



Term 3 Newsletter

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Message from TASSO Operations Manager

Hello Members.

Welcome to Term 3.

TASSO have been busy working on our Strategic Plan for the next 3 years.

We have developed new vision and mission statements:

VISION | Every school has an effective School Association Committee

MISSION | Strengthen and support School Association Committees

Our focus is on you, our members.

Our four pillars are: **Quality Governance | Stakeholder Management | Promotion of TASSO | Advocacy**

Moving into the next 12 months we will be organising combined School Association Committee clusters.

The purpose behind the cluster groups are to build a network around School Association Committee's. To share ideas on ways to work well as a committee, to showcase the benefits of what working well together can achieve and provide information you need to create a functional committee.

It will also provide a way to highlight common concerns or issues that are affecting families and schools in your area. For the cluster to be an advisory body for TASSO, so we can advocate for matters concerning you.

Invitations have been sent to School Association Committees in the Central Hobart, Launceston and Burnie areas. We look forward to expanding the program to more members in early 2024.

Registration

- Launceston: <https://events.humanitix.com/school-association-committee-cluster-meeting-launceston>
- Hobart: <https://events.humanitix.com/school-association-committee-cluster-meeting>
- Burnie: <https://events.humanitix.com/school-association-committee-cluster-meeting-burnie>

Our advocacy focus is funding of education. We are working behind the scenes advocating for education funding being fairer, more transparent and most importantly, for a future where our government schools are receiving the 100% of the School Resourcing Standard (SRS). Currently with both the federal and state government contributions government school receive less than 95% of the SRS, in contrast to non-government receiving 100% of the SRS and an additional support package. The Tasmanian State Governments contribution to the SRS should be 80%, instead they fund 74.08% projected to reach 75% by 2027.

There is a review to inform a "Better and Fairer Education System" to form the new National School Reform Agreement taking place now. The negotiation between the federal and state governments will take place next year for implementation of a new bilateral agreement in 2025. Let us know your thoughts. TASSO will be submitting to the review.

Families can submit to the review process: <https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation>¹

¹[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation;!!FvZmfVE!Hkt1YfD0iAViWlq1fusB3zQo66MNaCwkOFL64-dGPajb6c7G00-hkgPXHzg_KOaEpYPvXtSJ1Z4FNi07WN-ysw\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.education.gov.au/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system/consultations/review-inform-better-and-fairer-education-system-consultation;!!FvZmfVE!Hkt1YfD0iAViWlq1fusB3zQo66MNaCwkOFL64-dGPajb6c7G00-hkgPXHzg_KOaEpYPvXtSJ1Z4FNi07WN-ysw$)

If you're interested in reading the bilateral agreement between the State and Federal Governments:
<https://www.education.gov.au/quality-schools-package/resources/tasmania-bilateral-agreement>²

If you have a passion for government education, we are recruiting new Board Members. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact me to arrange time for a chat.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bennett



Reporting and Communicating with Families

The changes to the way Schools are reporting learning progress is well on the way to being fully implemented. As part of the School Association Committee you should have been involved with how the changes would be contextualised in the school.

With all changes, taking an moment to review how the new policy and procedure is working is good idea.

We have 3 questions you might like to use at your next committee meeting to evaluate the changes:

1. How has the School Association found the implementation of the new reporting requirements within your school? What's working well?
2. How might the School work with the School Association to further improve the reporting processes so that families feel well informed about their child/children's learning progress? Any challenges to address?

²[https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.education.gov.au/quality-schools-package/resources/tasmania-bilateral-agreement_!!FvZmfVE!Hkt1YfD0iAViWlq1fusB3zQo66MNaCwkOFL64-dGPajb6c7G00-hkgPXHzg_KOaEpYPvXtSJ1Z4FNi3jM6CHEg\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/https://www.education.gov.au/quality-schools-package/resources/tasmania-bilateral-agreement_!!FvZmfVE!Hkt1YfD0iAViWlq1fusB3zQo66MNaCwkOFL64-dGPajb6c7G00-hkgPXHzg_KOaEpYPvXtSJ1Z4FNi3jM6CHEg$)

3. What can the school do to better communicate with the school community about the reporting requirements? Any suggestions for improved collaboration?

TASSO would love to hear what your committee thinks. We have devised a short survey to help us share your feedback with the Reporting and Communicating with Families Steering Committee. TASSO are keen to hear how the implementation of the reporting changes is working from a families perspective. The responses to the survey will remain confidential.

Survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/MrCpyKYkWy>

Policy:

<https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document%20Centre/Communicating-Learning-Progress-with-Families.pdf>³

Procedure: is school dependent, contact your principal for a copy

Spotlight on Havenview Primary School Association

A key part of a School Association Committee is working with the school to participate in and support the implementation of the school plans.

At Havenview Primary School one of the School Improvement Priorities has been to improve oral language skills. Good oral language skills being one of the foundations for success.

Together the School Association created the idea of a Walk n Talk Track. A track that combines the concept of social interaction as a strategy for developing language skills with physical activity.

The track encompasses 7 interactive signs that incorporate auslan, palawa kani, a word or phrase (imagine, look, listen, feel, "I wonder", "what if", and find) and a changeable sign designed by students. These signs are designed to spark conversation.

The changeable signs will be linked to classroom learning and updated regularly.

The School Association Committee worked with students, local business, parents, community members, the Barker St Reserve Committee, the Burnie Men's Shed and community organisations to create the Walk 'n' Talk Track, this community of volunteers designed, constructed and developed the track with student learning at the centre.

They applied for and received a grant from CatholicCare Communities for Children. This grant made the track a viable success.

The track is a fabulous addition to the school and open for families to use outside of school hours.

If you would like more information about Communities for Children grants:

- Burnie region | Mary Yaxley | mary.yaxley@aohtas.org.au⁴ | (03)6431 8555

³[https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document Centre/Communicating-Learning-Progress-with-Families.pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document%20Centre/Communicating-Learning-Progress-with-Families.pdf)

⁴<mailto:mary.yaxley@aohtas.org.au>

- Launceston and Tamar Valley | Anna Antypas | cfcaccounts@anglicare-tas.org.au⁵ | <https://www.facebook.com/Communitiesforchildrenlaunceston>
- South-East Tasmania | Tanya Brooks-Cooper | tanya.brooks-cooper@salvationarmy.org.au⁶ | <https://www.facebook.com/CfCSouthEastTasmania>



⁵<mailto:cfcaccounts@anglicare-tas.org.au>

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Safeguarding Children and Young People

Mandatory reporting training will be a requirement for all volunteers on school grounds by the start of Term 1, 2024.

As a School Association Committee we recommend starting the conversation with your Principal and Safeguarding Lead as to the best way of implementing the training for volunteers.

Something to consider is how, as a committee, you will work the training into any large events that you hold in 2024. All volunteers at fairs or school association events where children are present will need to have completed the training.



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Join TASSO for their 77th Annual General Meeting.

All School Associations are entitled to one vote at the AGM. If you wish to appoint someone other than the chairperson of your School Association Committee please email the details of the nominated representative of your School Association to info@tasso.org.au⁷.

AGM Agenda

1. Attendance
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM
4. Business Arising
5. Auditor's Report
6. President's Report
7. Election of Board and Office Bearers
8. Appointment of Auditor

We welcome new Board Members!

If you would like more information or are interested in nominating for a position on the Board, please contact the Public Officer (Jessica Bennett) via info@tasso.org.au⁸ or call (03)62437718.

Meeting papers will be circulated via email to registered attendees no later than August 10.

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2023-tasso-agm>



The poster is for the Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO) Annual General Meeting. It features a dark purple background with white and light purple text. The TASSO logo is in the top right corner. The main title 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, the date 'Thursday, August 17' and time '7.30pm' are listed, along with the note 'Online - via MS Teams'. Two bullet points state: 'ALL SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND' and 'THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERED THE VOTING MEMBER (UNLESS THEY NOTIFY TASSO OF A PROXY)'. The topic of discussion is 'Open forum (submit questions to TASSO)'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: '(03) 6243 7718 or info@tasso.org.au'.

Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, August 17
7.30pm
Online - via MS Teams

ALL SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERED THE VOTING MEMBER (UNLESS THEY NOTIFY TASSO OF A PROXY)

Topic of Discussion
Open forum
(submit questions to TASSO)

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Book a Meeting with TASSO

Schedule a meeting with TASSO Operations Manager, Jessica Bennett

Jessica can meet one on one with your Chairperson or a small group of committee members (Chairperson, Secretary and Principal) to discuss your committee, create solutions to recruiting members, help develop an annual plan or anything else that you might need. Meetings can be face to face or online.

Contact the office to arrange a time.

Jessica will be in Hobart July 31 to August 3 and has the follow times available for face to face meetings:

July 31 - 7pm

August 1 - 2.30pm or 7pm

August 2 - 2.30pm or 4.30pm

August 3 - 8am

Jessica will be in Launceston on August 24 and 25 and has the follow times available for face to face meetings:

August 24 - 10.30am; 12.30pm or 2pm

August 25 - 8am or 10.30am

Scholarship Opportunities to share with Families

The Public Education Fund have a number of scholarships that the available for students in Tasmania.

Consider sharing those that are students at your school might be eligible for.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:1f80ca21-de87-39be-88fc-9a2c5a1216ae>

Grants you may be eligible for...

Tips for a successful grant application:

Are you eligible?

Do you meet the criteria required?

Know your message and make a plan.

- What are you trying to achieve?
- What do you want to say?
- What are the grant parameters? Are there word limits?

- How will you demonstrate what you want and need.

Remember to cost your application accurately. Include true costs, any co-contributions and in kind support (volunteers).

Arts Tasmania Grants

School Associations may be able to apply for an Arts Grant to deliver an arts based program for students in schools.

Grants \$5,000 and \$75,000

Closing date: 7 August 2023

For more information and to apply click here⁹



Nutrien Ag Solutions Community Grants Program

Small grants program aiming to contribute to the success, vibrancy and wellbeing of rural and regional communities nationwide.

To apply for a grant, it is a requirement that a representative of the not-for-profit or community organisation seeking funds contact the branch manager from a Nutrien Ag Solutions branded store to discuss their project idea and have it endorsed. The Nutrien branch manager will then send a 'Letter of Support' endorsement email that can be attached to the application.

Grants up to \$5000

Closing date: 5pm on 10 August 2023

For more information and to apply click here¹⁰



Local Council Grants

Don't forget to keep an eye out for your local council grants.

The opening and closing dates vary council to council so search your council and look for community grants.

⁹https://www.arts.tas.gov.au/grants_and_loans/organisations_projects

¹⁰<https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/nutrien/>

Optus: Kickstart your dreams

To celebrate FIFA Women's World Cup, optus are awarding 64 Optus Inspiration Grants.

Grants up to \$3000

In 100 words or less 'What future goal are you inspired to say yes to, and how would this grant help you achieve this goal?'

Open for those aged 13-19

Closes: 20 August 2023

For more information and to apply click here¹¹



AIS - Local Sporting Champions

A program to keep in mind if you have a student travelling interstate/internationally for a sporting championship event.

The Local Sporting Champions program provides financial assistance for coaches, officials and competitors aged 12-18 participating in state, national or international championships.

For more information and to apply click here¹²

Tasmanian Government - National Representative Fund

A sports assistance scheme provided by the Government of Tasmania to cover the additional cost to Tasmanian Athletes and Coaches competing at a Junior or Open Competition level to travel with an international team competing overseas.

For more information and to apply click here¹³

¹¹<https://www.optus.com.au/connected/topic/sport/grants>

¹²https://www.sportaus.gov.au/grants_and_funding/local_sporting_champions?fbclid=IwAR3cT_7G6HqefkmBVEn3HP5wzfUcLlh07cl3jvu9kFE8manMz0ENcPORKOk

¹³<https://www.tis.tas.gov.au/services/national-representative-fund>

Information to Share with your School Association

Conveyancing Allowance

If you travel more than 5km to school via car, are attending an 'in area' school, have no bus option and return home (not to a work place) you can apply for a Conveyance Allowance to help cover your transport costs.

https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/.../conveyance_allowance¹⁴

Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC) - Job Opportunity

Parents are welcomed and encouraged to apply for paid roles supervising the end-of-year exams for Year 11 and Year 12 students at Exam Centres around Tasmania. The external assessments will run from Tuesday 7 – Friday 17 November 2023.

A team of Supervisors are appointed to supervise each exam session, reporting to the Supervisor Coordinator. The roles are a great way for parents to learn more about how exams are managed. Parents will not be able to supervise an exam their child is completing, and all Supervisors must have a current Registration to Work with Vulnerable People (RWVP) – Employment category.

About the Supervisor role:

- Supervising students completing exams in accordance with TASC requirements
- Preparing exam rooms, setting out and collecting exam papers
- Supporting students with Reasonable Adjustments to their assessments
- Completing Supervision Reports for each exam supervised
- Assisting the Supervisor Coordinator with the return of completed exam papers, including manual handling tasks
- Supervisor pay rate of \$127.50 per exam session + payment for training.

To find out more about the roles and how to apply, see the TASC Employment¹⁵ page. Supervisor applications close on **Friday 1 September**.

¹⁴https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/public_transport/student_travel/conveyance_allowance?fbclid=IwAR2fFQcCa-k4yi3hhQgTSekUrSwiWXTUOrZL6xcz2bZMhIPTsONgiNe7R_o

¹⁵<https://www.tasc.tas.gov.au/about/employment/>

Facebook - Community Chat



We would like to invite you to join our newly-created Facebook community group, designed specifically for members of Tasmanian school association committees. Our aim is to create a platform where committees can connect, collaborate, and share ideas with each other.

Why should you join our Facebook group:

1. **Connect with other committees:** The group provides a space for you to connect with members of other school association committees. You can share ideas, learn from each other, and work together to achieve shared goals.
2. **Share resources and information:** As members of different school association committees, you each have a wealth of knowledge and resources that can benefit other committees. The group aims to provide a platform for you to share this information and help each other succeed.
3. **Collaborate more easily:** With our Facebook group, collaborating with other committees has never been easier. You can use the group to schedule joint meetings, share documents, and communicate more efficiently.

Join the group now by searching Facebook for "Tasmanian School Association Committee - Chat" or following the link...

Tasmanian School Association Committee - Chat¹⁶

We hope you'll join us in our Facebook community group and help us build a strong and supportive community of school association committees.

Don't forget to follow our public Facebook page to stay informed with the latest grants, upcoming TASSO events and general School Association information.

¹⁶<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6047742142019981/>

Like and follow us here: <https://www.facebook.com/tasso.org.au>

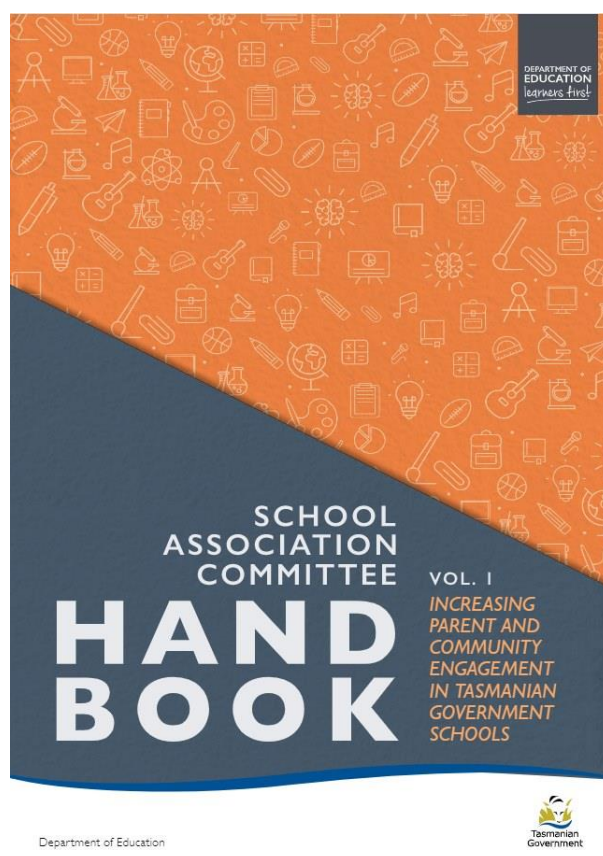
Does your association have a Facebook page? Do you need more information about how to set up an Association page?

Let us know if you require any assistance.

Social Media Policy¹⁷

Social Media Procedure¹⁸

School Association Committee Handbook and Resources



1 - School Association Committee Handbook¹⁹

Download the School Association Handbook²⁰

¹⁷[https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document Centre/Social-Media-Policy.pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document%20Centre/Social-Media-Policy.pdf)

¹⁸[https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document Centre/Social-Media-Procedures.pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document%20Centre/Social-Media-Procedures.pdf)

¹⁹[https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Shared Documents/School Committee Toolkit.pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Shared%20Documents/School%20Committee%20Toolkit.pdf)

²⁰[https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Shared Documents/School Committee Toolkit.pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Shared%20Documents/School%20Committee%20Toolkit.pdf)

Download Frequently Asked Questions²¹

For additional templates and forms: <https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/community-and-engagement/school-association-committees/> ²²

Download Secretary Instructions No. 7 for School Associations²³

Download Ministerial Instructions No. 12 for School Associations²⁴

Update Your Committee Details

To ensure information is landing in the correct inbox, please update your new Committee details post your AGM.

Complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/w2e8aYwS0D>

Email: info@tasso.org.au²⁵

Call: 6243 7718

Still wish to receive TASSO information: <https://forms.office.com/r/XHBLjVBgwe>

Contact Us

TASSO is the recognised peak state body representing Tasmanian State School Associations. We provide guidance and assistance to School Association Committees and their members, while advocating for the best educational outcome for all students in State Schools.

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Visit us at www.tasso.org.au²⁶

remember to follow us on Facebook²⁷

²¹<https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Shared Documents/School-Associations-FAQ.pdf>

²²<https://www.decyp.tas.gov.au/about-us/community-and-engagement/school-association-committees/>

²³<https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document Centre/School-Associations-Secretarys-Instruction-No-7.pdf>

²⁴<https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/library/Document Centre/School-Associations-Ministerial-Instruction-No-12.pdf>

²⁵<https://info@tasso.org.au>

²⁶<https://www.tasso.org.au>

