



TASSO NEWS

Issue 4: December 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where has the year gone? December was here before I knew it but considering what the TASSO Team and I have been up to over the past few months it's not really that much of a surprise.

This includes:

- Catching up with DoE Secretary, Jenny Gale.
- Catching up with AEU (Tas) President, Helen Richardson.
- A Community Empowered Schools Workshop
- The ACSSO Roundtable in Canberra
- National Labor Education Forum Melbourne
- TASSO President catch-up with Anna Jones (Minister's Advisor)
- Working Together for 3 Year Olds Workshop
- Years 11 & 12 Expressions of Interest Panel
- Catching up with the Tasmanian Principals Association (TPA)
- CES Board Game: The Game Changer trial Goodwood PS
- Non-For-Profit Leadership Conference
- AEU Educ. Stakeholders - State Political Leaders Panel
- Inclusion Advisory Panel
- Tasmanian School Canteen Association Board Meetings



This is one of my favourite parts of the school year, when our school communities come together and celebrate the achievements of our student, with celebration dinners, assemblies, and presentation nights. Though in my experience I'd recommend some tissues I find these events can be very emotional for parents and carers.

Congratulations and well done to all of our students on another excellent year, especially our Year 12 students on completing this phase of their schooling and will be moving on to the next phase of their lives. Whether that be furthering their education with Year 13, TAFE or University, entering the workforce, starting an apprenticeship, or taking a well-earned break with a gap year. Whatever pathway they choose we wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

Finally on behalf of the TASSO management committee and staff we wish you all a safe and festive summer break. I look forward to working with you all again in the New Year.



-Lisa Gillard, TASSO President

MEET THE COMMITTEE

Lindie Read-Secretary

Lindie has an ongoing commitment to public education and promoting the importance of positive family engagement within school communities. Valuing the role of parents as their child's first educator



and the important role families play in their children's ongoing education is pivotal. She has worked in the fields of Childcare, Disability services and in schools for the past 25 years. Lindie is presently the Don College School Association Secretary and Parents and Friends life member and Patron of Nixon Street Primary School. She is also a strong supporter of the arts within schools. She values the need for ongoing innovation within schools including the vocational sector and the need for flexible learning options to assist in helping to engage or re-engage more students. She believes that all children and adults should have the opportunity to self-actualise and reach their fullest potential and access to education is key to this outcome. As such, greater equity is also an ongoing priority and she will continue to support the fight for our state school students and staff to have the resourcing and support they need to encourage success and excellence. She also believes that it is important that State schools remain inclusive, secular and safe learning places for all.

FAQ

All of this month's FAQ's are taken directly from the DoE's FAQ Sheet for School Associations.

Q. What are the benefits of our Parents and Friends group being a Sub-Committee?

A. Parents and Friends groups that are structured as sub-committees of a School Association are provided with the same level of indemnity and

liability protection as the School Association.

This structure creates one entity for parents to become involved with and the opportunity to share the member resourcing across multiple sub-committees.

The incorporation structure under the Education Act simplifies the requirements of being incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1964.

Q. Should our Parents and Friends group remain incorporated?

A. Each schools situation is different, but the Department encourages that P&F groups become a sub-committee of the School Association.

If a P&F Group decides to remain independent of the School Association, then they should maintain their existing incorporation, and all responsibilities associated within it.



Goodwood PS Association Committee trying out our new CES Game Changer Board Game.

TASSO & FRIENDS EVENTS



Where: Devonport Community House, 10 Morris Avenue

Day: Fridays, for six weeks

When: 16th February - 23rd March 2018

Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm

RSVP: by 22nd December to

familyfoodpatch@chatas.com.au

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Lisa Gillard
Senior Vice President: Jared Dickason
Junior Vice President: Nigel Jones
Treasurer: Gary Morse
Secretary: Lindie Read
Northern Delegate: Lyn Williams
Northern Delegate: Ben Cunningham
Northern Delegate: Peter Kearney
North-West Delegate: Phillip Spratt
North-West Delegate: Amina Keygan
North-West Delegate: Chis Lynch
Southern Delegate: Ellie Woolnough
Southern Delegate: Vacant
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If you are interested in filling one of these vacancies feel free to contact us for more information.



TASSO Management Committee and Staff at the last TASSO meeting for 2017 with special guest Hon. Jeremy Rockliff MP Minister for Education and Skills



CONTACT US

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Kelly wanted to get her son up with a computer for the new school year. She contacted NILS and got a no interest loan for a new laptop!

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Calendar Key

- TASSO Management Committee Meetings
- Student Free Days
- College Only Holidays
- School Holidays
- Public Holiday
- Regional Holiday
- TASSO Conference and Membership
- TASSO Office Closed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Year's Day					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Devonport Cup Day			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
					Australia Day	
28	29	30	31			

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11	12 Hobart Regatta Day	13	14	15	16	17 Management Committee Meeting
18	19	20	21	22 First Mail Out of Membership forms	23	24
25	26	27	28 Launceston Cup Day			

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SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM 2018



CARTOONING WORKSHOP

Tuesday Jan 16, 11am - 12.30pm



STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Wednesday Jan 17, 10am - 12.30pm



HIP HOP AND BREAK DANCE

Thursday Jan 18, 10am - 12pm



STREET ART WORKSHOP

Friday Jan 19, 11am - 2 pm



PIZZA MAKING

Tuesday Jan 23, 10am - 12.30 pm



UPCYCLED JEAN HANDBAGS

Wednesday Jan 24, 10am - 1pm



TSHIRT PRINTING

Thursday Jan 25, 10am - 1pm



GAME OF SKATE

Friday Jan 26, 6pm - 8pm

Ages 12 - 25

For more information visit youthartsandrec.org
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