From the Principal

If you have visited our school lately you will have noticed the difference…….. No, not the new windows in our early childhood rooms, not the changes to our play areas with revamped tables, not the new garden…… but….. our grade 10 hoodies! Our grade 10 students are very happy to be wearing the hoodies they have designed. These are a celebration of their years at Yolla District High, and now become part of their uniform which will keep them very warm in our colder months. They look great and we are very happy to see our older students wearing them with pride.

Despite the cold weather our grade 6 – 10 students enjoyed a fantastic evening at the social organised by our SEC. The “Beauty and the Geek” theme was embraced by many with some fantastic outfits. There was dancing, games, an improvised ‘photo booth’ with fun being had by everyone – students and staff alike. Earlier in the day our Kinder – grade 5 students also enjoyed a social organised and run by our SEC. Our students loved the opportunity to dance and participate in games, with music and special disco lighting. The leadership skills being developed by our SEC members are life-long skills they will be able to use many times over in their future. Congratulations to our SEC, Joshua, Kimberley, Emily, Chloe, Rachel and Ms Brown.

Our grade 3 – 5 girls enjoyed a “Girls Night In” with Ms Bester, Ms Kreemers, Ms Pease and Miss Popowski, last week after school. They enjoyed listening to music, chatting, hairstyling and pizzas. It was a wonderful experience enjoyed by everyone. There will be a boys’ event soon.

On May 22 our grade 3 and 4 students participated in a Sports Expo where they had the opportunity to try out many sports, and mix with other students from other schools. Our older students were helpers on the day and we received many compliments from the other teachers attending and the organisers as to how fantastic our students were. It is wonderful to receive so many compliments; our students continually make me proud.

Our Inter-High Cross Country team competed yesterday, again representing our school with great sportsmanship and determined effort. Well done everyone.

Learn to Swim is about to start for our grades 3 – 5 students, over the next two weeks. Mr Cocks and Mrs Guest’s classes will travel to Ulverstone each day. Even though this is a huge commitment that takes us away from our regular classes it is an incredibly important program, with our students developing water awareness and swimming skills that will help them be more confident and safe in and around water. Anything that helps our children become safer is worth the time.
A different type of safety was discussed with our older students last Monday. We had two staff members from Youth, Family and Community Connections work in small, single gender groups to inform us of responsible mobile phone use. The information shared was incredibly important for our young adolescents to hear, as there are many pitfalls and problems for the uninformed that have very long-lasting consequences. We encourage all parents to discuss this with your children. If you would like to know more about these issues and the related legal issues, YFCC are happy to hold a parent session at YDHS. Let our admin staff know if you are interested.

Monday is a holiday, so please enjoy the long week-end!

**Soft Drink**

In our Health classes we have been identifying the high sugar content in foods and drinks. It is rather scary finding out just how much sugar is both naturally evident in foods and also added to foods. The impact of too much sugar on our bodies and general health is well researched. It can also negatively impact on the ability to concentrate. We have noticed many secondary students bringing large bottles of soft drink to school. We ask you to please discuss this with your children and discourage this from happening. Our students’ food and drink needs are very adequately covered by our canteen. Thank you.

**Art Department News**

This year we are entering the Burnie City Council’s Paper Clothing Competition. We are looking to borrow or have donated a Dressmaker Mannequin. Also the art room is in need of old saucepans, lids, utensils, etc for the Early Childhood classes. If you are able to help or for more information please contact the school on 6438 1188.

**Kinder Seeking Donations**

Kinder are searching for some Harry Potter toys and costumes and also a mini trampoline. If you have any you would like to donate please contact the school.

**Grade 3-5 Swimming and Water Safety Swimming Caps**

Just a reminder that the grade 3-5 swimming will start on Tuesday June 9. For health and safety reasons, it is Department of Education policy for all children to wear caps. Caps are available at the office for $2.20.

**Recess in the Early Childhood Playground**

Kassi, Mia and Jayla have been exploring with the things they have found in the playground. They have proudly constructed a fairy house using bark and sticks!

**Canteen**

Our new “Hot Mamee noodles” need to be ordered in the mornings like all other hot food as they require preparation time. Long queues are happening at the canteen for people waiting for the noodle cups.

**Duty of Care**

We wish to remind parents that our staff do not have Duty of Care for students who are on our school grounds before 8.30am and after 3.30pm (or until the last bus leaves). If it is necessary that your child be at school outside of these hours, they will not be supervised by staff.
Kinder would like to thank P&F for their generous donation allowing us to purchase new bikes.

Parents and Friends News

Our Low Carb High Fat food info night is NEXT WEEK!
June 12 from 7pm at the Yolla Football Clubrooms.

If you haven’t purchased your tickets yet, please do so for catering purposes. $20 each available from the school office, the Yolla shop or contact Ange on 0409465750.

We have a lot of exciting things coming up!
*Soup and sav day at school (we will be doing pre-order forms for this)
*Cake stall
*Raffle
*Trivia night

Watch this space in the coming newsletters for more information, or check out our facebook page Yolla P & F

Count Me In…….. New Session
Numeracy Information Evening for all Kinder and Pre-Kinder Parents

Due to the enquiries we are now offering another information session for those who could not make the morning 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.

When: Tuesday 23 June from 6.45pm-7.45pm
Where: Yolla District High School LIL (Tiny Taters) Room
Grade 9 Try-A-Trade

On Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May the Grade 9s travelled to the Burnie Arts and Function Centre for the Try-A-Trade Expo. Run by the VET network, the expo showcases the skills of 30 different industries from hairdressing and child care to automotive and aquaculture. Our students were able to experience three of the skills over the afternoon and were impressed with how hands-on the activities were. We had students making coffee, tasting cheese, laying bricks, grading oysters, plastering walls, making goo and dismantling and remaking fuel filters. All students were interested and asked great questions and tried their hand at the skills on offer.

Here are the thoughts of 3 of our Grade 9 students:

“I thought it was good because it gives us a chance to think about what we want to do in the future. It also gives us an idea on what jobs there are and what they are about and leaning about the jobs and what they do. I went to the day care booth and I liked it because it helped me lean about what they do. I think it was also fun because we got to walk around and see what sort of jobs there were and you go to choose a certain booth that you wanted to go to and learn more about.” Taleah Haines

“I liked it because they showed us what was involved in the job other than just practical stuff. Especially in the child care one where they showed us how much paper work they do.” Montana Willcox

“I liked the practical things we did. The aquaculture one was good.” Mani Gregson

Yolla District High School Parents Go Back to School

On Monday 25 May our Launching into Learning and Kindergarten teachers ran an information session for parents based on the Smith Family “Let’s Count” program. “The ‘Let’s Count’ program gives young children early exposure to mathematics, including counting, measurement, patterns and spatial awareness.” The session was aimed at parents of current kinder children and those who will be entering kindergarten in 2016. Information on how important what we do at home with our children is on their development in numeracy was a key feature of the session. Teachers shared a variety of activities that could be easily done at home using everyday objects we find in our homes or in our environment.

“Numeracy is about more than just understanding numbers. It’s a foundation skill for effective and successful participation in our society and economy,” says Ms Standen General Manager of the Smith Family Foundation. “We know that childhood maths skills predict later maths achievement – children who start ahead generally stay ahead. So if we can get children off to a great start with their mathematics, we’re setting them up for future success.”

Parents were given a “Let’s Count” bag generously donated by The Smith Family Foundation included in the bag was a book, game and a set of dominoes. Yolla staff added to the bag with number lines and an assortment of activities to do at home.

It was fantastic to see parents interacting with the variety of activities that were set up around the kindergarten classroom and discussing with staff and other parents how these could be used at home. Teachers were excited to see parents making their take home activities and talking about how they would use them at home with their children.
Hot Laps with Cameron McConville and Karl Reindler!

$75 PER PERSON

Species limited, register online now to secure your place.

Morning session: 8:00 to 9:30 - Bring your own car
Afternoon session: 12:30 to 1:00 - Cars supplied

Register via CAMS eventbrite at camsofficetickets.com.au
Registrations close Monday 7 September
Contact 130070 9299 for more information

Open to Juniors aged 12-15

K-5 SOCIAL
Grade 6-10 Social