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Fred’s Pass Show - urgent assistance for parking
Students have the opportunity to enhance their fund raising activities by taking part in the parking at the Fred’s Pass Show. Students participating in World Challenge, Tasmania, Year 12 formal and SRC have all indicated their interest in fund raising. We need a firm commitment urgently from parents and students. Please contact Lana Stevens lana.stevens@ntschools.net to lock in your time for the Saturday and Sunday.

Uniform
School council have endorsed the following as school uniform:
- Taminmin shirt – middle or senior
- Black shorts or long pants – shorts must be suitable length, and long pants can be black jeans or black long pants
- Sports type shoes and socks
- Students participating in outdoor activities to wear hat and sunscreen.

Quite a few girls have been wearing black leggings only – they are only to be worn under shorts. Parents will be contacted to bring in appropriate clothing if students are out of uniform.

Art Students Fundraise to visit the Louvre in Paris
Senior School art students, parents and their dedicated teacher spent the weekend at the Palmerston Shopping Centre raising funds to help pay for their Art and Culture trip to France in June.

Thanks to the following businesses:
Laubman and Pank Optometrists, Bright Eyes, Spendless Shoes, Value Plus Pharmacy, Golden Nails, Sportsco, Escape Travel, Cut Above and the Palmerston Shopping Centre.

Special thanks go to Dawn and her wonderful team at Escape Travel who helped secure the donations. Congratulations to the winners: Celeste, J. Costello and D&A Pearle.
School Council Chair Report

Community Notices

- Feed Hay For Sale
- Biggest Morning Tea @ Coolalinga Markets
- Humpty Doo Primary Fundraiser
- Palmerston Tennis Pro
- Ottways Taekwondo
- Cyclone martial arts
- Taylors Music

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

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AEU rep
Kate Minahan

ANZAC DAY
Our fabulous school captains represented Taminmin at the march and service held at the Humpty Doo Village Green.

Fit 2 Drive
As part of our Stage 1 Integrated Learning Road Safety program, we were fortunate enough to be able to trial an educational presentation that is to be adopted by the Department of Education & Training. This course ran for three hours with fantastic presenters & presentations from the Dept Of Education & Training, Northern Territory Rescue & Fire Service, St Johns Ambulance & the Northern Territory Police. Given that this was the first time that the four organisations had jointly presented, there were a number of VIPs to observe. These included the N T Police Commissioner, John McRoberts and the Director of NTRFS, Steve Rothwell. The primary objective of the program is to raise an awareness of the ‘choices’ that teenagers make in terms of a broad range of road safety issues. The feedback from the students has been fantastic. The students involved stated that the demonstration were successful as they were “involved” and the activities were “fun”.

Some of the most poignant statements were: “Every Year 10 student should be involved in the program”, and “It actually made me think. It gets inside your head”.

Clearly, the choices that teenagers have in terms of road safety got through to the kids on the day. Report by Peter Bottrell.

Road Safety
Taminmin students Stevie Pocock, Jemma Packwood, Jaimi Pearsons, Sian Wright, Thomas Mckenzie, Lachie McAndrew, Jack Byrnes, Tristan Owen, Gerry Cure, Cheya Clarke will be featuring in some Road Safety materials developed for Middle school students. The Lands and Planning staff and film crew were most impressed by the cooperation and responsiveness of the team. Congratulations students.

Fires visit Taminmin
The Year 11 Fitness and Sports Academy classes at Taminmin College had a visit from the Humpty Doo N.T. Fire & Rescue Service Firies this week. As a community initiative between the local Fire Brigade and the school, the Firies ran the students
through a modified version of the NT Fire and Rescue Service Recruit Physical Aptitude Test. Students tested their strength, stamina and accuracy with a number of tasks including:

- Drum lift (upper body strength)
- Cutter Carry (jaws of life)
- Dummy Drag (casualty rescue)
- Branch Control (advance with a charged hose)
- Hose Drag (simulated dragging a hose through a structure)

Upon completion of the ‘drills’, students heard about the prospects of a career within the Fire Service and were encouraged to become involved with their local Volunteer Fire Brigade.

**Earn & Learn Woolworths Vouchers**

It’s that time again! Please bring your vouchers in to enable the school to obtain more resources and sporting equipment for students.

**Student achievements**

**Pistol Championships**

Follow up from the students who went to Blacktown NSW for the "IPSC Australian Nationals 2012 pistol championships" which were held over Easter.

- Phillip McDevitt came 3rd in Standard Junior
- Daniel Astell came 3rd in Sub Junior
- Matt Knight came 1st Sub Junior and 3rd in Junior

Both Matt and Phil have been asked to represent Australia in the "AA2013 Australasian IPSC Championships" in New Zealand February 2013

Congratulations to all involved.

**Zane Carter**

Congratulations to Zane Carter for his selection in the NT U15 squad for AFL playing in WA. He has also been selected to represent the NT in school sport in Adelaide. We look forward to hearing all about these great achievements and opportunities, well done Zane.

**Acting Principals**

I will be going to Japan on 20 May until 2 June with the first of our overseas excursions for this year visiting our sister school Kamitonda Junior High School in the Wakayama prefecture. Accompanying me will be 21 students and 2 staff members.

Acting Principals for this time will be Robyn Morrison for senior school and VET and Lisa George for middle school.

Miriam McDonald
Principal
School Bus Routes

Taminmin College Wellbeing Team

School Chaplain - Callum Poole
The Chaplain role within Taminmin College is a voluntary program that assists school communities to support the spiritual, social and emotional wellbeing of their students. Callum Poole has been working with Youth since 2008. Callum worked at Darwin City Council for 18 months as the Youth Services Trainee then worked at Kormilda for 12 months as a house parent.

School Nurse – Peta Richards
Health Promoting School Nurses (HPSN) are employed by the Department of Health. We are a group of nurses placed within the urban government schools of the Northern Territory who have adopted the Health Promoting Schools philosophy. Peta Richards has been in the Defence Force for a number of years and has a background in Operating theatre, emergency nursing and community nursing. She has an interest in women’s and sexual health. She looks forward to working in partnership with students, families, community members and staff to encourage healthy choices for our young people for a healthier future.

School Counselors – Charity McAleer & Merryn Coughlan
The School Counselors provide personal and life skills counseling. The Counselors assist in the behaviour management processes in the school. Any member of the school community is welcome to contact the School Counselors. Charity McAleer started her social work career in the late 90s as a youth mentor. Other professional roles include youth worker, mental health case worker, victims advocate and Centrelink social worker before moving to Taminmin College as School Counselor four years ago. Charity has represented Taminmin on a national level to showcase best practice around suicide intervention in rural schools and balances her busy role with family responsibilities.
Merryn Coughlan joined the School Counselor team this year and is enjoying getting to know Taminmin College students and the community. Merryn has eight years of experience working as a social worker providing counseling support and advocacy to both young people and adults in a variety of settings including urban, rural and remote localities.

Home Liaison Officer – Debbie Russell
The Home Liaison Officer initiates and maintains communication links between schools, teachers, service agencies and parents to achieve effective education services for students. Debbie Russell has been in the Education Department for 22 years and has worked at Taminmin since 2005. She has done a range of jobs, starting with Special Education then moving into Behaviour Management (Star Centre), and has extensive experience running specialist programs in many locations, including urban, rural and remote communities, for boys who

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are disengaged and experiencing behaviour problems.

Aboriginal and Islander Education Worker – Penny Kellaway

The Aboriginal and Islander Education Worker initiates and maintains communication links between schools, teachers, service agencies and parents to achieve effective education services for Indigenous students. Penny has had extensive experience working with Indigenous and non-Indigenous students, commencing at Taminmin in 2003 as the Aboriginal Resource Officer providing in-class and withdrawal educational tutoring. Penny moved to the position of AIEW in 2011 and is involved in initiating effective programs, liaison between community and school, raising awareness of engagement and catering for the needs of Indigenous students and their families with positive educational outcomes.

Special Education Teacher – Gillian Webb

The Special Education Teacher is the conduit between Student Services and staff in the areas of academic, behavioural and disability needs. The Special Education Teacher liaises with Student Services and supports staff with strategies and modifying programs for students with disabilities and additional learning needs to ensure they receive maximum benefits academically, behaviorally and socially. Gillian has years of experience across systems having worked in the Catholic and Government system for many years both in mainstream and special needs areas.

VET Report

Structured Work Placement

The Certificate II VET students are preparing for their upcoming work placements due to take place in Weeks 5 and 6 (14th – 25th May). Structured Work Placement allows students to combine their vocational training with hands-on experience in the workplace. This experience is invaluable to students as it allows them to see how the ‘real world’ workplace operates as opposed to their simulated training environment and provides the perfect opportunity for students to practice the skills they have learnt in their programs. We look forward to hearing how they all go and wish them all the best of luck. Priscilla Dahlhelm

Cert I Automotive

The Cert I class are undertaking a variety of ‘remove and tag’ tasks at the moment. They are removing brake parts from a number of different vehicles and refitting as required so that the vehicle can be driven afterwards. Students are performing well and enjoying the practical activities in the workshop. Mick Salter
Cert II Automotive Vehicle Servicing

The Cert II class are overhauling a forklift engine. We will be removing the engine and putting new rings and bearings in as required and refitting the motor. They are also making a rear chassis for the project ute for the suspension to be remounted and to lower the ute as well. A third group are removing an engine in a Ford Laser. All students are working well.

Mick Salter.

School Council Chair Report

Thank you for your overwhelming support in ensuring our students attend school in appropriate uniform. The Principal has informed Council that there have only been a few occasions where students have been required to change clothing. I would also like to clarify that black tights/leggings are only to be worn UNDER shorts, as they do not constitute long pants. Council has acquired some recycled clothing items for those students who need appropriate clothing to change into.

At Wednesday’s Council meeting, SRC members Georgia and Bill attended to advise of issues of concern to students, some of which Council has been pursuing over recent months. I am seeking the assistance of our school community in addressing the issue of there being insufficient room on the basketball courts at breaks for those students who are engaging in physical activity. It was identified that if more sporting equipment were available; there could be a wider range of activities on offer around the grounds. Woolworths ‘Earn and Learn’ scheme has commenced this week, and it would be appreciated if families shopping at Woolworths could collect the stamps and send in to the front office so we can source additional sporting equipment and have a broader range of lunchtime activities. Georgia and Bill also advised that the SRC had received comments from students about delays with service in the canteen. Several Council members have visited the canteen over recent weeks to see firsthand the operations, and were pleasantly surprised with the efficiency of the canteen operation. Many students seemed to be unaware of the express queue through the back of the gym, which is for prepaid orders and cold drinks. Students are able to visit the canteen before school to order recess or lunch, and I encourage students to take advantage of this service to reduce waiting times. Council has requested increased signage to ensure knowledge of this. It was pleasing to hear from the students that the recent increase in seating had been well received. Council also undertook to source more chairs for the library.

Over recent weeks, Council has held discussions with the DET Chief Executive concerning changes to procedures for work experience, which would have negatively impacted on our students. I thank the Chief Executive for personally intervening in this issue to ensure that common sense procedures were implemented to ensure work experience placements would continue. The DET CE has also extended an invitation to Council to be involved in an Education Planning Committee for the greater Darwin region, following the release of the Greater Darwin Plan 2012. I will be attending the first meeting of this Committee next week.
Council referred the issue of C2C (Curriculum into the Classroom) to COGSO for investigation. C2C are support materials developed to support the introduction of the Australian Curriculum, and there has been some concern that these materials may have diminished the flexibility of schools in implementing program plans relevant to their communities. I am informed that COGSO has recently pursued this issue with DET senior executives and written clarification of the intent of these materials will soon be provided, which will be circulated to all School Councils.

Council has also recently received a response from the Commonwealth Dept of Education to a question to Minister Garrett requesting advice of how much funding is allocated by the Commonwealth to the NT to support students with disabilities, and how that funding must be acquitted. It is quite concerning that the response advised that it is “not possible to identify the exact amount of funding provided by the Commonwealth to Northern Territory government schools specifically for the purposes of supporting school students with disabilities.” The response didn’t provide any details about acquittal processes, which is no surprise as it must be extremely difficult to ensure correct acquittal of monies when the amount of funding is not known! Council will continue to seek this information.

The week ahead is going to be very busy with the Freds Pass Show. I will either be in the car park directing traffic or on the gates – please feel free to say hello, or better still, offer to help out. If you are unable to, please encourage your children to contribute to our community – they actually receive as much from these experiences as they give. Please contact Lana Stevens on 89880009 or lana.stevens@ntschools.net if you are able to volunteer an hour or two. COGSO (Council of Government Schools Organisation) will have a stand at the show and I encourage all parents to call in, see the importance of parents being involved in their children’s education and become informed about the many public education issues which are currently being pursued. Regards, Beverley Ratahi

Community Notices

**FEED HAY FOR SALE**

**WEED FREE** small bales:
- Jarrah $10ea pick up or $12ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
- Humidicola $5ea pick up or $7ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)

Call 0409 658 588 weekdays only.

The Coolalinga Rural Market is hosting a **Biggest Morning Tea** on Saturday the 26th of May to raise funds for cancer. It will be at the market site & run between 8am & 1pm. They would love to see as many people as possible drop in for a cuppa to help in their fundraising endeavor.
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

Humpty Doo Primary School

Humpty Doo Primary School invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Framed Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130).

For your $20, you receive a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour OR black & white), a matching frame and a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by Humpty Doo Primary School.

Please contact Humpty Doo Primary School on 89881255, or barbara.doukas@ntschools.net to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Sat 15th May – on-site at Humpty Doo Primary School.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits, Gift Cards, Bookmarks, Calendars – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $179.00!

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:

Rule 1  Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait

Rule 2  No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)

Rule 3  An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)

Rule 4  Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help Humpty Doo Primary School raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept & cherished by the entire family for years & generations to come.