# Questions from TSM webinar

## The School Magazine: Classroom code: 6H7DL8 This code will be valid until 1st June

### Q: Is the online here to stay? If we pay for the physical magazine is the online all included, or is it another subscription?

#### A: Yes, the digital content is here to stay. A subscription to the printed magazine includes a subscription to all of the online content.

### Q: Are each of the magazines aligned to particular grades?

#### A: The magazines are designed with a targeted grade in mind, however, this obviously depends on the reading level of each student. Countdown Magazine (Year 3), Blast off Magazine (Year 4), Orbit Magazine (Year 5) and Touchdown Magazine (Year 6).

### Q: How much is the subscription?

#### A: One subscription costs $14 per year per student (excluding GST and delivery). This includes 10 issues of the printed magazine per year along with online access to a library of digital resources.

#### The NSW Government has subsidised the price of subscriptions for NSW government schools. One subscription costs $10 per year (excluding GST and delivery).

### Q: Can you search for different styles of text e.g. explanations?

#### A: You can filter by story, poem, play, article and activity. You can also search for keywords.

### Q: Our school organiser has given us a general log in for all staff. Does this mean that all teachers would have the same class code? Would we need individual logins to create a class code?

#### A: Only the Decision-Maker (admin coordinator of your TSM subscription) is able to grant teachers online access. Only this person should be using the school email address to log in as the admin coordinator, allowing them to manage the school’s subscription details. The Decision-Maker has the ability to ‘invite’ teachers into the online space. Once invited, every teacher establishes their own password to login to the website, and every teacher will have a unique classroom code that they will set up in the Activities section of the website.

### Q: Can students have access to the online content?

#### A: Yes, students can access the online content via the student button to login. Once a teacher has made a folder (or container) of texts in their Activities section on the website, they generate a classroom code in the Activities section of the website which can then be given to students. Students will login to the website using this classroom code.

### Q: If we have a subscription to the physical magazine, do we automatically have online access?

#### A: Yes. When a subscription is made, an email is sent with instructions on how to register your school (or yourself as an individual subscriber) to .

### Q: Will you provide audio for all texts? Do the words highlight as it reads?

#### A: At this stage we won’t be providing audio for all texts due to the high volume of content and the length of some pieces. No, the words are not highlighted as the reading occurs.

### Q: Can you subscribe independently to the rest of your school?

#### A: Yes, you can subscribe as an individual.

### Q: How many read alouds are there?

#### A: At this current time, this is continuously changing due to new developments. Our rough estimation would be 30.

### Q: As an individual subscriber, can you have multiple classes for different reading groups?

#### A: Yes. As an individual subscriber you can access the different reading levels of the magazine. You can also create different activity containers for multiple classes with your individual teacher login. More information, watch our [How To](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoWBTnXiTQq3NZNJN5hJuQNPslyH7Rfnp) 6 and 7 videos on YouTube.

### Q: Is there a way to delete a container if it's no longer needed?

#### A: Yes. Click on the container and in the right-hand corner of the screen you will see the word ‘delete’.

### Q: Can you get past magazines online or are they only from this year?

#### A: Currently, you can access a small amount of content from 2018, all of 2019 and 2020.

### Q: When you upload a resource to a container does it give access to the Learning Resources automatically and can students type straight into the resource?

#### A: If a text has an accompanying Learning Resource it will display a little ‘LR’ button in the corner. You can click on this at any time and go directly to the digital version of the Learning Resource – newer ones of these are able to be used online – previous ones are for printing only.

### Q: Is there a fact sheet going through the steps to add teachers to the account so we can have individual class codes?

#### A: We have a ‘[Frequently Asked Questions](https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/frequently-asked-questions)’ page that you can access from the bottom of our home page. We have also created short instructional videos that can be accessed by clicking on the ‘[Learn about the resources and functions for teachers](https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/frequently-asked-questions)’ button on our home page.

### Q: If we receive the hard copies, does that mean we have a code for digital access?

#### A: Subscribers do not receive a code. The person who made the subscription (the Decision-Maker) is sent instructions on how to grant online access to staff members. Once teachers have established their own log in, they can begin to curate resources and grant access to their students.

### Q: When you subscribe for 12 months, do you get the back issues from this year or do you get the current and then 12 months from now?

#### A: If you subscribe at any time throughout the year you will get the back issues for that current year (Feb to Nov).

### Q: Will students be able to access activity resources from the web and be able to answer online?

#### At this current time, this is not a feature on our website. But something we may look into for further development.

#### However, on a couple of our resources we have new ‘interactives’ at the bottom of some texts. Student will be able to use these new interactive features to answer questions online.

### Q: Can you provide independent use electronically for students to research and add to their own folder or container about a topic.

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### Q: Do the Learning Resources (Teaching Guides) come in a hard copy with the magazines or are they only available online?

#### A: The Learning Resources are only available in digital format. The hard copy versions used to come at an extra cost. We decided to offer the resources digitally at no extra cost.

### Q: Do you have to subscribe every year to get access to previous issues?

#### A: Yes.

# More information

## How can we help you?

#### Go to our Frequently Asked Questions page about the website and current magazine offerings: <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/frequently-asked-questions>

#### If you have a question that you can’t find the answer to, please contact us at [school.magazine@theschoolmagazine.com.au](mailto:school.magazine@theschoolmagazine.com.au)

## How To Videos

#### We also have How To Videos on our YouTube Channel to help subscribers navigate around The School Magazine website. The videos include help on the following 7 topics:

#### Subscribing to The School Magazine

#### An overview of the website

#### Creating your admin account and adding teachers

#### Searching the website

#### Using the Learning Resources

#### Using activities on the website

#### Adding resources to the classroom

#### YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLoWBTnXiTQq3NZNJN5hJuQNPslyH7Rfnp>

## Activities and Classroom Features

#### Here is a link with PDF Guides to help teachers set up their Activities and Classroom features for our website: <https://mailchi.mp/det/important-information-from-the-school-magazine?e=373f51b4f0>

## Audio tracks for TSM content

### Countdown

#### **Poetry**

#### An elephant I heard someone say <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/an-elephant-i-heard-someone-say>

#### Happily Haunted <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/happily-haunted>

#### Storm <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/storm-2>

#### Mudimals <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/mudimals>

#### **Fiction**

#### A Picnic for the Tortoise Family <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/a-picnic-for-the-tortoise-family>

#### Once upon a time <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/once-upon-a-time>

#### School Dogs Big Mistake <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/school-dogs-big-mistake>

#### The Dilemma of a Dachshund <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-dilemma-of-a-dachshund>

#### The Girl from Barellan <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-girl-from-barellan>

### Blast Off

#### **Poetry**

#### A Dessert sky <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/a-dessert-sky>

#### A Hairy Tank <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/a-hairy-tank>

#### Francesca Frog <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/francesca-frog>

#### Sock monster <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/sock-monster>

#### **Fiction**

#### Darcy Does Things Differently    <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/darcy-does-things-differently>

#### Mr Kessel’s Bush Tucker Garden  <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/mr-kessels-bush-tucker-garden>

#### Stinky Sid <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/stinky-sid>

#### The thief who talked <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-thief-who-talked>

#### You can have mine <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/you-can-have-mine>

#### **Article**

#### Will wonders never cease? Doggy Diversity <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/will-wonders-never-cease-doggy-diversity>

### Orbit

#### **Poetry**

#### Rodent Rodeo <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/rodent-rodeo>

#### The Sea <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-sea>

#### End of Term <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/end-of-term>

#### **Fiction**

#### April Fool <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/april-fool>

#### The Most Boring Street in the World <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-most-boring-street-in-the-world>

#### Clever Sun and Moon <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-clever-sun-and-moon>

#### Midnight in Gnome City <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/midnight-in-gnome-city>

#### The Flying Test <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/the-flying-test>

#### Rain Sonata <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/rain-sonata>

#### **Article**

#### Play with your Words <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/play-with-your-words>

### Touchdown

#### **Poetry**

#### Waiting <https://theschoolmagazine.com.au/resources/waiting-3>