



TASSO MONTHLY UPDATE

JULY 2020

June to July 2020 have been very mixed months with staff returning to the workplace in July after working from home. Meetings have been attended primarily through team viewer / zoom, many queries have been handled from parents, school associations and other organisations. Some of the topics of interest were the overcrowding of school buses, school buses being fitted with seat belts, lack of available school uniforms, protocols for attending school during COVID and School Associations conducting AGM's.

Meetings and events which have been attended:

- Webinars about the following topics:
 - ARACY - Learning from Lockdown
 - UNSW – Fighting the Privatisation of Education
 - UWA – Navigating the 'data revolution' in Australian schools.
- Department of Education (DoE):
 - Tim Bullard DoE Secretary to discuss the implications of Covid-19
 - Intake Areas
 - Family Engagement Approach
 - City School Partners Community Consultation
 - DoE Covid-19 Recovery Team
- Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS) – Covid-19 strategies fortnightly catchups
- Tasmanian Assessment, Standards & Certification (TASC) – catchup
- Josh Willie Shadow Minister for Education – catchup
- Contacted by many media outlets wanting information about school uniforms, school buses. inner city High School for Hobart, disability funding, the funding gap between public and private schools.
- Attendance at School Association meetings

TASSO NEWSLETTER

The June and July TASSO Newsletter have been distributed to all School Associations and placed our website. The September Newsletter is currently under development and contributions from schools would be warmly received.

<u>Regional Meetings</u>		<u>Upcoming AGM</u>
Northern	25-08-2020	Wednesday, 16 th of September Save it in your phone!
North West	26-08-2020	
Southern	01-09-2020	

REGIONAL MEETINGS – North-West, North & South

Staff and Management Committee Members are in the throws of organising Regional Meetings in Ulverstone, Launceston and Lindisfarne. For the first time TASSO is providing the opportunity to participate online – a very interesting space with people grappling with technology and a new way of interacting.

When & Where:

- Northern:** Tuesday August 25th, 2020
6.30pm for 7.00 - 8.30pm
Hotel Grand Chancellor Launceston, 29 Cameron Street
Chancellor Ballroom 3
- North-West:** Wednesday August 26th, 2020
6.30pm for 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Gnomon Room, Ulverstone Wharf Precinct, Wharf Road, Ulverstone
- Southern:** Tuesday September 1st, 2020
6.30pm for 7.00pm - 8.30pm
TASSO Office
15 Rowitta Rd., Lindisfarne

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The TASSO AGM will be conducted on the September 16th, 2020. Venues will be available in Ulverstone, Launceston, and Lindisfarne. Once again, like the Regional Meetings, people are being provided with the opportunity of participating online if they cannot attend the venues being provided.

Other than the ordinary business of an AGM, motions regarding Workplace Laws and Students, TASSO Membership to the Australian Council of State School Organisations, and a proposed new Constitution for TASSO bringing us into the 21st Century and ensuring that we are compliant with current Association rulings, will be voted on.

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Members of the Management Committee have received training in the use of Microsoft Teams allowing connection and accessibility to the community and the TASSO Management Committee in general, particularly under the current environment of Covid-19. Members are located around the state and Microsoft Teams has allowed the Committee to meet on a more regular basis and promoted thinking around new ways of reaching all School Associations, such as participating in on-line School Association meetings, Regional Meetings, Workshops, AGM's, etc.

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