Thursday, 21 May 2015

From the Principal

If you have visited us lately you will have noticed a few changes in and around our buildings. It is lovely to be able to freshen up some of our areas. You may have noticed the bright and colourful quadrangle designs in the middle quad – thanks to our Gr 9/10 Technologies students working with Mrs Medwin. These designs have really lifted a very drab area and transformed it into a bright, colourful place to play. Our corridor from D1 down to the canteen looks fantastic, thanks to Harry who has repaired and painted the inside corridor, and then worked with Sam, Tim and Brandon to attach checkerplate to the wall under the canteen window. Thanks Harry for your time and for supporting our students in practical maths and learning these handy-man skills.

We also have fantastic new, colourful windows in our Early Childhood classrooms. The LiL room has been completed, our Prep/1 children have moved into Takone Hall while their room is being done and our grades 1/2 classroom will be next. They will look great and will really brighten up our rooms.

Mr Scott Riseley has also been working with Kurtus, Dane, Tim, Jye, Sam, Ben and Brod to revamp some of our old school furniture. We will soon have some very bright outdoor tables and chairs brightening up our outdoor areas.

Congratulations to Mrs Pennington on another very successful cross country event. It was wonderful to see so many of our students participating, especially on such a chilly day. I believe we had the highest participation rate in recent years, so we are very pleased with our students for getting involved and having a go. Thanks to the parents and staff who braved the chilly conditions to man checkpoints and tally the results.

Monday afternoon saw our grade 6 – 10 students taken on a musical trip through time. “Rock ‘n’ Roll” provided us with a fun and interactive performance of music over the last few decades. It is wonderful to be able to value-add to our learning program with these cultural performances. It was also a nice way to celebrate the end of Naplan testing. Our grade 3, 5, 7 & 9 students did a wonderful job throughout the week, sitting through 5 tests. The results will inform us of the literacy and numeracy skills we are doing well and those we need to revisit. It will be later in the year before we receive these results.

Our grade 9 students participated in “Try-A-Skill” yesterday. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to look closely at different trades, ask questions of the tradespeople and explore options for their working futures. We were very proud of their behaviour and the interest shown during this event. Well done grade 9s.
Our SEC are holding socials for their fellow students on Tuesday June 2. Our younger students will have their social in school time and our older students during the evening. More details to come. They are also holding the “Biggest Morning Tea” tomorrow for staff and guests, raising money for cancer research. It is great to see this group so pro-active in our school and community.

Our grade 3 – 5 girls have been invited to a “Girls Night In” next Monday, 5.00pm – 7.30pm. Thanks to Ms Bester, Ms LKJ and Miss Popowski who are supervising and co-ordinating this lovely opportunity. We know you will have a great time.

Our secondary boys have been offered the opportunity to participate in some “healthy bodies” sessions during lunch hours in our gym. This will consist of fitness, exercise and gym sessions all to tone up and get healthy. We hope to see lots of participants take us up on this offer.

Jamie Williams, our ICT technician, has also offered to take introductory lunch-time Rhee TaeKwon-Do sessions. Jamie is a qualified Rhee TaeKwon-Do instructor. Students can opt into these sessions at no cost, try it out and see if they enjoy this fantastic sport. If there is enough interest we may offer after school sessions. Again, we hope students will participate in this opportunity and have a go.

I am also glad to welcome Miss Brittany McLaren to our school. Brittany works with Youth, Family and Community Connections (YFCC) and will be working with our secondary students on Mondays. She will be delivering workshop sessions alongside our teachers on youth issues and making healthy choices. We are very lucky to have access to Brittany’s time and expertise.

As always, if you wish to know more about any of these events feel free to phone us at school to discuss further.

You’re invited to our

You’re invited to our Scholastic Book Fair

Kings, Queens & CASTLES
Enter the Kingdom of Books!

Date 25 - 29 May
Time Mon 11am - 3.15pm
Tue - Thurs 9am - 3.15pm
Fri 9am - 1.30pm
Place Library
A word from Lynnese............

BREAKFAST PROGRAM!

Breakfast program is available every Monday and Thursday between 8.30am and 9.00am in Room D1. A coin donation to go towards funding the program is encouraged but not compulsory.

The primary goal of the breakfast program at Yolla District High School is to assist children who have not had breakfast at home to get a good start to their day by providing essential nutrition in the form of a nutritious breakfast in a supervised environment.

Other goals:

- participating in the breakfast program is also a strategy to help improve and enhance the overall health, wellbeing and learning outcomes of our students. Outcomes may include better physical performance, improved behaviour, mood, concentration and attention span helping students to learn, develop and play more effectively.
- increase participation and engagement at school, providing opportunity to build relationships with key persons within the school.
- increase positive social skills and connection amongst peers.
- foster the development and role modelling of positive living skills and healthy habits.

Yolla District High School is committed to creating an inclusive environment where all people feel valued and have the opportunity to learn, play, grow and share time together. Staff at Yolla District High School work with children and families from diverse back grounds and acknowledge that circumstances are different for everyone therefore our breakfast program is an open program where all students are invited and encouraged to come along and enjoy a nutritional breakfast or chat together. I know myself sometimes I am ready for something else to eat at 8:45am even though I have already had breakfast earlier at home.

We would like to offer the breakfast program to students every week morning but this would rely on receiving monetary donations or donations of milk, bread and spreads. If you feel you can contribute to this in any way or know of a business or another individual who may like to support this program please come and chat to myself, Miss Nikkila Popowski or office staff. Your contribution would be really appreciated by the students who utilise the program.

Watch this space for new and exciting developments with breakfast program.

WANTED: I am creating a workspace and student relaxation/chill out zone in an area in room D1. I am looking for a good condition rug or mat for this area. Also good condition cushions and throw rugs. If you are able to help out by donating any of these items please catch up with me or leave a message at the office and I can get back to you. Thank You!

Thought of the week: Laugh and smile a lot! It keeps you well.

Have a nice day, Cheers Lynnese

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Chaplaincy Committee Expressions of Interest

We are delighted to have Lynnese on our team, she has fitted in well and brightens our Thursdays and Fridays with her happy smile. One of the requirements of the Chaplaincy program is to form a local Chaplaincy Committee, which will meet once per term. We invite members of the community who may be interested in joining the local Chaplaincy Committee to please contact the school on 6438 1188.

SEC Charity Collection

The SEC will be collecting charity donations on a Thursday this year. Any loose change you may have will be greatly appreciated. The SEC will donate the weekly charity collections to worthwhile causes at the end of the year.

For Sale

Lenovo S10E Ideapads  
1.60ghz Processor, 1gb Ram,  
Windows XP. 
The school has a number of used Ideapads for $35.

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.
Kinder-Grade 5 Social Disco
We will be holding a disco for grades kinder to grade 5 on June 2 in the gym from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. There will be games, activities and prizes to win. You can bring some colourful clothes to change into and food and drink will be available for purchase.

Grade 6-10 Social Beauty and the Geek
On the same day we’ll also be holding a social for grades 6-10 in the gym. There will be an entry fee of $5. It will begin at 7:00pm and finish at 9:00pm. The theme is beauty and the geek, so you can either come looking geeky or like a beauty. There’s going to be a DJ and food and drink will be available for purchase.

Parents and Friends News
Thank you so much for all of the wonderful donations and support for the Mother’s Day Stall. It was very successful and the children had a ball!

Our ‘Health Info Night’ is coming up on Friday June 12, it’s set to be a great night with yummy food, tickets are available at the office and the Yolla Shop.

We are putting together a mid-year raffle to start in a week or two, if you have any items please contact Ange Beamish 0409 465 750.

Our next meeting is this **WEDNESDAY, MAY 27** at 1pm in the old school house.

Come along for a cuppa - we’d love to see you!

Tiny Taters News:
Last week our Tiny Taters group went on an excursion to Pandemonium in Devonport – we invited the kinder class along to play with. We all had an awesome time! We loved the ball pit and the slides, it was super exciting. Thank you to our kinder friends for coming and sharing the fun!

Count Me In …….
**Numeracy Information Morning for all Kinder and Pre-Kinder Parents**
We would like to invite you to an information session on how to make maths easier for your child. This session is designed for parents/carers of kinder and pre-kinder children who would like to know about numeracy and maths and how to help your child.

Our Launching into Learning and Kindergarten teachers will be running a session for parents that will have hands on activities, information about numeracy and time for discussion and questions.

This session is designed for adults only so it would be preferable if children did not attend. We apologise if this makes it difficult for you to join us. If you require childcare please contact Cathy Bester at school.

**When:** Monday 25 May from 10am-11am
**Where:** Yolla District High School Kindergarten Room
Cross County Report 2015

We are very lucky here at YDHS to have access each year to the Neal family’s property which borders the school oval. Once again this year they have opened the farm gates to our school and we are very thankful. The course followed a similar format to previous years with the K-2s staying up close to the oval and the 3-10s venturing down onto the farm. Our Grade 9 and 10 boys go up as far as Mini Mount Myrtle and looked like little specks moving along the farm road as they made their way around the course. We had some wonderful performances from all runners and many others took the chance to walk and talk their way around. It doesn’t matter how you do it – as long as you participate and try your best!

Congratulations to our Grade champions are listed below:

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The final house points were only 59 points apart but we will keep you in suspense for a little longer as the winning house and champion certificates will be awarded at the next assembly. Representative teams for the upcoming Inter-High on June 3 and inter-primary on June 10 are also listed below. Letters will go out to runners later this week.

Thanks once again to the Neal family for the use of their wonderful farm which makes for a real cross country course – steep and muddy, to the staff and parents who stood on checkpoints and some past students – Rachael, Rebecca and Kobi - who manned the recording station and to all of the runners and walkers who made the afternoon such a success.

Inter-High and Inter-Primary Cross Country

Congratulations to the following runners for being selected in the Inter-High and Inter-Primary Teams. The Inter-High will be running a new course at Hellyer College and the Inter-Primary at Ulverstone Football Ground.


Our students had a lovely time making and selecting gifts for Mum!

A fantastic 90 minutes of music was provided by the Emusicians last weekend. This concert band, composed of 70 primary school students drawn from local schools, played an energetic and inspiring programme of band music that was truly impressive in demonstrating what young students, many who are only beginner musicians, can do with some training, practice, self-motivation and enthusiasm.

Yolla School’s own Harry Hamilton (electric base), Josh Hall (electric guitar), Gracie Beamish (flute), Anna Hamilton (saxophone) and Daniel Jones (guitar) performed magnificently with the band. Josh also performed a solo piece where he sang and played on his guitar, and it was fantastic. Well done to you all!

Our School Chess Club is up and running again for the year. We have Mr Reg Harvey volunteering his time on a Thursday from 3pm - 4pm at school. If you would like to learn how to play chess or if you are looking to improve your skills please collect a permission form from the school office.
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