Tarremah Steiner School

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Tarremah Times

Early Childhood Centre Lantern Walk

Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility— these three forces are the very nerve of education. *Rudolf Steiner*

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Fri 23 May
Parade of Lights

Thurs 29 May
TSSF AGM

Wed 4 June
School Tour

Wed 4 June
Heartwarmers Cafe

Wed 4 June
Class 10 Cake Stall

Thurs 5 June
Steiner Education – online talk

Mon 9 June
Public Holiday

Thurs 12 June
Steiner Education – online talk

Thurs 19 June
ECC Winter Festival

Fri 20 June
Winter Spiral

Tues 24 & Wed 25 June
Class 10 Drama Performances

ECC Lantern Walk

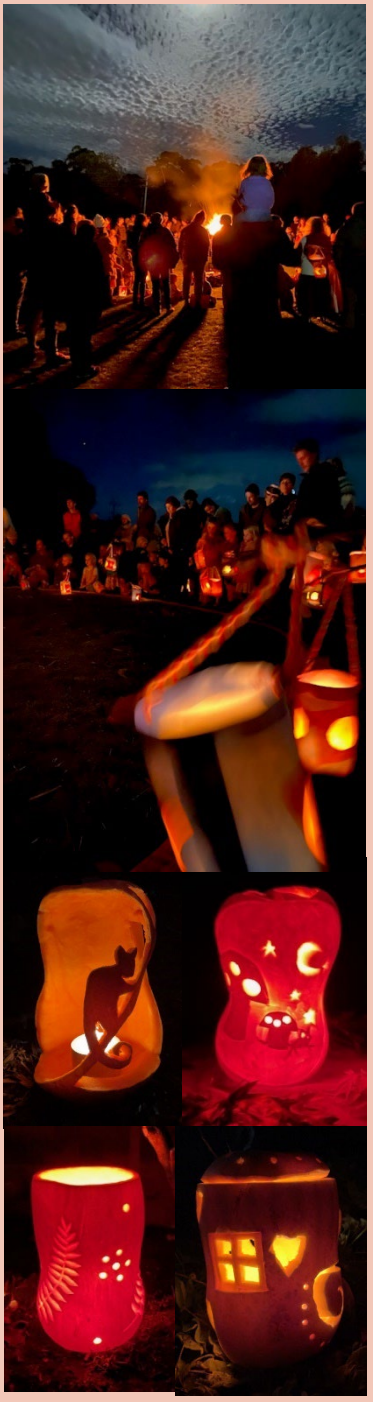
During the first two weeks of term, children in the Early Childhood classes began preparing for our Lantern Walk. Morning Circles and stories were sprinkled with lantern songs, along with sing-a-longs with our neighbours at the end of outside play. Much apple was sliced, dried, and put in little bags to provide munching sustenance on the evening. Paintings were cut, windows covered, twisty handles made & the perfect stick handles found on Walk Day. The lanterns waited on the cloakroom shelves, ready to receive the gift of a spark of one of Father Sun's Autumn rays. Then the evening arrived, what an adventure to come to school in the nighttime.

After enjoying a story, the children received their lit lanterns and began the slow journey to the fire. Walking with their families, all were greeted with beautiful glowing pumpkins to light the pathway. Many cries of delight could be heard as a new pumpkin was spied.

As we gathered around the fire to sing our songs, we were gifted with the most spectacular night sky. This was complemented on the earth below with our circle of glowing lanterns and dancing fire flames. Oh, how lovely was the evening.

A heartfelt thank you to the parents for their gifts of apples, firewood, amazing carved pumpkins, gentle singing voices, and guardian of the fire duties.

Melanie Wisby
Early Childhood Teacher



Potato Olympics

On Thursday 15 May, Classes 4-8 came together for the inaugural Potato Olympics. This was an event that was trialled by Shawn in Class 5 last year. After proving it was a success, the decision was made to roll out a bigger and better event this year for the entire middle school. What a success it was!

There were 6 activities at the Potato Olympics:

- Weightlifting: where students attempted to balance as many books on their potato as they could and then weighed the mass of the books
- High Diving: a risky event for potatoes, which saw students drop their potatoes from a great height into a container of water, then measuring the amount of water displaced
- Distance: for this, students rolled their potatoes down a pre-set ramp and measured the distance the potato travelled
- Figure skating: a dizzying event that required students to spin their potato and time how long their potato could spin for
- Curling: a classic from the Winter Olympics, requiring students to roll their potato down a lane to get as close as possible to the target
- Team Relay: a team bonding event, requiring students to work together to move their potatoes through a series of obstacles in the quickest time

The aim of the event was to celebrate maths, help develop fluency with measurement and number, and to create more connections between students from different grades. The children were grouped with students from other years, and it was great to see so much collaboration, support and enthusiasm shared between students from different grades. All around it was a grand success!

Shawn Mclaren
Class 6 Teacher

The TSO visit Tarremah

On Friday 16 May Primary and Secondary students were treated to a concert, **"*Music and Words*", ** by The Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra!

Words and music work together in many ways - whether it be in the title of a piece, the words used to describe a musical mood or how the text of a story can be illuminated by sound.

In this interactive concert, students met the instruments of the orchestra and explored how words can change the sounds and style of a piece of music. Student also learnt the basics of conducting in this fun setting. The concert featured Tasmanian music about Wombats, the famous tune *'The Can Can'* and, amongst other musical treats, lots of audience participation and humour.

Student faces were lit up, and bodies were moved for these two joyful 50 minute concert presentations offered.

Big thanks to the wonderful musicians and staff of the TSO, who spoke highly of student contributions and behaviour - "This has been one of the most wonderful schools we've been to, we loved it!'

Also thanks to Tarremah Music Staff for the organisation and and School Admin for their support enabling this wonderful orchestra to come and perform for us.We were joined by other local schools of the area, on our very own Tarremah Hall Stage!

Gina Rose
Music Teacher

Book Sale

A big thank you to everyone who supported our Book Sale on Thursday!

It was truly heartwarming to see students and staff coming together — browsing the tables, swapping stories, and selecting books to take home. The atmosphere was filled with curiosity, conversation, and a shared love of reading.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise **$276** for the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation**. These funds will go toward supporting literacy programs in remote Indigenous communities, helping to provide access to culturally relevant books and learning resources.

Your thoughtful donations and enthusiastic participation helped make this event a success — not only raising funds but also building awareness for an incredibly important cause. Thank you once again for your support and kindness!

Abbey Vincent
Library Technician

Bicycle Road Safety Program

Classes 4-6 recently participated in a Bicycle Education Program, teaching them safe bike riding practices. This was held over two days in our carpark and each class learnt essential skills and road rules. The program culminated with a ride around adjacent roads.

Tree lopping between Tarremah and the existing Subdivision Road

You may have noticed that the council is working to cut back some trees between the school and the subdivision. It seems a few of the trees being cut down were planted by our students in collaboration with Landcare some years ago. This work is necessary in order to comply with new bushfire legislation, and will not affect all of the trees in that area (just those that are closer to our boundary, or that of the subdivision). While this may be disappointing for some of the students (understandably!), we will look at planting again, carefully within the allowed corridor.

A special visitor to Fantail

For the past three weeks, the Fantail children and staff have had the pleasure of sharing our days with Gabriel, a Year 11 student from the Wahlwives Waldorf School in southern Germany. Gabriel joined us to complete a social placement (work experience) as part of his school studies.

We all enjoyed his gentle presence, helpful initiative, and natural inclination to working with young children in our kindergarten setting. The timing of his visit could not have been better planned, with the extra pair of slow and steady working hands so very much appreciated as we prepared for our Lantern Walk and secret Mother's Day business simultaneously. The children all quickly made lovely connections with their new big friend, and he soon simply became part of the daily fabric of Fantail.

Gabriel is considering studying Education to become a kindergarten teacher. He shared this has been his favourite work experience, feeling the happiness of those working in the space, leaving each day feeling uplifted. He also enjoyed remembering his own time as a child in the kindergarten, as he stepped into the rhythm of each day and the familiar melody of one of our lantern songs.

To celebrate our time with Gabriel and thank him for his work, the children made cards. We enjoyed a special meal of pumpkin soup and apple crumble on his last day. As the guest of honour at our meal table, we gifted him with a special crown and specially decorated chair. This was the perfect celebration of thanks, and a special farewell for our new friend. Of course, on his last day, Gabriel was the leader to the door at the end of the day, to the delight of the children!

Melanie Wisby
Early Childhood Teacher

TSO Family Concert

Students from Classes 3-9 will be visiting the TSO to see this performance during school hours. Here is an evening performance you might be interested in. The concert will feature our very own Gina Rose, and include First Nations voices with Aaron Wyatt!.

TSO Family Concert coming soon to the Federation Concert Hall. Bring the whole family along to Australia: One Land, Many Stories!
A musical storytelling concert featuring *The Kookaburra Who Laughed at the Moon* with narrator Gina Rose and other Australian inspired music. All backed by the full Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra! Adults $35 | kids under 17 $15

Thursday June 19, 6pm

Buy tickets and find out more: https://www.tso.com.au/concerts/australia-one-land-many-stories/

National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 21 the Primary and Secondary school gathered to listen to *The Truck Cat* by Deborah Frankl and Danny Snell for The National Simultaneous Storytime.

This is the 25th year the National Simultaneous Storytime has been held. With hundreds of locations over Australia and New Zealand hosting a reading of the chosen book.

Thank you to all staff for helping organise movement to the amphitheatre to listen to the story. It was a treat to be able to share *The Truck Cat* with you all.

Abbey Vincent
Library Technician

Myths and Mysteries

The human story as a context of meaning for life

With Bernadette White

In our time, young people are increasingly experiencing a loss of meaning in their lives. In this series of online presentations, Bernadette White will look at the temple wisdom, art, and mythologies of ancient and medieval cultures to unfold the hidden currents of history and in particular the role of the ancient Mysteries. We will explore how new spiritual impulses entered the stream of human evolution and how, through these Mystery teachings, the future has been prepared.

Having worked as a class teacher, teacher educator, story-teller, and student of history, Bernadette will show how this unfolding of the human story can give a context of meaning within which we can find direction and hope for our lives. Particular examples will be given from the Steiner school main lessons devoted to ancient mythologies and histories. **We begin with Ancient India and Persia and continue through 2025 with Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, the Middle Ages and beyond.**

Session 3

Ancient Greece

Thursday June 5, 7.30pm on Zoom

Booking: https://events.humanitix.com/myths-and-mysteries-greece-schools/tickets