It has been a **wonderful, settled start** to term 2. Our students were genuinely happy to be back and classes have been very settled and productive. Students have talked enthusiastically of their two weeks break but also very fondly of being back with their friends and keen to start work.

As you are aware we will be participating in **NAPLAN** testing in May, 12–14. We are beginning to prepare and support our grade 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for this, with explanations of the testing format and practice at working in test conditions. These practises and explanations enable our students to work to the best of their ability during the NAPLAN tests. If you would like more information about NAPLAN please visit the link below, or ask at our office for a brochure.


As many of you would be aware, our school has hosted the **Bonfire** event, over the past 14 years. We appreciate and value it as a wonderful community event. 2015 finds us in a position that our school can no longer run this event by ourselves. We would love to hear from any local businesses or individuals who are interested in co-ordinating and funding the Yolla Bonfire. Our school would love to take on a support role and are happy to assist with the setting up of a Yolla Bonfire Committee, with the intention of the community taking on this wonderful event. Please contact us at school if you would like to be involved.

Our school leaders are preparing an **ANZAC Day** service for our school. This is to be held at 10.40am on Friday, where students will lead a service honouring and acknowledging those who fought for our country in wars past and present. This year’s service is especially significant being the 100th anniversary of Gallipoli. Some of our student leaders will also be representing our school at the Burnie, Somerset and Wynyard services on Saturday. Thank you to those students and their parents in giving their time to attend.

At the time of writing our grades 3-6 students are participating in the **ANZAC Day sports**, along with Natone, Ridgley and Riana Primary schools. Our Student Councillors and House Captains have also attended, providing much valued support and assistance to the students. We will include a report on this in our next newsletter. Check out our Facebook page for some photos in the meanwhile.

Next week Mrs Abbey Pennington and I will attend a **Beacon** National Conference in Sydney. This conference will enable us to hear from successful Beacon schools, establish some support networks and give us some ideas to enhance the school-to-work partnerships for our students. We are really looking forward to this and see our association with Beacon Foundation to be a very positive one. Upon our return we hope to hold an information evening where we can explain the program to you and discuss ideas for this program with you.

Just a reminder to parents that this and next term can be difficult with colds and flus. Please do not send your child to school if they are unwell. While school is vitally important, and regular attendance is critical, children cannot learn if they are unwell and bugs and viruses spread quickly to other students and staff. We thank you for your consideration with this issue.

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**Parking**

After school parking is causing us some concern regarding safety for our students. It is a very congested area and visibility is very poor for drivers. We are seeking expert advice from the Transport Department, who hopefully will be able to give us specific directions in making this safer for us all.

In the meanwhile can I please remind parents to:

- not park on the south side of the Takone Hall,
- nor on the road entrance to the parking area. This is a “No Standing” area and it is illegal to park there.
- please drive into the parking area behind the Takone Hall and walk to collect your children.
DIARY OF SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 24 April  State Athletics Carnival - Good Luck Jed Pennington!
Thursday 7 May  Mother’s Day Stall
Friday 8 May  Grade 9 - 10 trip to Agfest
Week of 11 May  NAPLAN Testing
Monday 11 May  Cross Country Carnival
Monday 18 May  Rock and Roll Performance Grade 6-10
Tuesday 19 May  ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Wednesday 3 June  ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday 3 June  Interhigh Cross Country
Monday 8 June  Queen’s Birthday Holiday
Tuesday 9 June  Royal Flying Doctor Service Visit
Tuesday 9 June - Friday 19 June  Grade 3-5 Learn to Swim - Ulverstone Pool
Wednesday 10 June  Interprimary Cross Country
Tuesday 16 June  ICAS Spelling Competition
Wednesday 24 June  State Cross Country Carnival
Monday 29 June  The Protectors - Kinder to Grade 5
Monday 29 June  Cyberia - Grade 6 to Grade 10
Wednesday 1 July  Brainstorm - Prep to Grade 5
Friday 3 July  Last Day Term 2

2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

Our School Magazine for 2014 is available to purchase from the school office for $20.00. It has over 100 pages and your child is most likely in it somewhere.

SCHOOL BANKING

Just a reminder that 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.

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Newsletter Email Address Update

If you have nominated for your newsletter to be distributed via email and you are not receiving it please contact the school to ensure your email address is current. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please also contact the school on 64381188.

Parents and Friends

Mothers Day stall will be held on Thursday, May 7. Any donations are appreciated and can be left at the office or contact Ange Beamish.

Mothers Day working bee on April 30, 1pm in the old school house. All welcome!
6-7B Ancient Civilisations

The grade 6-7 pupils have been investigating ancient civilisations in History. The main focus was to find out how to create a historical inquiry and what resources historians use. Some of their work is on display outside the office.

They researched how the civilisations began, what life was like, their beliefs, religion, diet, housing and other interesting facts. They looked at what these societies have contributed to our modern world, in the way of inventions and thinking. Children created historical diaries of the lower and upper class people in Ancient Egypt, or Rome. This term they will be focusing on Ancient China.
Grade 4/5 and Grade 9 Excursion

Grade 4/5 and grade 9 accepted an invitation to the commemorative service for Corporal Cameron Baird last term. The school was grateful to Crawns Bus Service for providing the transport free to Yolla and also to many other schools. To make the most of the day out we visited the WW1 display and Old Bur- nie Town exhibitions at the Burnie Museum, the Burnie Art Gallery and the Burnie Library where several students became new members. Recess and lunch was enjoyed in the sun at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre plaza before the group walked to the Burnie Park for the ceremony and a play on the equipment.

At the WW1 display students were able to smell odours such as trench foot and gunpowder. They used an old measuring tape in feet and inches to see if their height and chest measurements were sufficient to enlist and sampled the ANZAC biscuits - Yum! Julie Vascocz, a volunteer at the museum, explained the work she was doing with the photos to be archived. She showed the students a photo, taken by Burnie photographer Bert Winter, of the signing of the Japanese surrender at the end of WW2.
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Wynyard Auskick Skills Evening

Welcome all players to a new season and please come along to our skills and training night this Friday; April 24, from 5 pm until about 6.30. We will be at the Wynyard Football Club. Thank you to Roberts Wynyard for sponsoring this event.

It’s not too late to register on the night if you haven’t already; come down and join.

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

Games start Sunday May 3.

Like us on Facebook at Wynyard Auskick!