

**SEPTEMBER  
2020  
NEWSLETTER**



**AGM**

**WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 30**

**AT**

**6.00PM**

**Looking for new  
committee  
members.....are  
you interested?**

**Speak with  
Cathie or Wendy**

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**NEWS FROM THE RUMPUS**

**ROOM** Ness, our new After School Care co-ordinator, is enjoying her new role with us. Ness has lots of experience coaching sport, and is encouraging children to get active, and work together, not just in games, but in being part of the Rumpus Room group. Ness has noticed we do not have much sports equipment. Sadly this is because some children in the group are not respectful of our resources and break them, or even send them over the fence to the High School. Ness is working with the children to build respect for our resources, environment, and each other. We hope families will support us with this at home.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE  
ABSENCES**

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT. IT CREATES CHAOS IF TEACHERS ARE HAVING TO SEARCH FOR THEM. IF THEY ARE ON OUR LIST THEY MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR.**

**LANDCARE** – we are about to begin a project with West Tamar Landcare to wild the Rumpus Room yard. Kerriane has planned a nature trail, and sheltered play spaces. Landcare volunteers will help our children plant bird and insect attracting native plants. We are also hoping to build some play equipment.



We are extending the vegetable garden beds, and reviving our worm farm. If you are interested in helping us with planting just let Kerriane or Cathie know.

**SOLAR ENERGY** – you may have noticed we have solar panels on the ELR roof. These were made possible through a grant from the Federal Government, and supported by Bridget Archer MP.



**DENTAL WEEK** – last month we celebrated Dental Week. Children up to 18 years of age are eligible for

free dental treatment. To find out how to access this go to -

[dhhs.tas.gov.au/oralhealth](http://dhhs.tas.gov.au/oralhealth) .

**SICKNESS** – although there are currently no active cases of COVID-19 in the state, we are still strongly encouraging families to keep children at home if they are unwell. It is very difficult to control the transmission of germs in a child care environment, especially amongst the babies and younger children. Just a reminder too that if your child's temperature reaches 38 degrees they will need to be collected. For gastro symptoms, 24 hours need to have passed since the last episode before they can return to care.

**DO NOT SEND SICK CHILDREN  
WE WILL SEND THEM HOME**

**HATS & SUNSCREEN** - It's that time already. Please send a broad brim hat that fits (they often shrink over winter). We provide sunscreen, or send your own if you prefer. Just a reminder that baseball caps are not appropriate.

**DROP AND GO** - Thanks everyone for adapting so well to our new drop-off and pick-up arrangements, and for not walking through children's rooms, and the building in general. The children have adapted very well to this, and we have found the reduction of traffic in the rooms is less stressful for them. We realise that things can get a bit muddled sometimes with hand-overs but it is important that we maintain these new rules to minimise risks in the event of a new COVID outbreak. We appreciate your patience.

**TOYS FROM HOME** – we know children love to bring things from home to play with, but it can create real dramas if the toy gets lost, broken, or someone else wants to play with it. We have plenty of toys here – perhaps the special toy can go home with parents once your child has arrived here.





You are invited to our

# SPRING CELEBRATION

Thursday. September 24

5.30 - 7.00pm

in the Rumpus Room Garden

West Tamar Rotary will be there with Nick's BBQ.

We will also have hale bales, a firepot and a face-painter!!

This is a great opportunity to catch-up with other families  
from the Centre.

Extended family and siblings most welcome!!

**Please RSVP by Monday, Sept 21**  
**for catering purposes, we don't want**  
**anyone to miss out on a sausage.**

