From the Acting Principal

Hi Everyone,

The highlight of my first week as Acting Principal was my invitation to attend the Pop Up Restaurant held for the residents of Myrtle Park by the extremely capable team of 9/10 students Mani, Addie and Amy. The quality of both the food and the service at The Medusa Restaurant was outstanding and demonstrates Ms Jen Medwin’s diligent work preparing her students in hospitality. Many of our visitors have had a long standing relationship with our school and could tell us many stories of when they attended Yolla many years ago. We are looking forward to inviting Myrtle Park to another restaurant later in the year.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome three new staff members to our team this week, Mrs Louise Hodgson, Mr Rufus Gill and Ms Brigid Daly who will be working with us for the remainder of term 3. I would also like to welcome back to our school Caitlin and Patrick. Caitlin is joining 6/7B and Patrick 6/7A. It was a pleasure to see students welcoming Caitlin and Patrick to Yolla as they arrived on Tuesday.

A huge congratulations to Kayden Gardner who competed in the State Badminton Championships on the weekend. I am delighted to hear that Kayden is the new State Under 15 Boys Singles Champion. He also won the Under 15’s Mixed Doubles championship and is the D Grade Men’s Singles Champion. What an outstanding achievement Kayden – Splendid! Badminton obviously runs in the family with Mrs Linda Gardner winning the C Grade Women’s Doubles Championship – Bravo!

Harry Hamilton has been selected in the NWPSSA Darwin Football team to play against the Devon team on Friday August 28. Congratulations Harry!

Our Pre-Kinder sessions begin next Tuesday 18 and will run from 9:30-11am. Parents are invited to come along to Tiny Taters at 9am as usual, the Pre-Kinder children will move to the Kindergarten room at 9:30am where they will work with Mrs Anita Holland and Miss Nikkila Popowski. This is an exciting time for those little people who are preparing to join our school next year. The Pre-Kinder sessions are an excellent opportunity for children to become familiar with the kindergarten environment, meet their classmates and build a connection with their teacher. Parents are invited to accompany their child to their first session or remain in the Tiny Taters room. It is a Department requirement that parents must remain on the premises while their child is at Pre-Kinder sessions.
Over the past few weeks, as part of our literacy program, we have implemented a Word of the Week (WOW word) from Kindergarten to Grade 10. Our whole school focus is to build our vocabulary and our knowledge of words. Our WOW words so far have been taken from our school values – we have studied respect, resilience, connectedness and potential. It has been exciting to see the work that has been done across all classes and I have included some photos of the displays of students work around these words. We not only look at the meaning or meanings of the word, we delve into synonyms, antonyms, spelling, parts of speech and how these words connect to the other work we are doing. As part of my role as Literacy Coach I have been working in many classrooms concentrating on vocabulary. Research shows that “Vocabulary is a principal contributor to comprehension, fluency, and achievement. Vocabulary development is both an outcome of comprehension and a precursor to it, with word meanings making up as much as 70–80% of comprehension.” (Bromley) It is our aim that by building vocabulary we will improve student comprehension, spelling and achievement across all curriculum areas. It is thrilling to see students from our Prep/1 class using and understanding the meaning of words such as shimmer, pout and aghast. The 3/4 class have explored the meaning of words such as stealth, beckon and splendid and the 4/5 class have been working with words such as raucous, reprieve and poignant. It is highly gratifying to work with students that are so enthusiastic about learning and begin to ask questions to extend their understanding and knowledge.

Our school has recently received our NAPLAN results from testing held this year. It is pleasing to see that our school has made some improvements in our testing results. I will collate our results and share with you in a future newsletter. Our grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 parents will soon receive their child’s NAPLAN reports in the mail. If you would like to discuss these with us please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment at a mutually suitable time.

I would like to congratulate the Parents and Friends on the success of their recent trivia night. I understand the amount of work that is put into the organisation of fundraising events and activities and I would encourage you to support the P&F as their financial contribution to our school allows us to provide extra resources that are utilised and enjoyed by all students.

Preparations are underway for Science Week next week – we are all looking forward to see what activities Mr Woolnough has planned for us this year.

16 students will travel to Penguin District School next Wednesday with Mrs Guest to compete in the Maths Relay Competition. Good luck to everyone.
Last Friday the SEC held our annual Jeans for Genes day. It was a great success, there was lots of denim to be seen around the school.

We raised $130.70, which will go towards research to find cures for genetic diseases.

We’d like to thank all staff and students for your generous donations.

Thank you! SEC
WotOpera!

We’ve been very lucky to have been given the opportunity to bring WotOpera to Yolla District High School! 20 students from years 6-10 have been asked to be a part of this fantastic program which involves the students creating their own performance made up of drama, music, singing, dancing, acting, designing and painting sets, script writing and whatever other creative direction the students decide to take their performance. This program has had outcomes for students which have been both profound and life changing, not only in terms of curriculum outcomes through approaches to learning, language, arts and literacy; but also in social development and confidence building.

The program will be run over 5 consecutive Mondays at Yolla District High School (starting on Monday the 17th) and three very talented WotOpera staff will be facilitating the program as well as Miss Campbell.

On the final day of the program there will also be a public performance at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre which will begin at 7pm! This will involve performances from all 4 schools which have been involved in the program. We hope to see you all there to celebrate how incredibly talented our students are and see them up on that stage!

Parents and Friends News!

Our Trivia Night last month was a great night out and a big success! Huge thanks to Michael Davis (Dee JaynTrivia Nights DJ and Host) for running the night, everyone who came along and all of the following businesses and people who supported us by donating prizes.

- Yolla General Store
- Wendy Barker
- Not Just Books Burnie
- Two Oaks Café
- Auto Barn Burnie
- Lady Bugs Café
- Spotlight
- Leading Edge Burnie
- Metro Cinemas
- Miriam Gaby
- Cloverlea Nursery
- Repco Burnie
- Buckaneers
- Sport First Burnie
- Seabreeze @ Killynaught
- Harvey Norman Burnie
- Wynyard Jodie Hoare
- Super Cheap Burnie

CALLING FOR DONATIONS FOR FATHERS’ DAY STALL!

The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Thursday, September 3. We are starting from scratch with this one so any donations are much appreciated! Let’s make it a great day for the kids! Items can be left at the office or contact Ange on 0409 465 750.

Our next Low Carb High Fat info night has been postponed from August 28. Stay tuned for details.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 25 August at 7pm. Our numbers are low and more help and ideas are always welcome so please come along. 😊

ENCORE SINGING LESSONS ARE COMING TO YOLLA SCHOOL

On Tuesday August 18, Encore will begin singing lessons in the Takone Hall. There will be a group session from 3pm-4.15pm. Cost $10.00 per child, after the first session we would like parents to commit until the end of term.

Encore need a minimum of 10 children to make this viable for them to come up. Private sessions may be available after the group session if anyone is interested.

See you next Tuesday!
We have a major raffle up and running with some fantastic prizes. It would be great if you are able to support us in purchasing tickets or helping us sell raffle books. Please return the form below to purchase or request raffle book/s to sell, or drop in to the school office. Many thanks Ange Beamish (0409 465 750).

1st Prize: A return trip for two people to Melbourne on the TOLL Ship. Valued at $1,250
Donated by TOLL Shipping

2nd Prize: A ute load of wood
Donated by Aston Beamish
Valued at $150

3rd Prize: Lady Bugs Café Voucher
Donated by Lady Bugs Café
Valued at $40

4th Prize: Massage Voucher
Donated by Wendy Barker
Valued at $40

5th Prize: Car Care Products
Donated by Super Cheap Auto and Leading Edge Burnie
Valued at $40

6th Prize: Two Oaks Café Voucher
Donated by Two Oaks Café
Valued at $25

Raffle Return Slip

Option 1
I would like to purchase ........ tickets in the Parents & Friends Raffle. I have enclosed $...............  

Option 2
I would be happy to sell ........ book/s of 20 tickets.

Please send home with ...........................................

Parent/Guardian Name:...........................................

Parent/Guardian Signature: .................................
I enclose $20 for each Magazine in an envelope

I would like to pre-order the 2015 School Magazine

Please debit my credit card with $___ for the purchase

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

Name of Parent (Please Print) .................................................................

Phone Number: .................................

Name(s) of Student(s) at YDHS .................................................................

Card no. .................................................................

VISA AMEX Bank Card Master Card

Name of cardholder ................................................................. Expiry date ... / ...

Cardholder Signature .................................................................
Wynyard Gymnastics club

Trivia Night

Come along & Test your Knowledge!

$10 per person

8 people per table

Friday 21st August 2015
Start at 7pm
Wynyard Cricket Clubrooms

(BYO nibbles)
Fun! Prizes! Games!

To book a table please contact Head coach Nikki on 0427440248 or email
nikgilapcpowks@ahocm.com.au
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!