Tarremah Steiner School

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Tarremah Times

Class 10 Survey Camp, Maria Island

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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Diary Dates:

Fri 29 August
Secondary School Disco - 'Dancing through the Decades'

Wed 3 September
School Tour

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Heartwarmers Café

Thurs 4 September
Primary School Music Concert

Fri 5 September
Class 7 Climbing

Sat 6 September
P&F Quiz Night

Thurs 11 September
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Fri 12 September
Class 7 Mountain Day

Thurs 18 September
Secondary Music Concert

Tues 23 September
Spring Festival

Class10 Survey Maria Island

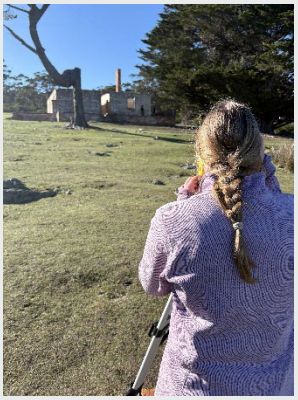
Class 10 students completed a surveying camp on Maria Island, where they put their classroom trigonometry lessons into practice. They measured distances and angles across the landscape, collected data on buildings and coastal features, and prepared for the Overland Track while cooking meals on the Trangia.

The camp also gave them the chance to work closely with students from Noosa Pengari Steiner School, who joined us once again.

Linton Burgess also shared valuable insights into Aboriginal culture and language, enriching the experience even further.

Between the academic tasks, there was still plenty of time to socialise, swim, and enjoy the adventure together.

Kevin Roberts
Maths Teacher



Class 7 Physics Main Lesson

Class 7 completed a Physics Main Lesson recently where they explored both electricity and simple mechanics. Some of the highlights for electricity was a day of exploring static electricity, learning about electricity in nature and making their own torches. For simple mechanics we spent a day building a Rube Goldberg machine across the class using recycled materials to build ramps, wheels, screws and pulleys. The hands-on experiential approach used throughout the main lesson gave the students the best opportunities to practice their scientific method and learn about how we record our findings. We finished off our main lesson by hosting the class 5 and 6 students in a Science Fair to celebrate National Science week. This gave the Class a further opportunity to problem solve and learn how to present science to another group.

Tarremah Science Fair

National Science Week fell into the last week of Class 7's Physics Main Lesson and so a decision was made to celebrate science and share some science with Class 5 and 6. The Class 7's chose a simple experiment to demonstrate to them. There was an opportunity to make their own slime, bounce eggs, suck eggs into conical flask, make instant worms and have their mind tricked into having a fake arm. Class 5 and 6 could move around to each station to experience all the different experiments. Class 7 showed such an amazing improvement over the two days in their scientific method and engaged the younger years with conversation and careful instructions. Class 7 showed grit even though there was some disappointment at some experiments not working how they expected them to. The students were creative in their problem solving and found ways to get past their setbacks.

Chrissy, our wonderful science Laboratory Technician demonstrated a bigger experiment of elephant's toothpaste both at the start of the session and the end. The Class 8's also had the opportunity to join in on this experience. This demonstration was such a wonderful way to show all the students how we can learn and adjust when things don't go to plan. Our first attempt was not as explosive as we had hoped but Chrissy rallied at the end with better ingredients and gave us two impressive shows of the elephant's toothpaste. There were many appreciative expressions of delight from the audience.

It was overall a wonderful day for all the students to have an experiential exposure to science and to be able to use all their senses to engage with each experiment. There was tactile experience with wet feeling slime, wriggly worms, squishy eggs (with no shell) and hands stroked by paintbrushes; a satisfying sound went eggs plopped into a conical flask; for sight the colours of the slime and worms and the interesting view of the inside of an egg and the lastly the smell of boiled eggs and burning matches.

Thank you to everyone who made this possible for us to celebrate science week together.

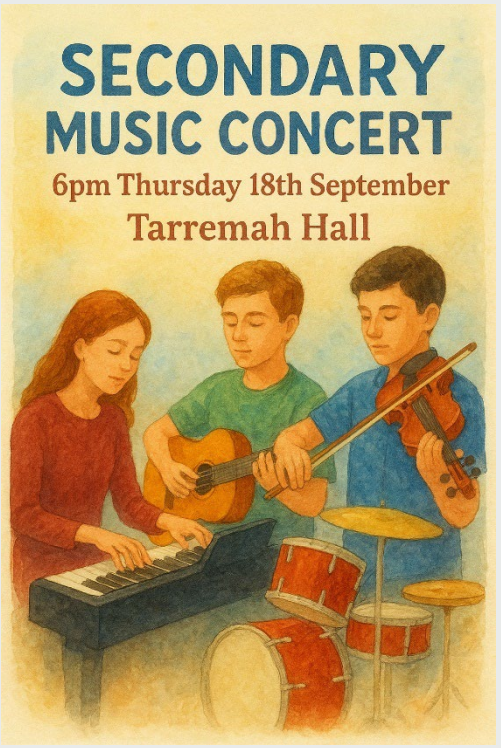
Lauren Matthews
Secondary Science Teacher

Primary Music Concert

On Thursday 4 September at 1pm in the Tarremah Hall, Classes 3-6 in the Primary school will be performing in the annual Primary Music Concert.

Students will share a class item, and there will be other performances from students who have been learning music privately with Mishi Sigrist at Tarremah, some other small groups and String ensemble pieces to showcase the wonderful music program offered at Tarremah.

We aim to have a flexible finish by 2:30pm, and we would love to invite the parents and special friends of these students to come and celebrate the students musical work at school this year so far.



Secondary Music Concert

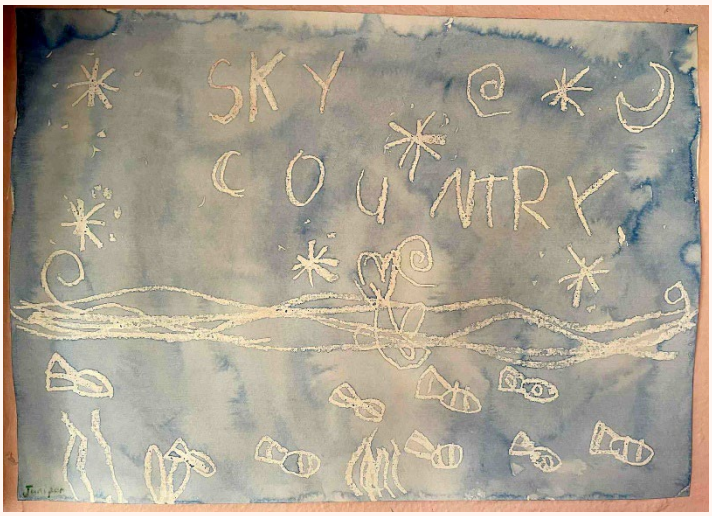
The Annual Secondary Music Concert for all Secondary School students will be held at 6pm on Thursday 18 September in the Hall.

This is a wonderful and important evening of celebrating the musical work of students in each class, ensemble and also other musical learning at Tarremah by our students performing solos, duets and small group items led by our valued Music Educators.

Students will need to arrive no later than 5:45pm in neat casual wear appropriate for performance having eaten first at home.

The Music Faculty looks forward to celebrating our music making together with our community.

Class 1 Artwork



Tarremah P&F

Connecting with the Tarremah Community

Every week during school term:

- **Wednesday Mornings, 8:45am onwards** - *Hall foyer*. Tea and coffee, children's play corner, conversations, craft and other creative projects. All parents, carers and small children are welcome.
- Wednesday mornings helping Sophy in the Veggie Gardens from 9am. All ages and abilities are welcome. Email sophy.millard@tarremah.tas.edu.au for more details.
- **Thursday Night Futsal** - All parents welcome, for a social game in the School Hall. Every week subject to numbers, please contact Craig craigtipping07@gmail.com if you would like to be involved.
- **Tarremah Clothing Share -** there is a rack next to the lost property on the Honeysuckle verandah for families to share school appropriate clothing. Donate what your family has finished with, and/or take what your family can use. If your donation has not been taken please collect after a few weeks, to keep the rack tidy. Thank you to ECC families for setting this up.

Seasonally over the year:

- **Tarremah Seed Circle** - Meet regularly over the seasons to save and share seed, and discuss biodynamics. Please contact Emily (info@magicalfarm.org) for more information and to get involved.

In your own way, at times that work for you:

- **Tarremah growers** - supporting the school garden and the Spring Fair plant stall. Join the WhatsApp community and lend your skills in a way that works for you.
- **Tarremah Crafters and Makers** - Create, make, share and donate Steiner aligned hand craft, using natural materials to reflect our natural world. Join the WhatsApp community, or connecting in person on Wednesday mornings in the hall foyer after drop-off. Donate your works to raise funds for the school and create wonder for the children at the fair and the markets. Work in the craft room on fair day, at the P and F stall our seasonal markets.

  To find out more about the various activities or join the WhatsApp communities please make contact via the P and F committee inbox – tarremahpandf@gmail.com or the relevant contacts provided above.

  Are you already, or do you want to grow community in another way? Have plans to meet regularly with other parents? If you would like to have your activity included in this list, please reach out to the P and F committee via the above email address.

The Great Tarremah Quiz Night - Saturday 6 September

(Refer to poster and form)

Prizes from Wild Stitch, Hopfields Brewery, Fullers Book Store, Nanna Archie, Putters Adventure Golf, State Cinema, T-Bone Brewery, Hyperdrive Kart Racing, Keshet, TankTec, Savoy Day Spa, The Art of Tea, Mark on Macquarie, and Unpacked. Plus a generous donation of wine from auntalice!

Need a table? - register your name here - 2025 Quiz night tables

Don't miss out - it is a fun night!

Spring Fair 2025 - Sunday 2 November

The Spring Fair is the highlight of the Steiner calendar, and an event much-loved by children, parents and teachers alike. It's a time when we come together after the long indoor months of winter to celebrate the warming sun and the new life that it brings. The fair is also a reflection of our community, as it takes a community to pull it together.

The P&F Committee and class parents have commenced preparations for this year's event including organising the food, entertainment, class activities and all of the behind the scenes logistics. There are a number of ways you can help with the fair as follows:

Donation Requests
Lemons - Deliver to: ECC Verandah
Good quality clothes & books - Collection bins up at 'The Eagles Nest' outside the garden
Craft items - Box in front office

Also chat to your class parents for your class activity for this year.

Calls for
Stallholders - we have a small number of market spots available.
Musicians and performers
Contact tarremahpandf@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more information as we approach the date.

Tarremah Spring Festival

Please join us!

Tuesday 23 September

11:15am, the Amphitheatre

As winter gives way to the blossoming beauty of spring, Tarremah School invites you to our annual Spring Festival, where we will celebrate this season of renewal with a showcase of our arts-based curriculum.

Festivals hold great significance at Tarremah providing students with opportunities to connect with nature, embrace cultural traditions, and nurture their personal and spiritual growth. Each of the seasonal celebrations throughout the year foster a sense of wonder and reverence in each child.

The Spring Festival carries its own unique significance, providing our students with an understanding of nature's rhythms and a sense of belonging. It is a joyful celebration where the classes will share dancing, music, drama, poetry, and art for all to enjoy!

This cheerful event sees the children weaving wreaths of vines and flowers to wear in their hair whilst participating in the activities.

Parents can please contribute by bringing flowers or vines for garlands by 8:30am on the day, please deliver them to the hollow behind the library.

We encourage the students to wear bright spring colours.

Please be seated by 11:05am for an 11:15am start/ anticipated finish time around 12:30pm

We look forward to celebrating spring with you!

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.

Session 4

Ancient Rome & The Middle Ages

Thursday September 11, 7.30pm on Zoom

Bookings: https://events.humanitix.com/ancient-rome-schools