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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families

We have made a wonderful start to the 2017 school year!

Welcome back to all returning staff and students and a very warm welcome to the many new families who have joined our school community. Welcome also to Mrs Karen Gregson (Teacher, Grade 1-2), Mrs Debbie Clark (Teacher, Grade 4-5C) and Mrs Liz Parry (University of Tasmanian Student Teacher Intern, Grade 4-5PD).

This year we build momentum in the delivery of our Tarooma Primary School Improvement Plan 2016-2019, aligning our vision of developing **Creative Thinkers, Connected Learners and Inspired Leaders** through innovative and dynamic learning programs.

Over the coming weeks families will be given information about the range of learning opportunities available to students this year including Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Year 3-4 Junior Rhythm Ensemble, Year 5-6 Concert Band, Python for Whip Snakes, Code Club, Chess / Crib Club and Ukulele Club. Letters will be sent home to families from class and specialist teachers by the end of week 3 providing an outline of what's in store for your children!

COMMUNICATION 2017

The school newsletter contains important information about current school events and activities as well as notification of class excursions or events. The newsletter is uploaded to our school website every Friday afternoon, with the link emailed to families as well as posted to our school Facebook page. Limited print copies of the newsletter are available from the office. To update / change or add an email address, please email the office at: Tarooma.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Website: <http://www.taroomaprimary.tas.edu.au/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TaroonaPS>



OPEN CLASSROOMS & TPSA WELCOME BBQ

The Taroona Primary School Association Welcome BBQ is to be held on the netball court from 5.00pm on Friday 24th February. This is a great opportunity for the community to get together for the new school year and meet other families, both new and returning. All classrooms will be open just before the BBQ, from 4.30 - 5pm, for parents and families to drop in and say hi to their children's teachers. See the TPSA section below for more information.

TASMANIAN WETLANDS POETRY COMPETITION

Come along to Parliament House Lawns at 12:30 on Monday 13th to see three young poets from Taroona Primary School perform their winning poems as part of worldwetlandsdaypoetryprize.org. Jasmine Cooper, Bonnie Hewitt and Stella Taylor were all shortlisted poets in this statewide competition. Congratulations to Stella Taylor who was the state winner!

TPSA MEETING

Don't forget, all parents are automatically members of the Taroona Primary School Association. The first TPSA meeting is to be held next Tuesday evening, 14th February at 7pm in the staffroom. I hope to see you there.

Best wishes

Danielle Bresnehan, Principal

[KEY DATES 2017](#)- *click* to open the Calendar of events - this is updated every week.

[COMMUNITY NEWS](#) - *click* to open Community News

EXCURSIONS

3p & 3H - Tuesday 21st February - Channel Heritage Museum & Dru Point Bicentennial Park

As an integral component of our context for learning 'What Stories Lie Within our river - The Derwent' the students of 3P and 3H will be visiting the Channel Heritage Centre and Dru Point Bicentennial Park. To assist the tour guides we have been asked to have supervising parents for each small group of student. Please inform Linda or Bobby if you are available for the day to help support our learners. Volunteers must have a Working With Vulnerable People card. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 2pm.

Regards, Bobby Pedersen and Linda Hicks.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

LAUNCH INTO LEARNING (Birth - 4 years)

Starts again this Thursday 16th February. Click [here](#) for a calendar of events.

SUNSMART SCHOOL

We are a sun smart school and as such we require children to wear hats during Term 1 & 4. We also encourage the use of sunscreen. Please provide your child with a hat and ensure it comes to school. All classrooms have SPF 50+ sunscreen available for children to apply prior to going outside. Children with sensitive skin are encouraged to supply their own sunscreen.

MOVE WELL EAT WELL SCHOOL



Taroona Primary School is an accredited Move Well Eat Well Award school. We promote the health and wellbeing of students by making healthy eating and drinking and physical activity a regular part of every child's day. Each day classes have a scheduled fruit and veggie break to allow time for students to eat a piece of fruit or vegetable. We encourage all parents to support this program by putting a piece of fruit or vegetable in their child's lunchbox each day and ask that only water is brought to drink at school. Please keep sweet treats at home.

ALLERGY / NUT AWARENESS

We have a number of students in our school who are allergic to nuts and nut products. Exposure to nuts can trigger an allergic reaction and be life-threatening for these students, so please avoid sending nuts or nut-based products to school. We aim to keep our school as nut-free as possible to keep our students safe.

MEDICAL UPDATES

Parents of children with any medical conditions including asthma, please request a medical information authorisation form from our school office in order that we have correct medical information, authorisation to provide medication and in-date medication.



BOOK CLUB

Taroona Primary School will be offering Scholastic Book Club again this year. Jennifer Hemer has kindly offered her services and will be the Scholastic Book Club Coordinator. Your child will come home with an order form early next week. Orders can be made online or by completing the form and placing in the Book Club box in the office. The first order is due no later than Monday 27th February.

TAROONA PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION NEWS

WELCOME BACK BBQ: FRIDAY 24TH FEB FROM 5PM



SUSHI FRIDAY



Welcome Back to Sushi Fridays!!

This amazing service was introduced to Taroona Primary in 2013 by Dawn. This year Sushi Fridays will be run by Ally and Alex and anyone who would like to volunteer time for packing on Friday mornings. It has been a hugely popular initiative with students, staff and parents. It is a healthy and nutritious lunch choice that fits in with the philosophy of EAT WELL MOVE WELL that is endorsed by the school. As a Fundraising venture it raises approx. \$6000 a year for the TPSA to spend on your child's school.

The Sushi is delicious and freshly made and collected Friday mornings from Sushimatic in Hobart.

This year the prices remain unchanged at

Hand rolls: \$3.50

Inari: \$2.50

Sushi choices for this year are:

TERIYAKI CHICKEN - Chicken with cucumber and carrot

SMOKED SALMON - Salmon with cream cheese, carrot and cucumber

COOKED TUNA - Tuna with mayo, sweet corn, carrot and cucumber

AVOCADO - Avocado and Japanese Mayo

VEGETARIAN - Inari, red capsicum, carrot, cucumber and daikon

PLAIN INARI - Fried sweet tofu pockets filled with seasoned rice and white sesame seeds

How it works

ORDERING:

Money must be placed into a WELL SEALED envelope. The front of the envelope must be clearly marked with:

- **CHILDS NAME**
- **CHILDS CLASS**
- **SUSHI CHOICE AND QUANTITY**

The envelope must be put into the **SUSHI BOX** at the front office by TUESDAY (Wednesday morning at the absolute latest) for that Friday's delivery. The envelope you send is stapled onto the bag your childs sushi is delivered in.

Orders cannot be cancelled once placed due to ordering. If your child is away from school on Friday it is your choice if you would like to collect the Sushi from the school, delegate it to a sibling or consider it a donation. Please advise of what you would like to do when notifying the school of your childs absence.

Next week is the first week for Sushi Friday (Friday 17th February). Orders will need to be placed by Tuesday 14th February.

If you have any questions or would like to **volunteer** to help out on a Friday morning please feel free to contact me.

Ally Gunton: 0400607004 or allycgunton@gmail.com

We are hoping to be able to have a facility for parents to be able to order a childs sushi for a full term with full payment made in advance. If you are interested in this option please send me an email or text.

Here's to a fantastic Sushi and Fundraising year for Taroon Primary!!