



TASSO NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Doing a monthly newsletter as a form of communication is great but then, what do you write about something I have been thinking about and in some respects struggling with. When I'm on the road travelling which I'm doing a lot off, from home to Hobart, and other places doing Community Empowered Schools workshops and Education Act information sessions, or meetings, gives you a lot of time to think about what we are doing and the direction we as an organisation need to be heading in. The importance of having strong foundations at grass roots level, the ability to connect and build relationships/partnerships with our schools Associations. Doing the Community Empowering Schools and Education Act sessions as given us the opportunity to meet and create those connections with school Association members in a positive and productive way. During fourth term we'll be on the road again doing more information session keep an eye out or if you would like us to hold one at your school please don't hesitate and contact me.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Helen Richardson on her re-election to President of the AEU. Like ourselves they are a key organisation in Education, we try and met regularly with them and other groups and organisation including the Secretary of the DoE, Learning Services and Principal Association. We discuss a range of topics like Gonski, resourcing, teacher's education, staffing including supports and relief staff, curriculum, and more recently the implementation of the new Education Act. Even though we sit on difference sides of the fence, there are somethings we do agree on and can work together on and others where we are poles apart, but that doesn't stop us from having those types of tough conversations. By having these discussions, it gives us a greater understanding of each other's views and biases. We are all working together for the betterment of our schools and more importantly our children's education.

The old saying go that it takes a village to raise a child and when it comes to our children's education the same thing applies, it takes us as parents to work in partnership with our schools to achieve this. There are no bad schools, as parents we need to bring our parental knowledge and with teachers bring theirs, we can combine all this knowledge and by working together we can truly make big differences in our children's outcomes. Equity in our schools doesn't always have to be about dollars, as parents our own investment in our schools can also create equity in other ways. Every child's outcomes will be different but giving them the ability and opportunities to reach their full potential is paramount.

-Lisa Gillard, TASSO President



MEET THE COMMITTEE

Ben Cunningham-Northern Delegate

I am a proud father of three young boys in Primary School and I believe that as Parents we are our children's best advocates. I have seen firsthand how being truly involved and committed to your children's education that you can make a difference. I am one of many parents and teachers who are at present rebuilding the school association at the Tasmanian eSchool. We have a very unique and special school that teaches children at home and is a fundamental part of the Tasmanian education system. I work in the transport industry as a supervisor with SRT Logistics in a small team that oversees the statewide deliveries to Woolworths. Being a mad runner I participate in several running events around the state each year my favorites being the Cadbury marathon and the Freycinet Peninsular trail run. I enjoy taking my boys fishing and camping when time allows and toiling in the Garden.



FAQ

Q. When will you be hosting an Education Act Forum in my area/after hours?

A. We will be hosting more Education Act Forums now that it's Term 4! If you would like us to host one at your school please let us know we'd be more than happy to put one on.

Q. What the Education Act Forums cover?

A. Forums take the format of questions and answers and include information about the:

- Model Constitution
- Ministerial Instructions No. 12 for School Associations
- Secretary's Instructions No. 7 for School Associations

The Forums will also look at the role and function of School Associations and their Committee in the formulation and development of school policies and processes in accordance with the Education Act for the following but not limited to:

- Attendance Policy and Process
- Out-of-Area Enrolment Policy
- Dress Code
- Behaviour Management Policy
- Levies and charges

Now a question for you!

Q. How is your School Association Committee going adopting the new model constitution? Let us know your story at info@tasso.org.au so we can use your experience to help others. All respondents' information and school will remain confidential.

TASSO & FRIENDS EVENTS



Education Act Forum

Where: Risdon Vale Primary School

When: 18th of October 2017

Time: 3:15Pm

RSVP 24 hrs before the event to the TASSO Office at info@tasso.org.au or on 03 6423 7718



26TEN Week: Read write, count - families together

When: 23rd-27th of October

For more information check out 26TEN's website <https://26ten.tas.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>



Where: Devonport Community House, 10 Morris Avenue

Day: Fridays, for six weeks

When: 16th February - 23rd March 2018

Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm

RSVP: by 22nd December to familyfoodpatch@chatas.com.au

OFFICE BEARERS

President: Lisa Gillard
Senior Vice President: Jared Dickason
Junior Vice President: Nigel Jones
Treasurer: Gary Morse
Secretary:
Northern Delegate: Lyn Williams
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Northern Delegate: Peter Kearney
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North-West Delegate: Lindie Read
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All submissions to TASSO News to be made no later than the 25th of each month

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Picture of the committee trying out the new CES board game: Phillip Spratt, Ellie Woolnough, Ben Cunningham, and Gary Morse.

HAPPY 26TEN Week!!



It's time we talked!
Youth – Parents – Educators

Monday 30th October
Hobart Town Hall 6-9pm



MEN OF HONOUR
A Young Man's Guide to health, drugs, sex and relationships

Presents
Glen Gerreyn & Melinda Tankard-Reist



TOO SEXY
TOO SOON

What media, the internet, marketing and pop culture are teaching your children and what you can do about it.



TASSO would like to thank these schools for hosting Education Act Forums



**Brooks
HIGH SCHOOL**

"Everybody Work, Everybody Help"



Rosebery District School



Oatlands District High School



**WESTBURY
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A CARING COMMUNITY



**Penguin
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MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS SCHOOL



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