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From the Principal

Week 4 already, after a very smooth start to the 2013 year. Our Special Education Centre is running smoothly, the Centre for Excellence in Business and Enterprise has commenced, and we are fine-tuning the school programs for the year. I had the pleasure of visiting the School Musical camp, held locally at Ryalla, and was impressed by the enthusiasm of our students and staff. By all reports the talent is outstanding, and we are in for a treat in our 80s theme inspired musical. Please date claim week beginning June 11 for this event. Congratulations to our senior school SRC members who will provide a student voice for senior school this year. Thanks also to our Library staff who have been run off their feet this year with record numbers of students visiting. Take note of the VET report which includes VET news and the Structured Work Placement dates for the year.

Callum LeLay NYFS
Callum applied for the National Youth Science Forum last year and was successful after a screening process at Charles Darwin University. The forum, sponsored by Rotary is an opportunity for the best and brightest young science students to be exposed to the national Science community, creating opportunities for students to test drive the Universities and courses available post year 12. The Canberra forum ran for 12 days. Please take the opportunity to read this report, as it demonstrates Callum’s valuable learning and epitomises how as a school we strive to provide students with authentic experiences that can shape their life’s direction.

Thankyou to Callum for sharing this experience with us.

AGM and RTP information on Thursday 28 February
Parents and guardians are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 28 February. Prior to the AGM an interactive information session will be held on the Responsible Thinking Process (RTP) introduced into Middle school this year. A light supper will be provided. The RTP information session will commence at 6pm, followed by the AGM at 6.30. We would love to see many of our parents, and encourage you to be part of the dynamic Taminmin College Council.
**Community Notices**

- Country Women’s Association NT
- Southern Districts Cricket Club
- Rural Tutors
- NT Rugby League
- Top End Orienteers

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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Bev Heugh
Sharon McAlear
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Tracy Bond

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**Term Dates 2013**

**Term 1:** 29th Jan-5th April
**Term 2:** 15th Apr-21st June
**Term 3:** 23rd Jul-27th Sept
**Term 4:** 7th Oct-12th Dec

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**School Holidays 2013**

8th April to 12th April
24th June to 19th July
1st Oct to 4th Oct

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**Public Holidays 2013**

28th Jan-Australia day Holiday
29th March-Good Friday
1st April-Easter Monday
25th April-ANZAC Day
6th May-May Day
10th June-Queen’s Birthday
26th July-Darwin Show
5th Aug-Picnic Day

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**Senior School SRC**

The SRC speeches were held early last week and we would just like to thank all those students who nominated to join this year’s SRC. A big congratulation to all the Senior School SRC winners!

The SRC members for 2013 are:

**Year 10:**

![Year 10 Members](image)

Jack Short  Jay Spilsbury  Stevie Pocock  Rebecca Jenkins

**Year 11:**

![Year 11 Members](image)

Andrew Venes  Robert Eustace  Emma Kellaway  Kelsey Considine

**Year 12:**

![Year 12 Members](image)

Callum Le Lay  Alan Thorpe  Rosharn Deslandes  Yvonne Neave

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**Bombing of Darwin**

This year our School House Captains will be partaking in the Bombing of Darwin ceremony at the Darwin Cenotaph on the Esplanade this Tuesday 19th February. There will be more on this in our next issue.

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**School Photos**

Infocus are coming back to Taminmin on Friday 1st March to photograph anyone who did not get their photo taken last week. Students may still hand in their payment envelopes up until 1st March.

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**NT News Article**
Last week NT News came out to Taminmin to interview our students who participated in the 2012 World Challenge in Africa. The article will appear in the NT News on a Sunday in the coming weeks.

**Local Artists Visit**
Mrs Wade’s Year 11 Creative Arts class has had 7 local artists coming to the school to visit as part of their studies into artists and their products. Local artist Alison Worsnop talked about her art practice, showed samples of her work and demonstrated how she worked with soft pastels out in the field.

Students took notes and will write about one of the artists, then explore the skill the artist uses, before demonstrating it to the class.

**Accident**
We are very thankful that all our staff and students involved were safe after the recent accident. Our thanks to our Taminmin driver for her driving and first aid skills, and to Andy and the team at Ausfuel Gull for their care and support for our staff and students at the scene.

**NAPLAN testing 2013**
A flyer has been sent home with students with information about NAPLAN testing for this year. Dates for the tests are 14-16 May.

**Pupil Free Day Monday 18 March**
School Council have approved a pupil free day for 18 March. Year 12 staff will be working on their courses with colleagues in Darwin schools and other staff will be undertaking a professional development program relating to the school improvement agenda for 2013.

**Chaplaincy program**
Our school and community have supported the Chaplaincy program for a number of years. Callum Poole is our school chaplain and is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. Callum works as part of the wellbeing team. He is available for One on One meetings, and group work next term. These sessions can only take place with parental approval. A “Permission for Student to Participate in Chaplaincy Program at Taminmin College” form is being sent home this week for parental approval,

Mirianda McDonald
Principal
**VET News**

**White Card**
All VET students got off to a fantastic start to the year with minimal movement between the programs indicating that students have settled in well. Last Thursday over 70 Automotive, Construction and Engineering students all sat for their White Card and we are happy to report that all students passed. White Card results will be entered over the next week and cards and statements of attainment issued soon after.

**Health and Safety**
The first couple of weeks in all VET programs are heavily focused on Work Health and Safety (WHS). Students can sometimes find this a bit boring but it is a critical component in all programs and mandatory that this is covered before any student can enter into the workshops or work areas for safety reasons. Students are now beginning to enjoy practical work and get more ‘hands on’.

**Structured Work Placement**
Students are also beginning the process of completing Structured Work Placement (SWP) paperwork in preparation for their upcoming work placements in Term 2. Trainers will hold discussions with all of their students about ideas on where the students might like to go and the expectations held within the workplace environment. Parents are encouraged to discuss employer options with their child as well. If parents have made prior contact with an employer and have any contact names or numbers that may assist in the process of placing their child, we would ask for that information to be passed onto us. It is an expectation that all VET students attend structured work placement. As vocational programs, the training is focused on real life workplace skills and knowledge and the best way for students to apply what they learn is out in the workplace. Dates of SWP are as follows. If there are any queries in regard to this, please do not hesitate to contact me. Priscilla Dahlhelm. – 8983 7120.

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**Adult Migrant English Program**
Are you a newly arrived migrant who would like to improve your English? Eligible students can study in a class or by distance learning

**Class:**
Thursday & Friday
9:00am – 12:30pm
Humpty Doo Primary School

For further please contact:
Uta Vorst: T. 8946 7951 | Uta.Vorst@cdu.edu.au

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) is funded by the Department of Immigration and Citizenship.
Cert II in Engineering  
Cert II in Hospitality  
Cert I/II in Racing (Year 10’s)  

Term 3 / Weeks 7 & 8 – Year 11’s ... 2 to 13 Sept (two weeks)  
Cert II in Auto  
Cert II in Construction  
Cert II in Engineering  
Cert II in Hospitality  

Priscilla Dahlhelm  
Urban VET Manager

Wellbeing Corner

HPV School Vaccination Program

HPV Vaccination School Newsletter Article –

Giving our students a shot at a safer future

The successful Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination program will be extended to boys this year.

The program will provide boys in Year 7 and 9 with the opportunity to receive the HPV vaccine for free. Three doses of the vaccine will be given over the next six months.

While you may be aware HPV can cause cervical cancer in females, there are benefits for males too. Vaccinating males against HPV will protect them from a wide range of cancers and disease, including genital warts.

The vaccination program at our school will involve three vaccinations administered by qualified immunisation providers over six months. The first dose of the vaccine is scheduled for 14th March 2013.

Parents and guardians will be required to sign a consent form before their child can receive the vaccine. We encourage all parents/guardians to read the material and return the signed form to us as soon as possible, if not already returned.

We encourage you to also talk to your child about the vaccine and the importance of having all three doses.

More information on the vaccine is available at australia.gov.au/hpv

Other News

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Senior School - senior teacher profile

Welcome to a new year at Taminmin College. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Norelle Geddes, head of ‘Mathematics, Business Enterprise and Technology’ in the senior school. I have had several years of teaching experience and, as some of you know, most of them have been at Taminmin as head of department. This year in my department we are focusing on student engagement and achievement. In particular in mathematics we would like to see more students attain higher marks in their SAT’s tasks (Skills and Applications Tasks). All students enrolled in mathematics have been given a parent information sheet and an assessment timeline to prepare them for the year ahead. Please take the time to check these with your students. To support your student they will need all necessary equipment for all mathematics classes. This includes a calculator, scientific or graphics, depending on the course in which they are enrolled.

Please feel free to contact me with any issues you may have during the year. My email account is norelle.geddes@ntschools.net

Japanese Exchange 2013
Taminmin has an exchange program with Kamitonda Junior High School in Japan and we are entering our 15th year with this program. Each year Taminmin students get to travel to Japan for two weeks and then later in the year students from Kamitonda High School travel here for two weeks. We have a strong relationship with this school and both schools aim to promote the learning of each other’s culture. We intend to offer 17 students and 3 staff the opportunity to participate in this rewarding program. Students will be billeted with families and thus it is desired that the students who travel to Japan will be able to offer billets to the Japanese students on their exchange here in Australia. Any students wishing to participate in the 2013 Exchange to Japan this year please come to the Bookroom to receive your Expression of Interest letter. We will work on a first in, first go basis, so we encourage students to discuss the initial information they receive with their parents and then register their interest with us as soon as possible.

The National Youth Science Forum 2013- Callum Le Lay

Taminmin Community Library
FREE Mandarin Chinese classes for beginners in Taminmin Library start on Tuesday 5th February after school, 3.30pm-5pm. Our teachers are Hiu, who has been teaching in Taiwan, Malaysia and Singapore, assisted by her nephew, Vincent He. This is a tremendous opportunity to embark on a language course in a friendly, informal way and is open to students of all ages.
If you are interested contact the library (outside phone line 8988 1200) or come along on Tuesday.
I first heard about this program in an email sent to me by my chemistry teacher. I had entered science competitions and programs before and I had found that in the Northern Territory applying usually meant getting in. I decided after I visited the website to apply, I wrote my application and submitted it. A couple of days later other students from around the NT and I headed to Charles Darwin University to go through the second stage of the application process. I went through the interview process, amongst about nine other candidates maybe more. When I found I had got into the program I was very excited. I learned that I would be attending the forum soon after Christmas. My parents payed a thousand and my rotary club payed a thousand. Before I left I attended a Rotary meeting with my Rotary club, which was fun. They’re a good bunch of blokes.

I left on a plane to Sydney on the 20th of January, and arrived in Sydney around 6. I stayed with a couple called Rebecca and Liam. They were former NYSFers and it was good billeting with them. On the 21st I boarded the central coach at the train station. On the coach ride to Canberra I met my fellow science students and the staff. We arrived then at Burgman College where I would be sleeping the next 12 days. The following days were packed with a lot of activities. We had the opening ceremony in parliament house, the video conference with CERN, the debates at the shine dome, Hans Bachor’s Laser show, the disco, the science dinner, the rotary dinner and more. My particular interest group was lucky enough to visit the UC health science, the AIS, Pathology at Canberra Hospital, ANU plant science, UC forensic science and the James Cook School of Medical Research. On the 2nd of February the NYSF ended and I travelled back to Sydney where I flew back to the NT.

The science forum was useful in many different ways to us students. Firstly there were the lab visits that let us see different areas of science and let us learn more about those sciences. The dinners with Rotary and scientists, along with our many speakers inducted us into the science community. The speeches and workshops taught us about science communication, something that I think was rightly emphasized at the forum and about getting a job. Some of the workshops, the industry day and university day readied us for year 12 and our future beyond that. Finally, the debates, games and everything in between bonded us together which was useful if we are all to meet again in our professions and at uni. I made many new friends.

When I went into the forum I didn’t expect to change much. I had recently come back from a
Electronic Student Profile (esp)
The new Electronic Student Profile (esp) is now available for all Taminmin College students.

esp is the first online program in Australian public schools to give parents easy access to their child’s records. esp will keep you in touch with your child’s progress and development.

How do I register?
To register please visit the school office where you will be required to sign a Parent Application to Access Electronic Student Profile. You will then receive a personal registration card for your child that will include a unique username and password as well as information on how to access esp.

- You can find out more about esp by calling or visiting the school office at anytime or visit https://esp.ntschools.net

Callum Le Lay

School Uniforms
All students are required to wear full school uniform that consists of school uniform shirt, black shorts/long pants, and enclosed shoes. Uniform shirts and shorts are available for purchase from the uniform shop through main reception.

It is recommended that students who have classes outside such as PE and Agriculture bring a hat and spare shirt. Students are unable to participate in subject such as Science, PE, Agriculture, Art, and Woodwork without fully enclosed shoes. In the event that a student does not comply with this code their parents may be contacted to either retrieve student from school or deliver appropriate uniform.

month long trip to Africa and I had already changed as a person a couple of times through the year, I had recently returned from an amazing trip to Africa, and I did not think I would change again. I was wrong. Through the science forum I made a lot of new friends and had some interesting conversations that I would not get back home. The other students were absolutely amazing and interesting people who I aspire to be like. The forum strengthened my love for science and also enhanced my liking for public speaking which was starting to grow on me. But most of all, the forum introduced me to a future at university, a future in science, which I quite like. I am still using the motivation it has given me and I will likely still be using this motivation through university.

The last day of the forum was extremely emotional for everyone. It wasn’t till the last day that I realised that I had become close to these people I had spent 12 days with and my last day was spent saying goodbyes till the moment I caught my plane. The friends you make on the NYSF are like no others because they are so similar to yourself.

I would like to acknowledge the different people who made the NYSF possible. My school Taminmin College, whose teachers are so encouraging and supportive and the school itself that seems to back me whenever I decide to stop working and leave the state to go to some science competition or program. The NYSF staff, who were all so entertaining and easy to relate to. I think we all loved those guys. The director, Geoff, who was always so enthusiastic and who actually came all the way to Darwin when we had our acceptance dinner for NYSF. The Rotary district chairman, Bryan Dobsan, for being our Rotary uncle and chatting with me. And finally my Rotary and all its members who allowed me to attend one of their Hawaiian shirt clad meetings, and who sponsored me on this trip. I have really started to appreciate Rotary, and when I saw a charity box at an airport I realised how big active Rotary was and I would like to become a part of that, if not as soon as I can.

The forum brought the hardest working science students in Australia together for twelve days and made them part of the science community. To these students and me, this experience was invaluable.

Callum Le Lay
It is compulsory for students to wear full school uniform to school related activities including excursions. We have new uniform shirts for both Middle and Senior school (below), however students may still wear their old uniform.

![Uniform Shirts](image)

We are low on stock at the moment, and are expecting a delivery at the end of February. We have some old stock that will be given to students who require a uniform that we don’t have the size in stock free of charge. The old stock we have are: Old Style Shirts for both Middle School & Senior School ranging from SM-5XL, Girls Button-Up Shorts ranging from adult 10-12, and Boys Board Shorts ranging from Med-Large.

The stock we have available are: New Style Shirts in both Middle & Senior school sizes Med-XL, Boys Shorts XXL, Girls Shorts sizes adult 8-14. We apologize for the delay in stock and appreciate your understanding.

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**From the School Chair**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

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Taminmin College Council Inc invites parents and other interested members of the community to attend the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Thursday 28th February 2013**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm in block 20

A light supper will be provided

Responsible Thinking Process - Information

Session for parents at 6.00 pm

AGM and election at 6.30 pm

**Take an active role in your child’s education**

Please call **89 837000** for further information

Ms Beverley Ratahi- Chairman

Mrs Miriam McDonald- Principal

Promoting high achievement in a safe, disciplined and caring environment
**Library Lovers** month/week/ day is upon us. There has been lots of activity in the Library with decorating, coffee, cake, bookmark gifts to patrons and a raffle. Our lovely library staff (pictured right) are an amazing team who ensure there is always something fun happening at our library and endeavor to meet everyone’s needs.

Pictured left are Jess Bath, Adrienne Wade and Sharlee Harley from the Art Department enjoying their coffee and cake in the Library Lovers Nook.

The library has been very busy this week with students finding it a cool haven in the heat. On Monday 420 students came through the door, Tuesday 537, Wednesday 490 and on Thursday our highest numbers so far with 555 students.

Keep a lookout here for information on ‘Your Tutor’ and The ‘Funky Chicken’ Coming next issue.

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**Community Notices**

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**Invitation**

Litchfield Branch
The Country Women’s Association of the Northern Territory

Is inviting enquiries from interested persons to become members of this community group

The CWA of Australia is the largest women’s organisation in Australia with a membership of approx. 25,500 in 1500 branches around the States and Territories.

General Meeting 1st Thursday
Of the month, commencing 7.00
(no January meeting and February meeting is the AGM Wednesday 6/2/13)

At Kezia Purick’s Office, Coolalinga

CWA is a self-funded, non-party political and non-sectarian organisation whose opinion is sought in many areas. We maintain a strong working relationship with governments in all States and the Territories

Contact
Heather Seppings 89831371

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Become a Rugby League Referee

Refereeing is a fun, exciting, non-contact way to be involved with Rugby League.

Why you should consider becoming a referee:
- Refereeing will help you stay fit.
- Refereeing is fun and exciting.
- You will meet new and interesting people and potentially make new friends for life.
- You get the best viewpoint on any Rugby League game in the middle.
- You can learn skills and techniques by watching other players in action up close.
- It allows you to be involved in Rugby League in a non-contact way.
- You can earn pocket money by refereeing.

Northern Territory Rugby League is looking for males and females who are 14 years or older to become involved refereeing.

For details, contact: Donny Bell
NTRLRA Secretary
Mob: 0413 633 629
walford0205@yahoo.com.au

Come Along and Join Us for the 2013 Season.
(We are able to accept the $75 Sport Voucher 2013 towards the cost of membership fees and uniform)

SIGN ON DAY
SENIORS AND JUNIORS

When: Sunday 24th February
Time: 10.30 am till 2.00 pm
Where: The Clubhouse at Fred’s Pass
For further information please phone 89884139 or 0428268937.
What happens if my child is absent from school on test day?

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When will the tests be held?

- Year
  - Thursday, 16 May
  - Wednesday, 15 May
- May
  - Thursday, 16 May
  - Wednesday, 15 May

The tests are scheduled for the mornings of Thursday 16 May and Wednesday 15 May.

Where are the tests held?

The tests are held at each student's school.

What's the purpose of the test?

The tests are part of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Australia. They are used to assess students' literacy and numeracy skills, improve teaching and learning, and inform school improvement plans.

Why do we need these tests?

NAPLAN helps schools identify areas where they need to improve teaching and learning. It also helps parents understand how their child is performing compared to others.

How are test results used?

Schools use test results to identify areas for improvement and to plan for next year's teaching. Parents use test results to understand their child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

Is there anything I can do to help my child prepare for the test?

- Help your child learn new words and phrases.
- Review their reading and writing skills.
- Practice problem-solving skills.

The NAPLAN program is designed to complement the regular curriculum. Teachers will explain the purpose of the tests and what students will be assessed on. They will also provide study advice and resources to support learning.

What are the benefits of the NAPLAN test?

- Provides a national benchmark for student achievement.
- Helps identify areas where students need additional support.
- Encourages parental involvement in their child's education.
- Provides feedback to teachers and schools on student performance.