President’s Wrap

It’s been another tough term for many and a well-earned break is almost here for DoE members.

Your AEU negotiating teams continue to work hard with weekly meetings and additional work towards new agreements for teachers, principals, support staff, TAFE teachers and allied health professionals.

The end of Term 3 is a good time to recognise the hard work and dedication of AEU members. The Together We Inspire Awards 2019 were held last week and nominations are open for the Education HQ Unsung Heroes Awards.

Congratulations to the following AEU members who were recognised at the Together We Inspire Awards 2019 with a well deserved gong:

OVERALL AWARD

Tasplan Together We Inspire Award

- Elizabeth College Advanced Academic Diploma Team

School Leadership Award

- Stuart Dwyer, Principal, Flinders Island District High School and Cape Barren Island School

Engaging our Learners Award (Early Learning)

- Rowena Wilkinson, Principal, Early Childhood Intervention Service

Engaging our Learners Award (Primary P-6)

- Annette Langdon, Assistant Principal, Glen Dhu Primary School

Engaging our Learners Award (Secondary 7-12)

- Hellyer College Creating Connections A and B Team

Outstanding Early Career Employee Award

- Abby Dillon, Teacher, Austins Ferry Primary School

Teachers Health Wellbeing Award

- Claremont College Wellbeing Team

Telstra Excellence in Innovation Award

- Matt Eyles, Teacher, Hobart College

Literacy Champion Award

- Talking and Language for Kids Team (TALK), Riverside Primary School, Trevallyn Primary School and West Launceston Primary School

Numeracy Champion Award

- Latrobe-Kentish Numeracy Leaders Team

School Strike 4 Climate – 20 September

As many as 30,000 Tasmanians participated in the Global Climate Strike on Friday 20th September, with events in Hobart, Launceston, Devonport, Burnie, Wynyard, Zeehan, Currie, St Helens and Cygnet.

The rallies, led by students in the School Strike for Climate movement, were the largest seen in Tasmania for decades. Students invited the whole community to join them and Tasmanians turned out to strongly demonstrate their concern about the climate emergency and outrage at government inaction.

The UN is holding an emergency summit on climate, with their latest reports warning that current efforts will fail to avert climate disaster. Climate change is accelerating, greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise and ice melt and sea level rise continues to happen at alarming rates.

The latest UN report found that even if all countries meet the goals they set themselves, the world will warm by 2.9C to 3.4C, a level that would trigger natural feedback loops of warming that would continue to push temperatures up even higher.

To limit warming to a safer level of a 1.5C increase, current targets would have to be increased five-fold and urgently.
The AEU Tasmanian Branch Council was proud to support the Global Climate Strike and attended the Hobart rally as part of their Friday meeting.

Climate change threatens the wellbeing, living standards and environment of our students, that of their whole generation globally and the generations to come.

Student strikers have three demands:
1. No new coal, oil and gas projects, including the Adani mine.
2. 100% renewable energy generation & exports by 2030
3. Fund a just transition & job creation for all fossil-fuel industry workers.

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EducationHQ Unsung Heroes Awards 2019

EducationHQ say they received thousands of heartfelt nominations for the past three years of awards. Their Unsung Heroes Awards set out to recognise those that go above and beyond their job description in schools, without making a fuss about it.

So, is there someone in your school community who might view their exceptional efforts as being ‘all in the line of duty’?

This is your chance to win them the overdue recognition they deserve.

Nominations are now open in the following categories: Leader, Teacher, Music Teacher, Technology, Support, Teacher-Librarian, Italian Teacher and Media/Drama Teacher.

Prizes on offer include $500 Booktopia vouchers courtesy of Corwin, All Access Passes from Training 24/7, $500+ prize packs from Grok Learning, a $1000 cash PD prize from ALIA Schools, a 12-month subscription to the PeopleBench Platform, as well as a $500 cash prize from Il Globo & La Fiamma.

Winners will also be featured on EducationHQ and in Australian Teacher Magazine.

It’s easy to nominate. Just tell EducationHQ a little about your unsung hero in the applicable category on their website here: https://au.educationhq.com/unsung-heroes/

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Unions Tas - Youth Forum invitation

Calling all young unionists!

You’re invited to be part of a special youth forum to discuss what it’s going to take to build a bigger, bolder trade union movement for young workers.

Food and drinks provided. All welcome!

Please RSVP to Unions Tasmania via DM on Facebook or email admin@unionstas.com.au

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Excursions and Risk Management

As Term 4 fast approaches, you may be gearing up for end of year excursions. These activities provide valuable learning experiences for students and are an integral part of a differentiated and engaging educational program for all students.

However, as a teacher/support staff/principal you have a strict duty of care and need to be aware of potential risks associated with these activities and the appropriate management of such risks.

The AEU fact sheet on excursions and risk management will be of assistance with information you will need to know when organising your excursions. If you have further questions on this topic, please contact your union at support@aeutas.org.au or call 6234 9500.

Find out more in our factsheet on the AEU’s website under Member Assist > Factsheets > DoE Fact Sheets
Applications should not exceed five (5) pages, including supporting/ supplementary documents or a maximum of ten (10) minutes if presentation is on video/DVD. The winner will receive a $1500 prize and will be flown to Melbourne to accept the award at the 2020 AEU Federal Conference. All nominees will receive a certificate from the AEU.

LGBTIQ+ Resources and Support

The LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer +) sector is aimed at providing resources and support for members who are same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse and their allies.

AEUTAS is committed to providing support and resources to LGBTI+ teachers, parents and students. We encourage all teachers to access our resources and the various links to external resources.

Our aim is to support schools in Tasmania to become places where same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse people feel safe and supported – where every family can belong, every teacher can teach, and every student can learn. To create a supportive and inclusive education sector where diversity is celebrated.

Click here to visit our new LGBTIQ+ web page and take a look through the information, links and resources:

Your Sector > AEU Tas LGBTI+
Faced with this enormous and unprecedented challenge, humanity has no other choice but to radically change its development model to bring about a low-carbon transition. To that end, some solutions are known, while others still need to be developed. But one thing is certain: the collective effort needed in this situation requires nothing less than a revolution of the heart, of the mind – and urgent action.

Consequently, rethinking education must be part of the solution too. The ability of education to inspire, engage and empower people as well as inform people of the climate emergency, including its causes and impacts, are clearly acknowledged in international climate agreements.

However, this recognition must be translated into action plans and policies: we must ensure that climate change education is incorporated into school curricula, teaching and learning materials, and teacher training.

Teachers are change agents and can be at the forefront of the fight against climate change but they have to have the means to do so. This guide aims to provide EI member organisations with a tool for exploring the principal questions, issues and challenges arising from the climate crisis and how unions can respond.

Search for the name of the guide (the title of this news section) to download the full guide.

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**Share the Dignity collection**

Share the Dignity aims to end period poverty and ensure everyone is afforded the dignity they deserve. Sanitary items should be a right NOT a privilege.

You can donate to make a real, on-the-ground difference to homeless women and victims of domestic violence. Share The Dignity collects thousands of pads, tampons and personal hygiene products every year for women experiencing homelessness and poverty. Small dignities make a big difference.

AEU are supporting this worthy cause by collecting sanitary products for homeless and at risk women. If you would like to make a contribution please drop products to one of the AEU offices.

Go to the Share the Dignity website to find out how you can join the campaign: [https://www.sharethedignity.com.au](https://www.sharethedignity.com.au)