Our students have made a really great start to the year. Most are settled and excited to be back with friends and ready to make the most of their school year. Our staff have all commented on their willingness to learn and have a go at new things. Visitors to our school have also mentioned what a lovely atmosphere we have here at Yolla.

Our Early Childhood classes are in the middle of their Water Awareness Program. Welcome and thanks to Mrs Michelle Poulter for providing them with such a wonderful program. Thank you also to our parents for helping with the supervision and assisting our children going to and from the pool area. Thank you to Mr Paul McLaughlin, and his helpers, for getting the pool and surrounding area ready for us, and ensuring it is ready for us each day.

Our teaching staff will be making phone calls home soon. Some of you may already have had a call. The purpose of these is to introduce ourselves to you and to give you the opportunity to tell us anything you think we should know to help us provide for your child this year. It is also a great way to find out if your child is settled and happy at school. I hope you find this to be as helpful as we do. Even though we are only into our third week back, our teaching staff are preparing the Interim Report, which gives you some initial information about their study habits and work ethic so far this year. These will be posted to you around March 11, so look out for these in the post.

We are holding our Open Evening again. It will be on Tuesday March 8. We hope everyone can come along and wander through our school, have a look in and around our classrooms and play areas. We will have a BBQ again, with sausages and hamburgers available in exchange for a small donation. Tea and Coffee will be available for adults. We will have a few little demonstrations and displays, and it is a lovely opportunity for your children to proudly show you around. I hope we see as many family members, aunts, uncles, grandparents here on the night.

Mrs Pennington is also planning for our School Surf Carnival. We are hoping to have this on Thursday March 10 but we will confirm this soon. We received so much positive feedback after last year’s carnival, we are hoping to have another great day this year.

In this newsletter we have included a welcome note introducing Mrs Annette Hawkins to the Launching into Learning program. We have a lot happening with our LiL program, including giving it its own space in our “house.” We are doing some renovations, including building new fences and painting inside to freshen it up and make it welcoming and friendly for our LiL families. Due to this – we will not be starting LiL until March. We will let you know the actual start date soon. Please be patient and wait for us – it will be worth waiting for!

Would you like your newsletter emailed? If so contact the school office with your details or email us at yolla.district.high@education.tas.gov.au
SEC News

Each Thursday our SEC students will be visiting all classrooms from kinder through to Grade 10 for charity. We would very much appreciate it if you send an extra few coins to school with your child for them to give to our charity drive, which this term will be donated to the McGrath Foundation for breast cancer awareness.

On the Thursday February 25, we will be hosting a Pink Stumps Day where you can come dressed in pink for a gold coin donation and participate in cricket activities.

For the next week the SEC will be selling pink hearts for Valentine’s Day. You can buy a heart for 50 cents to give to a loved one or go into the draw to win 1 pink sports bag, 2 sets of pink cricket pads, 2 sets of pink stumps and bail sets or 10 sets of pink inflatable clappers. Prizes will be drawn on Pink Stumps Day at the pink parade in homeroom time in the quadrangle. There is also 6 pink hats to be given away on Pink Stumps Day.

All funds raised from these events will go to the McGrath foundation.


Grade 6 Leaders James Shires, Zye Campbell, Emilyah Stacey and Claire Harman. With support councillors Maddie McCulloch and Ella Webb.

Yolla District High School Waratah-Wynyard Youth Team. Two students from grades 5 and grade 9 are nominated to represent our School along with others from the schools in the municipally. Our representatives this year are Jess Prior, Alex Millwood, Maitayah Campbell and Charli Fleming.
A note from the HPE Department

INTER-PRIMARY ATHLETICS
The Grade 3-6 students will be having trials for the upcoming inter-primary athletics carnival next week in PE lessons. The carnival will be held in Penguin on Wednesday March 16. Information will be sent home with team members late next week.

INTER-HIGH SWIMMING CARNIVAL
This year’s inter-high swimming carnival will be held in Devonport on Wednesday March 2. Students interested in being part of the small team need to see Mrs Pennington. Our school Surf Carnival will be held after this date (the date is yet to be confirmed with Surf Lifesaving Tasmania). More information on both of these events will be sent home shortly.

Also, please make sure your child comes to school with their PE gear and suitable shoes for running on PE days. We have a wonderful gym facility and we need to protect both it and your child's feet by ensuring suitable shoes are worn in classes.

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Yolla Parents and Friends News

The parents and friends association would like to say Welcome to all the families new and old starting their year here at Yolla.

Here's a bit about us: We are a small dedicated group of parents who are active in the school community with the hopes of providing our children with exciting school activities/days.

This year we are having:

- Open air cinema,
- Cake stalls,
- Soup and sav days,
- Tulip festival,
- Mother’s and Father’s day stalls,
- And fulfilling requests from the school, example: kinder received new balance bikes.

If you think you could help with a stall, cooking or have great fundraising ideas, we hope to see you soon!

We always welcome new members and hope to see some new faces at our meeting.

Our first meeting for this year is next Tuesday February 23 in the Takone hall at 7.00pm.

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School banking has started. Don’t forget to encourage your child to send in their bank book to get fantastic rewards and be in the draw to win a trip to the Australian Zoo to meet Robert and Bindi Irwin. You only need to bank 15 times before end of term 3. If you have misplaced your child's book, leave a message at the office and a book will be sent home with your child.

If you would like your child to join CBA Dollarmites school banking, go to any CBA branch with a copy of your child's birth certificate. It is as easy as that!

Congratulations on teaching your child how to save.

Banking day is Thursday.

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WANTED by the HEC Department for craft and design work this term: balls of wool, wooden/plastic/ceramic beads, open dried pine cones and buttons. If you can help please drop off items at the main office. Thank you.
This year’s program is running from Monday, February 15, through to Friday, February 26 and is being held in the Lehman Pavilion. Mrs Michelle Poulter is the qualified swim teacher for this program. Apart from a few issues with the heater of our pool, all is going well. Many parents are coming in to support the progress of their children and to help their children with changing. We would like to sincerely thank Mr Paul McLaughlin and Ms Nikkila Popowski for their efforts and on-going support of this program. We also publicly thank Boat Harbour Primary School for loaning us their pool heater after ours broke down.
128th Wynyard Show
Saturday March 12
Show schedules can be obtained from Nuts about health, Wonders of Wynyard and the council office and Roberts Wynyard. Something new for this year is Pet Parade. More information available from
www.wynyardshow.org
or
wendyandkevin@bigpond.com.au

Wynyard Basketball Local Roster
Registration night is Monday 22, February from 5pm to 7pm at the stadium.
Local roster will commence on the 7 March, Games will be on a Monday depending on numbers.
We do encourage for parents to complete registration on line asap. It is an easy process, however if you need some assistance please contact 0417 009 921 after 1pm weekdays or anytime over the weekend.

Somerset Basketball Association
Rosters are commencing for all age groups, boys and girls.
U10’s – 4 weeks of skills sessions with American Import, Mike, then game play. Commencing Wednesday 17Feb, 3.30-4.30pm.
U12/14 Girls – Roster commencing Monday 22 February, 6.45-7.30pm
U12/14 Boys – Roster commencing Monday 22 February, 3.30-5pm
New players welcome

Wynyard Football Club and Wynyard Auskick Centre
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The meeting is important and we ask that all parents and players attend an information evening at the Wynyard Football at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday February 18.
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Our club places a high priority on introducing children (from primary school to U18 years) to tennis and encouraging them to continue on in the sport.

The next junior tennis roster (played on Saturday mornings at the Somerset courts), begins on 6th February and runs for 10 weeks until the end of Term 1.

The roster activities include basic coaching and organized games at all skills levels.

Beginner juniors start at 9.00am. Juniors start at 10:15am.

**Total cost for the whole roster is $20 per child.** Racquets and balls are provided.

The club also offers the following memberships for 2015/16:

- Social member: $60
- Junior member (Under 18): $30
- Family membership: $150 (up to 2 adults + 3 children)

Anyone wishing to take part in the next junior tennis roster is invited to contact:

Mitch Martin (Secretary) Ph: 0499 029 919 Email: martin5160@hotmail.com