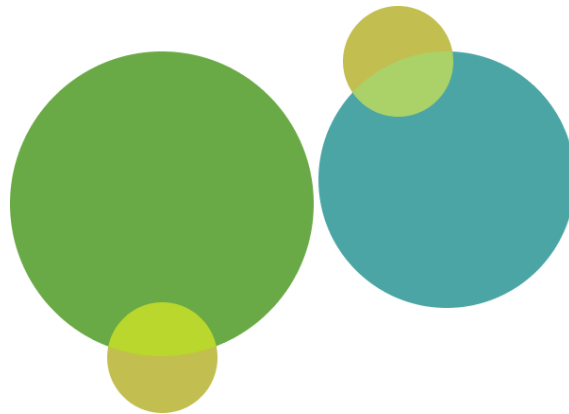




Term 1 Newsletter - 2024



Welcome back to the new school year.

We hope your summer was filled with rest, relaxation, and fun. TASSO has big plans for 2024, starting Term 1 with an AGM Q&A and Cluster Events in Hobart, Launceston, Burnie, and Devonport. We're also rebuilding our website and developing user-friendly resources to assist you in your committee role.

To shape TASSO policy, direction and advocacy we want to hear from you, our members. School Association Committees completing the survey will be entered in the **draw to win a \$200 gift card**.

[Click here for the survey.](#)

DECYP has created Microsoft Teams platforms for all School Associations, facilitating electronic storage of resources, access to resources, and potential streaming of meetings with the school community. Your Principal and School Business Manager can add committee members to your site if they haven't already. We recommend exploring the site as a committee in your next meeting.

[MS Teams information flyer](#)

Our advocacy priority remains ensuring that the State and Federal

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Sincerely, Jessica Bennett

VISION | Every school has an effective School Association Committee

MISSION | Strengthen and support School Association Committees

Our focus is on you, our members.

Upcoming Events

Register for events at Humanitix.

Our AGM information session and Q&A will have 2 sessions this year. If you have any questions come along on:

FEBRUARY 21 - 12pm & 7.30pm

[Online | AGM Information and Q&A Sessions](#)

We are running School Association Cluster events around the state in Term 1. The idea of the cluster groups is to build a network around School Association Committee's. To share ideas on ways to work well as a committee, to showcase the wins and successes of your School Association, to gather ideas and ask questions.

We will be joined by Rebecca Dennis of DECYP who will share about the 2024 review of intake areas. She will be seeking feedback on the process.

FEBRUARY 29 - 7pm to 8.30pm

[Hobart School Association Cluster Event | Bellerive Primary School](#)

MARCH 7 - 9.30am to 11am

[Burnie School Association Cluster Event | Havenview Primary School](#)

MARCH 18 - 7pm to 8.30pm

[Launceston School Association Cluster Event | Trevallyn Primary School](#)

APRIL 10 - 7pm to 8.30pm

[Devonport School Association Cluster Event | Spreyton Primary School](#)



MANDATORY REPORTING TRAINING

Mandatory reporting training will be a requirement for all volunteers on school grounds by the start of Term 1, 2024.

[You can complete training by visiting the DECYP Safeguarding Page](#)

One aspect to consider is how, as a committee, you will incorporate the training into any large events that you plan to hold in 2024 and beyond. It's important to note that all volunteers at fairs or school association events where children are present will need to have completed the training.

You might also want to think about inviting the Safeguarding Lead to your Term 1 meeting for further discussion and clarification.

Share with your School Association Networks.

STUDIOSITY

Available through Libraries Tasmania, Studiosity is available to help students with their homework.

All you need is a library card and you can ask questions using online chat, collaborative whiteboards and file sharing tools, to get feedback on essays and assignments.

For more information visit: libraries.tas.gov.au/public-libraries/studiosity

Information flyer: <https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:AP:c4bfadcd-84a6-436f-b622-8ff43ab652b3>

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Are you passionate about creating healthy, active environments for children? We want to hear from you.

The *Move Well Eat Well* program is undertaking a [Refresh](#). The Department of Health invites primary schools and early childhood services to take part in a range of activities to reimagine what *Move Well Eat Well* can be.

You are invited to contribute to:

- a snapshot survey on nutrition and physical activity in Tasmanian schools and services
- a conversation about nutrition and physical activity at your service or school
- a collaborative workshop with your sector peers about the *Move Well Eat Well* program
- an online questionnaire
- creating resources that meet your needs
- sharing a story

For more information on how to be involved visit:

http://www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/move_well_eat_well_refresh_updates

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HIA HOMEFEST 2024

This Careers Day aims to provide valuable insights and interactive learning experiences for students interested in exploring careers in building and construction.

Event Details:

Friday, 15th March 2024 | 9 am - 2 pm

Princes Wharf 1, Salamanca, Hobart

[Invitation Flyer](#) & [Information Flyer](#)

Book a Meeting with Us

To schedule a meeting with TASSO Operations Manager, Jessica Bennett, please use the following information:

Jessica is available to meet one-on-one with your Chairperson or a small group of committee members (Chairperson, Secretary, and Principal) to discuss your committee, create solutions for recruiting members, help develop an annual plan, or address any other needs. Meetings can be conducted either face-to-face or online.

Jessica's upcoming availability for face-to-face meetings in **Launceston** are:

February 16: 12pm to late

March 18: 10am to 5pm

March 19: 7am to 12.30pm

Availability for **Hobart**:

February 26: 1.30pm to late

February 28: 7am to late

February 29: 7am to 5pm

March 1: 11am to 5pm

If you are based in the North-West, Jessica's meeting availability may be more flexible, so don't hesitate to get in touch.

Email: info@tasso.org.au | **Phone:** (03) 6243 7718 | 0408 170 355

Feel free to reach out to coordinate a meeting that works for your committee's schedule and needs.

Grants

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2 grants open that School Associations in the Northern eligible areas may be able to apply for.

Small Grant Round - \$150 to \$1500

Closes: February 19, 2024

Large Grant Round - up to \$100,000/annum (please contact CfC for confirmation prior to submitting an application)

Closes: February 16, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.facebook.com/Communitiesforchildrenlaunceston>

DEVONPORT CITY COUNCIL - Devonport region

Devonport City Council Community Grants are open now.

Grants: up to \$3,000

Closes: February 28, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.devonport.tas.gov.au/.../major-minor-grants/>

NATIONAL PIE FOR LOCAL HEROES

A grant of \$1000 per month will be awarded to a community group, sporting club or not-for-profit organisation. A major grant of \$10,000 at the end of the program.

Closes: (round 1) February 29, 2024

Find out more: <https://tasmanianbakeries.com.au/national-pies-for-local-heroes/>

THE HEART FOUNDATION - The Active Australia Innovation Challenge

Do you have an idea to help your local community get active? You could win a grant up to the value of \$50,000 to help make it a reality.

The Heart Foundation's Active Australia Innovation Challenge has grants available for new, innovative projects that help get more people moving in schools, universities, or local communities.

Closes: March 1, 2024

Find out more: heartfoundation.org.au/aaic

TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT - Active Tasmania (not for School Association, but NFP Sporting Clubs can apply)

Funds to increase opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation in Tasmania.

Grants: \$2,000 - \$30,000

Closes: March 8, 2024

Find out more: https://www.active.tas.gov.au/grants_and_funding_programs

CITY OF LAUNCESTON COUNCIL - Launceston region

For small community held events in the City of Launceston municipality where the local community is the main audience.

Grants: up to \$5,000

Closes: March 15, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Community/Sponsorship-and-Grants>

CITY OF HOBART COUNCIL - Hobart region

The City of Hobart provides grants for community groups and non-profit organisations to develop projects or events, or specific elements of ongoing

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Grants: \$1,000 - \$5,000

Closes: March 18, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.hobartcity.com.au/Community/Grants-and-funding/Community-Grants>

HYDRO TASMANIA - Community Grants

Grants for not-for-profit community organisations to help fund projects that make a real difference for people and communities.

Grants: up to \$5,000

Closes: March 29, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.hydro.com.au/sustainability/community-support/community-grants>

VARIETY - School Breakfast Club & Community and School Grants

Enabling schools to deliver a nutritious breakfast five days a week, to all students in their school – to eliminate the stigma of partaking.

Eligibility requirements: ICSEA score of less than 1000

Closes: September 30, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.variety.org.au/tas/grants/community-grants/>

TENNIS AUSTRALIA - Kids Tennis Program

Kids Tennis Program offers grants to schools and clubs to provide free before-and-after school tennis programs for disadvantaged kids. The program focuses on building confidence through rewarding positive behaviour, teaching valuable resilience skills and promoting social connections.

Grants: up to \$3,500

Eligibility requirements apply

Closes: November 1, 2024

Find out more: <https://www.tennis.com.au/>

TASMANIA COMMUNITY FUND - Community Action

The Tasmanian Community Fund is calling for applications from not-for-profit community organisations for projects that support strong, vibrant and resilient communities, through programs and activities that remove barriers to learning for 8–19 year old's and build leadership capability and capacity across the community.

Grants: \$5,000 - \$50,000

Closes: December 31, 2024 (assessments made in February, April, June, August, October and December)

Find out more: <https://www.tascomfund.org/what-we-fund/meeting-the-need>

LOCAL COUNCIL GRANTS- search your local council website for community grants your School Association can apply for.

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