

TASSO NEWS

24-25 November
Devonport
Triathlon Challenge
Years (3-6) + (7-12)

Bruny Island DS

Annual Fair

6th November

November 3
Glen Dhu Boot Scootin'
Fundraiser

25/11 Square Pegs

Beautiful Minds

Fundraising
Soiree

Nov 12
Oatlands Twilight
Fair

Nov 4 Student Film
Festival - Goulburn
Street PS

EC WHAM
Nov 3rd
2021

Don College
Art Expo
Nov 05

Nov 4th-7th
Annual Family
Matters

YOUR TASSO

Here before are the hardworking members of the TASSO Board. Currently, the board consists of 9 members who, are located in all areas of Tasmania, serving TASSO and the community around you. The diversity of the members is such that we have skill sets across the whole spectrum, giving us greater capacity for support, growth, development and lobbying for the the children and carers of state skills in TAS.



Daniel Wickham - Northern Delegate
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Daniel is new to the TASSO Board as a Northern Delegate. The operator of the Devonport Tennis Club Daniel has owned businesses his whole life, from food vans to bakeries to adventure tourism experiences. He is a lover of sports having played tennis, football, cricket and golf and has an active interest in social coherence.



Danielle Murfet - Northern Delegate
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Dannielle, one of our Northern Delegates, is a busy mum of 3 and Chairperson of the Beaconsfield Primary School Association Committee. Dannielle is one of the co-founders of Rascal Robot Art Space, situated in Beaconsfield, a place for creative children and young people to learn and grow. Danielle's work experience lies within the finance industry and small business. This experience and the value she places on being involved in the community, along with a hands-on parent with a desire to help improve the education of her children, places Dannielle in an ideal position to be an active and positive contributor to TASSO.



Jessica Bennett - Treasurer
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Jessica is a mum of three primary-aged children who attend Forth Primary School and is an active member of the School Association Committee (SAC) where she has previously held the role of treasurer. Jessica, as part of the SAC organised and coordinated 2020 Forth Primary School Fair and raffle.

She is passionate about quality communication between school, classroom, and home. Personally, she loves a quality book, board games and exploring Tasmania's waterfalls and wilderness through camping, hiking and kayaking with her family.



Jared Dickason -President
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Jared joined the TASSO Management Committee in August of 2015 as a Southern Delegate and has held the positions of Treasurer, Senior Vice President and finally, President. When joining TASSO Jared was an active Parent Representative on the Goulburn Street Primary School Association Committee and is now a member of the Taroon High School Association Committee.

Jared has business experience in sales, marketing, logistics and the hospitality industry Jared's areas of interest in education include wanting to further empower the voice of TASSO and those it represents on an individual, school, state and national level.

Kirk Wagner - Northern Delegate

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Father of two Kirk is the Chairperson of Winnaleah District High School and is a passionate member of his community. On top of his commitments to his school association committee Kirk is part of sporting clubs and is a volunteer fire brigade member. I work on my family's property with my father and have done all my life. In my spare time, I enjoy playing golf at the local club and spending time with family and close friends.



Natham Reynolds - Vice President

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Natham, the father of two young children Sorell School, has served as the Chair of the School Association Committee for many years. Natham is also the Deputy Mayor of the Sorell Council and is actively involved with other community organisations, including Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre and also runs his own small business. Natham joined the Board of TASSO in 2021 as a Southern Delegate and has since taken on the role of Vice President.



Nigel Jones - Secretary

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Nigel began his journey with TASSO in 2011 and since then has held a variety of positions, including Southern Delegate, Senior Vice President and most recently concluding 2 years as President. Nigel has extensive experience in Tasmanian public schools, on Parents and Friends and School Associations Committees, extending beyond two decades.

Nigel is passionate about the need to improve resources for those students with learning difficulties and mental health in schools, and the empowerment of families to enable them to work alongside teachers and principals for better educational outcomes for students.



Rebecca Churchill - Southern Delegate

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Rebecca is a young mum and Chair of Risdon Vale Primary School. New to the TASSO team, Bec has launched into the unknown pairing up with Nigel to create TASSO's new media policy. Bec is highly motivated and passionate about education in Tasmania and when time allows she is happy to help the staff by powering through some of the less exciting office tasks.





DYSLEXIA



- ◆ Dyslexia is a **learning difference** that makes reading and spelling difficult
- ◆ Dyslexia is **common** and over 10% of the population have dyslexia
- ◆ Dyslexia is **lifelong** but with the right help children can read and thrive

There are ways to level the playing field -

early identification, effective reading instruction, different ways for students to show what they know and better use of technology like audiobooks or text to speech.



"DYSLEXIA GIVES PEOPLE DISTINCTIVE WAYS OF THINKING ABOUT THE WORLD."



Professor Rufus Black, Vice-Chancellor, University of Tasmania and Square Pegs Patron



Many people with dyslexia say it has helped them to be resilient, creative and great problem solvers.

Go to squarepegstas.org to learn more.



YOU ARE CAPABLE OF AMAZING THINGS!



School Association Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Timeframe & Checklist

Please note this has been developed for School Associations whose Association Year ends on March 31st, you will need to adjust the time frame to suit your School Association Year.

Planning for your AGM should begin in Term 4 of the preceding year. Don't worry if this didn't happen, try and catch up now, then put a process in place for the next time Term 4 rolls around.

Term 4 – tasks to complete:

- Identify members due for retirement. (Those who were elected 2 years earlier or filled a casual vacancy as a representative in a position that would have naturally expired at the end of the current Association year. (Model Constitution Clause 9.4b) Retiring members may re-nominate.
- Notify the Principal which members of the Committee are due to retire. (Model Constitution Clause 9.3d)
- Set the date for the AGM as close as practical to the end of the Association Year being March 31st. (Model Constitution clause 13.1a) (By setting the date now it allows for the information to be included in the communication strategy around the calling for nominations and to backward plan of requirements for conducting the AGM.)
- Set a date for the closing of nominations and include it in the communication strategy. Remember to allow enough time to:
 - conduct a ballot if there are more nominations than vacant positions,
 - call for more nominations if insufficient were received to fill all the vacant positions.
- Determine a process for conducting a ballot if more nominations are received than positions vacant.
- Develop a communication strategy for calling for nominations that informs all members of the school community (Association). For example, social media, school newsletter, emails or notes home.

The communication should include:
 - the number of and type of vacancies to be filled (i.e. parent representative, staff representative, community representative)
 - how to get a representative nomination form and what is required to complete it
 - the closing date for nominations and where to lodge completed nomination forms
 - the process for conducting an election if necessary.
- Principal to appoint Returning Officer. (Secretary's Instructions No.7 point 3.7)
- Returning Officer is to
 - publicise the calling for nominations as per the prescribed communication strategy
 - receive nominations
- Check that the Auditor appointed at the previous AGM is still available to audit the Association's financial records, other information they might require and how much time they will require to complete the Audit. This will assist with having an audited financial report ready for the AGM.

Term 1 – tasks to complete

- Re-issue the communication calling for nominations.
- Deliver the financial information the Auditor needs as per the conversation with them in Term 4.
- Returning Officer after the closing date for receiving nominations is to decide if their needs to be (Model Constitution clause 8.5):
 - a ballot and then conduct one; OR
 - Call for further nominations to fill vacancies; OR
 - If there is the exact number of nominations to fill all vacancies declare as duly elected the candidates nominated in each category of Committee Membership (i.e. Parent and Staff Representatives and if the Committee has Community Representatives).
- At least 14 days prior to the AGM, the Committee Secretary (or if there is none the Principal) must advertise the time, date, venue and business of the AGM, the Association's Constitution outlines this. (Model Constitution clause 13.4a and 13.2)
- Prepare a written School Association annual report for presentation at the AGM. This report can include what has been done during the previous 12 months and previously planned future activities or direction.
- Have copies of the Minutes of the previous AGM available and the minutes of any Special General Meetings held during the past year, available for presentation at the AGM.
- Have copies of the audited Financial Report available for presentation by the Treasurer.
- Have copies of the Schools Annual Report. This report is written and presented by the Principal.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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.

Specified Officeholders: 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



<https://bit.ly/3Emqun2>



Senator Wendy Askew

22 October at 09:09

The [Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) is running webinars addressing the intersection of "Digital Tech and Mental Health" and "Managing Online Gaming", something many parents and carers have experienced concerns about during the COVID-19 pandemic.

These webinars are designed to provide parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and tools to help their children navigate the online world safely and confidently.

They will be held during October and November. To find out more, or to register, visit www.esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars

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TASSO Community Noticeboard

Here at TASSO, we are of the belief that a noticeboard hosted by us could be an extremely valuable resource for the wider school community around the state. We want to integrate this into both our website and our newsletters.

For this to serve any beneficial purpose we need to get the info for your events first hand from you!

Please send info for any and all of your school events

(presentations/performances/fairs/webinars)

EVENTS@TASSO.ORG.AU



WHAT'S ON

November 1st – Cygnet Primary School Photos day

November 3rd – Elizabeth College TECHNO Exhibition

November 3rd – Elizabeth College WHAM 2021

November 3rd – Glen Dhu Primary School Boot

Scootin' Buddies Fundraiser

November 4th – Bruny Island District School Athletics
Carnival.

November 4th-7th – PFlag 12th Annual Family Matters
Conference

November 4th – MyState Student Film Festival @
Goulburn St Primary School

November 5th – Flinders Island District School Athletics
Carnival

November 5th – Campbell Street Primary School Fair

November 5th – Dodges Ferry Primary School Fair

November 5th – Don College Art Exhibition

WHAT'S ON

- November 5th – Interschool swimming carnival
- November 5th-6th – Deloraine High School Athletics Carnival
- November 6th – Bruny Island District School Fair
- November 3rd – Beaconsfield Primary School Swimming Carnival.
- November 8th – Clarence High School Swimming Carnival
- November 8th-18th – Claremont College TASC Exams
- November 9th-10th – Latrobe High School Athletics Carnival
- November 10th-11th – Burnie High School Athletics Carnival



WHAT'S ON

- November 10th – Claremont College Art Exhibition and Media Showcase
- November 12th – Oatlands Twilight Fair
- November 12th – Lansdowne Crescent Primary School Fair
- November 16th-17th – Devonport High School Athletics Carnival
- November 19th – Elizabeth College Enchanted Forest Formal
- November 25th – Square Pegs Tasmania, Beautiful Minds Spring Fundraising Soiree
- November 26th – Deloraine Primary School Fair and Handmade Market
- December 3rd – Forest Primary School Gingerbread Decorating Evening
- December 5th – Burnie High School, The Fairy Godmothers Christmas Market

TECHNO

Exhibition

Design and Production

Pathways to Construction

2021 Student Work

Wednesday 3rd Nov

Café Tang 5.00pm-6.30pm

Prizes awarded at 5:30pm



2021 School Fair

LANSDOWNE CRESCENT
PRIMARY SCHOOL, WEST HOBART

November 12th



Lindisfarne Primary School

15 October at 09:07 · 🌐



Tickets are now on sale for the Combined Primary School Band Concert. Head to <https://bit.ly/3lroqDs> to purchase.

FRIDAY
26
NOVEMBER

COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOLS BAND + CHOIR CONCERT



MyState Bank Arena

11 October at 11:48 · 🌐

The Combined Primary School Bands Concert 🎵 is being held on the Friday 26 November 2021 @7pm. Come along and enjoy a family night of entertainment and listen to... See more

You are invited to the Enchanted Forest Formal!

It will be held on the **19th** of November from **7-10PM** in the school gym.



The theme is **enchanted forest**. This will inspire the decorations, however, there is **no dress code** for the event.

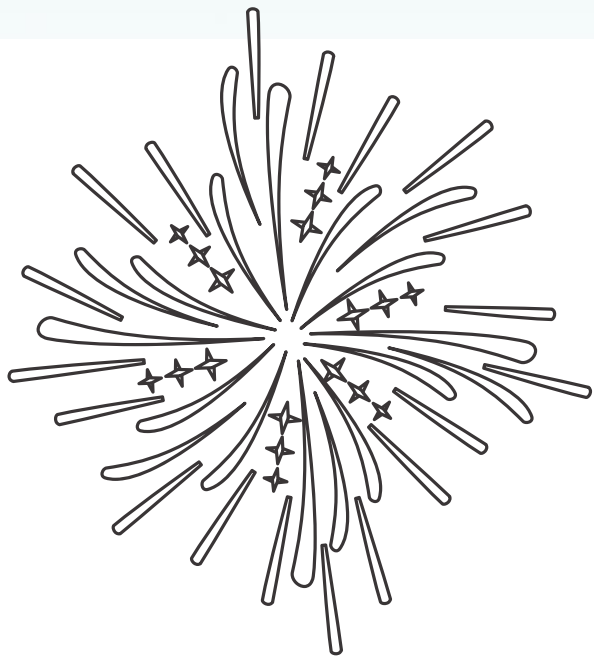
There will be **music** and **catering** provided.

Tickets are **\$25** and must be paid by October 31st.
Please check your school email for the
purchasing link and more details!



A banner with green and blue pennants hangs across the top. To the left, three blue balloons are tied together.

Deloraine Primary School
FAIR
and
Handmade
Market
Friday November 26, 3.30-7.00pm



Beautiful Minds

Square Pegs Dyslexia Support
Spring Fundraising Soiree



DON COLLEGE

ART EXHIBITION

OPENING NIGHT

FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH

6-8PM

FEATURING WORK BY
LEVEL 2 AND 3 ART STUDENTS

STUDENTS TO COLLECT WORK 22ND AND 23RD OF NOVEMBER

DODGES FERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY FAIR

FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 4PM-7PM



Living for our Future!

Zorb Balls, Reptiles,
Crazy Bikes,
Dunk Tank,
Face Painting,
Dartball,
Jumping Castle,
Tea Cup Ride

BBQ,
Curries,
Nachos, Soups,
Jacket Potatoes,
Waffles,
Milkshakes,
Ice Cream

Cake Stall,
White Elephant,
2nd Hand Books,
Photo Booth,
Carrot Stick Lotto

Live music
Raffle
Live Auction
Lucky Envelopes

Community Groups
Displays,
Emergency Services
Displays,
Sorell CFLC Pop Up

ALL ENQUIRIES TO LENNA BOXALL 0405 100 424 or lmboxall@gmail.com

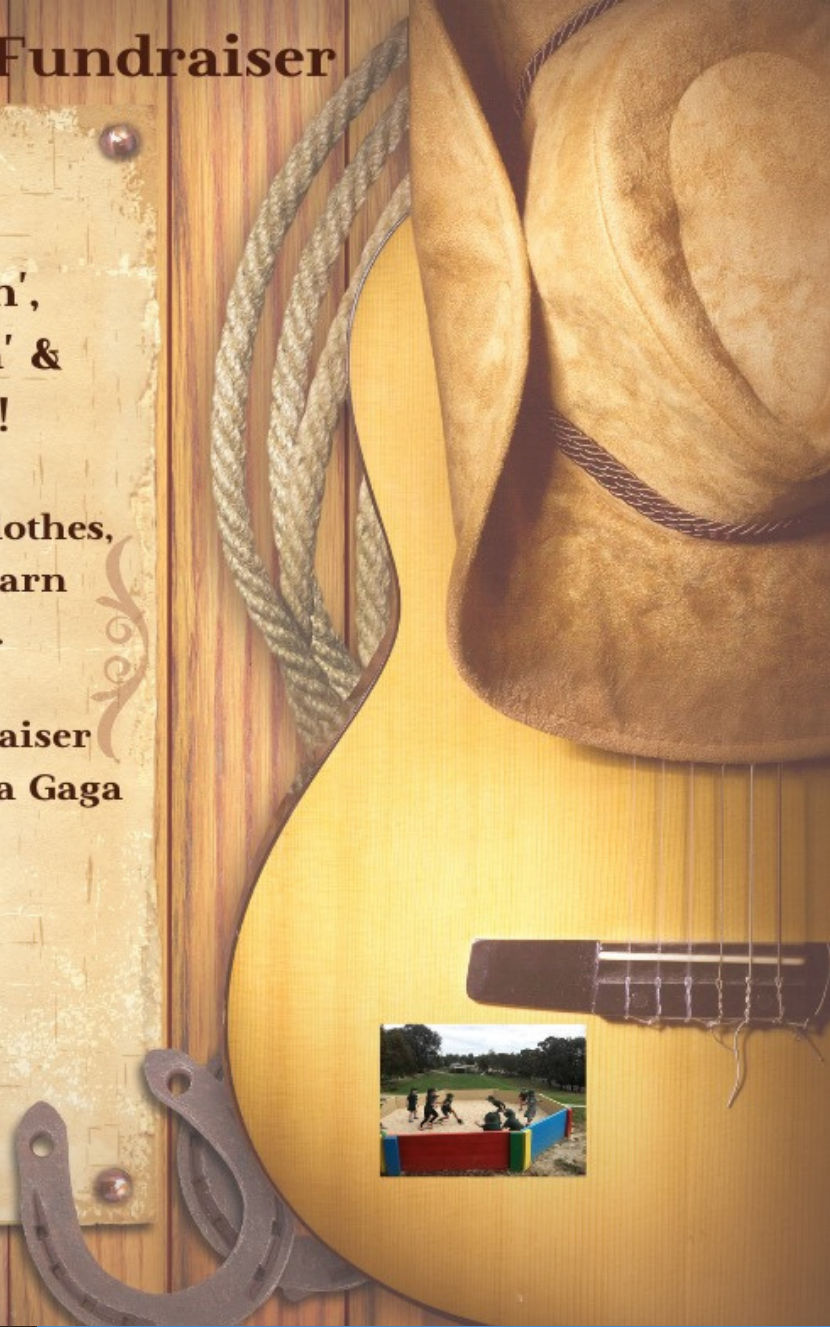
Boot Scootin' Buddies Fundraiser

Sausages will be sizzlin',
flannies will be flappin' &
boots will be scootin'!

Dress in your finest country clothes,
come to the BBQ, do some barn
dancing and much more.

This will be our major fundraiser
for the year, raising funds for a Gaga
Pit.

Wednesday
3rd November 2021



Shame is NOT a motivator

“Instead of the stupid chart
where they are learning to
compare themselves to others,
they should be shown their
personal progress. Because
even if progress is made, they
will still feel bad when their
level is so much lower than
everyone else's. And that's not
okay.”

Just Teach Me





Wed 3 Nov

Doors open at 5

Awards Ceremony at 6

Elizabeth College 256 Elizabeth St



12th Annual Family Matters Conference

November 4-7, 2021



Philadelphia Family Pride
presents:

An online conference with
community building,
workshops, speakers, and
more for LGBTQ+ parents
and prospective parents.



For our kids, there's a
Drag Queen Story Time,
a Minecraft playdate, and
an all ages yoga class.

www.pfpconference.org
or scan the QR Code for
more info and to register

November

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Q+A (Online)	11 Q+A (Online)	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Newsletter	26	27	28
29	30					

December

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1 Board Meeting	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Q+A Online	9 Q+A Online	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Final Day of School	17	18	19
20	21	22 Office Closed	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

■ School Holidays
 ■ Weekends
 ■ Weekends