I want to start this newsletter by thanking everyone who came to our **open afternoon** on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see so many families: grandparents, parents and family friends come along and wander through our school, listen to our wonderful choir, chat to our staff, watch the sheep handling team, pat our two new alpacas, enjoy the displays and the hamburgers and sausages. Our students were proud and excited to share their school with you all. Thanks also to all those who contributed to the P&F cake stall and those who bought the delicious items. Thanks to our staff for helping prepare for the occasion and staying later than usual. It was wonderful to see families, staff and students enjoying time together.

Tomorrow we are holding our very first **mini-surf carnival**. We are hoping for fine weather, but if in the event of rain or windy conditions, please still prepare your children for the event. Please assume it is on, and we will make a decision close to the bus departure time of 9.30. Can you ensure we have received the consent forms regarding water participation, as without this your child cannot paddle, wade or swim. Also, please ensure your child has a sun-safe hat, bathers and towel, snacks to eat throughout the day, lots to drink, and a warm jacket/jumper. It is a school day so full attendance is needed. The events do NOT require our students to be strong swimmers. We have beach events, volleyball, wading events and a body board event but all events in the water are in chest high water only so students can stop and walk if they wish. We have 3 Somerset surf life savers who have kindly volunteered their services for the day. Safety has been paramount in our planning and preparation for the day. It will be a great day, and it is another chance for our students to participate in a new experience and have a go at different events. We will update our plans for the day on our new **FaceBook** page. Check it out for the latest information at **www.facebook.com/YollaDistrictHigh**. If any plans change we will post it there.

The purpose for our **FaceBook page** is to be able to communicate with many families quickly and easily, to promote events and celebrate our achievements. The Department of Education has very clear guidelines, policies and procedures regarding FaceBook, and we have followed these directives, ensuring confidentiality and safety. We have appointed 4 administrators who will monitor the page for any inappropriate posts, and to respond to any questions regarding school events. If parents have any concerns regarding their children’s schooling then it is appropriate to phone us at school to make an appointment to discuss these. Any comments posted that are derogatory, offensive or in bad taste will be dealt with according to both the FaceBook and DoE policies. We recommend that posts keep your personal information private, ensure safety of all involved by protecting from unwanted contact, build a positive digital reputation and model respectful communication and online etiquette. We are looking forward to being able to inform our wider community of events and happenings quickly and easily, through this medium.

We congratulate and welcome Anna Hamilton, Abraham Shires, Grace Resta, and Harry Hamilton on their election to be our **2015 Grade 6 leaders**. They will be supported by Reanna Hardy, Gracie Beamish, Andrew Watters & Sam Hiller. We look forward to them representing their peers, working to improve our school and being the voice for their younger school-mates.

Our grade 9 and 10 students have been nominated for the 2015 Student Executive Council and House Captains. They now will prepare speeches and posters to advertise what they bring to the role. Our mini-surf carnival is a great opportunity for them to show us what they can offer. The elections will be held on March 16. We will report on the outcome after that. Good luck to all nominees.

Five of our students participated in the **Inter-High Swimming Carnival**. They represented our school with pride and showed us that it is important to participate and have a go. Congratulations Kayden Gardner, Ryan Koop, Erin Brown, Alex Millwood, and Mani Gregson. Thanks also to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Symes for providing transport.

Next week we have planned to hold bus meetings with our bus drivers and students. This is in response to the comments we have received from students and parents regarding bus behaviour. At this meeting we will go through our current bus agreement and will remind staff, drivers, and students of their responsibilities. Our drivers will sign the agreement and then we will send this agreement home for parents to read and discuss with your children, sign and return. While our school will do everything we can to remind students about respectful and caring behaviours, parents who have concerns are reminded to phone Mr Crawn on 6435 7288

Included in this newsletter is a sensitive piece of writing by Shayla Marshall, one of our grade 10 students. Shayla has written this lovely piece in honour of her beautiful little brother Jack. Please read this and then perhaps discuss it with your children. It is when we can share information and personal stories we can come to a better understanding of the differences between us that make life so wonderful. Congratulations Shayla on helping us to understand.

We hope you all enjoy the long week-end.
DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 6 March
Yolla Surf Carnival

Monday 9 March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 10 March
Grade 7 Immunisations

Wednesday 11 March
The Right Balance Performance for Prep to Grade 5

Friday 13 March
Progress reports sent home

Monday 16 - Friday 27 March
K-2 Swimming Program

Tuesday 17 March
Inter-Primary Athletics Carnival

Thursday 19 March
NW Twilight Carnival for those that qualify from Inter-primary

Friday 20 March
Bullying No Way - Buddy Afternoon

Wednesday 1 April
Last day term 1 for students

Thursday 2 April
Student Free Day

Friday 3 April - Friday 17 April
Easter and school holiday break

Monday 20 April
Term 2 begins

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First Aid in Schools Program

On Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24 we are fortunate to have St Johns Ambulance in our school running their First Aid in Schools Program.

This program is free of charge and there will be a session for each class from Kinder to Grade 10. We are very pleased to make this program available to all our students.

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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.

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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.

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Parents and Friends

Thank you for supporting our cake stall!

We are having an emergency meeting on TUESDAY MARCH 10, 7pm at the school house (online access centre building).

Without more numbers, the P&F will not continue. We have fresh ideas but need your support to get things happening.

Please come along, grandparents, aunts, uncles, community members also welcome!

Can’t get to a meeting but would love to help? Could spare an hour or two for events? Contact Ange Beamish on 0409 465 750.

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P&F Raffle

We are currently running a raffle with 1st prize being a TEAC CD MICRO SOUND SYSTEM with Bluetooth, USB, FM tuner and CD player.

Tickets are 50 cents each and are available from the school office or by filling in the slip below.

I ………………………………………….. parent/guardian would like to purchase …….. tickets in the P&F Raffle. I have enclosed $………………

I would be happy to sell a book of 20 tickets. Please send home with …………………………………………………
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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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.

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, 7pm. The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28 April, 7pm in the staffroom.

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Tiny Taters News

Last year we held a very successful Trivia Night at the Yolla Tavern. Thanks to the generosity of those people who attended our night and the amazing sponsorship we received for prizes we raised just over $1000. All of the money raised was used to buy some fabulous new equipment for our Tiny Taters children to enjoy.

It is wonderful to see so many children coming along to our weekly sessions and having fun with the new toys!
Classes have been making poppies to remember those that gave their lives during wars. After the 4/5 class had made their poppies they wrote the instructions from memory. Procedural text is one of the literacy text types in the curriculum. They invited the two 6/7 classes to join them on Wednesday afternoon and helped them try their hand at making the poppies. If you are in the school on Open Night check out everyone’s handiwork which Susie Hardstaff and Nikkila Popowski have displayed near the front office.

Most of the team went to the Chudleigh Show in late February; this is a lovely little country show and as usual for this event, the weather was beautiful. The team took 10 cows of their own and also assisted other breeders with the care and showing of their animals. Thank you Mr Chris Murfett for again carting our cows.

In the Dairy Junior Handler classes Kaitlyn Hardy, Meagan Hamilton and Edward Dudfield came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in their age group; Harry Hamilton, Anna Hamilton and Reanna Hardy came 1st, 2nd and 5th in their age group, and William Dudfield and Ryan Koop came 3rd and 7th in their 13-17 year age group. Making his debut; Josh Hall won the Novice Dairy Handler Section. This meant that in the Dairy Champion Handler Competition 5 of the 9 finalists were from Yolla School; with Harry and Anna finishing 3rd and 5th in this finals class. The overall winner was ex-student (and Mr Lehman’s son) Stuart Lehman. The Dairy Judge for the day was Liam Radford; another past Yolla School student.

In the beef ring for the Junior Beef Handling classes Gracie Beamish won her 9-12 years age group and past member Tammy Murfet was 1st for her age group.

The cows were well behaved, the students conducted themselves beautifully, and the camping was dry – all up a fun and successful Chudleigh Show for the School Cattle Handling Team!

Some of the team will be attending a 2 day Dairy Calf Show in Ridgley this weekend; but our next big event will be the Wynyard Show, on Friday evening and Saturday the 13th and 14th of March. (Next weekend). Why not venture down and support our school team? The Junior Beef and Dairy Handler competitions are held at 6.30pm on Friday evening and the kids would appreciate your support. If you have ever wanted to try cattle handling then this would be an ideal event to watch. If you are interested please speak to Mr Lehman. Might see you there!
**Wynyard School Soccer Training**

Wynyard school soccer training (Kinder to grade 6) will commence on Tuesday 10th of March at 4:30pm at the Wynyard Soccer ground in Fredrick Street. Please make it to training if you intend to play this year. More information will be available at training, plus meeting on Tuesday, 17th of March at 5:30pm.

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**YOLLA School Soccer - Players Still Needed**

**At this stage we don’t have enough students to form teams for soccer.** If your child is interested in playing please fill out and return the below slip as soon as possible. The roster will start in term 2.

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.

If we are unable to form teams Wynyard Soccer Club will be happy for us to join in with them. They play as a club with students from Table Cape, St Brigid’s and Boat Harbour Primary Schools making the teams to play in the Western Schools Soccer roster. See below information from Wynyard Soccer Club.

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**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**

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On Wednesday, March 5 we sent a small team of 5 swimmers to the Burnie Pool to compete in the Interhigh Swimming Carnival. Erin Brown and Mani Gregson got us off to a great start both coming 3rd in their Breaststroke races. They continued their great start with even better results. Mani won the Backstroke and came 2nd in Freestyle and Erin came 2nd in both Freestyle and Backstroke. Ryan Koop also swam well finishing 3rd in the Grade 7 boys freestyle. Kayden Gardner came 6th in a very close finish across the pool and Alex Millwood swam well in the grade 8 boys freestyle coming 2nd. Everyone enjoyed the day and the donuts! It was a great opportunity to see some fast swimming and close finishes. Well done to our team!

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO MANI GREGSON WHO WAS THE GRADE 8 BOYS INTERHIGH SWIMMING CHAMPION LAST YEAR. WELL DONE MANI!!**

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Having a little brother with Down Syndrome is like taking the scenic route, you get to where you’re going it just takes a little more time. My little brother Jack Michael was diagnosed with Downs when he was 17 months old. It really was a shock to me, he looked like such a normal baby. He had beautiful big blue eyes and has a little grin from the day he was born. He was only small around 6 pounds. He’s held his head up since he was little, but apparently kids with Down Syndrome have loose neck joints so we have to be careful of Jack’s neck. I never actually thought I would ever have a little brother with Downs, I must say I wouldn’t have him any other way. He is perfect in every way. I get very frustrated when we take Jack into town and people will just stare at him, like is he really that different and the community can’t handle a boy who’s a little different to the rest of us, seriously. I also hate when people make jokes around Down Syndrome. I would like to help people learn more about Down Syndrome, so that they don’t just think it affects the looks of a person. It can also affect the heart. Some babies have heart surgery because they have problems with it. I know a little boy who has had so many operations and I don’t think he’s much older than Jack. I love Jack to pieces and I think all people and children with Downs are loveable and have a certain type of character; they always have a smile on their face.

What is Down Syndrome?

Down Syndrome is a chromosomal condition related to chromosome 21. It affects 1 in 800 to 1 in 1000 live born infants.

What are the symptoms of Down Syndrome?

People who have Down Syndrome can have learning difficulties, a characteristic facial appearance, and poor muscle tone in infancy.

Individuals with Down Syndrome also have an increased risk for having heart defects, digestive problems such as gastroesophageal reflux or celiac disease, and hearing loss. Some people who have Down Syndrome have low activity of the thyroid gland (hypothyroidism) - an organ in the lower neck that produces hormones.

Getting back to Jack. He only has mild Down Syndrome so you really can’t tell he has until he grins or pulls a face, he is still beautiful and I wouldn’t change him for the world. In our eyes he is a normal child. I actually think we are lucky to have this amazing little boy.
Wanted for Agriculture Department

The Ag Dept would like to add some animals to the boutique agriculture program running this year and into the future. We would love to acquire some goats and ducks if anyone is able to donate or sell. We would like to add a meat goat, a dairy goat and a fibre goat and a few different varieties of ducks, Indian Runners, Khaki Campbell, Pekin, etc. Please contact the school office on 6438 1188 for more details.

Hellyer College Evening of Excellence Awards

Congratulations to ex-Yolla School students who were recognised at the Hellyer College Evening of Excellence awards.

Lachlan Hardstaff
Special Award Recipient

Zoe Simmons
Alcorso Foundation Humanitarian Scholarship

Mel Gerwin received Exceptional Achievement awards for the following subjects:

Biology    Chemistry    Physical Sciences

Congratulations to you all!
CAR RALLY
TREASURE HUNT

DATE: 21st MARCH 11AM
START AT: WYNYARD GYMNASICS CLUB
FINISH AT: GUTTRIDGE GARDENS
Cost: $15 PER CAR + PACKET OF CAT FOOD
Special prize for best dressed team

For registration or more information
Please contact head coach Nikkila via text on 0427490248

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Check out www.guidestas.org.au
Local contact: email mwilson1@iinet.net.au

LOOKING AT TRYING A NEW SPORT?

BURNIE UNITED F.C
ARE LOOKING FOR LADIES
(Aged 15 upwards)
TO JOIN THEIR WOMENS TEAM

You've seen the World Cup & Asian Cup on TV - give it a go!
Soccer is a great way to have fun, to stay active and make new friends.

Roster will start in Term 2. Registrations can be done online or on Registration Day on the 28th of March.

PLEASE ASK FOR AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM FROM YOUR SOCCER CO-ORDINATOR OR SCHOOL OFFICE
Forms due before 21st of March

Check out our Facebook for more info!
https://www.facebook.com/juniorleague

Soccer is a great way to get fit and make new friends
No experience necessary!
Training Tues & Thurs 5.30pm
Come along & bring a friend with you!
Games are played on Saturday afternoons
**McKenna Park**  
**Minkey 2015 Season**

**Clinic/Sign up Day:**  Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st} March  9.30 – 10.30  
All players welcome  

**Roster to commence:**  28\textsuperscript{th} March, then recommencing on the 1\textsuperscript{st} May  

**Cost:**  $35  
Div 1 Grade 5/6  
Div 2 Grade 3/4  
Div 3 Grade 2 and below  
[These grades are a guide. If schools are unable to field full sides, players can come to the sign up day and they will be allocated to teams]

**Contact:**  j9hawkins@internode.on.net  
0417 387 538

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**AUSKICK TIME!!**

Wynyard AFL Auskick will be holding its registration day on Sunday the 29\textsuperscript{th} of March, at the Wynyard High School from 9.30 – 10.30 am. Auskick is for girls and boys in primary school. Games are played on Sunday mornings at Wynyard High School; the roster starts on Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May.

Registration forms are now available from the school office. Please complete both forms prior to the registration day if possible and bring along with your payment for collection of your child’s AFL Auskick pack. Cheques are accepted, but cash is preferred. Unfortunately we cannot offer EFTPOS.

Fees for 2015 are:  
1 player family - $65  
2 player families - $125  
3+ player families - $125 for the first two players plus $55 per additional child

To enable children to be placed in teams ready for the roster start on Sunday 3\textsuperscript{rd} May we ask that you attend this registration day. If you are unable to come please send an email to farming@hamiltonpastoral.com.au advising of your child’s intention to play and their birth date and grade.

This year some Wynyard Auskickers will have the opportunity to play at half time at the game between Hawthorn and Gold Coast Suns on Saturday May 30\textsuperscript{th}!

Regards, Wynyard AFL Auskick Centre