

tarremah times

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Sometimes, in the midst of life's demands on us, we struggle to gain sufficient perspective to make sound judgements even when decisions have the potential to determine the course of our lives. I have often wondered if it is this difficulty that tempts us to the compensatory behaviour of readily passing judgement on the doings of others!

I think healthy family life, healthy community life and a healthy national life, stand or fall to the degree that we understand one another and perceive who one another really are. Invariably, adverse judgements on the nature of others throws a veil over their being, preventing us from any further insight into who they truly are.

It is also easy to forget that our judgements may be affecting the person we have judged and influencing their ability to cope with their circumstances, to the degree that it is causing their less than ideal behaviour - tragically confirming us in our judgements of them!

The Quantum Physicists of our time are still struggling to understand how the 'observer' of sub-atomic phenomena is influencing what is observed in that realm simply by directing their attention to a quantum event.

From the unique vantage point of his imminent death, Billy Connelly's character in *What We Did On Our Holiday*, offers the following insightful homily to his granddaughter who was expressing how angry she was with her parents;

"I realised there's no point in being angry with people I loved for being what they are. So what if your Dad is a complete and utter shambles... He can't help himself, any more than... your Mum can help being a bit mouthy. The truth is, every human being on this planet is ridiculous in their own way. So we shouldn't judge, we shouldn't fight.

Because in the end... in the end... none of it matters... none of that stuff..."

On another note, I would like to conclude by sharing with you some heart-warming words from one of our recent benefactors;

"Our family remains very thankful for the rich educational experience that our two boys - in fact our whole family - received through Tarremah under wonderful and committed teachers. We see the enduring legacy of the values that Tarremah instilled in our children in the wonderful adults that our boys have become. We also see so many of our children's class peers leading successful, positively engaged lives and making good and expansive life decisions. Thank you, Tarremah, for being such a special part of our lives."



Lyn, Class 6

Diary Dates

Thursday 21 September	2:00pm-3:00pm	Primary School Music Concert	Hall
Monday 25 September	6:30pm	P&F Meeting	Honeysuckle Room
Wednesday 27 September	9:30am	School Tour	
Wednesday 27 September	11:15am and 7:00pm	Class 10 Drama Production	Hall
Thursday 28 September	11:15am and 7:00pm	Class 10 Drama Production	Hall
Friday 29 September		Last Day of Term 3	
Monday 16 October		First Day of Term 4	
Tuesday 24 October	11:30am	Spring Festival	Amphitheatre
Wednesday 25 October	TBC	ECC Spring Festival	
Wednesday 2 November	9:30am	School Tour	



The Secondary School Music Concert

The Secondary Music Concert was held last Tuesday and was a great success. Classes 6-10 headed back to school in the evening out of the cold and participated in class items and massed choir amongst the other ensembles, bands and soloists.

Enthusiasm, creativity and energy in music making have grown amongst our students this year and the quality of each item was to a high standard.

Thanks to all staff, music staff and students for your hard work and support, and huge thanks for being a wonderfully supportive audience.

Gina Rose
Music Coordinator



Class 10 2017 Production

Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 September

Matinee: 11:15am - 1:45pm

Evening: 7pm - Intermission and nibbles between the two productions.

\$5.00 entry or \$20 per family.

This year, we're doing something a little different

Ajax - Greek tragedy - by Sophocles

Sophocles's play recounts the tale of the ill-fated Ajax. The tale begins while Odysseus is searching for Ajax, whom he believes has killed a herd of cattle. Athena, reveals her cunning and that Ajax is possessed.

Tecmessa, Ajax's captive bride, informs the chorus that Ajax is indeed possessed. Ajax emerges from the tent, sane this time, and expresses remorse for his actions. He decides he must die. Tecmessa pleads with him, but he appears to have made up his mind.

Later, Ajax reappears and expresses a change of heart. What does Ajax ultimately decide?

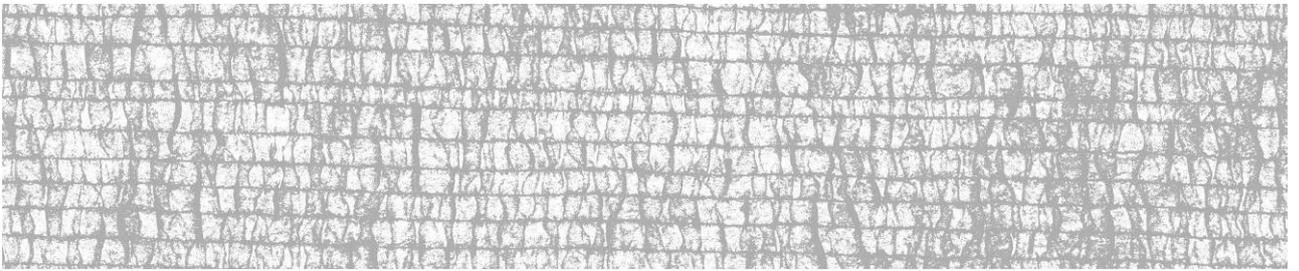
Top Girls - modern/historical drama - Act 1. only - by Caryl Churchill.

Act 1 of Top Girls takes place in a hip London restaurant where Marlene has invited five female dinner guests from different historical eras. Pope Joan, a Japanese 13th Century empress, Dull Gret-the subject of a Bruegel painting, an explorer and writer, Isabella and Griselda, a character from one of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales. These women are bound together by their struggles against patriarchy and oppression.

Hopefully a fitting contrast to the ancient world of Greece.

We hope to see you all there.

Lindsey Gallon



News and Events

Student's Vaccination Record Required

Please refer to an email and letter sent home on Wednesday 6 September and be aware that we require a copy of your child/ren's Vaccination Record by Friday 22 September. Please contact the Office if you require further information.

digital.tarremah

Smartphones, BYOD, gaming and social media are an emerging challenge for schools and parents. As a community, how can we manage these resources and support our children to get creative, healthy and positive outcomes from them?

In November we will be holding information sessions at Tarremah about BYOD, device management and home network filtering (and other questions that you bring.

Put these dates in your diary:

- Thursday 2nd November at 7pm and
- Thursday 16th November at 7pm (a repeat of 2nd November)

These sessions are open to all parents who want information and support with buying a BYOD device (for grades 8-10), for managing devices (antivirus, parent controls), for filtering your home network (to protect your children) and any other questions and concerns you would like addressed.

We will also be organising a parent ThinkUKnow presentation on Cyber Safety in Term 4 - we will keep you posted for date and time.

For immediate help, check out our new support website:

<https://digital.tarremah.tas.edu.au> (or see 'Key Info' on the school website).

Chris Littlejohn
IT Manager

Update from the Environmental Responsibility Committee

Recently the ABC showed a series called 'War on Waste' which many of you may have seen. It highlighted the need for more

serious efforts to reduce the amount of waste we are creating every day, bringing social and environmental benefits, including reducing waste going to landfill and reducing methane emissions. Here are a few ideas from the website Switch Your Thinking.

Top ten ways to cut your household waste:

- **Refuse** plastic bags and remember to bring your own re-useable bags and/or containers from home.
- **Re-home** op-shops or sites like **Gumtree** and **Freecycle** can re-home unwanted household items including clothes and collectables.
- **Recycle** Many things can be recycled, including batteries, mobile phones and fluorescent lights. www.recyclenearyou.com.au.
- **Rethink** how you dispose of rubbish while you are out of the house. Take your rubbish home and dispose of it responsibly.
- **Rot** About half of the waste we send to landfill can be safely composted at home using a worm farm, bokashi bucket or compost heap. You'll be reducing greenhouse gas emissions and you'll gain nutrients for your garden.
- **Return** the nutrients from your garden clippings back to the earth by composting or mulching, your plants will thank you and you'll save money using this natural fertiliser.
- **Place a NO JUNK MAIL** sticker on your letter box. In Australia, 8.2 billion articles of junk mail are produced every year. If you're not reading it, stop receiving it.
- **Reduce** the amount of chemicals and plastic waste in your home by making your own natural cleaners. Mix one part water with one part vinegar and a squeeze of lemon juice for an effective all-purpose cleaner, or use bicarb soda.
- **Re-use** Switch to **re-usable water bottles and coffee mugs** instead of the throw-away alternative.
- **Repurpose** Before throwing it away, think of how it can be put to use a different way. Old clothes and linen make great dusting rags, chipped coffee cups make great indoor plant pots.



Parents and Friends

A Feast Of Sound....What a night!

On Sat 9 September the School Hall was filled with 110 people to enjoy the delightful music and tasty food put on by the School community to nurture the adults of our beautiful school.

Tables were rustically set, with spring flowers and candles. The bar had it's own old fashioned lamps for ambience, the curries were lovingly made and served Indian style to all the tables, assorted music from parents and friends made the night roll on beautifully ending with a poetry recital of "Mulga Bills bicycle" whilst riding around the Hall on a Penny Farthing!

We would like to thank:

Carolyn Poorteneer who was our Music & Program Manager.....great work; **Russel Dobie** for his great sound/stage expertise; **Bruce Warner** for his funny antics as Compere; **Anja Boot** for being drinks/bar Manager with a smile; **Kim Creef and Michelle Crawford** for their Food expertise; **Marcus Tatton** for being an awesome decorating Manager; **Melissa Pettman** for her organised money managing skills; **John Correy and Abbey** for their help with the program; **Steph Phillips and Georgie Ferguson** for organising a gorgeous raffle table and decorating in great style; **Nicki and Nathan Bean** for the yummiest cheesecakes ever!; **The P&F committee** for being such great organisers and a fun team to be part of; and **All the volunteers** on the night who worked behind the scenes to help in the kitchen, set up, pack up, cook, serve tables, etc. We so appreciate your time and effort to make the night so successful.

And to top it off we raised \$3,700 to go towards a permanent piano for the school stage!

Parents and Friends Meetings

Monday 25 September, 6:30pm in the Honeysuckle Room

We always welcome new members to the P&F. If you would like to be part of this rewarding and fun team, how about thinking of joining up for the remainder of the year.

Our meetings are on Monday nights at 6:30pm once a

month.

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

Please email us if you would like to come along:

tarremahpandf@gmail.com

Heartwarmers Cafe

Wednesday 1 November, 9:00am–10:30am, Hall Foyer

Come along and enjoy a cuppa and cake with friends. Young children most welcome, we have a cosy toy corner.

This lovely cafe happens on the first Wednesday of each month during school term.

Thursday Tuckshop—new soup!

Chicken and vegie soup full of goodness!

Homemade soup \$3.00

Hot cheese rolls / or plain roll (no butter), \$2.00 / \$1.00

Choc chip Anzac \$1.00.

The choice of soups will be: pumpkin, potato & leek and chicken & vegetable with a choice of a dollop of sour cream.

The wholemeal rolls will have the option of being plain (no butter) or with melted cheese.

There are gluten free, dairy free and vegan options for everything!

We love having **parent help for Thursday Tuck shop**, any time you can give is so much appreciated, please see below a link to the sign up roster.

<https://signup.zone/xDWmhgHwnSq4mnMDT>

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