff). All students have created interesting and delicious menus enjoyed by 8-10 customers from 1pm onwards. The learning benefits are many and the skills involved broad. All students are performing really well on this task and basking in the instant positive feedback given by their customers.
From Wednesday 15 July to Tuesday 8 September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent.

Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker sheet available at school or Woolworths and when it’s complete, the sticker sheet can be dropped into the collection box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. Thank you!

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