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May News



April 2020

Dear families and carers of students in State Schools and Colleges,

Well, all I can say is that from my last report to you in March a lot has changed and everyone's world has been turned upside due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The Coronavirus has impacted greatly on the school community with Jeremy Rockliff, the Minister for Education and Training recommending an early closure to schools just prior to the Easter Break.

With the commencement of Term 2 in the South and North of the state on Tuesday, 28 April 2020, and the North-West on the 4 May 2020, many parents have elected to keep their children at home in

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work to ensure all students have access to their relevant curriculum whilst schooling at home during these trying times.

"The health and safety of all Tasmanian students remains our top priority for the Tasmanian Government as we face the challenges of COVID-19.

Public Health advice has always been and remains that our school sites are safe. However, we have asked our students to learn from home to limit people's movements, which is the best way we can get on top of this terrible virus.

The Department of Education is undertaking a large amount of work to determine the best way to return our students to the classroom, when the time permits. The Government has established a Recovery team, which is considering a range of options for the return of students to face to face learning. This is projected to Happen By 3rd Term but is being Monitored Weekly.

The key focus of this team includes considering how best to support the needs of priority areas such as Years 11 and 12, and the early years.

We will ensure that any transition will be very well communicated, and that there is enough time for students, teachers and families to prepare for the change.

The current advice remains that the best place for students to learn is at home, if they can be supervised and supported to learn at home."

Minister Rockliff advised on the 30 April 2020

To help families who may have lost their jobs or been temporarily stood down, the Minister announced school levies would be

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their own. No issue will be that complex that it cannot be overcome by talking and exploring solutions.

There are many positives that are occurring with families learning and working at home. I am sure parents are now enjoying new interactions with their children, which previously weren't available. This new experience could lead some to continue the practice of being actively engaged in their children's education once this pandemic has passed and all students return to their school. Parents will have gained an insight into what is being taught and the subjects that their child/ren are particularly interested in.

Students may also share what they learn with their family or may start interesting and constructive conversations about maths, english, Australian history or life skills – subjects not previously discussed in the home. These discussions should be encouraged. From these discussions parents will be able to share this information with educators, who then can gain a greater understanding of what drives students and families around engagement for better educational outcomes for students.

Positive relationships between families, children, youth, school communities and schools, nurtured and developed during the COVID-19 restrictions could lead to more genuine engagement which will have a lasting positive impact on student learning.

Become engaged in your child's learning, but remember you are supervising, the teachers do the teaching.

I would like to thank all teachers, school staff, The Secretary and Minister for Education and their hardworking staff, students and families for their understanding and support during this challenging time and their outstanding commitment to ongoing learning.

Remember be safe and comply with social distancing.

Contact with TASSO

Whilst TASSO staff are currently working from home, they are working hard to keep School Associations, families and school

communities informed about current events. Like a large part of the community, many of us are struggling to work from home, but if you should have any matter you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to make contact. All calls are treated with the strictest of confidence.

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President
TASSO
4 May 2020

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There's a lot of changes about what we're allowed to do since the lockdown has been put in place in Tasmania. Here is a basic summary that you can use to help your child understand the "do's and don'ts"

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Just remember that things are changing all the time, so only use this as a guide.

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The information here was kindly sourced from Richmond Primary's very own website - <https://www.richmondprimary.education.tas.edu.au/history/>

Another great website I found was

<https://richmondtasmania.com.au/history->

What us here at TASSO would like to see in our next newsletter is an article written by a student telling us all about their school! Not every school has a history quite as long as Richmond's, but every school has a story. Let's hear yours! - info@tasso.org.au

If you're struggling for ideas talk with your teacher about something that might be suitable (we love pictures too!)

Scholarships of up to \$5,000 for current and aspiring female leaders!

Scholarships of \$1,000 to \$5,000 are currently available to women working in schools education to help support their participation in a range of online career building leadership development programs.

The initiative is providing junior teachers, school administrators and senior principals with scholarships to support their growth and

development via participation in one of three flagship courses.
Participants will gain insights into the benefits of
a Successful Team, Team Dynamics, Purpose, Priorities and
Professional Development, Empowering Teams, and Evolving
Strategic Change.

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Expressions of interest

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to Friday, May 15:

<https://www.wla.edu.au/education.html>

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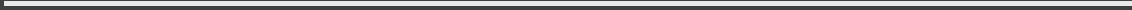
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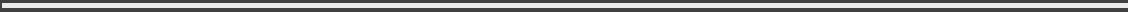
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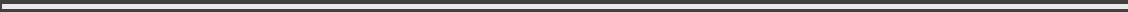
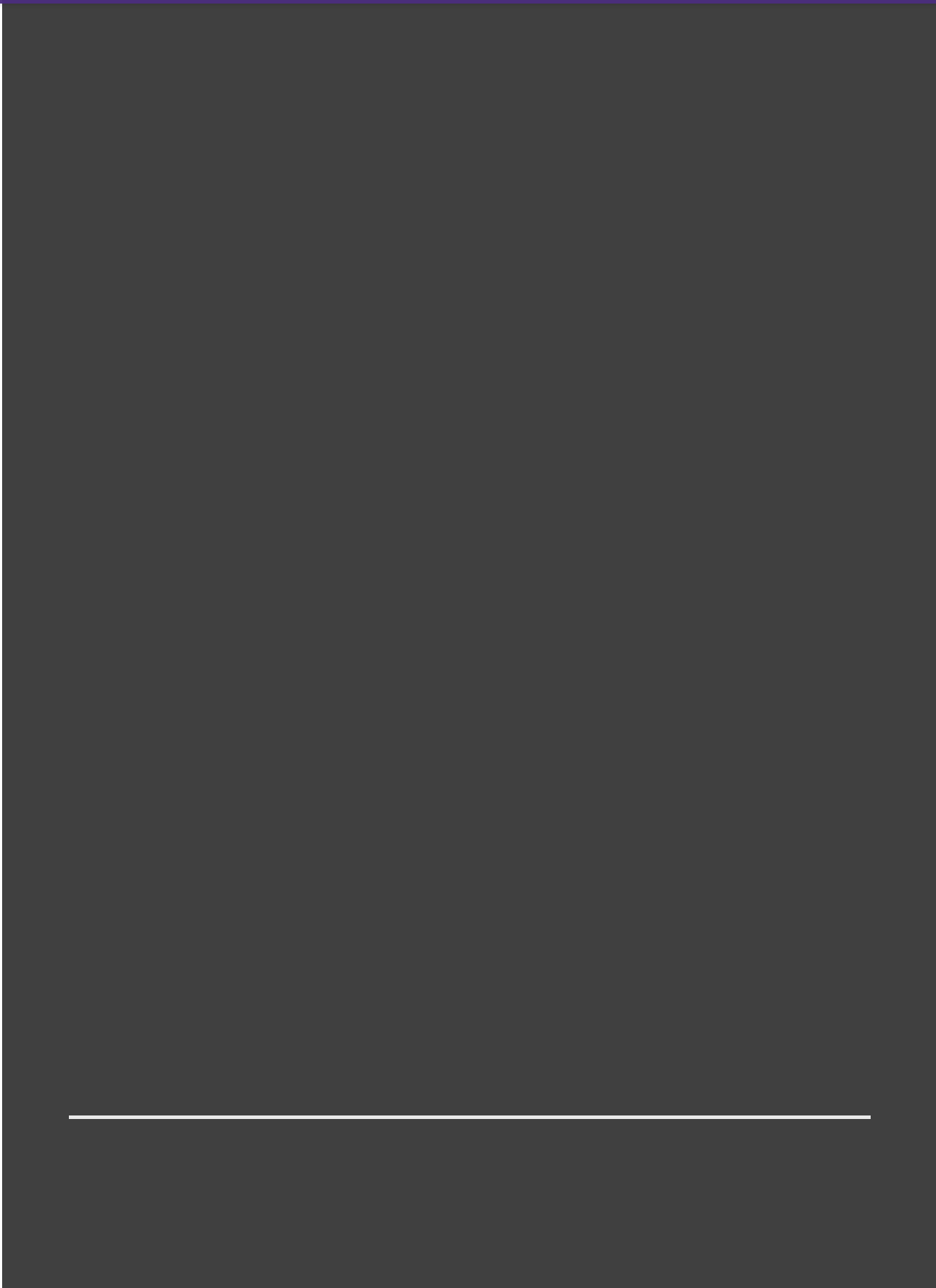
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If you have any other general questions or queries regarding advertisements or publications of any kind, please send Tom an email at comms@tasso.org.au

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School Levies Media Release

<https://www.tasso.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Cost-of-Returning-to-School.pdf>

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<http://bit.ly/2HyyhCl>

COVID-19

<https://www.tasso.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/190320-COVID-19-v.2.pdf>

Scurrilous - Private School Funding

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In the world of COVID-19 we realise that many parents have chosen to remove their children from school as is their right! As such we've put together a list of sources of quality education that you can access from your own home!

Online Learning

Department of education

<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/learning-at-home/>

Susie the Scientists and Millie the Mathematician

<https://www.suziethescientist.com.au/free-downloads/>

eSafety Commissioner

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>



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<https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/parent-information/>

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