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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

National Science Week is upon us with classes engaging in hands-on science activities, workshops, experiments, conversations and more! Last Friday, a number of classes participated in the amazing Festival of Bright Ideas at Princes Wharf and this week, many primary classes will be given the opportunity to engage in Tarooma High School's Science Fair. Next week we will be celebrating **Children's Book Week** with a range of activities including our annual Book Week Parade. This is always a colourful event, with parents and carers invited to come along on Wednesday and enjoy the festivities from 9am in the quadrangle. A reminder that the **Premier's Reading Challenge** finishes this Friday, 18th August and all children are encouraged to return their logs on or before the date.

Year 6 Peer Leader Program

An additional leadership opportunity is currently being developed for our Year 6 students. The Peer Leader Program (opt-in for interested students) will provide training to enable leaders to support and mentor our youngest students in the ECE playground. Peer leaders will be given a red hat so that they are easily identified. Mr Poynter is coordinating this program and has reported a very high interest, with over 35 Year 6 students willing to give 20 minutes of their break time each week to this program. More information will be provided as the

program commences over the next few weeks.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2018

Families within the Tarooma home area with young children who are eligible for Kindergarten in 2018 are urged to contact the office as soon as possible and arrange a time to tour the school and complete enrolment forms. All enquiries Phone 6227 8325 or email: Tarooma.primary@education.tas.gov.au

Kids Matter Primary Resources



Over the coming weeks, our newsletter will include information for families from KidsMatter Primary. KidsMatter Primary is a mental health and wellbeing framework for primary schools and is proven to make a positive difference to the lives of Australian children. KidsMatter Primary provides methods, tools and support to help schools work with parents and carers, health services and the wider community, to nurture happy, balanced kids. Please click on the image or link to obtain full access to this week's brochure on [Effective Family Communication](#).

Tasmania's Education Act

This week you may have seen or heard Education Minister Jeremy Rockliff in the media, explaining his decision not to lower the school starting age for Tasmanian school children. The proposal to lower the voluntary starting age for Kinder from four years to three and a half was part of reforms made to Tasmania's Education Act, and would have come into effect in 2020.

After receiving a report on the likely economic and social impacts of such changes on the state's early childhood education and care sector, the Minister accepted the report's advice not to proceed with the lower starting age. However, in recognition that access to high-quality early learning sooner is best for all Tasmanian children, the *Working Together for 3 Year Olds - targeted pre-school initiative* will be implemented. To find out more about this initiative visit the

Department [website](#).

Best wishes

Danielle Bresnehan

Principal

TASMANIA FIRE SERVICE - HOME FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM



Tasmania Fire Service

A firefighter from the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) is visiting our school this week to present a Home Fire Safety Program to our Prep to Grade 6 students.

The age appropriate program is designed to raise fire awareness in children and includes fun in class activities, videos, activity books, website www.tfseducation.com.au and giveaways.

Parents and other family members are also encouraged to participate by reading the information and assisting your child with the after school activities.

The TFS aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania and is part of the TFS's ongoing commitment to create a fire safe Tasmania.

Key Fire Safety Messages include,

[Wake up - Install a smoke alarm in every bedroom](#)

[Plan and practice a home fire escape plan with the whole family](#)

In a fire crawl low and go, go, go to the nearest exit

In an emergency call triple zero

Keep flammable material at least two metres from the heater

If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, rock and roll

Keep matches and lighters away from children

Cooking - Turn it off before you turn away

Cool a burn under cold water for at least 20 minutes

Most house fires can be avoided. Make your home fire safe

More information www.tfseducation.com.au

EARLY CHILDHOOD

TFS receives regular requests from kindergartens, preschools and child care centres asking for firefighters to visit and teach children about home fire safety.

TFS does not deliver structured fire safety programs to children below primary school age. This decision was made based on research carried out by the Mental Health Services of the Royal Children's Hospital and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Melbourne. This research indicated that:

- Children under the age of five had low retention of the information they had learned; and
- In some children, the information had actually stimulated their curiosity about fire and they had begun to play with fire. TFS has also developed resources for young children that introduce them to the friendly firefighter characters that they will meet when they receive the School Fire Education Program including a colouring book, a money box shaped like a fire truck, and stickers with home fire safety messages for the whole family.

TFS believes that parents and caregivers are the best people to make sure that very young children are safe from fire. To help with this, TFS has a [fire safety website](#) for parents, carers, teachers and students.

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NAPLAN ONLINE - TRIAL OF THE NEW ONLINE ASSESSMENT PLATFORM

You may have heard that NAPLAN online is being introduced across Australia over three years from 2017. Tasmanian Government schools will be administering NAPLAN online from 2019. NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

Our school has opted to trial the new assessment platform (the computer system the test will be taken on) and assess our readiness to participate in NAPLAN Online from 2019. This trial is called the School Readiness Test (SRT). The SRT is not a test of student achievement and results will not form part of a student's overall assessment.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN testing. During the trial, our school will have the opportunity to practice managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

Feedback from schools participating in the trial will inform transition to the online assessment as well as provide valuable feedback to shape the final development of the NAPLAN online platform.

The SRT has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students an opportunity to experience the types of questions that will be included in the new online assessment.

During September 2017, selected students in Years 4, 5 and 6 will participate in the trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking one online test that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. This test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete. Participation in this trial is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience.

If you have further questions, please contact Tony Poynter at the school.

WINTER CARNIVALS - YEAR 5/6 STUDENTS



Congratulations to all students who were selected to participate in the Winter carnivals in their respective sports.

Soccer - Ineeka, Ruby and Moreton

Netball - Laura and Olivia (absent)

Football - Joel, Pat, Nick and Lucas

Hockey - Floyd, Max, Sam, Adam, Anders and Andy Good luck for your all day round robin carnival on Tuesday 22nd August

Kylie Broadbent

PE Teacher

CLASS NEWS

Prep PY

Prep PY has been looking at Australian Animals through the lens of literature and art. We have created sketches of a possum from the TMAG, painted our visualisations from our class book 'Bollygum' by Gary Fleming and written beautiful sentences using positional language and place to orient the audience. We have also been investigating the animals on Australian coins. To complement our work, we will be going to see a performance of 'Diary of a Wombat' by Jackie French on Tuesday 22nd August.



3H

Many and varied learning experiences have been happening in 3H!

We have been problem solving, practicing our gymnastics, writing exciting book reviews, improving our filming techniques with clay characters we created, upgrading our cricket skills, performing at assembly with the 3H band, learning to draw in two point perspective and actively engaging and learning, with our 'O'clock Buddies'.

Please click onto our padlets to find out more!

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6GM

Grade 6 G/M News

Grade 6 G/M has recently finished the book "Wonder" and has started the novel, "The Cay." Both novels have many themes running through them, but one of the main themes is 'how we treat people.' We have had many discussions about the themes and how we can relate these to our school values. As a result we all wrote our own precepts, and poems showing our feelings about racism. Some examples of both are in the following pic collages. Other pieces of work are on display in our classroom.

Colours

Trees can be green,
Roses can be red
But still you look at me
And shake your head.

Why do you do this?
What did I do?
But still you look at me
Like I have hurt you.

Jake

Opposites

Cold, hot
Straight, curved
Soft, hard
Black, white

There are many opposites,
So why do differences matter?

Nick

We're All Different. But The Same

Flowers have many types,
Ice creams have many flavours,
Shops have different items,
Books have different stories,
A tool box has different tools,
People have different skin colours.

It doesn't matter what colour we are, we're all still human.

Marion

2017 Move On.

Black, brown, white, pink and yellow
It doesn't matter
We're all the same inside.
The way our heart beats,
Although it seems some don't use it enough.
The way our lips move,
Although it seems some use them too much.
The way we breathe in,
Although it seems some could make that stop.

Ruby

Colours of us

All of the colours outside
All of the colours inside
All of the colours you have ever seen
All of the colours of us

Although, people have been judgemental
Which is easy to do
But just think...

Colours of houses, white, black, pink, yellow
Colours of cars, white, black, pink, yellow
Colours of us, white, black, pink, yellow

Colour doesn't change what things are
Colour doesn't change what we are!

Mollie

Racism

Racism, it is truly mean,
Racism, supporter? You fiend.
Racism, don't be cruel,
Racism, don't be a fool.
Racism, who cares about colour?
Racism, don't make life duller.
Racism, it might be in the distance,
Racism, but YOU can make a difference!

Nicholas Harpur

Make a Difference

If I can make a difference
You can make a difference
We could make a difference
And stop racism!

James Rainbow

WE'RE ALL JUST THE SAME

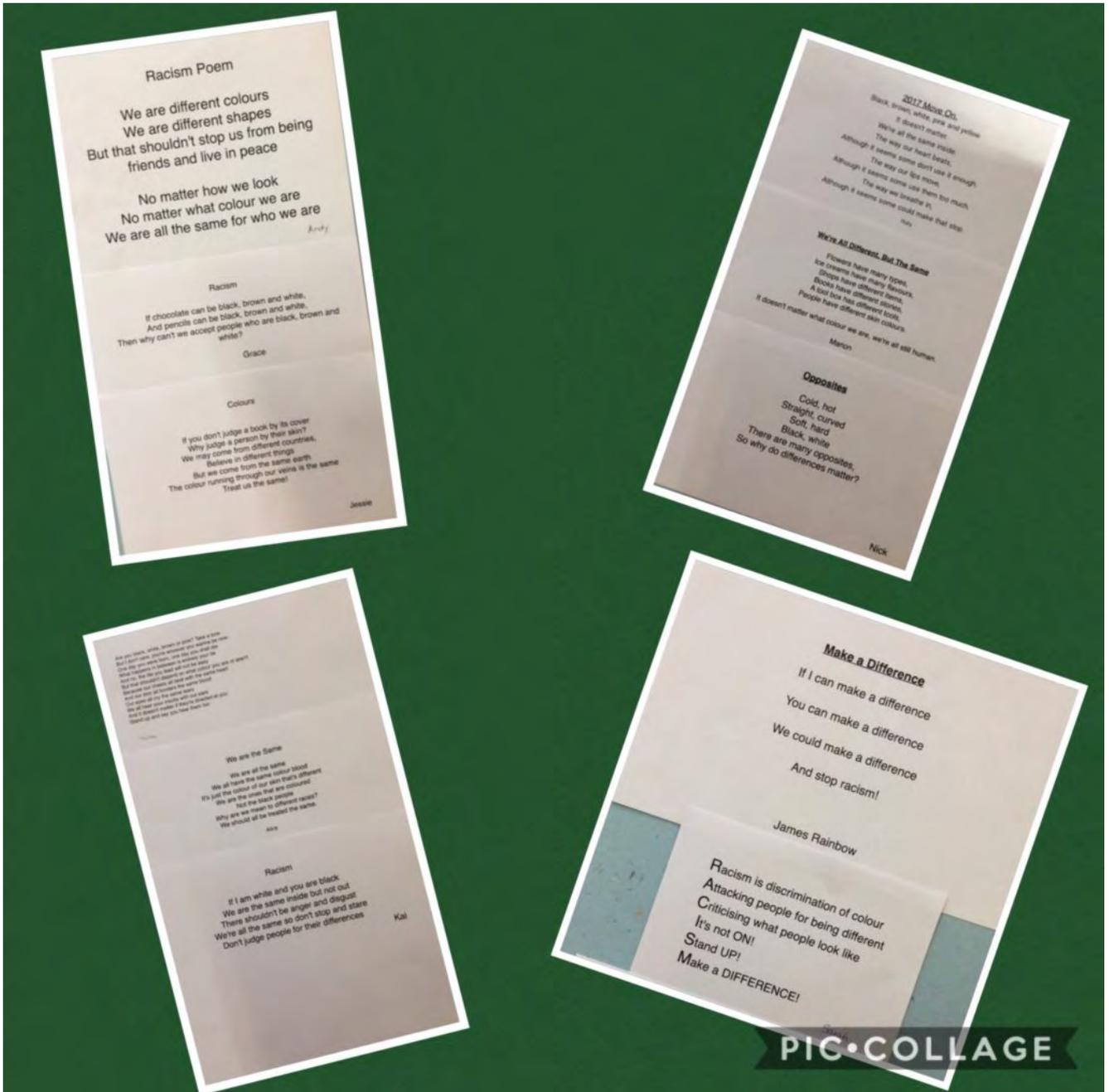
WE LIVE TOGETHER, WE DIE TOGETHER.
THE COLOUR MAKES NO CHANGE.
WE WERE ALL BORN ON THIS EARTH AND WE'RE
ALL JUST THE SAME,
SO THE COLOUR OF OUR SKIN SHOULDN'T MAKE
US STRANGE.

ISHMAEL

PIC•COLLAGE







BOOK WEEK - Monday 21 August - Friday 25 August. *Book Parade on Wednesday 23 August at 9am.*



This year our school we will be celebrating “Book Week” from Monday 21 to Friday 25th of August.

Book Week is the longest running children’s festival in Australia and it is a great opportunity to celebrate Australian Authors & Illustrators.

The Children’s Book Council has announced the short list titles for 2017. We now have these titles in our library and teachers will be reading them to our students in the lead up to the announcement of the winners. As part of the Book Week celebrations the library will be running a number of activities including:- Daily Story Telling, Story Quiz, Art Activities and the “BOOK CHARACTER PARADE”.

This year our parade will be held on **Wednesday 23rd August at around 9 am** and everyone is encouraged to come as their favourite Book Character. If you need any help with ideas for dress ups, we have books on costumes in the library & there are plenty of great ideas on the internet. So have fun!

Kind Regards

Kristina - Library

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS - Crazy Hair Day - We raised....\$407.70 for Cystic Fibrosis - Well done, everyone.

TAROONA PRIMARY SCHOOL SOCCER - END OF SEASON BBQ

Event: Taroon Primary School Soccer End of Season BBQ and Presentations

Date: Saturday 9 September 2017 at 2pm - 4pm (This is also the date of last round of soccer)

Where: TPS Quadrangle

TPSA NEWS

Please see Seaside Festival News at the top of this page for the latest Seaside Festival News

Taroona SEASIDE FESTIVAL

11AM-4PM SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017

Start donating

We need your donations of quality items for the huge range of stalls on offer at the Festival!

Toys, trash and treasure, plants, clothing, books and any other items no matter how small, are welcome and will help raise funds for our students.

Find out how you can donate your quality, pre-loved or new items by contacting the stall coordinator. Stall list is attached.

Major raffle

Don't forget if you, or someone you know in the community, can make a significant donation to our raffle, the Festival's major fund raising initiative, please contact a Festival Committee member now.

Get your TPS Karma Kup!

Inspired by our TPS students and their care for the environment, the Festival Committee encourages you to buy your very own TPS Karma Kup to help your family's war on waste!

Place your family order for your own reusable Karma Kup in white or black before they run out. Bring them along to the Festival with your own shopping bags to show you care for our environment.

Fill in the order form (attached) and return to TPS Reception. Karma Kups will be distributed each Friday during Term 3 (commencing 18 August) via the oldest child in your family.

Love fashion and clothes?

The Festival needs a Coordinator for the popular second-hand clothing stall! Turn a small part of the School grounds into a chic place for everyone to find a new piece for their wardrobe. We would love to hear from you as soon as possible.

Follow us

Please follow the Festival Committee and our organising efforts via the Taroona Primary Parent Association Facebook page.

Festival Committee

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Karma Kups are coming to TPS....

Put an end to waste and put sustainability in the palm of your hand with reusable, recyclable Karma Kups.

Perfect for the car, work, picnics, camping and for the cold rainy days spent on the side line cheering on your children!

\$10each One Size
Two colour options – white or black cup

Order your cups now for the family, and bring them along to the TPS Seaside Festival to help our war on waste.

For more info contact Alana Fitzgibbon
E: alana.fitzgibbon@ths.tas.gov.au

Material: BPA Free Plastic | Silicone.

Only 300 in stock – order quickly!

Step 1: Fill in form

Step 2: Place money and form in an envelope

Step 3: Deliver envelope to KARMA CUP box located at school office (next to the Sushi box) – orders need to be in by 9am Wednesdays.

Step 4: Orders will be delivered to your child's class on a Friday (just like Sushi)

- Examples of each cup are located at the School office for your viewing.

Student name: _____

Student class: _____

Number of white cups: _____

Number of black cups: _____

Money enclosed: \$ _____

*Thank you for
supporting our
school!*



Supplied by SLICK promotions.

Karma Kup Profile 320ml / 11oz

PRE-TEEN & TEEN ONLINE PARENTING PROGRAM

Researchers at The University of Queensland are offering Australian parents of pre-teens and teens (aged 10-16 years) the opportunity to try a brand new online parenting program for free as part of a research trial. The program is based on the successful Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

To find out more or register for the study, visit:

<https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/online>

Tired of fighting with your teen?

Worried about their behaviour?

Free Online Program for Parents of Tweens and Teens!

Parents want to raise teenagers who are respectful and responsible, happy and confident. But, helping your teen navigate adolescence can be stressful and unpredictable.

Researchers at The University of Queensland are excited to offer Australian parents of pre-teens and teens (aged 10-16 years) the opportunity to try a brand new online parenting program for free as part of a research trial. The program is based on the successful Triple P: Positive Parenting Program.

We are looking for parents who are experiencing conflict with their teenager or have concerns about their behaviour. You will be asked to complete questionnaires to help test the effects of the program.

Teen Triple P Online can help you:

- Build a stronger relationship
- Negotiate boundaries and expectations
- Deal calmly with conflict and emotional outbursts
- Prepare teens for risky situations
- Equip teens to handle life's problems

To find out more: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentingteens/project/online>

Email: parentingteens@uq.edu.au



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TPSA NEWS

We meet once a month at 7pm in the Staffroom at the School to discuss everything from school staffing, updates on grounds, fundraising and ideas or issues brought to our attention by parents and staff.

2017 Dates: 4 September, 16 October, 13 November & 4 December

If you are unable to attend meetings but would still like to know what's going on, you can be added to our email list. Please email tpsaenquiry@gmail.com requesting to join the list.

SEASIDE FESTIVAL - save the date - *Saturday 11 November 2017, 11am - 3pm.*



[click on images to enlarge](#)

See below for the latest information. ([All other information is available via this link](#))



LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING

Click [here](#) for Term 3 Calendar

Woolworths Earn & Learn: - it's on again.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is on again! It gives primary and secondary schools, and Early Learning Centres around Australia the chance to earn amazing school resources. Earn one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every \$10 spent at Woolworths. Stick the Stickers on a Sticker Sheet. Drop the Sticker Sheet into a Collection Box at the School Office or at Woolworths in Sandy Bay. We have Sticker Sheets at the office.

Click [here](#) for Sticker Sheets, more information, Frequently Asked Questions and Terms & Conditions - then stick together with your local community.

SCHOOL INFORMATION



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

School Banking: Calling for volunteers - we need your help!



We are looking for volunteers to assist running the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program this year with a view to replacing the current Grade 5/6 Parents for 2018. This only takes about an hour of your time one day a week (currently Thursday morning). The program is great for students to develop saving skills and is also a great fundraiser for our school. Please click [here](#) for the Commonwealth Bank information and Newsletter.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Leanne Barnbaum at barnbaum@bigpond.com or Alison Phillips at <mailto:aphillip5@yahoo.com.au>.

Uniform Shop News

We are open on Tuesdays between 2:45 and 3:15 under the staffroom. If you can't make this time, place an order at the office for collection the following Wednesday morning.

Sushi



Click [here](#) for the sushi menu

Hello Parents and Families,

DID YOU KNOW: You can order a full term of Sushi for your child/children by paying in the first few weeks. There are 10 weeks in term 3 so please multiply your order by 9 if you submit it in the 2nd week of term. For example one sushi

roll for term will be \$31.50. If your child is absent from school on Friday you have the options of sending their sushi to a sibling within the school, pick it up or donate it to the school. Please let the office know when notifying of student absence.

Thankyou to those adventurous students who have been trying out the new Sushi fillings. Our grade one classes and grade six classes continue to lead the way with Sushi orders. A big Thankyou to all families for supporting the Sushi program and in term fundraising for your childrens school.

For any queries during Term 3, please email Alex Terhell at: alex.terhell@outlook.com.au

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 CREEK PLAYGROUND & OVAL) 8.30am to 8.55am
- Car park & bus area 2.50pm to 3.05pm

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Move Well Eat Well



LIMIT
'OCCASIONAL'
FOODS

Healthy food *FAST!*

Quick meals for your family:

- Pizza with less meat and more vegetables 
- Pasta with tomato based sauce
- BBQ chicken and vegetables 
- Grilled fish and salad 
- Lean meat or vegetable burger with salad
- Jacket potato with vegetables in the topping

Enjoy a cold glass of water with meals.

For more information and for family ideas on healthy eating and physical activity visit:

www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

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