We are just finishing off our third week of term and so much is happening. Our students on the whole, have settled in really well and are already showing us some fantastic work habits. Unfortunately we have had two staff members away for a week at a time, due to illness or injury. This has been unsettling for some of our secondary students, but it has also allowed some others to show a mature and respectful attitude. Congratulations to those students.

Our grade 9s and 10s have had two sessions looking at goal setting and exploring what things can hold us back from doing our best and trying new things. We will follow these sessions up with our SEC and House Captain nominations and elections. We will also be electing our Grade 6 Leaders and our Junior Councillors soon. These are an exciting opportunity for our senior students to have a taste of leadership and represent their peers. Please encourage your grade 9 and 10 son/daughter to run for these positions. It is a fantastic way for us to hear student voice and empower them to share responsibility for our school.

Speaking of sharing responsibility and hearing everyone's opinions; our School Association is looking for new members. If you would like to be part of this fantastic group of people who oversee policy and programs, then please read the information below and come and join us.

Our grade 10s are also beginning a series of sessions looking at safe driving. This program is run by RACT and will run over the next 8 weeks. Mr Rob Bentley takes these sessions and we believe they will be important to our new learner drivers.

We will be holding a “welcome to 2015 school year” open afternoon on Tuesday March 3. Please keep this date free and come and share a sausage or hamburger with us, whilst catching up with your children’s teachers for this year and having a wander around our school. We look forward to seeing you! There is more detailed information in this newsletter.

Due to the Burnie Olympic Pool being unavailable this term, we are trialling a new version of our Swimming Carnival. We will be having a Mini Surf Carnival, at the Somerset Life Saving Club beach, with life savers present. There will be many novelty events as well as swimming and running races. We believe this will cater for more of our students and it will be a fantastic day. We would love to see parents, family members and carers along, as well as our Tiny Taters group. The date is March 6 and we will send more detailed information home in a special flier next week.

Calling for new members for the Yolla School Association

Due to the retirement of some parent and staff members of the School Association, we are looking for fresh faces this year. Please consider nominating, as parental input is most valued and appreciated. The School Association provides parents, staff, students and other members of the community with a way to be involved in issues important to the school. School Associations help schools in a number of ways, such as participating in developing school policy, advising on school management and approving the budget. The School Association is not a fundraising body. The Parents and Friends Group and the Cattle Handling Team are sub-committees of the School Association.

When your child starts school, you are automatically a member of the School Association. Yolla School Association committee meets approximately twice per term. All parents are welcome to attend these meetings as visitors. By becoming a committee member you have the right to provide input into the running of the school. If you wish to become a committee member, you may nominate yourself and submit to the Returning Officer (Mrs Heather Jones) prior to the next Annual General Meeting, which will be Tuesday 28 April, at 7pm. Voting will take place then, and is for a two year term.

If you have any queries, or would like a nomination form, please contact Mandy Sharman (Secretary) at the school office on 64381188.

The next General Meeting will be held on Thursday 12 March at 7pm, in the staffroom.
The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28 April, 7pm in the staffroom.

School Uniform - Footwear

We have concerns over the shoes currently being worn by many of our students. Our policy states “We recommend sturdy BLACK school shoes but unobtrusive joggers are permitted. Work boots are acceptable only if clean and worn with long trousers.” Please encourage your son/daughter to wear appropriate BLACK shoes to school.
### Yolla District High School

**DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS**

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### SCHOOL BANKING

This year **THURSDAY** is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a token. Once students individually collect 10 tokens they can be redeemed for reward items. Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Yolla School.

### LIBRARY NEWS

**Do you have any library books at home that need to be returned to our school library?**

There are several HOME READERS that have not been returned from last year. It doesn’t matter how overdue the books are please return to the school any books that are overdue and belong to our library.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Julie Kuzmic (Library Technician)

### 2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our School Magazine has arrived. If you would like to purchase a copy they are available from the school office for $20.00. It has over 100 pages and your child is most likely in it somewhere.

### Parents and Friends

The Parents and Friends group provide input, comment and assistance into school related issues when required and raises funds for projects that directly benefit the children of our school.

Our first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday night, February 24, starting at 7pm. This is the Annual General Meeting but please don’t let the fancy title put you off attending. Just because you turn up doesn’t mean you get a job! We will be in the old school house, on the Mt Hicks Road. (Next to the online centre and just up from the school crossing.)

Some new faces and fresh ideas would be very welcome.

Parents and friends contact: [yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com](mailto:yolla-parents-friends@hotmail.com)

### WANTED

We are looking for any lego or meccano sets that are no longer being used and that you would like to donate.

Please send along to the school office. Thank you.
Tiny Taters

WOW!! We had a fantastic turnout to our first Tiny Taters session for 2015! It was so wonderful to welcome back our families from last year and to meet our new families!

Tiny Taters runs every Tuesday morning from 9:30-11 – all children from birth to pre-kinder are welcome to attend.

Please wear clothes that are okay to get messy in, a drink and a small snack for morning tea.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

Welcome to the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 30 years, ICAS has taken place annually in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific Region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in ICAS in 2015. ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 2 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested.

If you would like your child to be involved, please fill out the permission form below and return with payment to the school office by Tuesday, 31 March.

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Competition Return Slip

Please find enclosed payment for my son/daughter to participate in the following competition(s).

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Total Payment Enclosed $__________ Signed: ____________________________ (Parent/Guardian)
To help us get to know you we have planned another open evening where we can all meet each other, wander through our school, visit your children’s classes and have a casual conversation with our teachers. Feel free to drop in between 4.00pm - 6.00pm. It is asked that students go home after school as normal and return with parents. Come as a family, bring grandparents, aunts and uncles if you like. There will be a BBQ with sausages and hamburgers available and tea, coffee and milo. To help us with the catering, please complete the form below, giving us an indication of attendance. We are looking forward to seeing as many families along as possible.

Open Evening Return Slip

We will be attending the Open Evening on Tuesday March 3, between 4.00pm and 6.00pm.

There will be ...................... of us attending.

Name ..............................

Signed ..............................
Cattle Handling Report

With the start of the new school year it also sees the School’s Cattle Handling Team preparing for several events before breaking for the Winter.

Several of our members travelled to Chudleigh for the Guernsey Calf Day, which involved breeds from throughout the State bringing their calves to Chudleigh to be judged for type and dairyness. Kaitlyn and Reanna Hardy along with Edward and William Dudfield received placings in all of their events with William Dudfield and Kaitlyn Hardy receiving 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Handling Championship.

An Appreciation BBQ was held at ANZAC Park at Somerset for stud owners and volunteers who have helped with the team over the last 12 months. Mr Mike Smith from Jason Park Guernsey’s was presented with a Life Membership of the Yolla District High School Cattle Handling Team. Mr Smith has been loaning cattle to the school for 20 years and has mentored many of our young people throughout the show seasons. We thank Mr Smith for his continuous support and do look forward to working with Mr Smith for many years to come. Congratulations also goes to Kaitlyn Hardy for being presented with the Mt. Pine Murray Grey Junior Encouragement Award. This award is donated by Ms Denise Felmingham to a young member who has strived to do their best throughout the showing season.

Burnie Netball Association - Expression of Interest

We are currently taking expressions of interest for students wishing to play in the Burnie Netball Association’s Winter roster. If your child is interested in playing Netta or Netball (children must be 8 years of age) please fill out and return the permission slip below. We require slips to be returned to the school as soon as possible so that we can determine if there are enough players to form teams. The roster is run on Saturdays starting 14 March. There are no games over the holidays.

MY CHILD: ........................................................................................................ Class: ........................................

IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR YOLLA SCHOOL IN THE BURNIE NETBALL ASSOCIATION WINTER ROSTER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND THAT UPON TEAMS BEING FORMED A REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED AND PAYABLE TO THE NETBALL ASSOCIATION.

SIGNED ............................................................ DATE ...... / ...... / 2015

Yolla School Soccer - Western Schools Soccer Association

If your child is interested in playing soccer this year please fill out and return the below slip. We require slips to be returned to the school as soon as possible so that we can determine if there are enough players to form teams.

Games will be held on Saturday mornings for Under 6 to Under 12 and will be played at McKenna Park, Burnie. Under 14/16 games are normally played on Monday afternoons with the venue varying. Under 16 girls games are normally played on Tuesday afternoons with varying venues.

Cost will be between $50.00 - $75.00 registration fee (depending on age group and method of registration).

Clothing requirements are as follows: Black shorts, long socks, shin pads (compulsory), soccer boots (compulsory), mouth guard (recommended)

Shirts are provided by the school.

Any parents interested in helping coach teams are asked to contact the school office.

MY CHILD ........................................................................................................ DATE OF BIRTH ........................................

IS INTERESTED IN PLAYING FOR YOLLA SCHOOL IN THE WESTERN SCHOOL’S SOCCER ASSOCIATION WINTER ROSTER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS ONLY AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND THAT I MUST REGISTER MY CHILD ONLINE PRIOR TO MY CHILD PARTICIPATING.

SIGNED ............................................................ DATE ....../....../2015
Somerset Basketball

Our Local Roster for U12 and U14 Boys and Girls (Born between 2002 - 2005) will be having a registration day on Monday 2nd March at 6pm. If you would like more information or cannot make it please contact Garyth on 0477640393 or Gaylie on 0419332137. Games will be held on Monday nights starting on 16 March.

Aussie Hoops - Somerset Basketball’s Senior Mens player Lachie Barker will be conducting an Aussie Hoops program beginning on Wednesday 4 March. Aussie Hoops caters for children born between 2006 - 2010. For more information and to register please contact Garyth on 0477640393.

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Local Roster Registration Thursday, February 19 at the Wynyard Stadium between 5pm-7pm.

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