Tarremah Steiner School

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Tarremah Times

Class 1 Daffodils

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:

Tues 22 September
Class 6 Business Market

Thurs 24 September
Spring Festival

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ECC Spring Festival

Fri 25 September
Class 7 & 8 Climbing

Fri 25 September
Last Day of Term 3

Mon 12 October
Student Free Day

Tues 13 October
First Day of Term 4

Wed 14 – Fri 16 October
Class 5 Fortescue Camp

Class 10 (and friends) survey Maria Island.

As part of their Trigonometry maths main lesson, class 10 camped on Maria Island and surveyed the sunny, windy and wombat strewn grassy slopes.

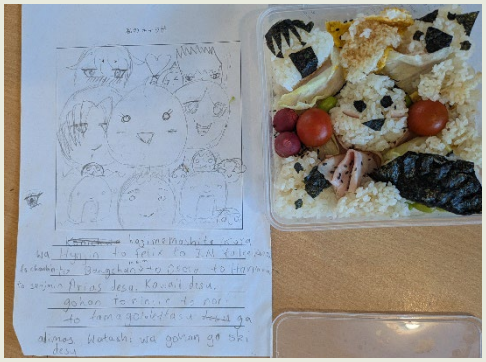
What made the experience extra special and rich with learning and social opportunity was that we were joined by class 10 students and teachers from Noosa Pengari Steiner School.

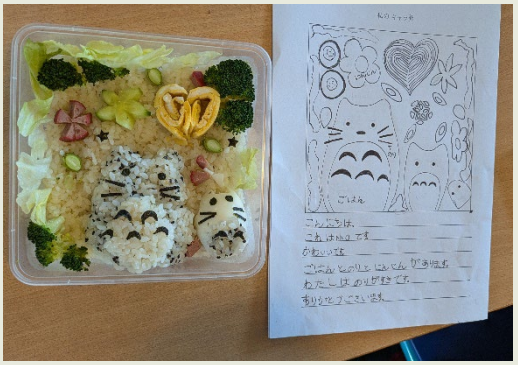
Students manipulated theodolites in brisk winds, calculated coordinates in the evenings, cooked dinner on their portable trangia stoves, and curled up in their cosy tents after long days. The weather even came to the party and a let us brave the September tides for a daily dip.

We were also blessed to have Linton Burgess along for the week. He performed a Welcome to Country and made sure we were focused on being our best selves during the week. There was plenty of dance rhythms around a cleansing fire to re-focus our energy and fill us with renewed purpose for our days and nights filled with maths and camping business.

Many thanks to Mark, Andy and Sarah from Noosa Pengari, and Kevin, Lindel, Qug and Lauren. We look forward to more collaboration between our sister Steiner schools in years to come!

Frank Toman
Outdoor Education Teacher





Class 7 Bento Creations

Class 7 completed their food unit by creating kyaraben (character bento) during Thursday's class.

As well as making their bento, the students drafted a design, decided which foods they would need in Japanese, and wrote a short passage about their creation. Then, they delivered a short speech about their kyaraben before enjoying them in class or taking them home.

Hayley Platts
Japanese Teacher

Primary Craft

Students across all classes have had yet another wonderful term of crafting. Children have been busy designing, sewing, felting, dyeing and knitting. It has been such a joy to see so many of their projects come to life!

Class One students have been working patiently on their recorder bags for the past two terms, and most have now finished their bags. They are so proud of their work! They are even more excited to receive their recorders soon and start playing together. Children have also started to learn how to knit, another major class milestone. Being able to hold two wooden sticks that children have carefully sanded and polished with beeswax, then use them to make a piece of cloth, is a little bit of magic. Seeing their smiles and pride as they show me their stitches is wonderful to witness.

Class 4 has been working all year on their cross-stitch projects. Children made bookmarks in term one, and then moved on to our main project for the year – cross-stitched pencil cases. It takes a lot of patience to fill a blank cloth with tiny stitches and create something beautiful, but Class 4 has been steadily chipping away at their work, creating such inspiring pieces. Well done, Class 4!

Petra Wallaces
Craft Teacher

Class 8 Winter Camp

For the second consecutive year, warm weather and rains have melted much of Tasmania's highland snow, prompting a name change to 'Winter Camp' or 'Alpine Camp' for the usual snowy wonderland found up at Mt Field.

Despite this, the students geared up with waterproofs and thermal layers and hiked up to Mt Mawson. They had an adventurous time exploring and sleuthing out south facing hollows for patches of snow, throwing snowballs and brewing up hot chocolate and pancakes on their Trangia stoves.

"It was good, it was fun!" said a student on their return to school.

Special thanks to Eden, Lucie and Tom for their invaluable knowledge, boundless energy and good humour.

Fingers crossed for more snow next winter!
Frank Toman
Outdoor Education Teacher

Tasmanian Japanese Speech Competition

On Friday, 28 August, two Class 9 students and three Class 10 students travelled to Rosny College to take part in the Tasmanian Japanese Speech Competition. They were accompanied by the inimitable Dana, who generously volunteered her time to guide and support the students on their Japanese-speaking journeys.

The competition is open to schools from across Tasmania, with Class 9 and 10 students interviewed in Japanese about themselves, their families and their daily lives. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to put their language skills into practice and build confidence communicating in Japanese.

Andrew, Riley, Charlie, Juliet and Cairo worked incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the competition, practising regularly and often working with Dana. Their dedication certainly paid off! All five students gained invaluable experience and confidence from taking part, with Juliet achieving **Third Place in the 10B section**, and Cairo receiving an **Honourable Mention**.

A huge well done to all five students for their hard work, courage and commitment. We hope you had a wonderful experience and enjoyed the opportunity to put your Japanese skills to the test!

Hayley Platts
Japanese Teacher

Bus Survey

A few weeks ago we sought your feedback about transport needs for the first week of next Term when the Wisby Buses won't be operating. From this we have determined that we could offer a limited-service collecting and returning students from the city and the Channel and Huon regions. We have contacted those families directly but could offer a couple of extra spaces if parents let us know early next week.

Wisby Bus Survey.

There have been reports of overcrowded school busses, with many students standing when the bus is traveling at over 80km/h, in Greater Hobart over the last few months. Wisby and other bus services are facilitating an independent survey of this over the next week. We wanted to share that next Wednesday and Thursday a consultant, with all the relevant WWVP qualifications, will be counting students on the service that heads down Channel, at Lower Snug, and the buses on the grounds of Calvin Christian School. We expect that Tarremah students will be on these buses.

From the Library

A few weeks ago, the whole school came together to celebrate Book Week, and what a wonderful week it was! It was fantastic to see so many students popping into the Library throughout the week to take part in our lunchtime activities.
This year's Book Week poster featured artwork created by Briony Stewart, who also imagined an orchestra of colourful characters, each with their own unique biography. I printed and laminated smaller versions of the twelve characters and hid them around the Library, moving them to a new spot each day. Students were challenged to find them all, and it was wonderful to see them helping one another and getting very excited when they discovered the final character! Students could also decorate their own musical notes, which have helped to transform our Library windows into a colourful Book Week display.

Class 5 and 6 were very lucky to welcome local author David Webby, who led a writing workshop at the beginning of the week, encouraging students to create their own short tales. Throughout the rest of the week, Adrienne Eberhard explored poetry with the students, inspiring them to experiment with words and write their own poems.

Our Book Week Assembly was a wonderful success, with fantastic costumes from students across the school. I always love watching our secondary students perform their creative skits, and this year they brought *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, *Winter Awake* and *Caps for Sale* to life. The staff play *Wombat Stew* was also hilarious!!

A huge thank you to all the families and staff who donated a book (or more!) to the Library during August. For the first time, every book that was donated through our "Purchase a Book for the Library" initiative has been purchased!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, $1,902 worth of new books will be added to our collection and will be available for students to borrow next term. Thank you for helping us continue to grow and enrich our Library collection!

Indigenous Literacy Foundation Book Sale

In week 3 of term 4, on Thursday 29 October Tarremah will be hosting a Book Sale that will take place in the Hall foyer. This will be to donate funds to The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF).

Students are encouraged to donate second-hand children's books (that are in good condition) for the Book Sale. If you could use the holidays to find any suitable books for the sale, that would be amazing! Books can be dropped off from Monday 26 October. More info next term.

Abbey Vincent
Library Technician

School Survey

Each year we invite our parents, staff, and senior student communities to share a perspective on their experience of the learning environment offered Tarremah. This feedback helps confirm our understanding of where we should focus our efforts and look to improve our practice or facilities.

The results of our three surveys are analysed externally and then the trends are shared with us. Given the small sample size, our focus is on trends rather than any specific result or comment. The School Executive, our College of Teachers and the School Council discuss the trends, confirming that they align with our understanding and plans for future focus. This future focus is then detailed in our Annual School Improvement and Development Plan.

In 2025 these surveys confirmed that the care demonstrated by staff, enjoyment at school, the sense of community, feeling safe, being able to discuss concerns and looking to improve, continue to be key highlights. The community's thoughts on communication and behaviour management continue to demonstrate alternate perspectives, with some critical and other positive about same experience.

You may have noticed that our School Improvement and Development Plan cites a conscious prioritising of student wellbeing this year. This reflects a recent trend of increasing concern across the three groups about student wellbeing. Whilst this has of course always been a priority, we understand the wellbeing of young people has been an increasing concern in the broader community since the acceleration of the digital revolution leading up to 2010. In some ways our community seemed to be insulated from this in the early 2010s. Since that time there's undoubtably an inverse correlation at the community level, between wellbeing and use of technology. Many studies suggest that technology is a driver of the decrease in wellbeing, which has become more evident over the last five years.

We encourage you to offer your thoughts by following the link that was emailed to you on Monday 14th of September. The Survey closes at midnight next Sunday the 27th.

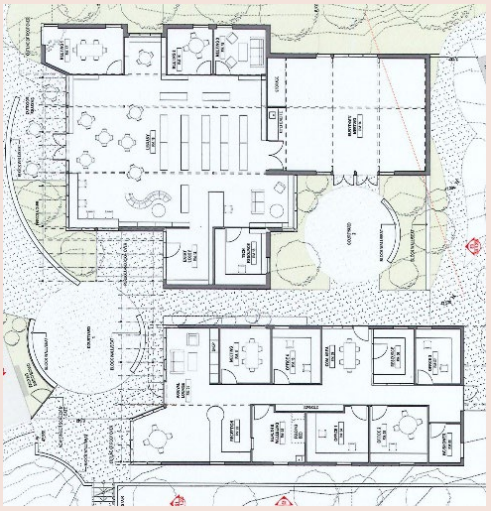
Matt Bale
School Chair

School Council – seeking expressions of Interest

The Council plays an important role in providing strategic oversight, ensuring sound financial and risk management, supporting legal and regulatory compliance, and safeguarding the school's mission, values and long-term goals. Its role is focused on governance and oversight, rather than day-to-day school operations, which are managed by the School Executive. Council members are expected to contribute an independent perspective, exercise sound judgement and act in the best interests of the whole school.

The work is usually focused on long term stability, develop the strategic planning that ensures the School accumulates sufficient funds to allows it to grow for example, then offer appropriate governance over infrastructure projects like a new Library and Administration Complex. You'll be pleased to hear that the design of this project is now complete, tenders are being analysed and if we can confirm budget alignment, we should be able to break ground later this year.

To continue this work, we are seeking a new Council member who can bring relevant skills, experience and perspectives to complement and strengthen the Council's existing capabilities as outlined below. To express your interest in joining the Tarremah School Council, please contact our Business Manager Roberto Ragaini (business.manager@tarremah.tas.edu.au) and provide a copy of your CV.



Finance & accounting – Experience in financial management & oversight
Legal & regulatory – Legal experience, particularly in governance, contracts, compliance.
Property & infrastructure – Experience in property, facilities or major projects.
Technology & information management – Experience in IT strategy, cyber security, or information governance.
People, HR & workplace relations – Experience in employment/industrial relations, HR or WHS

Roberto Ragaini
Business Manager

Parents and Friends Association

QUIZ NIGHT 2026

What a fantastic night we had at the Tarremah Quiz Night 2026.

With 85 people joining us, the hall was full of laughter, colour, friendly competition and a wonderful sense of community. From the trivia and games to the costumes, food, raffle and prizes, it was one of those nights that reminded me just how special the Tarremah community is.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along and threw themselves into the spirit of the evening. Congratulations to all of our quiz, raffle and game prize winners, and an enormous thank you to our generous prize givers, whose support helped make the night possible and added so much to the fun.

Events like this do not happen without people helping behind the scenes. I particularly want to say a heartfelt thank you to Brett, Mark and Toni Shea-Butler, Darren Philips, the Orr family, Libby Mackay, and Craig and Tracey Tipping for everything they did to help on the night together.

Most importantly, a great night was had by all. Thank you for supporting the Quiz Night and for making it such an enjoyable community event.

See you all again next year for Tarremah Quiz Night 2027!

Prize Donated by:
Hyperdrive, Keshet, Blackwood and Stone, The Art of Tea, Fullers Bookstore, Unpacked, Lyrebird, Nana Archie, Precious Little Folk, Savoy Day Spa, TankTec, Kat's Craft Basket, Mark on Macquarie, Auntalice, Sui original art cards, Tbone Brewing, Putters Adventure Golf, and Tickets to the Hobart International.

Community • Sustainability • Joy • Reverence • Creativity

CLASS SIX
BU$INE$$
MARKET
Tuesday 22nd September
12:30 PM – 3 PM
in the Hall
Food! Beverages! Handcrafts!
Cards! Plants! Woodcrafts!
Most PRICES FROM $1-$30
All Profits to Guide Dogs and
Wells in Africa

CIRCUS AT TARREMAH

On Thursday afternoons

An after school circus skills program for kinder upwards.

whats included

classroom pick up for ECC-class 2
nourishing afternoon tea
circus skills in tumbling, balance and manipulation
by experienced circus instructors

Kinder - Class 2: 3-4.15pm
Class 3 and Up: 3-4.45pm

extended childcare options available for younger group till 4.45

For more information contact
Greg Orr afternoonsattarremah@gmail.com

You're Invited to Our Michael Festival

Seeking the Gold Under the Dragon's Wing

Sunday 27 September 2026 | Tarremah School Hall | 10am–3pm

Generously presented by the Tasmania Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in Australia.

Please join us for Michaelmas, a festival cherished in Steiner communities as a time to honour courage, resilience and the light we each carry within. Through imagination, gesture and shared celebration, we will explore the timeless image of taming the dragon: a reminder that courage is not the absence of fear, but the willingness to bring forth our inner light when it is most needed.

The festival will offer blackboard images and interactive presentations, giving an engaging insight into anthroposophy and what it means to be truly human. It will also invite reflection on how we can support ourselves, our families and our community with greater understanding, warmth and connection.

We warmly invite adults to come together for this meaningful celebration, to share in its beauty, symbolism and sense of belonging. May this Michaelmas inspire each of us to stand for what is good, true and brave, and to meet the path ahead with strengthened hearts.

Please bring along something to share for lunch.

RSVP Anna 0419 234 795 or anna.l.stover@gmail.com

Class 10 Combined Artwork