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TASSO Management Committee are delighted to endorse Griffith University's, *Suzie the Scientist* and *Millie the Mathematician* books that uniquely links the home-reading process with the *Australian Curriculum: Science and Mathematics*.

Members of the Management Committee were fortunate to have a look at the books, to which some of the following comments were made:

- *These are fantastic!*
- *Suzie & Millie should be in all Primary Schools.*
- *It is great having relevant Australian content that aligns with what is being taught.*
- *What a great way for families to learn together.*
- *Wish these had been around when my kids were younger, they are way more interesting than what my kids brought home to read.*

TASSO is unequivocally thrilled that a special offer has been extended to Tasmanian School Associations who are looking at supporting students and families in their school by increasing literacy resources available.

Purchasing *Suzie the Scientist* and *Millie the Mathematician* could be a targeted fundraiser or the perfect opportunity to partner with a community organisation with a keen interest in science, maths and literacy.

That's 72 books for under \$200!
includes GST and postage [click HERE](#)

**** Be quick because this offer won't last! ****

School Association Committees Special Offer

Help your school with its home reader and guided reader collections for 2020

Learn-to-read books based on Maths and Science

Throughout 2019, *P&Cs QLD* have supported P&C Associations around Queensland with this special offer. **We are now pleased to be able bring this offer to TASSO School Association Committees.**

Introducing **Millie the Mathematician** and **Suzie the Scientist**

Empowering Parents, Engaging Students and Enriching Classrooms

Developed by Griffith University in partnership P&Cs QLD, *Millie the Mathematician* and *Suzie the Scientist* early reader books are now available in print and digital e-book versions for use at school and at home. **Based on the Australian Curriculum in Maths and Science**, these learn-to-read books are designed to *engage kids, enrich classrooms* and *empower parents* in home-reading and guided-reading activities. The books are designed to explore mathematical and scientific concepts while developing and improving reading literacies and fluency.

Each 24-book series links directly with classroom learning and aligns to learning outcomes across the strands and sub-strands of the *Australian Curriculum in both Maths and Science*. Spanning PM reading levels 1-24, the books are suitable for children from pre-K up to Year 2 (and beyond).

Over 130 000 Millie and Suzie books are now in schools across Queensland and the rest of Australia – a testament to the quality of these new learn-to-read resources.

Now is the time for your School Association Committee to take advantage of this special offer and to secure the books for your school for 2020 and to promote these wonderful resources to your parents.

Buy 2 sets of Millie get 1 set of Suzie FREE - that's 72 print books for under \$200!

This offer includes free access to online resources (worksheets, video books, online books).

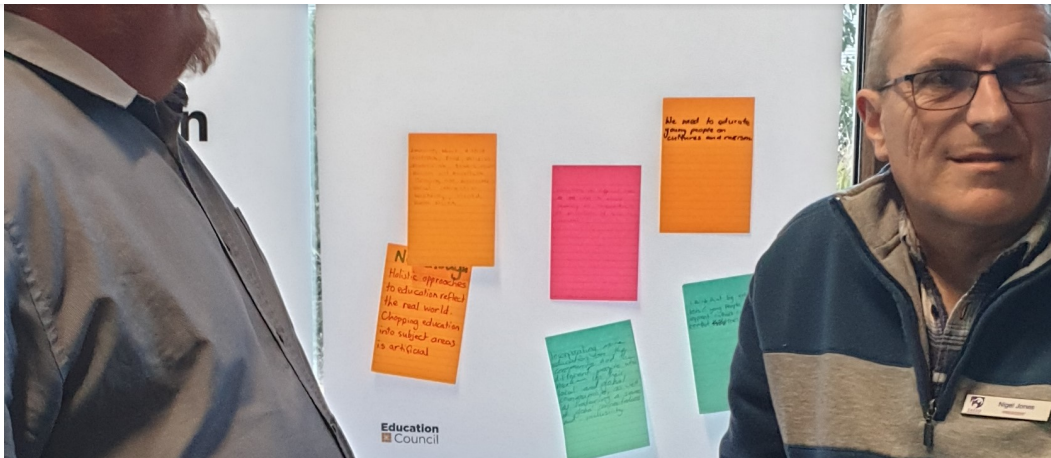
For more information, [Email us here](#) or visit [Millie the Mathematician](#) or [Suzie the Scientist](#)

Parents at home can download the full-set of 24 iBooks from the iBook store for only \$14.99 – that's 62c per book! (click here! [Millie iBooks](#) or [Suzie iBooks](#))

Out and about

Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians

On August 21st, TASSO Representatives attended the forum on the review of the Melbourne Declaration at Mount Nelson organised by the Education Council of Australian Governments. The Education Council is responsible for providing information and resources to address Education issues of national significance. The forum at Mount Nelson was a series of forums throughout Australia and built upon what the Council had heard so far from submissions and a National Forum earlier in 2019.



Senior Vice President Jared Dickason (left) and President Nigel Jones (right) contemplating one of many questions and responses discussed at the forum.

Tasmanian school students were given the opportunity earlier in the day to add their voice to what the next ten years of Australian Education should look like and include.

Some of their ideas can be seen on the graffiti board below.

Some of the topics discussed and work-shopped included: Lifelong Learning; Early Childhood Education; Skills for the Future; and, Well-being, culture & Social Participation in Education.

We look forward to the final strategy which will underpin the next decade of Australian in Education.

NAPLAN Stakeholders Briefing

A representative from TASSO and the Presidents of the Australian Education Union (Tas. Branch) and the Tasmanian Principals Association attended a stakeholders briefing with the Department of Education Performance and Review team. An overview of Tasmanian NAPLAN results for 2019 was given and discussed. Online testing, apparent connectivity issues, the benefits of tailoring questions to a student's answers and online allowing schools to make the test more inclusive for students.

TASSO still holds fast to the belief that NAPLAN should be reviewed and that under no circumstances should the results be used to create leagues tables which compare school against school. As students receive their results we urge you as parents to, - **Remember** that no one student's life is or should be defined by the results of a NAPLAN test, the results of NAPLAN should be used to strengthen a student's future learning.

Education, Science, Research and the Antarctic Industry Advisory Council
TASSO President Nigel Jones was invited and attended the first *Education, Science, Research & the Antarctic Industry Advisory Council* called by Josh Willie MP Shadow Minister for Education and Early Years. The participants at the meeting consisted of a cross-section of representatives from a variety of organisations and identified existing



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TASSO Nigel Jones (far right) and Josh Willie (next to Nigel) at the first *Education, Science, Research & the Antarctic Industry Advisory Council* in Campbell Town earlier this month.

Annual General Meeting, where members will convene from all around the state to talk about all things state schools.

The Details are listed below. If anyone who wishes to attend, could you please [RSVP](#) by close of business this Thursday, that would be greatly appreciated. See you all there next week!

Date: Friday, September 20th, 2019
Time: 7.00pm
Loation: TASSO Office - 15 Rowitta Rd,
Lindisfarne

Or you can participate by distance at:

**The Quioba Room of the paranaple
Convention Centre via
Video Conferencing - 137 Rooke Street,
Devonport**

For further details please email info@tasso.org.au or visit <https://www.tasso.org.au/agm/>

On the 19th of August the Department of Education published the latest proposed intake areas for government schools that would take effect in the year 2021 with the community consultation period closing on the 27th of September.

To intake maps can be viewed [here](#) and you can email submissions [here](#).

For all the details find the news release below -

[Intake Areas News Release - Here](#)



The climate and the earth's future is becoming a bigger and bigger issue for all of us, but it's students all around the world standing together and making the most noise.

As seen on their website, they speak of the importance placed of a child's education and the ability to gain knowledge and skills to change the world for the better in the future. However that is seen to be too long to wait for these students as real changes and decisions are happening now, in regard to energy production and associated carbon emissions.

The students are exercising one of the very few powers they have and that is to hold school strikes in the hope that politicians will notice them and hear their concerns.

Here at TASSO we work to support our students and this encompasses their personal development over the course of their lives. Therefore TASSO supports the *School Strike 4 Climate* effort.

The following is an excerpt of the TASSO policy
'The aim of education is to help the individual to develop their full potential as a person and as a member of the society, to adapt and grow in the rapidly changing circumstances of modern living.'

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