



# tarremah times

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## On Thankfulness

It's that time of year again, -everything is bursting into life, the sun is shining for longer, people are becoming more active and everything seems to be moving faster and getting more busy. It's also the time where the sudden increase in activity makes tempers a little frayed - like an emotional inertia to the changes in the world around us.

Between all the activities of the Spring fair, the changes to the working environment, the tired children and busy end of year schedules, it's easy to get bogged down in the negative. It's easy to start looking critically around and beginning to pick holes in things we don't like.

As a member of staff, it's easy to start getting irate at miscommunications, mix-ups with lesson organisation, bureaucracy and that student who simply refuses to wear a hat! Similarly, I'm sure, it's tempting as a parent to start criticising that thing about Tarremah that just really nags at you. You know, that thing that happens that's really annoying?!

Sometimes, when we've been in an environment for a while, we become a little too adapted to it, a little too accustomed as to what to expect. And it's in those times, we start to "sweat the small stuff" -and those irritating little things begin to appear insurmountable. And before long all we begin to see are those little things, those sources of irritation. We begin to lose site of the big picture.

I felt very privileged to be stationed in the Hall during the Spring Fair. Surrounded by the culmination of a year's work by the students. It was fabulous to see visitors, old and young, who were new to the school, be completely astonished and amazed by the work our talented young people at Tarremah have achieved: from

finger-knitting in the ECC through to the 'Film as Text' Portfolios of Class 10!

Watching those visitors to the school, seeing the look of amazement on their faces, reminded me of the first time I encountered student's work in a Steiner school ten years ago, and a similar feeling of astonished surprise that children were capable of creating such beautiful and meaningful, thoughtful work. I remember how much like a revelation it seemed to me and almost laughing at how utopian the whole environment seemed.

It's a shame we can all too easily lose sight of that sense of gratefulness and forget, at times, just what a wonderful environment this school is to so many people. I just wanted to take some time to thank everyone involved in making Tarremah the place it is, and to thank the organisers of the Spring Fair for giving me the chance of reliving that wonder - through the eyes of someone to whom this, all of this, is still so new and amazing in every way.

Brett



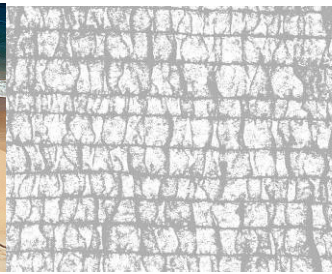
Nina—Class 4

## Diary Dates

Mon 5–Fri 9 December	See inside for details	Primary School Play Week	
Friday 9 December	1:30pm–3:30pm	School Community Hall Naming	Hall
Tuesday 13 December	11:30am	Class 8 present "Twelfth Night"	Amphitheatre
Wednesday 14 December	7:00pm	Class 8 present "Twelfth Night"	Amphitheatre
Thursday 15 December	7:00pm	Class 8 present "Twelfth Night"	Amphitheatre
Thursday 15 December	1:30pm	Class 3 & 4 Music Concert	
Friday 16 December	12:00pm–4:00pm	Christmas Market	Hall
Thursday 22 December	TBC	Whole School Assembly	
Thursday 22 December		Final day for payment of 2011 School Fees unless on direct debit	
Thursday 22 December		Last day of Term 3	



Class 6 students climbing sand dunes



Some of our Class 10 leavers

## Music Concert 2011

Last Thursday evening on November 24th, the students from classes 5 to 10 gathered together to present a Music Concert for their parents and friends. After years of searching the landscape for suitable venues to showcase our students and their talents and years of imagining and dreaming that one day we will have our own hall at our own school, it finally happened! We were so thrilled to be in that real place at last.

Many sincere thanks from the Music Faculty: to Providence- in the form of the Rudd government and the BER funding; and to the truly inspired and dedicated hard work of both- our architects, Yvette Breytenbach and James Morrison- and Robyn Brake, who so skillfully managed the project.

It was a dream come true. How special the evening was as it slowly unfolded. It was a long programme and one which will need to be reviewed in terms of length (2.5 hours without an interval!!) But a very fine evening- filled with so much artistic pursuit and excellence.

I would like to express thanks on behalf of my colleagues to all the students and their families for valuing and supporting music in your lives and for sharing the evening with us. Many thanks also to the Class teachers and Guardians for your support- ongoing and on the evening.

Finally on a personal note, I would like to acknowledge the gratitude and love that I received on the evening and express my deepest thanks to you all. I am blessed to be part of this school.

Margaret

## Class 6 go camping

Highlights of our Class 6 camp to Port Arthur included a walk over Mt Brown where we frolicked on the impressive sand dunes and a visit to the Port Arthur historic site where we properly scared ourselves with their ghost tour.

As usual, we cooked meals and pancakes for ourselves on Trangia cook stoves, slept in cosy tents and swam in the refreshing sea. Thanks especially go to Karin and Russell who drove down to help during the sandy walk.

We are looking forward to the extensive outdoor programme next year when we start secondary school.

Frank

## Class 8 Shakespeare!

If you happen to wander past the amphitheatre at any time over the next few weeks, you won't fail to notice Class 8 students in high Thespian mode! That's because

it's, once again, the time of year when the students of Class 8 launch into the process of 'putting on a Shakespeare play'. This year's group (troupe!) will be performing the much loved *Twelfth Night*.

So mark the dates in your diary and make sure you come along to the amphitheatre, on either Wednesday 14th or Thursday 15th December (7pm) for an evening of confusion and laughter- with a touch conscience-pricking morality!

After all, a play is made to be seen, so we'd love lots and lots of you to come along and be a part of the audience.

Helen

## The Class 10 Dinner

Friday 18th November was a night that the Class 10 community - students, parents and teachers - will not readily forget. Twenty shining students, filled with excitement, pride, nostalgia

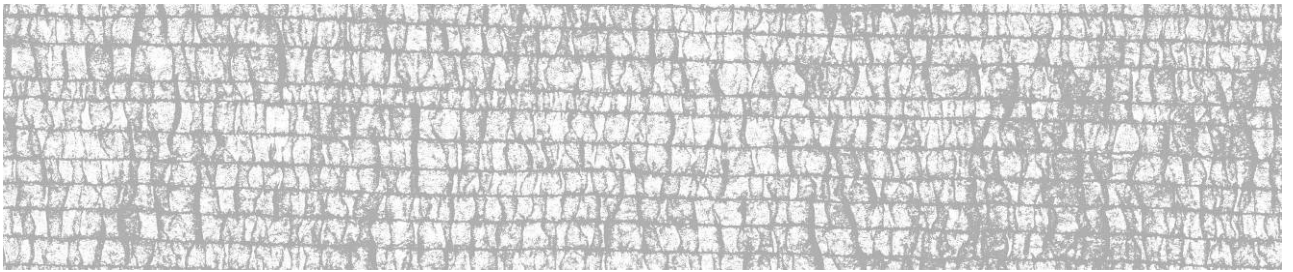


- and no doubt a mix of many other emotions - were both the hosts and the guests of honour at this special event to celebrate the Class 10 community.

After posing for photos in their finery, the students lined the stairway to the restaurant, to welcome their parents and teachers. They began the evening with a song and then an official welcome; then everyone settled in to enjoy the conviviality and congeniality, the food, the conversation - and the speeches! Each student presented a speech, revealing their thoughts and feelings about life, school, their Tarremah experience and the drawing to a end of their days at Tarremah. Each student spoke with warmth, maturity and a great depth of feeling that was entertaining, thought-provoking and very moving. The speeches revealed much about each student, but also about the diversity and dynamism of the class. On many occasions the audience smiled and laughed - they also dabbed frequently at brimming eyes. It was a very special event.

Helen





## News and Events

### Announcing Andrew Merhulik

Congratulations to Kim Merhulik and her husband, Paul, on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, Andrew, on Thursday, 17 November.

From all of the Tarremah community

### Students need a Greencard for Non-Metro buses in 2012

Craig from Goodluck Coaches has kindly informed Tarremah of a decision by D.I.E.R regarding students who travel to and from school on non-Metro buses.

In 2012 all students who travel on non-Metro buses will need a Greencard. The bus fare on these buses with a Greencard will be \$1.00. Without a Greencard it will be \$1.30. Students should apply now for their Greencards ready for the 2012 year at [http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/72298/Student\\_Greencard\\_Guidelines\\_and\\_Application.pdf](http://www.transport.tas.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0010/72298/Student_Greencard_Guidelines_and_Application.pdf)

Note: students who are eligible for free travel, and who currently hold an un-expired free pass, won't need to apply, but will be issued with a Student Greencard automatically. Further information is available: P: 1300 851 225, E: [buspasses@dier.tas.gov.au](mailto:buspasses@dier.tas.gov.au).

We thank Craig for bringing this to our attention and trust that parents will take advantage of the timely notice in preparation for the 2012 school year.

Arlene

### Final day reminder for Pipit and Fantail

A reminder to all Fantail and Pipit parents that the 16 December is the last day for Kinder. Kinder aged children, need to be met by their parents at 1.30pm and Prep parents to be ready for the 2.00pm arch procession.

Chantal

### Car park

Concerns have been raised regarding safety in the Tarremah car park.

Parents and staff using the car park are reminded

- to observe a speed limit of 40km per hour on Nautilus Grove before and after School
- for the safety of our children, there is a limit of 10km per hour in the Tarremah car park

- children are to be dropped off only in a designated parking space (not from a vehicle stopped elsewhere in the car park)
- some spaces are 15 minutes only – to allow parents an easy drop-off space
- the car park is one way – it is never OK to reverse out of the car park
- children are walking from the bus drop off on Nautilus Grove – please watch out for pedestrians at all times
- it is dangerous to overtake buses dropping off children – please wait
- do not park in the emergency access driveway (outside Silvereye)

Please take an extra moment to ensure that we all arrive safely home each day – slow down and take care.

Bill Sherwin–WHS Coordinator

### Hebel Block Carving Workshop!

Calling all artists and sculptors & those wanting to try their hand in Hebel block carving!!

I would like to call in some assistance to complete the unfinished chess pieces – which students from the secondary school have designed and sculpted in Art lessons over the last two years.....we are almost there!!

With this in mind I would like to offer a Workshop/working bee on Sunday 11 December at school 11am til 3pm. Please bring a dust mask if you have one – all other tools will be provided. Call me on 0417 362128 if you would like to attend.

Annie Ball

### Primary School Play Week

The days and times for the Primary School play performances are as follows;

**Monday 5 Dec**–11:20am Class 3 and 1:40pm Class 2.


**Tuesday 6 Dec**–11:20am Class 2, 1:40pm Class 3, Class 5 and Class 6.

**Wednesday 7 Dec**–9:30am Class 3, 11:20am Class 6, 11:30am Class 4, 2:30pm Class 1 and 6:30pm Class 4.

**Thursday 8 Dec**–9:30am Class 1, 11:20am Class 6, 1:40pm Class 2 and Class 4, 6:30pm Class 5.

**Friday 9 Dec**–6:30pm Class 6

Please contact class teachers if you require any further information.



## Parents and Friends

### Christmas Market

This year's Christmas Market will be held in the hall on Friday 16 December. All under cover. It will start at 12 noon and finish at 4pm. This coincides with the final day for Kinder and the graduation for the Prep students.

Come over to the hall for lunch, coffee, cakes and a wide range of Christmas Gifts.

Stallholders please contact Jen on 6229 6972 to book a space.

### Download a Profile of Rudolf Steiner

Rudolf Steiner is well known for pioneering an alternative education system but it's less well known that his ideas on agriculture, philosophy, architecture and medicine were way ahead of his time.

On ABC Radio - Life Matters, Monday 21 November, Andrew Hill, Principal Glenaeon Steiner School, profiled the man and his ideas.

<http://www.abc.net.au/rn/lifematters/stories/2011/3370332.htm>

### Advent - a season of preparation and gratitude

Advent is a time of quiet, introspective, Personal examination and repentance.

A time to slow down,  
To take stock of things that matter the most  
And to do some inner house cleaning.  
Grant & Wilbur 1999

This week is the first week of Advent, the week we celebrate the mineral kingdom. This is the first of the 4 kingdoms; mineral, plant, animal and human. If you are interested in learning more about celebrating advent, the library has some excellent parent resources available.

Morgenstern expressed his deep thankfulness for the sacrifice that these kingdoms have brought, and continue to bring, us in his poem of gratitude.

### The Washing of the Feet by Christian Morgenstern

I thank you, silent stone on earth,  
and gently lean to you below.  
My life as plant I owe to you.

I thank you, grounds and meadows green  
and bend down close to you below.  
My life as animal depends on you.

I thank you animal, and plant and stone,  
and bow down thankfully to you below.  
You helped me to become all three.

And we thank you, you child of man,  
And kneel in reverence before you:  
only because you are, we are.

From all of God's creation, simple  
or so manifold, rise thanks.  
In thankfulness all being intertwines.



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