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## **PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Dear Families,

I would like to end the term by acknowledging the amazing work of our team here at Taroom. Their commitment to your children and their educational outcomes, including social and emotional support, is nothing short of outstanding. This term has been testament to their willingness to go above and beyond, including time spent outside of school hours providing opportunities for your children to shine.

The whole of school Arts Rotation Program was an outstanding success - the Arts Showcase on Tuesday was an excellent event to capture this learning. Thank you to Sarah Wilson, Linda Hicks, Bobby Pedersen and Debbie Clark (TPS Arts Team) for inspiring us with this project during Term 3. Our appreciation is also extended to all the parent helpers, community volunteers and THS students whose support during the Arts sessions was invaluable!

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Andrea Smith, Parent Volunteer for the Senior Choir this year. Yesterday's performance at the Arts Celebration showed how skilled the students have become under Andrea's expert tuition. Andrea will not be available to continue her work in Term 4 and I would like to express our sincerest thanks to Andrea on behalf of the students and staff for her efforts this year.

**Introducing TPS Story Dogs**

We are very excited to introduce Kathryn and Maisie and welcome them to the Tarooma Primary School community. They are our Story Dog Team, and will be working with children in 1-2 Gregson and 2 Penfold on Tuesday afternoons, starting in Term 4. Story Dogs is a reading support program where selected children read to an accredited dog (Maisie) and its handler (Kathryn). Please click on the brochure below to read all about this exciting program, made possible through generous financial support provided to Story Dogs Tasmania by the Kingborough Lions Club.



## Staffing Update 3P

Mrs Bobby Pedersen has very recently been appointed to a new role as Project Officer - Blended Learning within Curriculum Services. This fixed-term position is scheduled to start on October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017 for a 12 month period. Bobby's last day at Tarooma for 2017 will therefore be Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Given the extremely short timeframe, the resulting vacancy is yet to be filled. I will communicate to all 3P families as soon as I have more information regarding the teacher for 3P in Term 4.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our very best wishes to Bobby on this exciting promotion, and look forward to the continued support Bobby will provide for TPS staff in her new role within the Department.

## Retirement News

At last week's assembly, staff, students and the TPSA celebrated Mrs Heather Fallon's 42-year teaching career and her significant contribution to our TPS community over the past 11 years! Thank you to Shelagh Curtain who made a presentation to Heather on behalf of the TPSA. It has been wonderful having Heather return to work with us this term whilst Jane Graham-Smith has been on LSL. I would like to sincerely thank her for her efforts and energies with 4-5GS over the past 10 weeks and extend our very best wishes to Heather for this next exciting phase.

Families may also have heard that Mr Phil Grinham will be retiring at the end of 2017. Phil recently announced his decision and will be finishing 6 years with us at the end of Term 4.

### **Pre-Kinder Program Commences Thursday 19th October, 9.15am Kindergarten Block**

Information will be mailed out this week to all families with children who have been allocated places in Kindergarten at TPS in 2018. Session information and dates are included in this pack. Please contact the office at the start of Term 4 if you require further information.

Please note that Tony Poynter will be Acting Principal for the remainder of this week (Wednesday to Friday) whilst I travel to Newcastle and participate in the 10-day Australian Women Masters Hockey Tournament.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday break.

*Danielle Bresnehan*

Principal

## **TAROONA AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Taroona Awards at last week's assembly. A copy of the certificates are on the wall in the foyer at the office if you would like come in to have a look and read.

- Respect -Lilli HT
- Creativity - Tabitha R, Sean L
- Excellence - Jimmy T, Lara S, Jemma V, Charlie W, Flynn Mc, Addison B,

Max HT, Thomas S, Charlie B, Natanyia J, Jack LP, Hal D

- Resilience - Oliver W, Livanshi S, Henry S, Toby B
- Resilience & Excellence - Angus A
- Excellence, Creativity and Resilience - Eve C
- Creativity & Collaboration - Ruby J
- Creativity & Excellence - Soraya N
- Resilience & Respect - Cameron H
- All five values - Kes B, David H

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### **The Pop Scare Machine Presentation - TMAG 26th September 2017**

A group of students from 1-2 G presented their Rube Goldberg machine at the My Education technology challenge with Mrs Gregson this morning at TMAG. Their presentation included photos & video of the learning journey and the terrific machines that the class invented. Congratulations to everyone involved!

### **Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society Art Competition 2016**

Recently, the school was advised that our 2016 prep Sattler Class won the **Special Creativity Prize - Class Category** for the series artwork *Weather in our World* in the Australian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society Art Competition 2016! This Australia-wide art competition is open to any student / class in Australia who are in pre-school to year 10. The school has received \$200 to go towards purchasing meteorological and/or oceanographic theme books / science kits / resources.

Please click on the link to see the [Prep 2016 Prize](#) Winning Artwork.

## ARTS CELEBRATION



## ***Put a lid on Climate Change***

Students in Year 1 at Taroon Primary School focused on Weather this term and the progression to Climate Change became a natural one.

After speaking to various Scientists who are experts in their field, the students brainstormed words that reflected their understandings. One student then summarised Climate Change as 'Weather changing our future.'

There is an understanding that we need to rethink some of our actions and consider the environment in our everyday living. Thus 'Put a lid on Climate Change.' Students have used old lids from jars and containers to frame their individual art work.

The artwork represents The Sun heating up The Earth with the chain showing the strong link between the two elements.

## **KIDSMATTER PRIMARY**



**Children and grief**

**When life hurts...**  
Nine-year-old Serge and his family have been going through a tough time. Two years ago his Mum and Dad separated. Serge moved with his Dad to a new house and, for a while, Serge hardly saw his Mum. He had to move schools too. All these changes took a lot of getting used to.  
Earlier this year Serge's grandfather died suddenly. Serge felt really sad but he put on a brave face because he wanted to cheer up his Dad. His old job had to be...

**How grief affects children**  
Like adults, children experience grief when they lose someone or something they love. A death in the family is particularly hard for children, but this is not the only time grief occurs. Other kinds of losses can also lead to grief reactions. These may include:

- the death of a family member, friend or pet
- separation of parents and family break-up
- change of schools or moving house
- loss of a friendship
- relocating to a new country
- having a disability or medical illness
- having a family member in hospital for a long time.

Children's grief reactions commonly include crying.

This week's fact sheet focuses on children and grief.

Please click on the image to access the 2-page article.

# CLASS NEWS

## 3P

This term our context for learning in 3P has been Hobart - Past, Present and Future. We have been comparing how Hobart looked and functioned long ago and finding the similarities and differences. We embarked on a mystery tour of Hobart which highlighted a number of these. This helped us to appreciate the rich history that surrounds us.

Check out the padlet link below which highlights a few of our learning experiences from the term.

[https://padlet.com/bobby\\_pedersen/gcbqn5m3n98d](https://padlet.com/bobby_pedersen/gcbqn5m3n98d)

Or keep up with our learning via Fronter - our online classroom.

<https://casas.tas.edu.au/vle/>

Guest login: tps

Guest password: tps

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## IN News - 20th September 2017

We have been doing something new, fun and exciting in our class this term! It's called GENIUS HOUR and we love it. It means that you choose a question and you have to learn about it, like about the world, or animals, or cooking, or robots or gravity - anything that you want! It's amazing because we all became experts. We are sharing this week and feel excited and a bit worried too. (iN)

'I found out a lot of things about native birds. One of the facts I found was that there are 10,000 species and one type is the Australian King Parrot' (Erin)

'I am proud of myself because I like the work that I did.' (Beth)



'I have my next question ready - how many bones does a tiger have?' Huon

'Making my tiger and doing my writing was difficult.' Finley

'I am proud of myself because I didn't give up.' Tom

'I made a paper boat from different paper to find out if the papers were waterproof. I filmed my boat in the water.' Soraya

'I never gave up so I just kept going and had fun at points, that's why I never can give up! (Miles)

'I found out that the food and drink go down a tube.' (Thomas)

'My next question is how do people move.' (Darcy)

'The bit I found difficult about Genius Hour is that you had to research a lot and I couldn't find anything else. (Jeri)



# Taroona SEASIDE FESTIVAL

11AM-4PM SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2017

## 7 weeks to go!

27 September 2017

### Get ready to sell raffle tickets

This week every TPS family will receive a raffle ticket book (10 tickets x \$2.50 each) to sell to friend, family and work mates and complete strangers! The prize list is amazing, thanks to the generosity of many individuals and business in our community.

The raffle is our MAJOR FUND RAISING INITIATIVE and we all need to sell as many tickets as we can! There is a generous prize for the family who sells the most!

If you have not received a ticket book or would like more books please contact Carolyn McKinley on 0419 613 927 or [basil\\_carolyn@bigpond.com](mailto:basil_carolyn@bigpond.com)

### Get ready for busking! 🎵

We are looking forward to wonderful busking performances at the Festival! A registration form is coming out in week 1 of term 4. If you need musical or electronic equipment for your performance we can help. Come and join us!

For more information contact [ann.preece21@gmail.com](mailto:ann.preece21@gmail.com)

### School holiday spring clean

Sort, tidy and get ready to donate your quality, pre-loved or new items early in Term 4. We need toys, trash and treasure, plants, clothing, books and any other items no matter how big or small!

Contact your Stall Coordinator (see next page) to arrange collection or drop-off of your items.

### Festival Committee

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*Follow our organising efforts via the Taroona Primary Parent Association Facebook page.*





## 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: 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](mailto:tpsaenquiry@gmail.com) requesting to join the list.

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

## Woolworths Earn & Learn:

Thank you for all those families that supported the Woolworths Earn & Learn program this year.

## 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:**



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.

Banking is on Thursdays and bank books are returned to students on Friday (along with Sushi orders).

## **Uniform Shop News**

Term 4 is around the corner, and that means hats are compulsory! Come and get yours from the Uniform Shop.

We are open Tuesdays 2:45 - 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

**Kinder Sushi News: In Term 4 - please see click [here](#) for details.**

For any queries during Term 4, please email Alex Terhell at: [alex.terhell@outlook.com.au](mailto: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**

Stride & Ride Day 26th September 2017

