Tarremah Steiner School

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# Tarremah Times

Class 7 Mountain Day

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 26 September**
Last Day of Term 3

**Sun 28 September**
Michael Festival

**Mon 13 October**
Student Free Day

**Tues 14 October**
First Day of Term 4

**Wed 15 – Fri 17 October**
Class 9 Tasman Camp

**Sun 19 October**
Whole School Working Bee

**Mon 20 – Wed 22 October**
Class 4 Camp

**Mon 20 – Wed 22 October**
Class 5 Fortescue Camp

**Thurs 23 October**
Hobart Show Public Holiday

**Fri 24 October**
School Holiday

**Mon 27 – Fri 31 October**
Class 7 Maria Camp

**Wed 29 October**
Class 10 Enrichment Pursuit

## Class 7 visit kunanyi

September is the time when the kunanyi/Wellington Range is regularly dusted with snow and glowing with wattle – inspiring us to look (and walk) upwards to marvel at its beauty. It reminds us that it's truly a privilege to work, study and live in such a stunning environment as Hobart. As part of their Outdoor Education studies, Class 7 were able to visit the mountain last week. The students stretched their legs in the spring sunshine along muddy tracks and now have a little more appreciation for their local environment.

Many thanks to Kali and Georgie for helping make the day safe and enjoyable!

The views from the windy summit were (literally!) breathtaking!

*Frank Toman*
Outdoor Education Teacher

## Class 7 Climbing

Not only did Class 7 climb all the way up kunyani last week but they also experienced gym climbing and tunnelling.

A great way to get rid of some energy as the second term closes.
A thank you to Marie for supporting the students.

*John Correy*
Outdoor Education Teacher

# Mud bricks

A big thankyou to all the Class Three families that turned out to the 'bond while we squelch' session on Sunday last week to top up the store of mudbricks.

The bricks we made as are part of the Class 3 building project in which children, staff and parents have been making mud bricks for a new bus shelter since the beginning of the year.

The bricks, in all stages of drying, are stacked behind the greenhouse, to be ready for building in Term 4.

The process of sifting, squelching and patting mud into moulds has been a new, incredible experience and a lot of fun as well as hard work! This will all pay off when Class Three, with the direction of Peter the brick layer, begin building the foundation and walls in November, to be ready for use in the last couple of weeks of school (with a bit of luck and weather on our side).

*Sarah Hingston*
Class 3 Teacher

# Class 6 Business Market

At the start of Term 3, Class 6 undertook a Business Maths Main Lesson, where they learnt about what was required to be an entrepreneur. During the Main Lesson, they were tasked with the challenge of thinking of a product they could make and sell at a market at the end of the term. After thinking of an idea, they had to work out the total costs involved and calculate the unit cost of each item (not as easy as you might think!). With the unit costs calculated they were then able to set a reasonable selling price and calculate their predicted profit. Students then set about working on their wares for the remainder of Term 3.

Finally, on the last Tuesday of the term, the time had come to set up their market stalls and all of Tarremah were invited to partake in a fabulous market. There was a great diversity of things on sale, with delicious treats, such as pizza, popcorn, biscuits, toffee apples, cupcakes and slices. As well as homemade lemonade and fresh milkshakes. There were also a variety of handmade items, such as jewellery, cards, tie die, bookmarks and even hand-crafted cutting boards. Some students also took the opportunity to refurbish tools or compile photographs from around the world. All in all, it created a buzzing vibe for all to enjoy.

All of the Class 6's did a wonderful job during the market. They needed to keep track of sales, calculate change on the fly and keep things moving. They really supported each other well throughout the whole process and learnt how easy it can be to turn an idea into a living. At the end we were able to raise $1,977 for the Cancer Council!!

*Shawn McLaren*
Class 6 Teacher

# Remembering our dear friend, teacher and colleague, Sue Bottrill whilst celebrating our Spring Festival

Thank you to everyone who put so much effort into this week's Spring Festival. Each class offered a wonderfully uplifting glimpse into their learning.

This year's festival was dedicated to Sue Bottrill, our beloved Primary Learning Support Coordinator, who passed away earlier this term. She was an avid gardener, and this festival was one of her favourites. Ethan and Edward from Class 2 helped Sue's family plant a pink flowering plum in the lower primary playground in Sue's Memory, Ethan sharing that he missed Sue because she had taught him to read. We all miss you, Sue, but your memory will live on through our work with the children and through the lives of all those you've touched.

# Reflections from the Land of the Thunder Dragon

By Christian, Class 10

Earlier this year, I was extremely fortunate to have spent six weeks attending school in Bhutan. It was the most crazy, awesome and enjoyable experience of my life!

Originally, I had intended to go to Germany with the Tarremah exchange program; however, my parents offered me the opportunity to attend a boarding school in Bhutan instead. I was a bit nervous about going somewhere so far from home with such a different culture, people, food, and way of life. But I knew it would be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I decided to step out of my comfort zone and chose Bhutan. It was the best decision I ever made.

Once I'd decided to go and arrangements were under way, several of my friends expressed an interest in joining me. In the end, two, Ru and Rose, signed up too, and I'm so glad they did. It was great to have friends from home to share the new experiences with, confide in, and relate to. Some of these new experiences were: sleeping in a dormitory, learning to meditate, trying new foods, participating in Buddhist ceremonies, learning traditional dances and exploring an unfamiliar city.

Our initial arrival at ELC High School was very moving. The entire school was lined up, in the rain, to greet us. Immediately after unpacking my bags, I was swamped by fellow students, young and old, who were desperate to know EVERYTHING about me: my hobbies, sporting interests, favourite movies, and even relationship status! I think I had been expecting to experience something of a culture shock, but rather than noticing the differences, I was surprised to find so many similarities between us all. Even though we come from different backgrounds with such vastly alternate cultures, I fitted right in straight away, because at the end of the day, we're all just teenagers having fun together.

Making new friends was substantially the biggest highlight of the trip for me, but among other things, I also enjoyed playing various sports, guitar singalongs with my friends, discussing cultural and religious differences, and attending classes that are different from what I'm used to at home. I really loved experiencing a different way of learning, and trying things that I would not have had the chance to do at Tarremah.

One of the more unique classes was our weekly Wellbeing session, in which we learned how to identify and manage our emotions, practise mindfulness and gratitude, and generally take better care of ourselves and each other. These lessons helped me to focus on what is important, and I can already see the benefits in many aspects of my life. I know I will forever be grateful for them, and for the many other incredible experiences I had in Bhutan.

The three of us, me, Rose and Ru, enjoyed spending time in the city of Thimphu, which was not far from our school. Eventually, I began roaming the streets alone, spending hours at a time taking hundreds of photos and soaking in all of the sights, smells, and noises. Something that stood out to me was the kindness and hospitality of the Bhutanese people. Everyone I met, from peers and teachers to taxi drivers and shop keepers, treated us with care and respect. For instance, once when I was alone in the city and had run out of mobile data, I entered a cafe to ask for the wifi, so I could contact my principle and let her know my plans for that afternoon. As it turned out, that cafe didn't have any wifi, but the cashier immediately offered to hotspot me from her personal phone.

Some of the challenges I faced were lack of sleep, zero privacy and personal space, and having to restrict my food intake to just three meals a day. These setbacks taught me to speak up and voice my concerns, and I was therefore able to find solutions to all my problems. Prior to arriving, I had been offered the choice of sharing a dorm with other students, or sleeping by myself in a spare room. I had chosen the dorm because I'd wanted that experience; however, when it became too overwhelming, I was really lucky to have an alternative. This resolved my issues with sleep and privacy, but not my constant hunger. After much persistence on my part, I was eventually granted permission to visit the kitchen between meals, and was finally able to satisfy my appetite. Once these three major setbacks were behind me, I was able to prosper and thoroughly enjoy my time there.

I was initially expecting homesickness to set in and grow with each passing week, but was surprised to find the opposite was actually true: the longer I was there for, the longer I wanted to stay! When the time came at last to say our tearful goodbyes, I wished that I could stay forever.

When we finally did return home, we came with a gift from ELC for Tarremah: a beautifully decorated banner displaying a "Wheel of Emotions". We used this tool in our Wellbeing classes to help us to identify how we were feeling and articulate our emotions. We learned that in order to grow and change we must first be able to recognise and process our innermost emotions. As our wellbeing teacher says, "You need to know yourself to grow yourself". We hope that the Wheel of Emotions will be put to good use at Tarremah too.

I am immensely grateful to everyone who contributed to my experience in Bhutan, especially the principal and staff of ELC High School, for arranging the exchange and making me feel genuinely welcomed and valued, Tarremah and my family, for allowing and enabling this experience, and Ru and Rose for accompanying me.

TARREMAH STEINER SCHOOL

# Spring Fair 2025

*SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025*

We'd like to say a big thank you to our school community for all the enthusiasm and effort in delivering a wonderful fair last year. It's a wonderful reflection of the community spirit and knowledge that exists amongst us. We look forward to working together with you all to create a beautiful and fun event again this year.

Spring Fair preparations for his year are well and truly underway! The P&F Committee and class parents are continuing their planning, preparing and organising for the day. Please get in touch with your class parents on how you can help or email the P&F Committee at tarremahpandf@gmail.com

## Growing for the Spring Fair!

Preparations for this year's plant stall have been in full swing over winter, seeds planted, and nurtured in the warmth of our houses to allow us to offer you tomatoes to plant in your garden once the soil has warmed. This year's plant stall effort has been led by Class 6, with a special thanks to the class parents BJ and Zoe. We have had wonderful working bees at the school garden planting and then potting up the tomato babies, while sharing conversation, food and the joy of dirty fingernails; thank you to everyone who has come and will come. A big thanks to Lauren, Justin and Anna who nurtured the seeds at home and delivered beautiful seedlings for potting up. This year the tomatoes are enjoying the warmth and safety of the school's new greenhouse. The greenhouse was funded by the P and F, using funds raised at previous Spring Fairs, so thank you to every member of the school community without the work of every member the greenhouse would still be a dream.

### Getting involved with the plant stall.

Donations of seedlings and plants can be delivered on set up day to the school garden. Please ensure your donations are clearly labeled, paint pen directly on the pot is great for this. Thanks to those who have already donated cuttings and divisions.

You can still join the Growers community on WhatsApp to hear more about opportunities to get involved.

## Working Bee

Our "spruce up the school" working bee will be on 19 October, the weekend before show weekend.

## Class tasks

Class parents are busy making preparations for the class activities.

Activities this year include:

**ECC**
Lemonade stand and leaping lily pads

**Class 1**
Pollen toss and crystal cave

**Classes 2 and 4**
Children's tent and BBQ

**Class 3**
Yo Yo making and stitching circle

**Class 5**
Tarremah coffee and cake stall

**Classes 6 and 7**
Plant stall and under the rainbow

**Classes 8 and 9 and the Susteinerbles**
Treasure trove and pedal powered smoothies

**Class 10**
Ice cream stand

Crafting for the children's tent - Lauren, Melodie, Kala, Anna, Morgan, Leah, Maike and Tracey (behind the camera!).

# Signup zones

The signup zones are now available for you to organise your volunteer hours on the day. Get in fast to get the best shifts!

Lemonade and Lily Pond

https://legacy.signup.zone/Ccg7mqGgQyy7xMTbj

CrystalCave and Pollen Toss

https://legacy.signup.zone/SPZ2AqKTmyAgH8ExS

BBQ & Children's Tent - 2&4

https://legacy.signup.zone/LuExDxGGg5FqpjPYD

Yo Yo's & Stitches Corner

https://legacy.signup.zone/ANofC5vMe256reG6B

Coffee and cake

https://legacy.signup.zone/6iFuLnXnaZq6pCaef

Under the rainbow & Plants

https://legacy.signup.zone/ZvRquAd82gTsmb3bW

Treasure Trove

https://legacy.signup.zone/Fc76QRjKQAwscH9y7

Pedal Power Smoothies & Parking

https://legacy.signup.zone/TGyyA9QLXf5AeSAht

Ice cream

https://legacy.signup.zone/rbva6XwXTGvDitLBE

Saturday general set up

https://legacy.signup.zone/dNLbu6k24TpiF9xkJ

Spring Fair Waste Control

https://legacy.signup.zone/vy3Jj3EYJGc6PcyRa

Waldorf Express

https://legacy.signup.zone/BF7PyYsG3u2AzjSy4

Craft room

https://legacy.signup.zone/nzKPcY6nP6ii28q6Q

Welcome Arch

https://legacy.signup.zone/mMeoJSzG2Gan94JYA

Treasury and Tech support

https://legacy.signup.zone/9Xio9ibzi4fSi8TfM

# Donation Requests

## Lemons

Deliver to: ECC Verandah

## Craft items

*(p&f stall and children's tent)*

## Good quality clothes

Collection bins up at 'The Eagles Nest' outside the garden

## Cut flowers

Delivered to the ECC Verandah on Saturday 1 November

## Cakes

Deliver to School Hall 1 and 2 November

## Calls for on the day help

- Musicians performing on stage/ roving
- Treasury and tech support
- Hospitality leads for coffee shop
- Hand made steiner Dolls for display (can be brought to the Honeysuckle room on Sat 1st, or when you arrive on Sunday)

Contact tarremahpandf@gmail.com