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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

How wonderful it was to have so many families join us last Friday for our open classrooms and Welcome BBQ. The event was an outstanding success and I would like to thank the many volunteers who assisted us on the day. A special thank you must be extended to TPSA Committee members Simona, Narelle, Hugh, Tracey and Hilary for their tireless efforts behind the scenes in the lead up to the BBQ. A reminder that it's not too late to volunteer your services to participate in future TPSA events by completing the online form available at this link: [TPSA Volunteer Form](#). The next meeting of the TPSA is coming up this Tuesday 2nd March and I do hope to see some new faces at the meeting - you can even join us online by emailing TPSAenquiry@gmail.com for the Zoom log in details.

Year 6 Leadership Programs

Last week our Year 6 students began delivering their Prep-Year 5 Daily Fitness Program after having two training sessions with Kylie Broadbent and Y5-6 teachers. From the high levels of student participation and positive staff feedback, it was a terrific start to Daily Fitness for everyone!

Last week, our Year 6 students also had the opportunity to nominate for house captain selections in preparation for today's Athletics Carnival. Once again, staff and students were deeply impressed at the efforts taken by the candidates to prepare thoughtful, motivating speeches. Congratulations to the following students who were elected 2021 House Captains & Vice Captains:

- **Acacia:** Thomas W & Tess L-P (Captains) / Lewis B & Bea VG and Sophie B (Vice Captains)
- **Waratah:** Hamish C & Addison B (Captains) / Angus A & Bethany P (Vice Captains)

- **Melaleuca:** Henry N & Katie C (Captains) / Nick D & Elsa C (Vice Captains)

Next Wednesday, 3 March, four of our Student Parliamentarians; Isaac R (Prime Minister), Addison B (Leader of the opposition, Luna M and Henry N, will represent our school at the Southern Student Leaders Conference to be held at Huonville Primary School. Participating students will engage with keynote speaker Jordan Lovell, and panel speakers, as well as activities to learn, hear, write, draw, think and reflect about leadership in today's context. We look forward to hearing and seeing the learning in action on the students' return and at the next sitting of the TPS parliament in March.

Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Today all Yr3-6 students participated in the annual TPS Athletics Carnival with our school values firmly on display throughout the day. Maximum participation was once again our highest priority and it was fabulous to see so many children giving their best to receive points for their houses. This event is not possible without the support of our community volunteers, grounds and admin staff and our teachers, and of course the outstanding coordination and programming by Kylie Broadbent. Thanks Kylie for delivering another amazing carnival. Final scores for the day were as follows:



- **Acacia: 668**
- **Waratah: 619**
- **Melaleuca: 611**



Best wishes

Danielle Bresnehan

Principal

Classroom News

KINDER WILSON

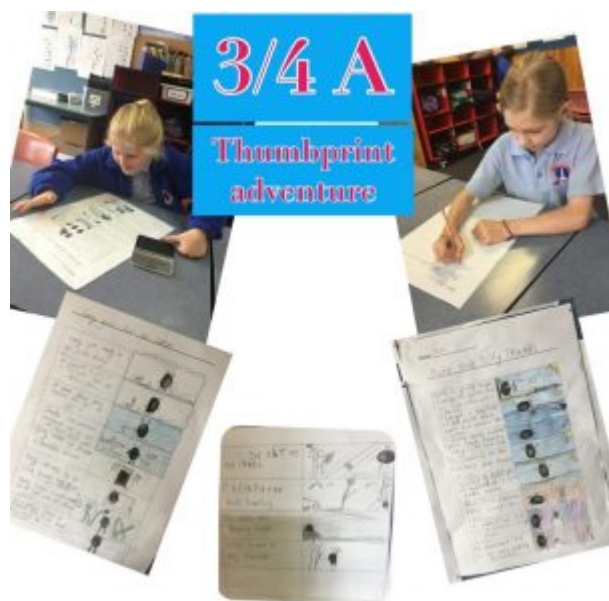
Last week our Kindergarten students explored the ECE playground. Please click on the images below to see more.



3-4A PARRY

In 3-4A we used our thumbprint to create a picture story about going on an adventure. Some of our 'thumbprints' went to the beach, playground, pool, down

a river, surfing, the shops, a dance party and even scuba diving. Please click on the images below for further information.



Launching Into Learning





TAROONA PRIMARY SCHOOL
LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING
(Years 4-6)

Come along to LIL every Thursday at 9.15-11am to have fun learning through play! Please bring along a piece of fruit to keep your energy levels up, as well as a drink and sunhat for outdoor exploration.

Term 1 calendar 2021

During this term we will be learning about **Shape and Colour**. We will have some visitors, a chance to explore at a local beach and get to know the classroom through play invitations. All sessions will be held in the Kindergarten classroom unless otherwise stated.

Thursday 11th February: All about circles and squares
 Thursday 18th February: All about triangles and rectangles
 Thursday 25th February: Looking at blue and green
 Thursday 4th March: Taroona Beach Park - colour searching, mandalas and art creation from natural materials and shapes. Meet at the park at 9.30am. In the case of poor weather we will meet in Kindergarten.
 Thursday 11th March: Looking at yellow and red
 Thursday 18th March: Yoga classes with Myle Murphy
 Thursday 25th March: Colourful sunset making with Anwen George and an Easter egg hunt.
 Thursday 1st April: There is NO LIL on this day.

Term 2 resumes on Thursday 22nd April

Please be aware that activities are subject to change, please see our school newsletter, Taroona Primary Facebook page or phone our office staff on 8227 8520 for updated times and information.



TPSA NEWS

Please find below links to documents from the most recent TPSA Meetings

2021 TPSA meeting dates

2nd March

30th March (AGM)

4th May

1st June

3rd August

7th September

12th October

2nd November

7th December

TPSA Draft Meeting Minutes 090221

TPSA Treasurer Report Feb 2021

TPSA Treasurer Report February 2021

Principal Report TPSA Meeting 9 February 2021

TPS Annual School Review 2020 Final

TPSA Diagram Final

Please send all enquiries / correspondence to TPSAenquiry@gmail.com

Medical Information for 2021

A health plan for conditions such as asthma, diabetes, allergies, epilepsy and anaphylaxis should be completed annually in consultation with your GP or specialist, together with authorisation forms to enable us to administer both non prescribed and prescribed medication.

Medication must be supplied to us in its original packaging, in date, and in its correct dose to be administered by our first aid staff at school.

Blank medical forms can be accessed from the school office or sent via email.

School Levies and Changes to STAS Eligibility

URGENT - Student Assistance Scheme (STAS)

STAS provides financial assistance for eligible families, by waiving the cost of school levies. It is provided through school and college resourcing, rather than direct to families. From Term 1, 2021 all families that are eligible for a Centrelink Health Care Card, Centrelink Low Income Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card will be eligible for STAS.

Please visit the Department's website for more information:
<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/parent-fact-sheets/fees-levies/>

If you are eligible please apply as soon as possible, or full payment of levies is expected.

FEES / LEVIES

School fees / levies form an essential proportion of school income. All parents and carers, other than those approved under the Student Assistance Scheme, are expected to contribute towards the cost of their child's education. **Levies are due in full by the end of Term 1. Invoices are posted out at the beginning of Term 1 (February).**

Levies for the 2021 school year, Kindergarten-Year 6, is \$325.00.

Payment of levies and charges can be made by:

- Cash or credit card at the school office
- Bpay, Bpoint
- Service Tasmania.

Families are encouraged to discuss payment of levies, as early as possible if there are financial difficulties, to discuss a levy payment plan

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Uniform Shop Location and Opening Hours

The TPS Uniform Shop is open on **Thursdays from 2:45pm - 3:15pm**. The Uniform Shop is located directly underneath the staffroom, accessible via the Early Childhood Playground and the Quadrangle.

The TPS Uniform Shop is a volunteer-run service that provides TPS families the convenience of purchasing uniforms from the school campus during school / school office hours.

Help Needed

To run this service, we ask parents and carers to please offer assistance, where possible. Help is currently needed once or twice a Term on a Thursday from 2:40pm to 3:15pm. Please contact Katie Ferguson on katieferguson@netspace.net.au if you can assist.

Current items on back-order

Hats (Size M), Short Sleeve Polo Tops (Size 10) and School Bags are currently out of stock. Delivery is expected to arrive in March (hats and tops) and April (bags).

Uniform Ordering

We encourage all parents to order their children's uniforms online via the QKR! App. Click **here** or instructions.

All orders received via QKR by 11am on Thursdays **will have their order ready for collection at the School Office on Friday mornings**. QKR is the preferred method to order uniforms.

Payment

Please note, Card/EFTPOS is the only accepted form of payment for uniform purchases.

Second-Hand Clothing

The second-hand clothing racks will be on display inside the uniform shop for purchasing. Second-hand clothing donations are very welcome, these can be dropped into the School Office during office hours.

Uniform Item and Price Lists

Please click [here](#) for the current list of uniform items.

Please click [here](#) for the order form (manual processing) and price list.

If you have questions about school uniforms, please contact the Uniform Shop Coordinator, Katie Ferguson via email katieferguson@netspace.net.au

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Student Absences

A reminder to parents/carers to advise the school office if their child is unable to attend school due to illness or any other reason.

- By phone (6227 8325)
- Email taroona.primary@education.tas.gov.au

A medical certificate is required if a child is absent due to illness for 5 days or more.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...							
I HAVE A FEVER	I HAVE DIARRHOEA	I AM SICKENING	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEADACHE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE A COUGH	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
							
Temperature of 38.0 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Active headache, day by day	Redness, itching and/or 'crusty' discharge from eye	Influenza like symptoms, cough, runny nose	Hospital stay and/or ED visit
I AM READY TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...							
Closer than for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication	Free from diarrhoea for at least 24-48 hours	Free from vomiting for at least 24 hours	Free from rash/itching or fever or well with no scabbing/bleed	Treated with appropriate line treatment at home	Until I have been treated by my doctor and infection clears	Until I am well again	Referred by my medical practitioner to return to school

Holidays/Family Events

If your family is going away on holiday, please email taroonaprimary@education.tas.gov.au with the details of your child's absence dates.

Signing Students in/out

To ensure we have an accurate record of student attendance, we ask that any student arriving at school later than 9:00am, or leaving for any reason during the school day, be signed in or out at the school office.

Messages to Students

If you need to get a message to your child, please contact the school before 2:15pm to ensure enough time for us to pass the message on.

Duty of Care

Please note that students are not to arrive before 8:30am. This is for the students' protection and safety as there are no teachers on duty prior to 8:30am and classrooms remain locked until this time. Supervision is provided before and after school:

- Playground (EXCLUDING PLAY WEST & OVAL) 8:30 to 8:55am
- Car park & bus area 2:50 to 3:05pm

LADY GOWRIE



Lady Gowrie Taroonaprimary Before and After School Care operates from the hall each

school day from 7:00-8:30 am (Before School Care) and 3:00-6:00 pm (After School Care), catering for children aged 4-12 years. We offer a safe and stimulating environment based on the children's interests incorporating both indoor and outdoor play. We employ trained Educators and provide a nutritious breakfast and afternoon tea each day. Please contact the Lady Gowrie Outside School Hours Care Office on 6230 6806 or email us at oshc@gowrie-tas.com.au for more information.



To ensure the safety of our school property, please ring Crime Stoppers if you see anyone acting suspiciously in our school grounds

Move Well Eat Well

