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PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

We are at a most exciting part of the term, where teachers are preparing reports, students are planning for end of term celebrations and events, and teaching teams are finalising 2018 class placements. End of year reports and information about your child's 2018 class placement will be sent home next Friday, 15th December.

Don't forget our K-5 End of Year Assembly is to be held at THS Gym next Wednesday, 13th December at 12.30pm. The event will start with our junior and senior bands, followed by combined class items. Parents, Carers and other family members attending are asked to be **seated by 12.20pm** so that we can make a prompt start.

Beach Day 2017

On **Thursday 14th December**, weather permitting, all children will be participating in our annual, whole-of-school end-of-year beach day at Taroona Beach. Individual class arrangements for departure and return to school will be communicated to parents in the coming days.

Please note that Prep to Year 2 students will be able to paddle and collect water in small buckets. They are not allowed to swim. There will be a designated area at the beach for the ECE classes at the Shot Tower end.

Year 3-6 children will be allowed to swim in small groups under the supervision of a Bronze Medallion supervisor, hired by the school for this event. Students will

only be able to paddle and swim waist deep.

All children will be invited to participate in other beach activities, such as creating sand sculptures and beach games.

Children need to bring lunch, plenty to drink, sensible footwear for walking to the beach, bathers, towel, hat and sun cream (to be applied regularly). Children should also have a t-shirt or rash vest to prevent sunburn. Free dress can be worn and parents are welcome to attend.

Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

TPS Volunteers Afternoon Tea - Monday 18th December 2.15pm in the staffroom.

Invitations are in the process of being given to all of our parent / carer and community helpers, inviting them to come along to an afternoon tea as a thank you for their assistance throughout the year. If you have helped out in any way this year we want to recognise and thank you for your efforts. Please put the date and time in your diary and RSVP to the school office to let us know you're coming!

Policy Updates and the New Education Act

The TPSA have recently endorsed a number of school policies and documents, updated under the new Education Act which began on July 10, 2017. Please email the office if you would like a copy of any of the following documents:

- Attendance Policy and Process
- School Levies and Charges Policy
- Model out of Area Procedure

Information about the new Education Act is available from the Department of Education at the following link:
<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/about-us/legislation/education-act/>

Taroona Awards

Congratulations to those students who received awards at last week's assembly:

- Respect - Daniel McK
- Excellence - Matthew C, Charlie G, Florence P, Jordy S, Billy N, Kai S, Adam B, Henry N, Micah C, Ewan W
- Creativity - Sam G, Oscar R, Ella C, Lena B, Aldo G
- Resilience - Claudia T
- Collaboration - Ruby A
- Respect & Collaboration - Hugo W, Ned J
- Excellence & Creativity - Ella H, 2P
- Collaboration & Excellence - Nathan W
- All 5 Values - Meg S, Yashmina M, Nicholas M, Sebastian S

A reminder to all students and families that as a MWEW school, sweet treats e.g. candy canes / lolly pops should not be brought to school or included in Christmas cards. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Please note that our last newsletter of the year will be published on Wednesday 20th December.

Best wishes

Danielle Bresnehan

Principal

STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Mrs Bianca Long, Mr Tony Poynter and Ms Danielle Bresnehan who have recently been acknowledged for their 25 years of service with the Education Department.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Champions Swim Carnival Results 2017

Congratulations to all students who competed in the recent carnival. Outstanding final results below.

Luca G. Year 5, 2nd breaststroke

Bella P. Year 5, 4th breaststroke

Giselle M. Year 5, 1st backstroke

D'Arcy C. Year 5, 2nd aquatic underarm

Ben B. Year 4, 3rd freestyle

Charlie G. Year 3, 1st backstroke

Year 5 girls 1st in the Medley Relay - Giselle, Amelie, Bella and D'Arcy.



Congratulations to one of our students (name not published as photo is attached as per Education Department Guidelines), who is representing Tasmania in the Under 12 boys hockey team at the Pacific School games currently being held in Adelaide.

Tasmania has played really well in its first two games against Queensland and Victoria and unlucky to lose 1-0 and 2-0. He has played strongly in both games - His dad says he played so hard that he is now so tired he hardly has any energy to chatter- something his dad says he hasn't seen before!

Today is a rest day and Tomorrow the tassie team plays 2 games in one day against NSW and then against WA

It is a great adventure for him and his coach has played over 100 games for

Australia, so there is lots to learn. He is enjoying the carnival and he says he is so looking forward to getting back to school to catch up on his schoolwork next week.

ICECREAM DAY - has been amended this week to ***Friday 8 December***, as many of our classes will be attending a performance on Thursday.

Grade 6 - Reminder for Orientation Day - Monday 11 December 9.30am-12.30pm. Meet in front of the Taroona High School Gym. Please [click here for more information.](#)



Orientation Day

9:30 - 12:30 11th Dec

Students meet your 2018 homegroup!

Parent Session includes:

Medical information Music and Drama acts
Information on uniform student support
Musical instruments School Association
Student Levies Student devices



All Students & Parents welcome

CLASS NEWS

4/5 Clark

As the year is coming to an end, we look back over some of the work we have done in recent weeks.

Environmental Playground

Students pretended they were the Environmental Architects of a 100m x 70 m piece of land. Their job was to use a supply list of materials to design, calculate and present an Environmental Park to cater for a community. They had to consider what children, families and older people would want.

They were given a budget of \$5000.00. Students needed to use money, calculators, estimate, draw to scale, multiply, use cubic measurements and lastly think about the project!

Here are some of our designs. - [Please click on each heading to view photos](#)

2 Dimensional Art

In preparation for learning to paint a landscape painting, we used coloured paper to understand about colour, temperature and perspective. We were thrilled with our artwork.

Mancala Tournament

During Terms 3 and 4 we learnt the ancient game of Mancala. We then operated a class tournament through a round robin where we had 3 teams, Lemon, Lime and Carrot (nothing to do with Mancala!) The winners of those teams were Luca G, Enya W and Julian B. After playing against each other, Enya became our Mancala Champion!

Historical Puppets

A large part of our History focus has been Explorers of Australia. In small groups of 2 or 3 we have independently researched, discussed and written scripts for a 2 to 3 minute puppet show incorporating as much knowledge as possible. We have made a large class map, designed individual maps, made a puppet theatre and, lastly made wonderful puppets of our explorers. We shared them in Assembly and will be putting on our EXPLORER PUPPET SHOW for our parents and carers tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2.00pm. We have learnt such a lot and enjoyed the whole process.

To view the Explorer Puppet Show - click [here](#).

Printing for the Fair

Our class had the wonderful opportunity to print cards with Natasha (Iola's Mum) We drew designs then scratched them into old CDs. After putting ink on the CD, and scraped off, they were put through the printing press onto beautiful paper. Here are some of our designs.

2P

Grade 2P has been busy completing a number of learning experiences. We have been writing persuasive texts and have proven why pigeons should be able to drive buses!

Storybird is a new app we have been using to be inspired by artists all around the world to write our own books. It's great fun! Imogen, Katie's mother visited to share her work about Antarctica. Thank you to the other parents who shared their career narratives.

The 'Elf on shelf' has arrived and has been up to some tricks each day! Our elf is called Ben and he kidnapped Holly from Grade 1/2 G yesterday !





KIDSMATTER PRIMARY

The University Psychology Clinic at the University of Tasmania regularly run

group programs to assist children and their parents better manage their child's anxiety. New courses are set to run in 2018 for 3-6 year olds as well as 8-12 year olds. Cool Kids ® details, information sheets, flyers and registration are available via the Groups tab on the UPC Website at: www.utas.edu.au/psychology-clinic



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.

2018: First Meeting to be held on Tuesday 13th February 2018.

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.



Knitting sale.

Items leftover from Seaside Festival for sale at reduced prices - please click on the [here](#) for information

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Lady Gowrie Tarooma Before and After School Hours Care - Taking 2018 Enrolments NOW.



Lady Gowrie Tarooma After School Care operates from the hall each school day from 7.30-8.30am (Before School Care) and 3.00-6.00pm (After School Care) where we cater for children aged 4-12 year olds. 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 enrol we require families to complete a 2018 enrolment form prior to care commencing. Child Care Benefit is available to eligible families and all families meeting a work/study requirement are entitled to 50% off all on costs. For more information about what your family is entitled to please contact the Department of Human Services on 136 150.

Summer Vacation Care

Please click [here](#) for a Summer Program.



click on this



image 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.

School Banking:



The last day for School Banking will be the 14th of December. ***Anyone wishing to use their Dollarmites Tokens for Reward Items will need to redeem them prior to the cut-off date of 7 December.***

Uniform Shop News - Click [here](#) for 2018 information and Price list

Tuesday 12th December will be our last open for the year, as we need to do our stocktaking in the last week of school.

School bags, library bags & long sleeved polo tops will all be going up in price next year, so feel free to come in and get at 2017 prices.

The back to school sales dates are:

Thursday 1 st Feb	9:30am - 11:30am	Music room
Thursday 1 st Feb	4:30pm - 6pm	Music room
Friday 2 nd Feb	9am - 11am	Music room
Tuesday 6 th Feb	1pm - 3:30pm	Uniform shop

Come along on these dates and get set for the year.

If anyone would like to help at these sales, please contact Carolyn on basil_carolyn@bigpond.com. We need help for set up on Wednesday 31st Jan as well. (Please note, you will need a Working With Vulnerable People card).

We are open 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

Kinder Sushi Term 4 News: Please see click [here](#) for details.

If you have any questions or queries about Sushi please email Ally at allycgunton@gmail.com or Text 0400607004.

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

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MOVE,
PLAY
AND GO

Cheap, creative ways to play...



Use:

- Cardboard boxes
- Blankets
- Ropes
- Buckets/baskets
- Balloons

Visit and explore:

- Playgrounds
- Parks
- Beaches
- Reserves



Try:

- Balancing
- Climbing
- Jumping
- Chasing
- Hopping
- Rolling

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

www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au