

Number 2: 28 February, 2018

KEY DATES 2018 - click to open the Calendar of events

EXCURSIONS - 5-6PT, 5-6GM, 5-6C, 5-6H

COMMUNITY NEWS - click to open Community News ***Lots of new events and sports information added for 2018

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Meet the Teacher & Welcome Back BBQ last Friday. Despite the weather, it was a very successful event with many families enjoying the opportunity to visit classrooms and informally chat with teachers. Thank you to our tireless TPSA executive and parent volunteers who helped with all aspects of the afternoon / evening.

Student Representative Council

The Taroona Primary School Student Representative Council (SRC) provides a voice for all students as well as leadership opportunities for elected Year 3-6 students. The SRC provides:

- a student perspective in school decision-making, e.g. input into playground decisions and upgrades, suggestions for student activities
- assistance in building a respectful and supportive school through student-led awareness-raising activities; and
- a voice for students in school fundraising:
 - to support a charity with a focus on people or the environment
 - to support donations to disasters or emergencies

The SRC run or support student-led fundraisers each term and then give money to the charities chosen for the year by students.

The expectations, roles and responsibilities of SRC Members (and their deputy)

are as follows:

1. Attend scheduled lunchtime meetings all year
2. Think of ideas for the school
3. Discuss class ideas at meetings
4. Report back to the class following each meeting
5. Be on time for meetings
6. Take notes during the meeting
7. Take SRC folder to the meeting
8. Model the school values at all times

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected to be class representatives for 2018 (names in brackets are students voted as deputy).

- **3-4 A** Beatrix V-G (Evie B) & Scarlett G (Tommy E)
- **3-4 B** Hamish C (June B) & Anna F (Scarlett W)
- **3-4 C** Charlie G (Roy C) & Jonte M (Tess L-P)
- **3-4 D** Crystal P (Lucy J) & Ted H (Addison B)
- **5-6 A** 5 - Edie N (Simon M), 6 - D'Arcy C (Bella P) & Sebastian S (Tom H & Kes B)
- **5-6 B** 5 - Georgie P (Liam L), 6 - Max H-T (Ollie W) & Hannah G (Bailey M)
- **5-6 C** 5 - Neve H (Dylan K), 6 - Lucas E & Max R
- **5-6 D** 5 - Marley F (Kaiki M), 6 - Ruby J & Otto N

House Captains / Vice-Captains

Taroona Primary School has three sports houses: Acacia (Yellow), Melaleuca (Blue) and Waratah (Red). There are two Year 6 House Captains and two Year 6 House Vice Captains elected each year by students in Years 3-6.

The expectations, roles and responsibilities of Sports House Captains are as follows:

- To be a positive role model.
- To exhibit outstanding behaviour and work ethic across all areas of school.
- To be an active participant at all sporting events.
- Encourage team mates positively.

- Assist staff with organisation at all events.
- Promote team spirit and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.

Congratulations to the following students who have been elected as House Captains and House Vice-Captains for 2018.

- Acacia: Captains - Esther G-S & Kes B / Vice-Captains - Ellen H & Jordon D
- Melaleuca: Captains - Hannah G & Liam C / Vice-Captains - Ruby J & Max R
- Waratah: Captains - Bella P & Arlo M / Vice-Captains - D'Arcy C & Emraan C

Y3-6 Athletics Carnival

What a wonderful day we had yesterday for our annual Y3-6 Athletics Carnival. The high level of participation from all students was once again a memorable part of the day. Thank you to Mrs Kylie Broadbent for her outstanding organisation, to Elizabeth College students for so capably assisting with the running of field and novelty events, to the parent volunteers who performed many and varied roles throughout the day and a huge thank you to the Kingborough Little Athletics Centre for their support once again. Please see below for more information from Kylie. House points were announced this morning after daily fitness: Waratah 383, Acacia 399 & Melaleuca 471.

Play West Upgrade Update

It has been very exciting to see the Play West Playground take shape over these first few weeks of term. I am aware that this journey began almost 2 years ago when the Kingborough Council upgraded their stormwater infrastructure in that part of the school, and, as a result, created the opportunity for the school to pursue development of this area as per the Grounds Master Plan (2015). There have been many hurdles and costs for the school along the way, such as failing underground infrastructure / drainage issues, complications with site levels and, most recently, the discovery of an undocumented underground decommissioned asbestos pipe which had to be removed!

The school and the TPSA have made a huge investment in this complex and expensive project over the past 2 years. Families may recall that late in 2016, the

TPSA provided \$28,207 funding for the Kompan Climbing Net, which is now being installed alongside the Zip Line / Flying Fox purchased by the school. In 2017, the TPSA donated \$10, 978 to cover the cost of the construction drawings / project management by Urban Initiatives, and at the first TPSA meeting in 2018, \$50,000 was donated to assist with the cost of the major works now being completed (estimated at approximately \$160,000). We are all eagerly anticipating the opening of the new playground and are hoping the works will be completed by Friday 16th March.



Student Absences

Please ensure the office is contacted if your child will not be at school. All absences will be followed up to ensure correct attendance data is recorded as per the 2016 Education Act. Email Taroona.primary@education.tas.gov.au or Ph 62278325 before 9.30am.

Before School Care

A reminder that children should not to be in the school grounds unsupervised prior to 8.30am. Lady Gowrie run our Before School Care program from 7.30am each school day and we encourage all parents who need to drop children off early to utilise this service. Please contact the Lady Gowrie team to make a booking: Ph 62306864 or email oshc@gowrie-tas.com.au.

I'm looking forward to the Taroona Primary School Association Annual General Meeting next Tuesday. The meeting will start at 7pm in the staffroom and everyone is welcome.

Best wishes

Danielle Bresnehan

Principal

LEVIES AND STUDENT ASSISTANCE

School levies and charges are determined in consultation with the Taroona Primary School Association. The levy for 2018 is inclusive rate of \$325 per student Kindergarten-Grade 6. The levy includes all activities, materials, excursions, swimming, Growing Up Program, a personal student device and Online Programs.

The levy also covers the cost of stationery, textbooks, materials, special learning aids, library expenditure, additional classroom supplies and classroom support, ICT programs and individualized learning programs.

Levy payments can be made by cash, cheque, eftpos, BPay, Bpoint and Service Tas.

It would be appreciated if payment in full could be made within the first four weeks of Term 1.

Our school budgets for the collection of all levies. Any parent who believes that payment of the levy in one lump sum poses a difficulty is invited to make contact with the Principal or School Business Manager to discuss this matter.

Please note that if you intend seeking assistance for your child/children by way of the Government's Student Assistance Scheme (STAS), application forms are available at the school office. Forms should be completed and returned as soon as possible. The Student Assistance Scheme now covers ALL student levy costs.

Bianca Long

School Business Manager

TPSA WELCOME BACK BBQ

I would like to thank everyone who came to the 2018 Welcome Back BBQ.

Despite the threatening rain, the school community came out and enjoyed a lovely

evening with friends, family, Tarooma Primary staff and committee members. I'd especially like to thank everyone who helped on the night from the sausage flippers to the cake sellers to the all important clean up crew.

This Saturday is the State Election and the Tarooma Primary School GP Hall is a polling place. Some hard core committee members are holding an Election Day sausage sizzle on the basketball court from 8am-3pm. If you have an hour to spare, they could do with a hand. Otherwise just enjoy a sausage in bread while you contemplate Tasmania's future government.

If you have any questions about the Tarooma Primary School Association or the upcoming AGM, please don't hesitate to email me on martine.siltman@gmail.com or call on 0423974551.

Click [here](#) for photo's of the BBQ.

TPSA AGM

When: Tuesday 6th March 2018

Time: 7pm

Where: Tarooma Primary School (Staff Room)

Who: All parents /carers at TPS are welcome and encouraged to attend

Click [here](#) for AGM Notice.

Martine Siltman

Chair, TPSA

TPS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a truly fabulous Athletics carnival day. We could not have asked for better weather. Student's participation was extremely positive, the most exciting and most rewarding moment for myself on Tuesday was to look around to see so many students participating in each event, supporting each other, smiling and having fun all at once!

Thank you to all parents who volunteered to help out with recording, places and

marshalling on the day.

Thank you to the 12 Elizabeth College students who were exceptional at helping to run our field and novelty events on the day. Each activity organised by the college students ran smoothly and each student was extremely encouraging to all of the TPS students.

Thank you to Kingborough Little Athletics Centre for hiring the timing gates to our school. Many thanks to Selena, Rod, Michelle and Laurence who helped on the day and the lead up to our event, your assistance was invaluable.

Lastly thank you to the teachers who worked tirelessly all day to give students such a wonderful day.

Kylie Broadbent.

CLASSROOM NEWS : 5-6 Clark

We have had a great start to the year. Our first art activity was a self portrait using a laminating pouch, permanent markers, a black and white photo and a variety of torn paper. The students thought about whether they were going to be realistic or use the paper in an abstract manner. We are very proud of our results.

Can you guess who they are? Unfortunately a couple of portraits are not quite finished in time to share.

Debbie Clark



LAUNCHING INTO LEARNING



Launching into
Learning
Talk, read and play with
your child every day.



Little Wrens Play and Learn

(Birth-4 years)



Term 1 Calendar



9.15-11am Thursday

Please bring a piece of fruit to share and make sure you are ready to play and have fun with your child/children!

Thursday February 22nd	Classroom Activities
Thursday March 1st	Classroom Activities
Thursday March 8th	Gross motor activities in the GP room
Thursday March 15th	Classroom Activities
Thursday March 22nd	Bush Activities *
Thursday March 29th	Easter Fun at the Botanical Gardens (meeting at 9.30am near the rotunda)
Thursday April 5th	Classroom Activities
Thursday April 12th	Dancing with Felicity Ryan Ballet

Term 2 resumes Thursday May 3rd

*We will meet in the Kinder room at 9.15 and walk to the area near the High School. This may be difficult terrain for prams.

Please be aware that activities are subject to change. Please like our school Facebook page for updated times and information.



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: Next Meeting to be held on Tuesday 6 March, 2018 at 7pm.

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.

FOUND - KEYS

Keys were handed into the office on Friday 23 February before the Welcome BBQ approximately 3pm.

If you believe these may be yours. Please call into the office.

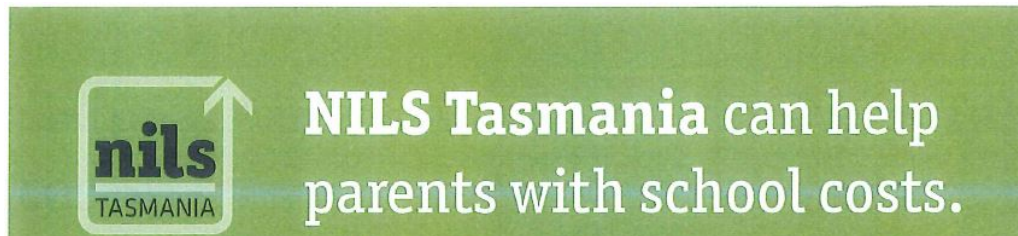
SCHOOL INFORMATION

Lady Gowrie Tarooma Before and After School Hours Care



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.



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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.

SUSHI

WELCOME TAROONA FAMILIES TO SUSHI FRIDAYS FOR 2018!



When placing an order please write name, class and teacher clearly on an envelope and secure payment within and drop into your class drawer at the office by Tuesday afternoon. Also please don't use foreign coins for payment as they cannot be banked. We prefer not to take cheques and we ask that coins not be taped together.

Due to family and work commitments Ally Gunton will be handing the Sushi arrangements to Alex Terhell. Thank you to Ally for all the hard work over the last 12 months.

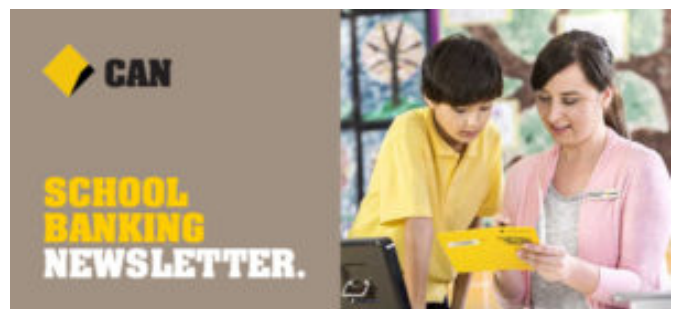
We are currently seeking some new volunteers to help with sushi on a Friday. If you could volunteer an hour of your time on a Friday morning to help pack the orders that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Alex Terhell or the office.

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact Alex at alex.terhell@outlook.com.au

Alex Terhell

Sushi Coordinator

School Banking



Urgent, Urgent, Urgent!!! Helpers needed for banking to continue this year.

Banking has always been supported by volunteer parents in the past. At the end of the year we lost some of our volunteers as their children moved to High School.

What's involved: Come onsite to Taroona Primary School to sort and process the bank books and enter data. At the most this will take 1 hour a week of your time.

For more information please contact Alison Phillips - aphillip5@yahoo.com.au

Scholastic Book Club

Thanks to all the families who ordered books from Scholastic Book Club Issue 1. Orders have now closed and we raised more than \$400 for the library. If you missed out on Issue 1, you can now order via LOOP online (only) from Issue 2 until 28th March [Schools - Bookclub - Catalogue - Scholastic Australia](#)

Jennifer Hemer

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

The Uniform Shop sells new uniforms to the school community, and also sells second hand donated items. All proceeds go to the Tarooma Primary School Association.

Second hand items are in constant demand. If you have second hand items that you would like to donate they will be gratefully accepted. Please note that it is not possible for us to conduct private sales on behalf of individuals.

However, we have recently been made aware of a Facebook page created by a parent called:

Tarooma Primary School Uniform Buy/Sell & Trade

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.

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

MOVE WELL EAT WELL

Move Well Eat Well

How to pack a rubbish-free lunch



LIMIT
'OCCASIONAL'
FOODS

Focus on fresh 'everyday' foods

- many types of fruit and vegetables don't need packaging and the scraps can then be added to the compost



Avoid single serve packaged items

- reduce waste and save money by buying in larger quantities



Use reusable containers

- don't forget to name them!!

Get your kids involved

- this can save you time and children enjoy taking responsibility



For more rubbish-free lunchbox ideas visit:
www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au/families

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