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Dear Parents and Carers

Annual General Meeting: Committee update

As you would know your Tarooma Primary School Association (TPSA) held their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 6 March 2018. We are pleased to announce a new TPSA Committee and we wish to set the scene for what this Committee wants to achieve over the next two years.

But first, the new Committee wish to formally thank our previous Committee for their contributions and hard work over the past two years. Our sincere thanks go to our outgoing Committee members: Richard Angus, Shelagh Curtain, Alana Fitzgibbon, Naomi Symonds and Yuko Massom. The new Committee hope that these parents still contribute and stay in touch with the Association as we value their experience and passion for our School.

Importantly we wish to thank the committed and hard-working Committee Executive: Martine Siltman (outgoing Chair), Tristan Burns (outgoing Deputy Chair), Kate Brown (outgoing Secretary) and Agnes Marshall (outgoing Treasurer). This Executive have been the driving force of the Committee and their enthusiasm and long hours of selfless service is greatly appreciated by us as a new Committee, Ms Danielle Bresnehan (Principal) and parents and friends of the School.

Of special note is the contribution made by Martine Siltman. For those of you have been around the School for a while, you will know how much time and effort she has given our School and the Committee over the past 8 years. She has been tireless in her campaigning to promote the School and the TPSA and has been responsible for raising a significant amount of funds. While doing all this Martine is always ready for a chat, a laugh and a smile. Luckily for us Martine (and Kate Brown) will remain on the Committee for another year. We are thrilled!

As a new Committee we aim is to ensure that your voice as a parent/carer is heard; to ensure that the work of the TPSA is visible to the School community; and that important funds are raised to help provide a safe and stimulating learning environment for our children. The new Executive are profiled on the next page and our Committee members listed for your information.

Please feel free to approach any of us by email, phone or in person, come to the meetings or get involved any way you can. It is really rewarding (Martine wouldn't have done it for so long if it wasn't) and your children will love seeing you be involved!

Best wishes

Leah Magliano, Chair

The new Committee Executive members are:

Leah Magliano (Chair)

I have been on the committee for the past 2 years mostly in a fund raising capacity. I was one of the Seaside Festival Coordinators (still getting over that one) and general assistance at our many events. I have 3 children, 2 still at the School in Grade 6 (Pat Harnwell) and Grade 4 (Olivia Harnwell). My eldest child, Nick having just started Year 7 at Tarooma High School (THS) this year. I put up my hand to be Chair because I want to know what is happening in my children's environment and I want to play a part in shaping that.

I do have a busy day job and work full time so I won't be as present/visible at the school as much as I would like but that doesn't mean I am not accessible to you. I am always willing to be emailed or telephoned and Friday afternoons will be a great time if you would like to meet up with me for any reason. I look forward to our new relationship and really hope we can make this a fruitful year in working together with the committee and the staff for our children.



Alex Terhell (Deputy Chair)

I am new to the Committee but not to the School, you may recognise me as being one of the Sushi Friday volunteers! My child, Chloe, is in Grade 4 this year and my other child, Joel Terhell, graduated from Grade 6 last year and is now at Tarooma High. I am passionate about local schools and the great sense of community they inspire. I've spent over 10 years working in the education sector (Not a teacher! As a human resources practitioner) and have completed post-graduate study in education too! I am keen to support Leah and our other Committee members in their roles. I am at School each Friday and will try to attend as many School assemblies as I can to see the children and teachers showcasing amazing learning and teaching!

Mike Davis (Treasurer)

I am new to the Committee and to the school. I have a child who has just commenced Kinder (Emily). The role of treasurer appealed to me for two reasons; I have a bean counter background (15+ years working as an Accountant at Calvary) & I'm keen to take an active role in my children's education. I am treasurer for my masters swimming club and when I'm not in the water I balance the books. I hope to bring that knowledge to this Committee.



Penny Brodribb (Secretary)

I have been on the Committee for a year already and I have children in Kinder (Hamish) and Prep (Maxim) at the School as well as a step son at Tarooma High School. I work as a physiotherapist within the public system, and my family and I like bikes a lot!

I carry a strong belief that the TPSA, which encompasses every parent and member of staff has an incredible wealth of knowledge, passion and power. I look forward to helping to harness that for the benefit of the School and the local community.

Other Committee members include:

Nicky Adams
Kate Brown
Belinda Leeson

Martine Siltman

Principal: Danielle Bresnehan

Teacher representatives: Debbie Clarke and Tony Poynter