That Survives Which Finds A Place In Our Hearts

One September, just over a hundred years ago, a small group gathered on a hillside outside a small Swiss village near Basel to lay a foundation stone for a building they were preparing to raise.

This simple ceremony initiated a nine-year labour of love involving untold numbers of students, friends and co-workers of Rudolf Steiner’s. The entire building was a sculptural and artistic representation of the ideas which Steiner had been elaborating over the previous years. It was constructed of laminated timber and every surface had been lovingly hand-carved by volunteers many of whom had never held a chisel or a mallet before. All of them were learning new trades and arts to help on the construction of this unique building.

As 1922 drew to a close, the almost completed Goetheanum still remained to be formally opened. On New Years Eve of that year, a fire was discovered that quickly overwhelmed the building and all those struggling to save it were forced to withdraw and watch on helplessly as the Goetheanum slowly burned to the ground.

The next day Rudolf Steiner spoke to journalists, noting that, “the facts point to an outside arsonist” but after consulting with his colleagues, he encouraged them to proceed with all scheduled programmes as planned. His lectures that day proceeded as scheduled along with a play performance in the site workshop, “to continue the work without pause to keep our adversaries from achieving their goal”.

There is much in this defining event in Steiner’s life that has been sadly reflected in the destruction last week of Class 3’s Aboriginal bark hut. After enormous work and sacrifice on the part of all involved and the children’s dedicated efforts over a three week period to build the hut, a purification and ‘smoking’ ceremony was scheduled to ‘bless’ and ‘open’ the site last Friday but last Tuesday evening the site was trespassed on and a fire lit which burned the hut to the ground. The next morning as we all stood around the site in disbelief, one of the children ran over into my arms and burst into tears, expressing the devastation everyone felt.

After all our options had been considered it was decided to proceed with the ceremony on Friday and honour the hut that still lived on in the hearts of all the children and Friday’s ceremony was one of the most moving testaments to the resilience of our children and the community’s spirit. A resilience which can peacefully overcome adversarial forces with a commitment to all that is of value in the world and that ennobles us as human beings. My heartfelt thanks and congratulations go out to all the children of Class 3 and to Andreas and Craig, who conducted the programme, and to all the parents involved for the wonderful ceremony on Friday which refilled the vessel to overflowing which had so tragically been knocked over only days before. Congratulations to all involved.

Diary Dates

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Augie, Class 3
The Freycinet Circuit by Class 9
Class 9 recently hiked around the Freycinet circuit as part of their preparation for their Overland Track camp next year. A highlight was the view from the granite rocks atop the rarely visited Mt Freycinet, and the dolphins that greeted us at the end of the day’s many steps. Other notable moments included the welcome little waterfall that quenched our thirst late in the afternoon, and the birthday celebration on the sand at Wineglass Bay. Finally, well deserved congratulations to Odin for receiving the ‘golden tent peg award’ for his achievements in the Outdoor Ed ‘classroom’.

Class One
Things are looking busy again in the class one playground with Dave Driver installing a new water play centre! If you haven’t already, make sure you pop in to check it out and cheer him on.

Sailing Anyone?
Parent Information
Kingston Beach Sailing Club is a Yachting Australia Discover Sailing and Tackers Centre. If you are interested in your child learning to sail, Tackers 1 (Having Fun), Tackers 2 (Tricks and Techniques and Tackers 3 (Sailing Fast) will be starting again We will still be offering classes for more experienced and older children, as well as adult learn to sail. All boats and equipment is provided. Numbers are limited and positions are allocated on a first come basis. Contact Jenny on 6229 4590 or 0421064590 for registration and information, or email dandjgraney@bigpond.com.
Library News

Book week—Storytelling in the Library

Each lunch time for the whole of Book Week 2 members of the School came into the library to tell their Australian stories. The sessions were so popular, we actually had children waiting outside when the library became too full. Thank you to James, Bruce, Quig, Hayley, Gina, John, Lindsey, Rod, Bel and Brett for telling their stories.

Assembly

The Book Week Assembly was enjoyed by all. It is a pleasure to see the whole school celebrate books with such enthusiasm. The staff play was a success again this year, with the cow really hamming it up and the meteorite voted the strongest person in the school.

Abi in Class 2 took out the Library prize and there were wonderful costumes from book characters in classes 1–5 as well as some inspired plays from the secondary school. Class 6 read some interestingly titled books, Class 7 put on a play made out of lines from over 37 Australian titles, Class 8 performed a play based on a book written by Tara and Class 9 performed their version of Wombat Stew accompanied by original music.

Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated books to the library.

The Tarremah Library has a small budget. It is really important for us to be able to supplement the budget with the books we carefully choose for the library that you, as staff and community members, then donate.

Each year we look at the collections and try to make astute purchases where there are areas of need. When we purchase resources for teachers or parents, costs can sometimes be as high as $110 per title. So thank you for supporting us. Feel free to browse in the library for books to donate if you haven’t already done so, right up until the end of term.

Leonie Atkins
Teacher Librarian

Grandparents’ Day

Children have a special relationship with their grandparents, and this was evident last Thursday on Grandparents Day. Another huge turnout this year with over eighty grandparents and special friends visiting the school. Grandparents were escorted to the classrooms where they spent time with their grandchildren and talking to teachers. A music concert was performed by class groups and individuals before a welcome cup of tea was served by the Parents and Friends.
Parents and Friends

UPCOMING EVENTS for the Whole School Community:
A BIG THANKYOU to everyone who supplied cakes and biscuits for Grandparents and Special Friends’ Day on 1 September. It was a wonderful morning, with about 80 family and friends attending a tour of classrooms, a fantastic music concert and some delightful cakes for morning tea. Plates and containers are available in Hall Foyer for collection.

Heartwarmers Cafe
9:00am-11:00am, Hall Foyer
The first Wednesday each month during term time.

Please join us in the Hall Foyer for complimentary cups of tea, coffee, herbal teas and delicious homemade cakes and a chat.

Everyone is welcome. Simple toy corner for children also.

Whole School Working Bee
Saturday 15 October from 10:00am-3:00pm
Come along and help beautify the School for the upcoming Spring Fair.

Catch up with friends, enjoy a chat whilst working.
Children welcome but must be supervised at all times.

Many jobs big and small. Yummy FREE lunch provided by the P&F.

More details soon.

Tarremah Spring Fair
Sunday 6 November 11:00am-3:00pm
Please put in your diary and remind friends and family to come along to enjoy our wonderful annual Spring Fair.

Tarremah Spring Fair raffle has begun! Tickets were printed and available at Grandparents’ and Special Friends Day, which was a great start. Raffle tickets are available in the School Office. Check out the great prizes below:

1st prize: Flights for 2 adults over the South West World Heritage area with Par Avion valued at $800.
2nd prize: Sculpted wooden bowl by Marcus Tatton valued at $650.
3rd prize: Pennicott Wilderness Journey on Bruny Island valued at $270.
4th prize: 2 x screen printed cushions by Till Design valued at $150.
5th prize: Selection of beautiful Steiner products from Lyrebird valued at $150.
6th prize: 90 min sacred body work session by Alice Parker valued at $150.
7th prize: $100 voucher for Keshet clothing, colourful and Tasmanian designed.
8th prize: Handmade Steiner Doll by Rosie Barry.

We would love some help washing the colourful muslin cloths, so they are clean and crease free for the Spring Fair decorations (no need to iron, just wash and fold when dry). If you are able to help please let Amanda know, and you can take a bundle home to wash in this warm Spring weather.

Start saving second hand clothes, good quality toys and books for our BIG treasure trove at the Fair. Thanks to Lisa Charleston and Brenda Goddard for holding this space this year.

Enquiries: tarremahpandf@gmail.com or call Amanda on 0437 211 389

TARREMAH GROWERS
Sunday 18 September - Sowing corn, pumpkin, sweet peas @ Claire’s
Sunday 2 October - Sowing peas, beans, etc. (venue TBA)

Email Sharee.McCammon@utas.edu.au or Catherine.Silcock@gmail.com for details and addresses.

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