From the Principal

Thursday, 7 May 2015

Here is our first publication presented in the new DoE format. It is a new look for our newsletter, and soon you will see a similar design for our website and the certificates that our students may receive. You might notice the photo in the header, showcasing our new garden which welcomes visitors to our school. A very big thank you to Harry and his band of workers who have worked hard over the past months, measuring, designing, costing, and making this garden, its sign and sheep. The garden is dedicated to Mr Bill French and we thought it needed a revamp. Thanks to Kobi from last year, Lachie, Kurtus, Tim, Ben, Jye, Riley and Mani for their hard work and persistence. I hope you all agree that it looks fantastic and is a happy welcome to anyone visiting our school and farm.

I would also like to congratulate Rachel Sharman for being recognised for her NAPLAN results last year. Rachel scored in the top 1% of students in Australia. She was presented with a certificate by Mr Colin Petit last week. Well done Rachel!

NAPLAN testing begins next week, taking place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Our grades 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will participate. Acting on feedback from our parents, we have been preparing our students for this over the past few weeks by practising working in a test environment and getting used to the format and wording used in the tests. The results of NAPLAN assist us as teachers to recognise the areas we are teaching well and identify the areas that we need to spend more time on, for each grade level. We can also identify the specific strengths and weaknesses for our individual students. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding this.
From the Principal continued…

Last week we welcomed Ms Lynnese Pease to our staff. Lynnese was the successful candidate for our school chaplain. Lynnese has already introduced herself to many students and has worked in our classrooms assisting with small groups and building relationships with our students. We are looking forward to working with her and are very thankful for the support she is going to offer our school community on Thursdays and Fridays. Lynnese has included an article in this newsletter; please read it and come and introduce yourself when next in our school.

There has been a real improvement in the flow of traffic before and after school. Thank you to all parents dropping off and picking up children. After consultation with both the police and our council engineer you will notice we have blocked off two walk accesses into our playground, making it much safer for our children. Please remember to observe all signs, especially in relation to parking on the South side of Takone Hall. We will be marking lines and putting up signs to assist with this.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, please remember that colds and flu spreads rapidly through our classrooms. If your child is coughing, sneezing or has a continual runny nose please keep them home until symptoms disappear. It is hard for our students to concentrate and learn if they are unwell, and we don’t want these bugs spreading to other children. This is especially so in our Kinder and early childhood classes.

I end this report on a sad note, recognising the passing of a family member of two of our staff team. Our sympathy and thoughts go to Ms Deb Beswick and Mrs Heather Jones, who lost their beloved father and father in law respectively; Mr Leicester Jones. Leicester was known to many and will be dearly missed. I would like to pass on our thoughts and sympathy to Deb and Heather on behalf of our school community. We are thinking of you.

REMINDER:

Due to safety concerns, spray cans of deodorant are not permitted at school. We ask that our students bring along roll-on deodorant to school, as needed. Thank You.

Mrs Abbey Pennington and myself were fortunate to attend the Beacon National Conference last week. We heard of some amazing partnerships between schools and businesses and industry that are really making a positive impact on student learning and transition into the workplace.

Congratulations to Parklands High School for their programs that saw them recognised nationally. We are looking forward to building such relationships between our school and our local businesses and industry, and are appreciative of the support that Beacon will offer.

Thank you to Mrs Jayne Newman who is working with Mrs Pennington and myself to strategically plan for this to happen. We have set the following goals for ourselves and will work towards achieving these over the next 3 years:

1. To work with Beacon to foster a 3 way partnership with the wider community, school and business and industry to prepare students for their transition from school to the workplace.

2. For students to know, understand and appreciate the importance and relevance of literacy and numeracy in the workplace.

3. To develop resilience within our students enhancing their ability to cope with change especially in relation to the world of work in the 21st Century.

4. To develop an understanding and appreciation within our students, families and staff of the diversity within the workplace and the wide scope within careers.

We will be holding a launch of this program with business and industry representatives in early June. If you know of any such businesses that might like to be involved with our school please contact our school.

If you would like to know more, you could visit their website: http://beaconfoundation.com.au/ We will keep you informed of our progress as we work through this exciting program.

Julie Jacobson
Principal
Welcome to Yolla, Lynnese!

Hi Everyone, My name is Lynnese; I am a school support worker working at Yolla District High. I am in my second week and enjoying getting to know students and staff. The students are making me feel very welcome by introducing themselves, sharing stories with me and inviting me to be involved in their learning and activities. I have had a great start being involved in a cooking class, ball games, teamwork activities and many individual conversations. I thoroughly enjoyed a tour of the school being excited by the wonderful learning spaces, programs and activities on offer including the opportunity to learn about the animals. I am really looking forward to building and strengthening relationships with the children and families and being involved in your school community.

As a support worker I can:

😊 Listen when you have a good joke or a problem to solve or stuff on your mind.
😊 Walk with you, talk with you, laugh with you, and share your thoughts and feelings with you.
😊 Care when you go through tough times or are not feeling very positive or well.
😊 Celebrate special times with you or when you find a way through a tough situation.
😊 Do fun stuff like kick a footy, do a puzzle, play hopscotch, read, draw, do art and craft, sing and dance with you.

I am here on Thursdays and Fridays to support students, staff, parents and guardians of the school, if you would like to catch up with me for support or just to say hi please come and find me around the school or see the ladies in the office and they will get a message to me.

I encourage you to have a think about support activities or programs that you may like to assist with or see happen at the school for both the students and the parents/guardians as I will be putting together a wish list.

A little bit about me: I have lived in Somerset for 20 years. I have 2 boys, one in high school, and one in college. We have 2 dog and 2 cats. One of our cats has only 3 legs. I enjoy interacting with people and particularly love sharing in the wonder and enchantment that children create. I love running and going to the gym. I enjoy cooking and home decorating. I enjoy practicing in complimentary therapies and have a keen interest in both adult and children’s health and wellbeing.

Thought for the day: “Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves; they will have no end of fun.” Anon

Have an awesome day! ☺
Cheers Lynnese

When I grow up...

We’d like to show a short film at our Beacon Foundation Launch so that the businesses who come along can see how diverse our career dreams are. We think it would be great to show what our students want to be in the future from Kinder through to Grade 10.

If you’d like your child to be part of the film and you have a smartphone we’d like you to film your young people at home getting ready for work. They can dress up in your work clothes or find some things around home that suit the job they might like in the future. If they could be holding a sign that says what they’d like to be when they grow up that would be ideal.

Please email your little film to the school’s email address: yolla.district.high@education.tas.gov.au
CROSS COUNTRY 2015

Our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Monday from 1.30pm. Students will need to bring a change of clothes to run in, a plastic bag and a towel. If the weather is unfavourable we will notify you by facebook. Our back up day will be Monday, 18 May.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Our student representatives attended the Burnie, Somerset and Wynyard ANZAC Day Services. We thank them for representing our school with pride and their parents for transporting them to the various services. The school has a strong tradition of recognising the sacrifices of our armed services. Lest We Forget.

ANZAC DAY SPORTS

On Wednesday, April 22 students from grades 3-6 travelled to Wivenhoe Showgrounds to participate in the traditional ANZAC day sports held between the schools of Ridgley, Riana, Natone and Yolla.

Our SEC students and House captains accompanied them and helped to supervise and run various sports and activities throughout the day. An opening ceremony was held, led by students from Natone where the Last Post was played and the Australian flag raised. This was followed by a warm welcome for all. The morning was filled with a variety of group activities including running races, egg and ice races, relays and the infamous tug of war competition (which continued throughout the day). The afternoon saw students participate as teams in a range of sports including football, hockey, tee-ball, king of the court, soccer and cricket. A great deal of fun was had by all.

Staff and senior students kept their eyes out for students exemplifying the ANZAC characteristics of integrity, comradeship, team work and encouragement to nominate for awards at the end of the day. The students who won these awards for our school were Ryan Gardner and Kobi Kay. A closing ceremony was held by RSL president Mr Michael Davies in which many moving facts about the ANZACs were shared as well as having the playing of the Roust. Ridgley eventually triumphed however all enjoyed a great day out in support of the ANZAC spirit.
Cattle Handling Report

We have 2 new sponsors for the 2015-2016 season. We would like to give a big thank you to Gaffney Machinery and Kayden Edwards for their assistance.

If you are interested in cattle handling when the season starts later in the year then please talk to Mr Lehman soon. Animals are carefully matched to handlers, depending on the handlers experience and age, and sometimes a little time is needed to source a breeder with a suitable animal.

Our AGM will be on Monday night 25 May, commencing at 7pm. Could all members please note this date, and any new members are very welcome to join us.

Thank You Parents & Friends

Many thanks to our great Parents and Friends group from all our Grade 9/10 Home Economics students. The parents generously gave $300 to our kitchen towards the purchase of food processors and other equipment which will enable our students to access more complex recipes and food preparations through the Hospitality, Cooking and Design course.

Thank You Serve-Ag and Nufarm Australia

Yolla District High School received a surprise visit towards the end of Term 1 from the team at Serve-Ag offering a donation to the school’s Livestock Handling Team. Mr. Ricky Blake from Serve-Ag presented a cheque on behalf of Nufarm Australia.

The donation will go towards uniforms for the successful Sheep and Cattle Handling Teams. The school over the years has had success in the show ring, with this year the school having Champion Interbreed Ewe at the Wynyard Show. Our teams consist of 6 Sheep Handlers and 12 Cattle Handlers. Preparation is taking place already for the upcoming show season with a team of Sheep Handlers going to Campbell Town Show at the end of May.

ART Department

The primary and early childhood classes are making a large 3 dimensional colour wheel in Art. Any donations of objects in either red, yellow, blue, green, orange or purple. For example broken toys, bottle tops, etc.

Also wanted any treated pine posts, succulent cuttings or herb plants for our Sensory Garden please.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE 2014

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.

Hello Wynyard Auskickers!

What a great start to the season we had on Sunday.

We had scheduled Friday night games for this weekend but it will be too wet for us to play on the new grass at the Wynyard Football Club so we are back to playing on Sunday morning at the Wynyard High School, as usual. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

So could ALL players please be ready to start playing at 9.30 this Sunday, 10 May at the Wynyard High School. Some teams have already decided to arrive 15mins early for training so make it a 9.15 start if that is your team!

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.
Are your worried about aspects of your child's development?

- Intellectual Ability
- Language and Communication
- Physical Skills
- Fine Motor Skills
- Social/Emotional and Play Skills

Feel free to drop in for a chat with one of our friendly staff anytime between 1:00—2:30

If you have concerns you are invited to drop in to chat in confidence with an available staff member during our CHILD MATTERS time or alternatively feel free to contact us on 6430 4200 from 8.30 - 3.30

WHERE: Early Childhood Intervention Service
36 Thorne Street, Burnie.

WHEN: May 4
June 1
August 3
September 7
November 9
December 7

TIME: 1.00 - 2.30