



TAS Junior and Senior Snow Club 2022 Newsletter

Dear Snow Club Member and Parent/Caregiver,

Snow Club is all ready to go for next term, with a record number of students expecting to attend. We even have plenty of the main ingredient, snow!! It was great to see a good number of parents at our recent AGM.

No changes in the elected officers. Our Chairperson is Clare Frost, Treasurer: Sue Gardiner, Secretary: Ansja de Boer. We would like to get organised earlier this year, so a prompt return of your form is appreciated.

TAS Snow Club is an incorporated society, which means there are two forms to fill in, **a Consent Form, and a Membership Form.**

Being an incorporated society is a good thing in terms of raising funds and for liability.

- ❖ We will be going weekly to Ohau Snow Fields – snow and weather conditions permitting.
- ❖ The weekly costs this year will be:

1)	Lift, Lesson, Ski or Board Hire	\$60.00
2)	Lesson, Ski or Board Hire	\$48.00
3)	Lift, Lesson only	\$47.00
4)	Lesson only	\$42.00 (<i>Applies to those who have own gear & season passes</i>)

- ❖ There will be an initial membership charge of **\$25** (non-refundable) for the first trip per student or **\$50 for a family**; after that, the Snow Club will subsidise trips while funds last. Thank you to all who have helped at the various fundraisers.
- ❖ **The starting date for Juniors is Thursday 28 July, and then every following Thursday for approx. 6-8 weeks. Seniors will begin Friday 29 July, then every following Friday. There will be no postponement days.**
- ❖ Snow Club is a performance program. **One of the aims** is to extend the abilities of pupils who are already able to ski or board. If you are unsure about whether Snow Club is for you, then please feel free to contact either Clare Frost or Ansja de Boer. Please contact via the School Office.
- ❖ Junior Snow Club is for students Y3-6 **who have skied before and can manage themselves on the snow field. Y2 students who have skied before are eligible but must be accompanied by a caregiver each week.**
- ❖ Snowboarding may be an option for Junior Snow Club, but is depending on numbers, as an instructor needs to have **at least 3 children** in their class.
- ❖ For pupils who have not skied before we try to offer at least one class trip each winter. (These trips are also open to Snow Club members). This year class skiing is planned for later in Term Three, depending on snow conditions. More information on this to follow soon.
- ❖ At this stage Clare Frost and Ansja de Boer will be running Junior Snow Club again this year. Mark Frost will be running Senior Snow Club, with Ansja assisting.
- ❖ Transport will be via private transport for the Junior Snow Club, like last year. For the seniors we are still looking at options, due to the high numbers expected. We would appreciate all available parents to

assist with transport. Due to a change in policy, parents who transport children other than their own, need to be police vetted. This is a simple procedure, but does require some form filling, identification and time.

- ❖ Permission slips for both Juniors and Seniors will be available from the Office counter from Interval on the Friday before each trip. These must be collected by Snow Club members and returned **with payment** to the Office by 10.30am on the following Tuesday for Juniors, and 10.30am on the Wednesday for Seniors.

Please Note: A permission slip for each pupil is required each week.

For the first trip of the season, permission slips will be available on the MONDAY of the first week back after the holidays. Juniors must have slips back by Wednesday interval and Seniors by Thursday interval.

- ❖ As interest is usually high, pupils who return their permission slips after the deadline of 10.30am will be at the bottom of the list. This seems to be a fair way to deal with seat availability.
- ❖ Permission will be given for Snow Club members to leave school at interval on Snow Club days. All children meet in the corridor by the MPR room as soon as possible after the bell rings for interval. Half Day at the field starts at 12.30pm.

- ❖ The plan is:

10.45am sharp	Leave school
12.00noon	On the field
4.00pm	Leave field
5.00pm	Back at school

- ❖ The Parent Consent form needs to be read, signed, and returned to the Office asap.

- ❖ **Student participation in Snow Club is conditional on the following points:**

1. Students released from regular classes to ski/ride **MUST** meet the School's expectation in terms of *work and behaviour*.
2. The following behaviours are expected at all times (during transport *and* on the field):
 - ◆ Good manners and courtesy
 - ◆ Acceptable language, tone & volume
 - ◆ Full co-operation with Teachers, Parent Helpers, Ski Field Staff
 - ◆ NO put-downs
 - ◆ Normal school rules apply.
3. If the behaviour of any student does not bring credit to either the school or the group, that student may be withdrawn for the season.