Technology

Steiner Schools are often perceived as reluctant to engage with new technology, particularly digital technologies and many parents and teachers are drawn to Steiner education because of the absence of digital technologies in our Primary schools. Because of the teaching of traditional crafts and trades and technologies in our curriculum we often develop very strong relationships with sections of the counter-cultural community who deeply mistrust if not directly oppose the increasing role of technology in our lives. We share grave reservations about the role of digital technologies in early childhood and Primary School education for cognitive and developmental reasons but see it as playing an increasingly valuable role in creative applications in education for adolescents. Rudolf Steiner’s view was that we are in need of ‘understanding’ technology, at least something of how it works and how it's applied to be able to ‘use’ it in such a way that it is not ‘using’ us. Our humanity is preserved by mastering technology and directing it to fulfilling our human aims or else we are in danger of becoming enslaved to its purposes.

“We hope to succeed in planning an education for students between fifteen and twenty that will gradually introduce them to the manifold devices surrounding them today. Just think for a moment of how much we fall short of this in contemporary life. You just need to ask yourselves how many people regularly use the telephone, public transportation, or even a steam ship without having the faintest idea of how they work. In our civilization, people are practically engulfed by a technology that they do not understand. To use modern technology with no knowledge of how things work or how they were made is like being a prisoner in a cell without windows through which one could at least look out into nature and to freedom.”

Over the past twelve months we have been working closely with web designers from Futago to develop a new Tarremah Website with a Steiner school aesthetic. We are confident it reflects and expresses more profoundly who we are and the ideals we are striving for. The new website is the intended home for the three films that Richard Williams and Elise Blacher produced on Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary education at Tarremah and to continue to provide all the previous information, policies and Facebook and Instagram links. The website will become accessible over the weekend so please visit us online and I hope you enjoy our new ‘look’!

Rod Tomlinson

Diary Dates

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Marine Discovery Centre
Class 4 enjoyed visiting the Marine Discovery Centre as part of their ‘Human Being and the Animal Kingdom’ main lesson. The children enjoyed patting a Draughtboard Shark, making bioluminescent fish, looking at plankton through microscopes, finding crabs in rock pools and looking at what was under the Woodbridge Pier via an underwater camera.

Class Four Camp
Strong legs and determined minds led us across the windswept peninsular at the end of South Arm. After several hours walk, Class 4 looked back upon the familiar landmarks of Hobart - the shot tower, Kingston Beach, the Alum Cliffs and Mount Wellington.

The following day we walked along the stunning cliffs from Roches Beach to Seven Mile Beach before sailing our hand-made wooden boats in the creek and building castles on the sand.

In the afternoon we had a game of popping balloon charades and in the evening after a delicious BBQ, enjoyed performing skits around the camp fire at night. The last day we had a huge tidy and clean up before forming groups for the Orana Scavenger Hunt. We finished the afternoon off with parachute games and free play. At the very end of our camp we were pelted with a freak hail storm, so we quickly bundled everything on to the bus and set off back to school.

Day one on our camp: We went on a very, very expensive bus. The bus driver said, “You can’t eat or drink on this bus. You cannot bring your bags on this bus.” His name was John. Now back to the trip. We got to the Southern Outlet and the traffic was very, very slow. It took about 2 hours to get through the traffic and through Hobart, across the bridge and to South Arm where we went for a very long walk. When we finished the walk, we got back on John’s bus and eventually we got to the camp and unpacked our gear. After we enjoyed a dinner of Spaghetti Bolognese and a dessert of jelly and cream, (which was very, very yummy), we went into the living room and we did our cross stitch. We had some Milo. The story was The Animals of Farthing Wood. Then we brushed our teeth and we went to bed. (written by Ariela, Rory, Zephyr, Bella and Hugo)

Day 2 at camp: We got up and had breakfast which was toast and eggs. We had delicious porridge with vanilla Greek style yoghurt, and then we cleaned up. Then we made little wooden boats with Elise. We went on the Seven Mile walk and played on the beach. Then it started to rain so we walked back and played Charades with colourful balloons. We had to pop them to get a card out and act what it said on the card. Then we went down to the beach and sailed our boats. (written by Elliott, Miela, Ruben, Lorenzo and Ruby)

Day 3 at camp: On the last day of camp, we packed up our dorms. The girls in Dorm six found a piñata, a slipper, some lolly wrappers and some money under the bed. We had breakfast and it was delicious. We had porridge and fried eggs and toast. We had a scavenger hunt and it was pretty fun. After the scavenger hunt, the class played games with the parachute and then we had lunch. An unexpected hail and rain storm came and some people’s gear got drenched so we ran to the bus which had arrived earlier. We quickly got on the bus to go back to school and we loved the camp. (written by Lachlan, Eva, Izzy, Maya, Casey and Romilly)

Secondary Swimming Carnival
Last Friday was a fantastic day with fine spirited efforts from all four house groups. Wonderful costumes, house cheers done with great enthusiasm throughout the day. Sorrell took the honours winning the coveted Swim Challenge cup while Mulberry won the Spirit Award. Many thanks to all the teachers and aides that brought enthusiasm and encouragement to the day’s events.
News and Events

An Enriching Experience
Thursday 10 November, 6:30pm in the Hall

Students in Class 10 have been working on an independent project for most of this year - opening up new areas of discovery and research that are outside the confines of the classroom curriculum. We have enlisted the help of mentors and role models, and have spent many hours of our own time learning new skills and knowledge.

On Thursday 10 November we will present our efforts to our peers, parents, teachers, mentors and members of the school community. We would like to invite you to view our work and listen to our presentations from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Hall. Hope to see you there.

Students of Class 10.

2016 SGM of the TSSF
A Special General Meeting of the Tarremah Steiner School Foundation Inc. will be held on Tuesday 13 December 2016. The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to consider changes to the TSSF Constitution proposed by the School Council. The meeting will take place in the Music Room commencing at 6:30pm. Please ensure that you have renewed your membership prior to 9 December 2016.

Geoff Rainbow
Public Officer TSSF

Rubbish Free Lunch Day
Last Wednesday 26 October we hosted a Rubbish Free Lunch Day. Thanks so much to the parents, children and teachers who enthusiastically participated and made it a resounding success. Many parents and children carefully thought about how they would package their lunch so there was no waste (apart from compostable food scraps). Noticeable on the day, were the beautiful posters made by class 3 students.

The week before, on October 19, students in all classes took note of how much packaging was in their lunchboxes. A total of 75 pieces of rubbish were collected - roughly averaging around 6 pieces of rubbish per class. On Rubbish Free Lunch Day this amount was reduced by around 77%!

It was heartening to hear some young people saying "We have rubbish free lunch boxes EVERY day". In fact, many children are well aware of the need to reduce waste already. But we can help further this understanding by being mindful of our choices when shopping and by modelling good recycling habits if we do have waste.

Please remember that some plastic bags can be washed and re-used many times, so ask your children to bring them home along with any recyclable items. Let's try to have a rubbish free lunch box EVERY day! It can be a fun challenge for everyone! Thanks so much to all who participated. Stay tuned for more Environment activities.

Tarremah Environmental & Social Responsibility Committee

Relief Teacher & Teachers Aides Needed
Expressions of interest are being sought for relief teachers and relief teacher aides. Essential requirements are current Tasmanian teacher registration and Working with Vulnerable People card. Please send your resume to Gloriam@tarremah.tas.edu.au.

New Tarremah Website Launch
The new Tarremah Website will be launched at the Tarremah Spring Fair next Sunday, with opportunities to take a look at the site and give us some feedback. Being a dynamic medium, the website will develop and grow as the school does.

Kingston Library Display
When you are next in the Kingston Library please take a look at the Tarremah primary school crafts which are on display. Students work very hard throughout the year on their major craft project and many also complete smaller projects as well.

Sustainable Living Tasmania
Tarremah will have a stall at the Sustainable Living Tasmanian Festival on November 12 and 13 at Wharf 1, near Salamanca. The new promotional videos will be playing throughout the festival which will help us to showcase the school.
Parents and Friends

Parents and Friends Meetings
Tuesday 15 November, 6:00pm, Honeysuckle Room

We always welcome new members to the P&F. Our meetings are on Tuesday nights at 6pm once a month.

We meet in the Honeysuckle Room, and always have chocolate, lots of laughs and a variety of hot drinks!

This will be our Fair Celebration evening. All stall holders most welcome. Please email us if you would like to come along: tarremahpandf@gmail.com

Thursday is “Pasta Day”
Following on from a successful “Soup Day” in Term 3, the P&F are continuing on with pasta for Term 4. Our first day was HUGE with many enjoying a hot lunch. There was a bit of a line up, but we are going to stagger the lunches for classes so students do not have to wait.

Every Thursday – pasta topped with tomato based vegetarian or meat bolognaise, with grated cheese and sprigs of parsley from the garden. Gluten free pasta available. $3 for small or $5 for large serving.

SPRING FAIR UPDATE:
Plant stall needs boxes to put sold plants in. START GATHERING AND STOCKPILING CARDBOARD BOXES. WE NEED HEAPS for the Spring Fair. Please deliver on Saturday to the Class 6 classroom.

Car parking: Due to a wet spring, the grassed areas usually used for parking adjacent to the school are unsuitable and we do not want people getting bogged! So this year, after we have filled up our car park and St Aloysius, we will be using the Vodafone carpark with a shuttle bus service to drive you into the school grounds.

Rosters: Please fill in your class rosters. Ask extended family, friends, older students if they could also help. “Teamwork makes the dream work”. If you are unable to fill your roster space on the day, please find someone else to do it, so the activity can still happen without you. Smile and have fun, it’s only a day.

Cakes for our famous Fair Coffee Shop: Please keep an eye out for a hardcopy Fair newsletter coming home with your child this week. It will have a cake label, please write the type of cake and all ingredients and attach the label to your cake. Please bring it in on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Steiner doll display: Remember to bring in your own doll from home, with a little card stating their name and other interesting information. Dress them up in their best clothes and drop off to the old Class 9 room on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Pray for a glorious sunny day with a slight breeze!!!
A BIG thank you from the P&F to all the parents and students for the work leading up to our Spring Fair this Sunday. You are all appreciated, and we wish you a fun filled weekend.

Any questions about fair related items please email Amanda Thompson on: sastrthompson@gmail.com or call on 0437 211 389.

Spring Fair Poster
We have been receiving many positive comments about our Spring Fair poster this year, and I wanted to acknowledge Kate in Class Ten who produced the beautiful artwork this year. Hopefully you have seen the posters, local advertisements and proliferation of road signs this year.

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