

TASSO NEWS



President's Address

Well, we have come around the final bend and it feels like we are crawling along the final straight, as we approach the end of term 1.

Once again COVID has stolen the limelight this term, as families and schools learn to try and adapt to constantly changing conditions. Families in isolation, 'virtual learning centres' activated, desperate search for relief teachers, cancellation of events and COVID rules that do not stack up with the rules around our communities. These are just some of the hurdles our schools are facing on a day-to-day basis to try and provide our students with a worthy education, try to keep them safe and keep our schools open. I appreciate the commitment of the teachers and staff during this challenging time and the cooperation from families and hope everyone enjoys a well-entitled Easter break.

Moving forward, with anticipation of the federal election looming. TASSO is looking at different options and is currently seeking feedback from schools, so we can throw our hat in the ring and give ourselves the best chance of supporting public schools. We will be in contact with several politicians, with information and evidence on the importance of supporting public education in this election.

Most school associations will currently be going through the process of holding their AGMs. Once again, we are hearing of some differences, with some school associations embracing technology to hold online meetings, a mixture of online and in-room and some continuing with face-to-face meetings (onsite and offsite). A bit of advice, if you are new to online meetings, allow yourself extra time, ask people to mute to alleviate background noises and ask that only one person speaks at a time.

If you have any concerns about your AGM, please do not hesitate to contact us - 6243 7718

Suspensions were a topic that hit the headlines this month. Comparing higher numbers in 2021 to the previous interrupted year. With homeschooling taking up a proportion of the 2020 year, we felt this was not an accurate indication. We met with Department of Education Secretary, Tim Bullard, and was quite content with his response to conduct a review into the suspensions, collect more data, look for similarities/patterns and look at alternative options. TASSO will continue to follow up on this as further information is gathered.

Hope that everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable break,
Natham Reynolds.
President TASSO



Consent

The three Rs have become four: reading, writing, arithmetic – and, now, respect.

About \$19m will be spent teaching Aussie kids respect in the classroom, while a national survey will be undertaken asking students about their views on consent.

Under the Engaged Schools program, \$7.2m will be “invested in measures that support inclusive, respectful school classroom environments so teachers can help their students to achieve their full potential and improve education outcomes”.

Another \$5m will be given to the Australian Human Rights Commission to undertake a national survey of secondary school-age students on important issues related to consent education.



<https://bit.ly/3NsoYVT>

LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

How do you go answering those??

“true.org.au has a wonderful resource for parents to help you answer tricky questions kids are so good at asking. There are paid online classes for teachers/parents, but also heaps of free resources - check it out”



Bullying & Gifted Students
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Bullying & Gifted Students

An Information Session for Parents and Educators

with

Dr Tom Allen

The Definition of Bullying

Who is the Victim and Why?

Bullying in Classroom Circumstances

A Positive Psychology Approach

What if my Teacher is a Bully?

09-04-2022 - Online

Free for members, otherwise \$10

Contact: Lynne Maher

Bullying is something that nearly all students will go through over the course of their education. Being different in any way just opens up another avenue through which to be attacked. From home you can't help but feel a little helpless - this might session might break down the confusion and arm you as a parent.

We are at a defining moment in history. The climate action we take this decade will determine our future.

We can create a future we can be proud of and protect the people and places we love but only if we come together and stand for climate action.

We know the majority of Australians want more action on climate. Australia is perfectly positioned to take advantage of our abundant sun and wind, to become a clean energy powerhouse.

It's time to get behind the solutions for a safe and healthy future for all. Let's make it happen! SS4C are proudly joining the Together We Can movement, a collection of everyday Australians, groups and businesses from all over the country who want more action on climate change.

SS4C are part of the movement because we know that by working together- us children, and adults across the movement, we're stronger.

Raise your voice with Together We Can.

Together We Can is all of us, listening, sharing and connecting over climate action.

We all have a reason for wanting climate action, and the reasons are as diverse as we are.

Every voice is powerful. Raise your voice for climate action at

togetherwecanmovement.org.au, and create your own climate story. Once you've created your very own story (all designed and bespoke to you!), you can share it with friends and family, upload it to your preferred social media channel and even send it straight to your federal Member of Parliament, all at the click of a button.

Spread the word and encourage others to join the movement.

Together we can protect our beautiful country and create jobs and safeguard our economy by doing so.

It's time to stand together and unite for climate action.

Are you in?

Quincey & Austin

On behalf of SS4C



School Strike 4 Climate Australia

"Striking From School For A Safe Climate Future"



Explore occupations using myfuture's Career bullseyes.

myfuture is the national career information service designed for school communities and funded by education departments. It allows young people to explore all the possible pathways between education and the world of work.

Parents and carers are extremely influential when it comes to students' career learning so myfuture's tools and resources have been designed to support you to have better, more-insightful conversations about career pathways with your child.

Don't know where to start? The Career bullseyes will allow you and your child to explore career pathways that align with the school learning areas they enjoy. There are 33 learning areas to choose from and each one has links to related occupation descriptions. Explore the Career bullseyes today: <https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes>

[More Info](#)



[Career
Bullseyes](#)

TASSIE WRITING WORKSHOPS 2022

Tassie Writing Workshops 2022 By Kym Lardner

Do you sometimes ask yourself...

'What extra could I do for my advanced students?

Here is your answer.

In a one hour session, at the school, with 10 bright kids gathered around him, Kym Lardner writes and illustrates a complete picture book using folded sheets of A4 paper and a glue stick. From scratch and right in front of the children, Kym uses the kids unique and spontaneously contributed ideas to create a brand new picture book. They watch as he draws the characters, writes the text and binds the pages of the book together. They watch as everything is processed by hand and by a brain with 40 years experience in children's publishing.

Kym leaves the kids with a little finished A5 sized book for the library, which they can photocopy many editions of, colour in, make their own version of and even sell to other kids.

Tiny publishing industries spring up all because a real published children's book author and illustrator, of considerable competence and talent, demonstrated this right in front of them. Every book is unique from session to session, from school to school because Kym only uses the ideas from the 10 kids in each group. It all begins by asking WHO,WHAT,WHEN & WHERE? Every story has this structure and every session with Kym includes his humour and the gentle approach he is famous for.

Make it happen!

Kym Lardner

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TASMANIAN YOUTH FORUM 2022

I AM ME

Let's talk **DIVERSITY,**
EQUITY and **INCLUSION.**

A free event for young
people 12-25 years.

Friday 3 June 2022 | 10AM-2:30PM

Tairrace Centre | Launceston

Contact YNOT at

tyf@ynot.org.au | 0488 235 511 | www.ynot.org.au

Free lunch and transport provided.



Speak up. Be heard. Drive change.



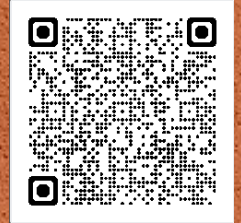
TASSO is the recognised peak state body and a not-for-profit community organisation representing Tasmanian state schools and colleges. We also provide guidance and support to parents, students, communities and School Associations.



2022 BUDGET

In summary

For those who aren't entirely familiar with what it is TASSO do, here's a link to our State Budget Submission - <https://bit.ly/3uyBf2e>



These gains may be costing you elsewhere.... but right now we'll focus on the kids.

This financial year in total we can expect funding of \$25.3b to be distributed to Australian schools.

- As part of this, \$62.4 million for projects that enable better student educational outcomes through the National School Reform Fund and the Non-Government Reform Support Fund.
- Funding for the Emerging Priorities Program will be increased to support projects that school communities to respond to emerging priorities in school education, including COVID-19 recovery.
- Respectful relationships, student wellbeing and mental health initiatives include:
 - \$6 million to support the continued delivery of respectful relationship education materials for primary and secondary school students nationally
 - \$6.1 million to support the development of new online safety educational materials for younger students in Years 1-4 by Life Education Australia
 - \$5 million for the Australian Human Rights Commission to undertake a survey of secondary school-age students on issues related to consent education at school
 - \$9.7 million for new projects to help teachers and school leaders better identify, understand and respond to the mental health and wellbeing needs of students, and
 - \$7.2 million in measures that support teachers to foster inclusive, engaged and respectful school classroom environments.

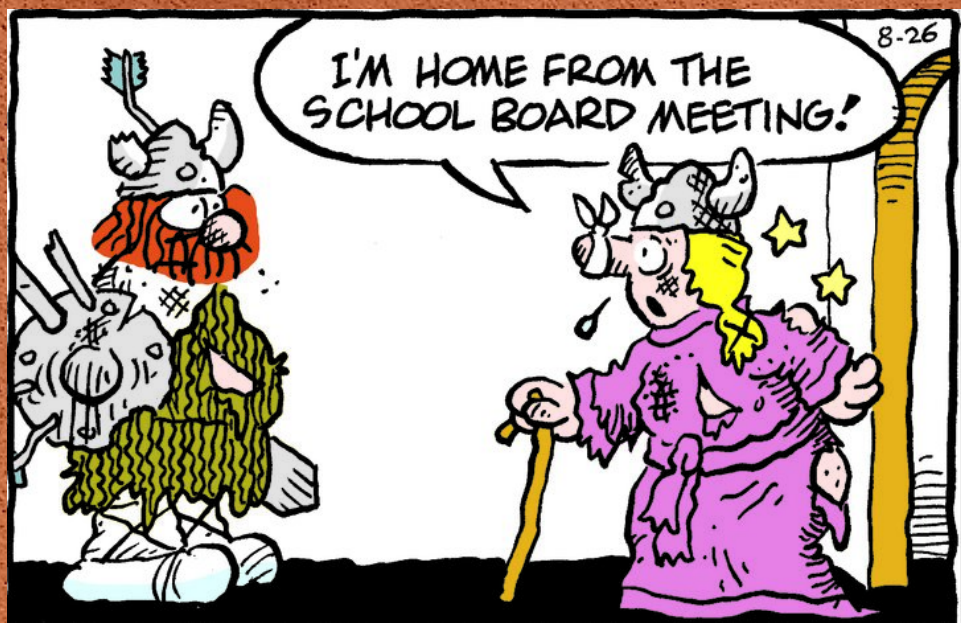


Budget Zzz....



Talk to
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about
joining your
school
association
committee!

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22 March 2022

Michael Ferguson, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

Try our buses for free: Delivering cost of living relief with free bus travel

The Tasmanian Liberal Government remains focussed on matters Tasmanians really care about.

To alleviate the impact of current higher fuel prices, all public bus travel across the state will be free for five weeks - starting on Monday March 28.

The Tasmanian Government will foot the bill for this initiative, which has the dual purpose of supporting family budgets and encouraging commuters to switch from private car travel to public transport.

While higher fuel prices are due to global fuel market uncertainty, we understand the impact it is causing on cost of living pressures.

The Tasmanian Government heavily subsidises Metro and other private providers of public transport around the state. At this point, we see a temporary, highly attractive measure such as free bus travel as one option the Tasmanian Government can activate to ease cost of living pressures.

Importantly, it also encourages Tasmanians who aren't already in the habit of catching buses to give them a try and enjoy the convenience and price advantage. Congestion is assisted by this type of successful public transport "mode shift".

Fares will be free across all operators - school buses and general access buses - and across all fare types (adult, concession and students). The incentive starts on Monday 28 March and runs until the end of April.

Our heavily subsidised fares are already attractive when compared to the cost of running, insuring, maintaining and parking cars. However with this special incentive, this means an adult travelling on a Metro urban zone 1 trip will save \$5.60 a day. Travellers from Sorell to Hobart can save \$15.20 on a return trip, those travelling from Westbury to Launceston will pocket a benefit worth \$22.80 and from Port Sorell to Devonport \$27.80 for return trips.

Better still, bus passengers can read a book or do some work while travelling, and not have to worry about finding a place to park at the end of journey.

The Government will ask Public Transport operators to monitor and assess services during this special initiative due to the potential for significant new demand. We also thank passengers in advance for their patience if their preferred service becomes busy, particularly during peak periods.



GLENORCHY YOUTH TASK FORCE PRESENTS:

market on the lawns

GLENORCHY CITY COUNCIL LAWNS

FRIDAY 1 APRIL 3:30 - 6:30PM

BBQ stalls
music
bike kitchen
spray-painting
fun



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Dept of Education

COVID FAQ

We hope some of you have navigated your way through the Education Department's website to the COVID FAQ document. They have spent some time now addressing questions fielded both directly to them and those that you've asked us and compiled the answers.

While the document is pretty comprehensive already, it is being added to constantly and existing answers are being changed all the time ,so please make sure you check back regularly.



FAQs Document (PDF, 1.5mb)

Latest information about COVID-19



SCOTTSDALE CELEBRATIONS PUT ON HOLD

Due to COVIDS' effect on the area it has been recommended by the School Association Committee organising the event, that the celebration be held off

Looks like it may be November...



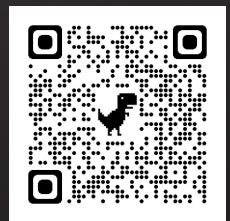


Want to
highlight the work
of a volunteer?
nominate them!
volunteeringtas.org.au

Nominations close 14 March 2022.

- Nominations are now open for the Tasmanian Volunteering Awards 2022. With 297,000 Tasmanians volunteering every year, everyone knows someone making a difference. Whom will you nominate? #NVW2022 #TasVolunteerAwards #VolunteeringTasmania
- The Tasmanian Volunteering Awards 2022 are now open for nominations! After another challenging year for many people, there is no better time to thank, recognise, and acknowledge the incredible efforts of volunteers. Their contributions keep Tasmanian communities supported and connected. #NVW2022 #TasVolunteerAwards #VolunteeringTasmania
- Whom will you nominate in this year's #TasVolunteerAwards? Winners will be announced during National Volunteer Week at a special event. #NVW2022 #VolunteeringTasmania
- There are ten award categories in this year's Tasmanian Volunteering Awards. Do you know someone volunteering their time? Show your appreciation by nominating them today. Nominations close 14 March. #NVW2022 #TasVolunteerAwards #VolunteeringTasmania

<https://www.volunteeringtas.org.au/2022-tasmanian-volunteer-awards/>



ANYTHING TO SHARE?

We're always keen to help schools get their info whether it be an event, sport fundraising...whatever!
email: comms@tasso.org.au

Achieving Asthma Goals at School

Atback to schooltime, there's an unusual spike in asthma symptoms and hospitalisations in school aged kids. With Omicron and vaccine rollouts being a major focus, it's important to keep kids safe when it comes to their asthma by having an up-to-date written Asthma Action Plan, School Care Plan, spacer and reliever puffer ready for school.

We believe in giving kids the tools to shield themselves and overcome their asthma villains to become the Lung Legend we know they can be. We are excited to share our new ASTHMA ADVENTURE GAME . This game lets kids set their very own asthma goal for school and work towards achieving it, whilst having fun along the way!



**HAS YOUR CHILD SET
THEIR ASTHMA GOAL
FOR SCHOOL?**

Download, print and play!

[PLAY HERE](#)



"My asthma goal is to win cross country without having an asthma attack."

Maddy, 10

