



# TASSO NEWS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Welcome to 2018

And so, it begins a brand-new school year with all its excitement, wonder, stress and contemplating of what lies ahead. I remember being a first-time parent sending our eldest child off to Kinder it was a time of mixed emotions and I don't think it was any different when our other 3 started, it was an empty nest feeling walking through the door at home after we had dropped our youngest child off for his first day of Kinder. I looked at my hubby and burst into tears "what do I do now"! It wasn't much different when they started high school and college wondering how they settled in and a lot of questions when they got home on how their first day of school went. I am sure it is no different for anyone else. School is so important and as parents our behaviour can play a large part in how children transition into school. Regardless of how old my children were, taking the time to talk with their teacher was important, trying to establish a partnership by working together on how to develop strategies to make their school experience and ours more positive.

2018 is off to an interesting start with a state election only weeks away. TASSO has prepared an Election Position Statement which can be found later in the newsletter. All responses from candidates will be shared on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tasso.org.au/> and website <https://www.tasso.org.au>.

This is the first year of the full roll out of the Education Act 2016 which will see all school associations operating under a new constitution and reviewing school-based policies, this will be a fantastic chance to involve more parents of the school association by getting input and feedback from them. Remember to contact us if we can be of any assistance, even if it is to act as a sounding board.

TASSO also known as the Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc. provide guidance and advice to school associations, parents and students in Tasmanian State Schools and representation on many government and non-government groups. We provide the parent voice informed by your input. Your views are important and that is why during 2018 TASSO will be conducting more surveys, asking for feedback and continue visiting schools, conducting workshops and forums.



-Lisa Gillard, TASSO President

## MEET THE COMMITTEE

### Amina Keygan-North-West Delegate

Amina is a demographer and social researcher with over 15 years working in community development and strategic business planning/decision making. She is the Chair of the Burnie Primary School Association and President of the P&F. She also serves the Burnie community as an Alderman on the council. Amina has extensive skills in community capacity building, advocacy and policy development and analysis, as well as campaigning. She is mother to three children and a strong believer in the transformative power of education for young people and communities more broadly.



## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR KIDS

"How was your day?" is the classic question to ask when your child gets home but here are some other ideas to promote conversation:

- What made you smile today?
- What is something new you learnt today?
- What was your favourite part of today?
- Can you tell me an act of kindness your saw or showed?
- What did you do that was creative?
- Who did you sit with at lunch?
- Did you like your lunch? What did you have?
- Was anyone in your class away today?
- Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.
- What was the hardest rule to follow today?
- If you could change one thing about your day, what would it be?
- What made your teacher smile? What made them frown?
- If you could switch seats with anyone in the class who would it be and why?
- What kind of person were you today?

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## TASSO & FRIENDS EVENTS

## 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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Lego Robotics

When: Weekly from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Time: 9:30am-11:30am

Where: Goulburn Street Primary School.

Cost: \$175 (\$125 for TAG Members) Incl. a team shirt.

for more information and to register go to:

<https://www.tasgifted.com/lego-robotics/>

If you would like to speak to or have a TASSO Representative come to your School Association Committee meeting. Please feel free to contact us.

## ADVERTISEMENT

DIRECTIONS THEATRE PTY LTD PRESENTS  
SHAKESPEARE IN THE GARDENS 2018

# ROMEO & Juliet

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ROYAL TASMANIAN  
BOTANICAL GARDENS  
7.00pm Tuesday to Saturday  
February 9 to March 3

DELAMERE VINEYARD - PIPER'S BROOK  
March 11 - 4.00pm

TICKETS AT CENTERTAINMENT INFO NUMBER  
6294 5998 0418 594 119

OR AT GATE  
1 HOUR PRIOR TO SHOW

MERCURY  
THE VOICE OF TASMANIA

TASSO doesn't not endorse any events workshops or products advertised in TASSO News.

## TASSO MEMBERSHIP

2018 Membership Forms will be sent to last year's Chairperson and Secretary in the next couple of weeks if the details we have aren't up to date please email [info@tasso.org.au](mailto:info@tasso.org.au) with your updated contact details.

## TASSO HISTORY

In April 1985 The Tasmanian Council of State School Parents and Friends decided to start a News Letter called *Parent Contact* the predecessor to *TASSO News*.

Over the first few issues it was met with mixed reviews but eventually it found its voice and ran for 29 years until 2014 before being rebranded in 2017 as *TASSO News*.

## CONTACT US

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All submissions to *TASSO News* to be made no later than the 25th of each month

# Checklist & Tips for calling and conducting a School Association Annual General Meeting

A School Association must hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) as close as practicable to the end of the School Association Year. The date for which can be found in the Constitution, Clause 2 Definitions & Interpretation.

## Advertising the AGM:

- 14 days prior to the date chosen for the AGM, the secretary of the School Association (or if there is no secretary the Principal) must advertise the time, date, venue and business of the AGM, through media such as the School newsletter and other media as seen appropriate.

## Nominations:

- The Returning Officer, appointed by the Principal, must call for nominations.
  - Only parents can nominate parents and only staff can nominate staff. Community members listed on a register can be nominated by either staff and/or parents.
  - Nominations must be proposed and seconded by people in the same category has the nominee and are eligible to vote in a School Association election. The Nominee must agree in writing to the nomination. This is usually conveyed by signing the nomination form.

## Best Practice:

- Have copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM available.
- Ensure the School Association's financial records have been audited and ready for presentation at the AGM
- Prepare a written School Association annual report for presentation at the AGM.
- Have copies of the School's Annual Report available for presentation at the AGM.
- Have copies of the Agenda

Business of the AGM can be found in your Constitution, clause 13.2.

Quorum: No business is to be conducted at the AGM unless a quorum is present. Information about the quorum can be found in your School Association Constitution.

Elections for the roles of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer are conducted at the first meeting after the AGM. Office-bearers are only elected of one year. Most school associations conduct their first Committee Meeting immediately after the AGM

For further information and ballot form templates please contact the TASSO Office on 6243 7718 or email [info@tasso.org.au](mailto:info@tasso.org.au)

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*Promote and protect  
 interests of parents  
 in Tasmanian State  
 Schools and Colleges.*

Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc.

## Calendar Key

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

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

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