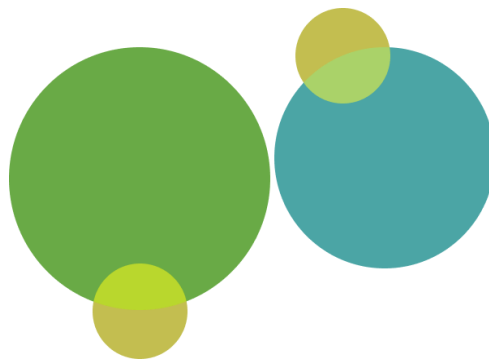




## Term 3 Newsletter | 2024



Welcome back to Term 3!

There is a lot happening in the world of state school education at the moment. The Tasmanian State Government is undertaking an Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools. If your child has experienced bullying, we encourage you to complete our survey to add to the collective parent voice.

Additionally, the Government is conducting a review into Education in Tasmania. The scope of this inquiry is currently unclear, TASSO will be involved in the review, we will continue to share opportunities to contribute to share parent voice.

In the School Association world, Term 3 is a great opportunity to reflect on any plans you had for 2024. Are they on track? Review the School Improvement Priorities post mid-year reports and check in on the school's targets with the question: is there any area that the School Association can help with? If you have a fundraising sub-committee, how are they tracking? Is there a plan for fundraised monies? Is there a school policy due for review? Term 3 is a good time to review the uniform policy or sports policy.

It's also a good time to start thinking about planning for 2025 and how to best use the Term 4 meeting to help add parent voice to the School Improvement Priorities in 2025.

For TASSO, May and June were spent meeting with Tasmanian politicians and meeting with members. TASSO President Krissy and I had the pleasure of attending the Queensland P&C conference and meeting with other state and territory versions of TASSO. It was a fabulous and informative weekend. We've also established regular meetings with ACARA, the body responsible for the Australian Curriculum, NAPLAN, and the My School website, to ensure that parent voice is reflected in their work.

We are continuing our advocacy for schools to be fully funded.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of our online sessions or at the upcoming Special General Meeting and AGM.

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Sincerely, Jessica Bennett

## Join the TASSO Board

The TASSO Board invites expressions of interest (EOIs) to fill roles as Board members.

TASSO stands as the peak body for School Associations across all Tasmanian State Schools. We offer support and guidance to School Association Committees while actively advocating for parents in consultations with key education stakeholders.

### Responsibilities:

- Hiring and overseeing leadership
- Policy development
- Risk management
- Performance monitoring
- An ambassador for the organisation

### We are seeking individuals who:

- Possess a passion for government education.
- Bring governance experience (or undergo training).
- Can bring skills in a relevant area such as accounting, risk management, volunteer/change management or governance.
- Demonstrate strategic thinking skills.
- Be adept at collaborating statewide through technology.
- Embrace principles of accountability, transparency, and integrity.

### Submit expression to

[info@tasso.org.au](mailto:info@tasso.org.au)



For inquiries, reach out to  
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or via email.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON AUGUST 8th, 2024**

**VISION** | Every school has an effective School Association Committee  
**MISSION** | Strengthen and support School Association Committees

**Our focus is on you, our members.**

### Welcome to our new team member!

**Introducing our new Operations Assistant – Kate Crawford**

Kate joined our team in May, supporting the amazing work of Jess and the Board in supporting State School Associations. Kate is located in the south of the state and has been starting to visit and connect with southern based schools and school associations this past few weeks.

Kate briefly joined our TASSO Board last year, before exiting after a close family member passed away. She was part of the Margate Primary School Parents and Friends Committee from 2017 until 2022 and was a member of the Kingston High School Association from 2012-2022.

Kate has three children, Tori (Grade 10), Claire (Grade 7) and Jimmy who is two years old.

To contact Kate, email [kate@tasso.org.au](mailto:kate@tasso.org.au)

## Upcoming Events



8 August 2024

Online

7.30pm

# Special General Meeting

To adopt amendments to the TASSO constitution.

**MOTION 1:** To adopt the amendments to the constitution of the TASSO Board and election of the TASSO Board Members (sections 25 & 26)

**MOTION 2:** To adopt the amendments to election of Officers of the TASSO Board (section 24)

**MOTION 3:** To adopt the administration amendments to the TASSO constitution as tabled

REGISTRATIONS: <https://events.humanitix.com/tasso-special-general...>

# AGM



Followed by a session by TASSO

22 August 2024

Online

7.30pm

1. Welcome
2. Confirmation of minutes from the 2023 AGM
3. Confirmation of minutes from the 2024 SGM
4. Business arising from the previous general meetings
5. Adoption of the 2023/2024 TASSO Annual Report
6. Confirmation of the 2023/2024 Financial Report and Audit
7. Announcement of/Election of TASSO Board

REGISTRATIONS: <https://events.humanitix.com/tasso-agm-jpla6vy2/tickets...>

## Info for Families

### Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools | TASSO's submission

We encourage you to share your thoughts to help shape TASSO's submission for the Inquiry into Discrimination and Bullying in Tasmanian Schools.

There are a couple of ways to get involved -

We have a survey to capture your voice and reflect in our submission - this can be completed by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/gyVQNdBX3R> The survey may take up to 20 minutes to complete and will close on Tuesday 30th July 2024

If you would like to have a phone conversation to share your thoughts, please email [kate@tasso.org.au](mailto:kate@tasso.org.au) to arrange a time to chat prior to the 31st July 2024.

### Family Engagement in Schools Survey

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will be explained (sometimes there is crossover).

While we are capturing some general information about your school, the information gathered will be used aggregately to create a picture of schools, we will not identify any single school in our reporting.

While we are primarily focused on State Schools, we invite parents of students in non-government (Catholic and Independent) schools to also complete the survey. Aggregate data may be shared with the parent representative bodies of non-government schools and used in our reporting.

We acknowledge that there are often differences in methods of communication and engagement between schools and between classes within the same school. We encourage you to complete this survey for each of the children in your care, this will ensure that we capture a truer picture of family engagement.

Upon completion of the survey, you will have the option to enter the draw for a one of four \$50 gift cards. You may choose to donate your entry to your School Association (State Schools only).

Survey closes: 31 August 2024

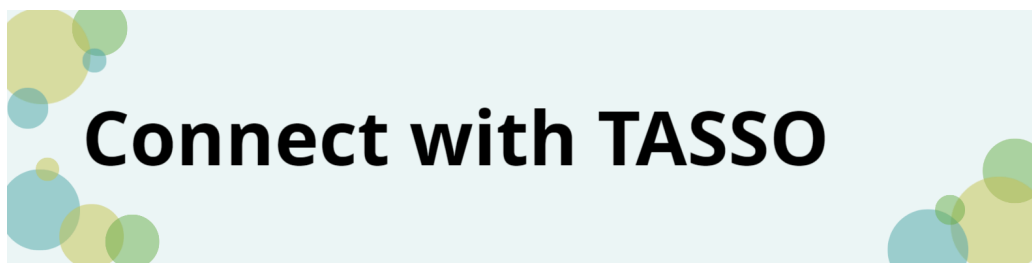
Survey winners will be selected randomly and notified by email within 14 days of survey close.

**Complete your survey via this link:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FamilyES2024>



We are introducing a new section to our newsletter where we can shine the spotlight on Tasmania's School Association Committees!

If you would like your committee featured, please reach out to, [Kate@tasso.org.au](mailto:Kate@tasso.org.au) and arrange this. You may have an event coming up, a story to share, or just share about your committee to the wider network.



### **Connect with us**

We are always happy to join your School Association meeting, or have a chat with you about our resources, any challenges, or topics you may like to connect over, or ways we can best support you and your committee – if you would like TASSO to connect with you, please reach out to [info@tasso.org.au](mailto:info@tasso.org.au)

### **Share your feedback**

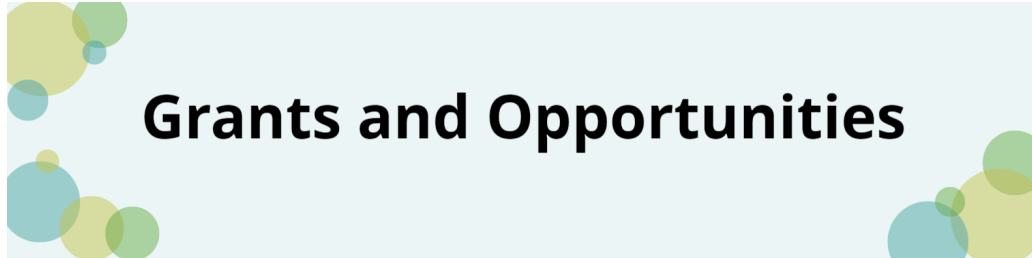
We would love to hear your feedback to help us grow!

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## Access TASSO's Resources

The TASSO website has many helpful resources to best assist your School Association Committee navigate roles within then committees and ways of working. These can be accessed by going to <https://www.tasso.org.au/resources>

**NEW RESOURCE |** Our latest released resource is about **School Association Committee Banking** <https://www.tasso.org.au/resources/treasurer>



### Susan Ryan Family Engagement Award 2024

We are excited to share that the Susan Ryan Award is now open for applications. Do not miss this opportunity to recognize and reward outstanding achievements at your school!

This award celebrates excellence in our school communities in the crucial area of Family Engagement.

Nomination details can be accessed via this link: [Nominate today](#). Nominations close on October 10th, 2024.

### Strengthening Rural Communities Grant

<https://frrr.org.au/funding/place/src-small-vital/>

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) Small & Vital stream gives small remote, rural, and regional communities across Australia the opportunity to access funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities.

Grants up to \$10,000 are available for a broad range of grassroots, community-led initiatives that directly and clearly benefit local communities that strengthen local people, places, and climate solutions, with a preference for smaller communities (populations under 15,000).

### Tas Community Fund | Community Action 2024

<https://tascomfund.smartygrants.com.au/2024CommunityAction>

The Tasmanian Community Fund is calling for applications from not-for-profit community organisations for projects that support strong, vibrant, and resilient communities, through

programs and activities that remove barriers to learning for 8–19-year-olds and build leadership capability and capacity across the community.

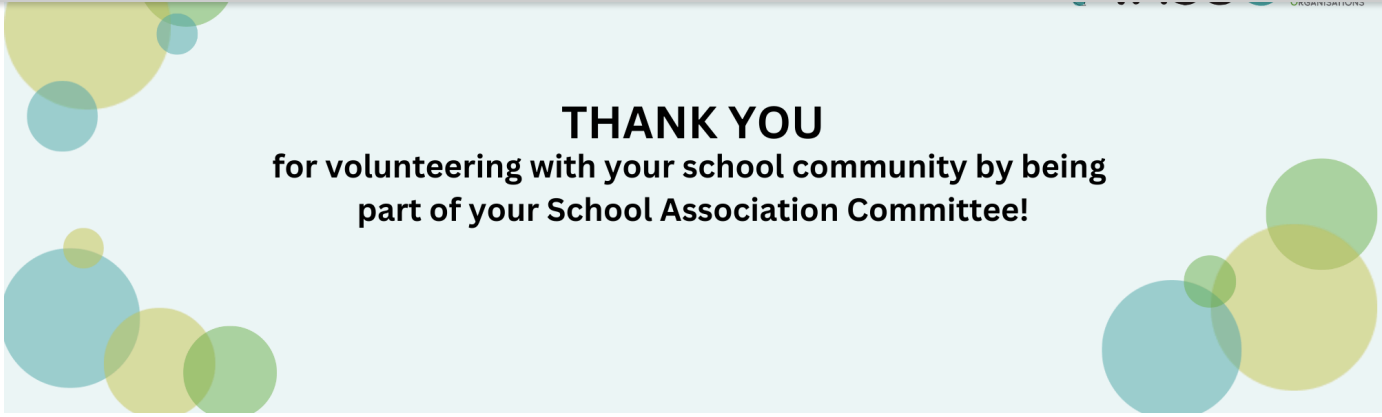
Application timeline: Applications open at 8am on 1 January 2024 and the applications can be received until 5pm on 31 December 2024. Please note that this year, the Community Action Grant Round will be open for the full year.

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**THANK YOU**  
for volunteering with your school community by being  
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