



# Tasman District School

TO BE, NOT TO SEEM TO BE

## BUSY TIMES ON THE FARM

Tasman District School is fortunate enough to have a working farm and a large vegetable garden.

OUR farm has steers, cows, sheep and chickens.

Down at the garden each class has its own garden bed that students are responsible for looking after.

Caramello, one of our cows, has just given birth to a very cute calf and we now need to name her.

Our chickens lay eggs to be used in cooking classes and we are also hatching eggs in an incubator in our class.

Miss Mulder runs the school farm and does a fantastic job, always running it



**HEALTHY HERD:** Tasman District School stock are in good shape.

at a profit. Mr Judge runs the school garden and is always up to something exciting.

We talked to both of them and this is what we found out.

Miss Mulder has been at Tasman for about seven years.

She ensures the cattle have enough feed and the chooks

are in good health. She is also responsible for buying and selling livestock.

Students learn how to run a farm successfully and really enjoy the hands-on activities.

Mr Judge has been upgrading our garden area and, with the help of students, has made new garden beds, a

worm farm for compost, a seating area and an undercover outdoor classroom.

Mr Judge also runs an online classroom for our students with information on how to plant things, when to plant and scientific information about plant life and the environment.

The online classroom also

incorporates our wetlands environment centre.

The students at Tasman are lucky to have the farm, garden and wetlands area and we all enjoy using these facilities.

**MARIA SMITH and EMILY HENSENS**



**TLC:** A student tends to the veggie garden.

## The Tasman tradition continues



Members of the Dobner family.

THE Grade 5/6 class has discovered there have been three generations of the Dobner family that have either attended or worked at Tasman District School.

Cousins Ella and Elizabeth Dobner are in the Grade 5/6 class, but the first Dobner to come to Tasman was Christine Dobner.

After Grade 10, Christine left to train to be a teacher, but she came back in 1980 and taught the Grade 3 class.

In 1993, after 14 years of teaching at Tasman, Christine decided to retire, but she still lives on the Tasman Peninsula with her granddaughter Ella.

Christine has five children — Guy, Charlotte, Felicity, Simon and Prue, and they all attended Tasman District School.

Quite a few years later all of Christine's children got married and had children. The second youngest in the family, Guy, married Diana who teaches sewing and runs the skill centre at Tasman District School. Their youngest daughter Eliza attends the school.

Dianna's side of the family is also related to the founder of the *Mercury* Mr John Davies. Maybe Ella or Eliza will go on to be teachers and continue the tradition.

**ELIZABETH DOBNER**

## Surf's up on the Peninsula

THE Tasman Peninsula is an historic place for surfing and surfing culture.

Many enthusiasts travel from Hobart and beyond to surf local spots.

Even professionals from America and Japan travel to surf Shipstern Bluff — also known to locals as Shippy's.

Local surfers have a variety of styles.

There are stand-ups, body boarders and even a

few knee boarders. Most of the surf on the Peninsula is based around Eaglehawk Neck and Roaring Beach.

Shipstern Bluff is one of the biggest attractions because it is one of the heaviest waves in the world.

Andy Irons, Dean Morrison and Dylan Longbottom are just a few big names that surf Shippy's on a regular basis.

The best time to surf Roaring Beach is in the summer but winter surfing is popular too.

Shippy's on the other hand is pumping all year around.

Those who are serious about surfing will often get a boat ride into Kelpies, Shippy's or Remarks from a local fisherman while most of the locals will walk to the place they want to surf.

The Peninsula is also a place where a lot of Tasmanian surfing competitions are held.

At Tasman District School, the secondary students are lucky enough to have surfing as an elective class.

We would be silly to fail to take advantage of the great surf that the area has to offer.

**ELLIOTT IDSTROM and LUCY MCKINLAY**

### With thanks

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