

Tamar Valley Steiner School

Term 3 Newsletter 2023



2023 Term Dates:

Term 3: Tues 25th July – Fri 29th Sept

Term 4: Mon 16th Oct - Thurs 14th Dec

2024 Term Dates:

Term 1: Wed 7th Feb – Fri 12th April (Tentative)

Term 2: Tues 30th April – Fri 29th June (Tentative)

Upcoming Key Dates and Events Term 3 and 4

Term 3:

W7 Mon 4 Sep 6.30pm	Community Performance: from Cape Byron Steiner School
W7 Wed 6 Sep 3.30pm	Family Social Soup Event (Bush Regen area)
W7 Fri 8 Sep	TVSS Ensemble performs for younger grades
W8 Thu 14 Sep 3.30pm	Steiner Early Childhood Talk Annie Ball (41 French St)
W8 Fri 15 Sep	Class 2 Play – King of Ireland's Son
W8 Fri 15 Sep 3:15-3:45pm	TVSS Ensemble perform for community
W9 Wed 20 Sep 3:30-4:30pm	OPEN KINDER AFTERNOON 2024 ENROLMENTS (K/P)
W9 Wed 20 Sep	Bush School at home (St Leonards)
W9 Fri 22 Sep	SPRING FESTIVAL
W10 Fri 29 Sep	Term 3 Last Day

Term 4:

W1 Thurs 19 th Oct	Winnie the Pooh Performance and Workshops (Wayfarers visit)
W3 Fri 3 rd Nov	Student Free Day
W4 Mon 6 th Nov	Public Holiday (Recreation Day)
W9 Wed 13 th Dec	Summer Festival
W9 Thurs 14 th Dec	Last Day of the school year!



Kinder/Prep

Kinder – Prep Term 3 Winter

‘In the Winter garden, through the falling snow
Stars are gleaming, streaming, gleaming
Down to earth below’
‘Who care for the seeds in the ground
Who are the carers of the earth, listen to their sounds
For deep down in the ground are the little homes
Trip trap trip trap go the caring gnomes..’

(from our morning circle)

The caring gnomes underground, cold weather and the golden wattle are themes used in our morning circle, songs, stories and crafts so far this term. The Kinder-Prep class enjoyed using clapsticks in the morning circle both to make sound and also to step and jump over in our ‘gnome walk’.

The main craft project for this term so far has been our felted ‘treasure bag’; Kinder and Prep children love finding special treasures especially crystals.

We have also worked hard to bring soil into our garden beds in preparation for Spring planting.



During alternate weeks at Trevallyn Reserve we have been stretching our legs and having a wonderful time walking up to the Sun Circle and across the other side of the hill along a track; spotting many fungi, mosses, lichens, as well as wallabies and other bush creatures along the way.



Class 1

Term 3 has been a big term of knitting for Class One, with lots of children busily knitting kittens and butterflies. They have been so proud of their work.

Our maths friends, Percival Plus, Mindy Minus, Duke Divide and Tamara Times have been helping us with the continuation of our Main Lesson on The Four Processes. There have been lots of opportunities to practise solving maths problems from stories using our gems. We have also been practising our skip counting with lots of movement and singing.

We are looking forward to spring in the garden and have already planted some sugar snap peas and snow peas that Class Six kindly raised for us with the help of Mim. It will soon be time plant some potatoes in our other garden bed and to enjoy the herbs that will begin flourishing with the warmer and brighter weather.



Class 2



Class Two have spent the last few weeks rehearsing lines, designing and building the set, and making costumes in preparation for their performance of 'The King of Ireland's Son'.

This play will be performed to Class Two parents, siblings, and some other classes. The performance will be held on **Friday the 15th September** in the Class Two room.

Invitations will be sent to parents and invited classes in the coming days!



Class 3

It's a joy to see how the Class 3 students have been embracing the new Main Lesson on Measurement. We have been learning all about perimeters!

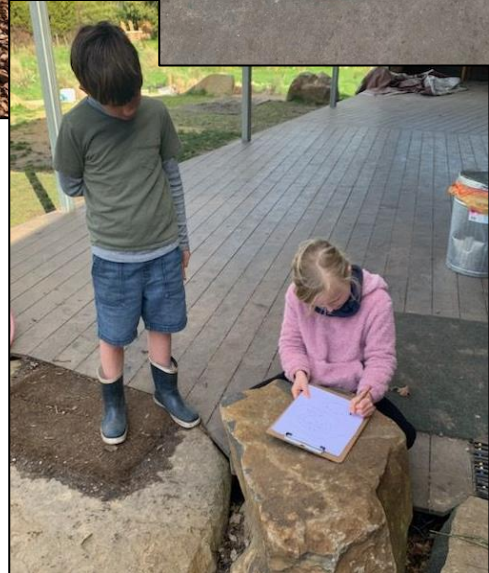
From the play field down to the small books we have been measuring lots of perimeters. We have been exploring which objects are good for measuring. We used strides, pegs, pencils, crayons and many more objects.

We found answers to questions like:

How many pencils make up the perimeter of the swing seat?



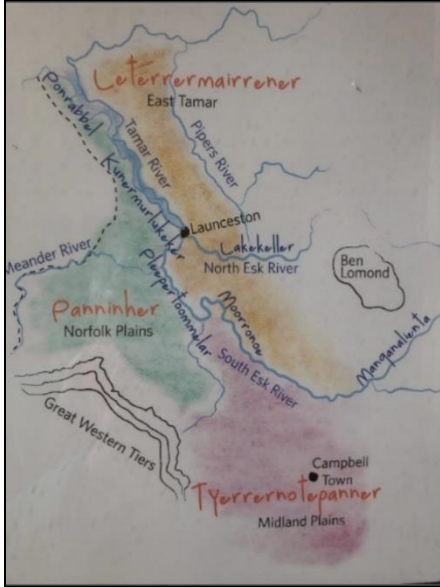
How many chairs make up the perimeter of the basketball court?



Class 4/5

Class 4/5 have had an inquisitive start to third term. The students have explored the topic, Our Place, and what it means to them; their personal space, their class, their home and their town. They had a Walking History tour throughout Launceston and discovered changes that the land and waters of this area have had and who has managed those changes, from Indigenous perspective, Colonists, and the peoples of today.

This main lesson had been full of questions, comparisons, and thoughtfulness! Well done Class 4/5s!



We had a lovely send off to our very special friend and class member Emily Wang. The school formed an arch and sang our goodbye song – Make New Friends but keep the old....

We wish Emily all the best at her new Steiner School in Queensland.

Class 6

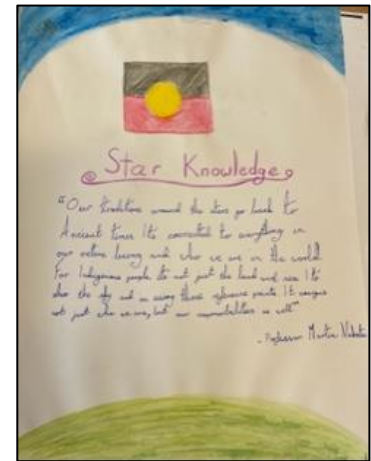
*"The Earth is firm beneath my feet,
The Sun shines bright above,
and here stand I so straight and strong,
all things to know and love."*

Class 6 have spent this term exploring the world below their feet and the world above their heads through Geology and Astronomy Main Lessons.

In Geology, the children, created rock collections, grew different crystal rock formations and learnt more about how the ground we walk on in Tasmania has formed and developed over millions of years and how this has been reflected in stories passed down through many, many generations and cultures.

The Main Lesson concluded with a deep immersion into local rocks, fossils, gems, and minerals thanks to the very knowledgeable members of the local Launceston Lapidary Club, who generously shared their passion and skills with the children who were deeply engaged in all that was presented. Our sincere Thanks to Wendy, Julie, Peter and John and the Launceston Lapidary Club. If you would like to build on your children's experience or delve into the amazing world of stone, I'd encourage you to visit the incredible Launceston Gem and Mineral Fair on 18th & 19th November at Elphin Sports Centre that the Lapidary Club are organizing.

In Astronomy, the children have been keeping a sky journal and sharing their observations each day; through this we are starting to build a picture of the world above and around us: the sun, moon, stars and planets and their relation to the weather, climate, tides and gardening. Last week we visited the Planetarium at Launceston Museum and this week we have been blessed with a Blue Moon, Super moon ... a real treat!





Whole School News....

School Garden



In term 3 the 5/6's have been working hard with Mim in the afternoon to grow our school garden.

Continuously building their gardening skills the 5/6's have turn our once patch of grass and weeds into a flourishing garden with all sorts of vegetables and herbs such as garlic, kale, broad beans and much more to come!

Our idea is to have a patch for each class to grow their own vegetables and even a compost, the children in the school have been contributing organic waste to the compost and worm farm.

A huge thank you to Michael who was teaching the Class 5/6 gardening earlier this year. It was his will and "can do" attitude which forged the way for this school garden project to begin. You may have noticed that just this week his latest edition to the vision – the school garden gate! It has been a labour of love over the winter

break to make it happen. I encourage you to go and read the words on carved into the wood.

Book week

On Friday the 25th we had our annual book week Celebration day we loved seeing all staff and students dress up to celebrate their favourite books. The beautiful weather made the day extra special for all our many story book characters.

An Invitation to a Talk for Early Child Educators and Parents

The Tamar Valley Steiner Schools ex- Principal Annie Ball is presenting a talk on the importance of Imaginative Play in Early Childhood. We strongly encourage you to come along. See details on the flyer below.



Find out about Early childhood Steiner Education

Why Imaginative Play is the Work of Childhood

Facilitated by Annie Ball

This is an opportunity for **Parents and Educators** to deepen your understanding of early childhood development; to take a look at the vital role that imaginative free play has in building a strong foundation for life-long learning and support children into a happy & healthy childhoods,



3.30 pm - 5pm Thursday 14th September 2023

41 French Street, Launceston

Free recording available for registered participants who cannot attend in person.

Babes in arms are welcome, please come with toddlers if other arrangements cannot easily be made.

RSVP to Tamar Valley Steiner School: Free Eventbrite ticket registration via website / Facebook

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