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From the Principal

Welcome Back
Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a fantastic break and that the students are ready to get back into their studies. There have been some changes to our administration which entails any student enquiries, or parents with students to please go to main student reception for assistance. You will also notice some construction work taking place as we are in the processes of building our new canteen. It is all very exciting and we look forward to a positive and productive semester two.

Congratulations to our wonderful cattle and goat show teams who have outdone themselves at the Darwin Show. Taminmin Agricultural students are playing a very important role in the food security future for the NT, as highlighted by the President of the Cattlemans Association Luke Bowen at the presentation at the Royal Darwin Show. Congratulations to Matt Devereaux and Amanda Adams and the teams for their hard work and professional presentation.

It’s been fabulous to see students focused on their learning during the first two weeks back at school. It is critical that students have all their equipment to enable best use of valuable class time. Parents will be able to monitor assessment time lines for the semester which are due to be handed to students by week 3 and which will then be uploaded onto our website.

Year 12 Tutorials
Over the holidays students participated in a series of tutorials for Biology and Psychology in preparation for their final term of year 12. The students who participated attended 1-2 hour workshops with Mrs Sally Ross where they completed assessment pieces and exam preparation. There were also other tutorial sessions for Mathematics and English. These tutorials are very beneficial to these students at this stage in their studies, so thanks to the teachers who donated their time and we wish our year 12’s all the best with the rest of the year. Contact year 12 coordinator Casey Ventjeer on 89837210 or Assistant Principals Janine Pope and John Harris on 89837000 for any year 12 concerns.
UN National Youth Conference

During the holidays year 12 student Demi Tinning ventured down to Sydney to be a part of the United Nations National Youth Conference. The conference is held in July each year in a different Australian capital city and includes students from every state and territory, as well as Japan, Tonga, and New Zealand. It is a week-long program consisting of workshops, debates, speakers, and Model UN simulations. The aim of the conference is to produce a generation of young Australians who are informed and passionate about the around them through education, engagement with national leaders, and peer mentorship. Demi was very fortunate to be selected from the NT to experience this event, so please take the opportunity to read her report in Other News.

National Youth Science Forum

Congratulations to Riley Le Lay and Jack Hopkinson who have been selected to attend the National Science Youth Forum in 2014. The NYSF is a not-for-profit organization now in its 30th year of operation with founding partner the Rotary Foundation in Australia. The NYSF aims to encourage and support young Australians who wish to follow careers in science, engineering and technology by introducing them to research and researchers, helping develop their communication and interpersonal skills, and encouraging excellent achievement in all their endeavors. Students from year 11 are selected to the NYSF and only six people are selected from the NT. Riley, whose preference is medicine and Jack, whose preference is Engineering applied for sponsorship from Rotary to be selected into the forum and this sponsorship entitles them to 50% off the overall cost of the trip. Out of the six selected from the NT, only four get sponsorship so well done to these boys who will be venturing to either Canberra or Perth in January next year for the event. You can visit the website for more information http://www.nysf.edu.au/.

Darwin Show Ticket Winners 100% attendance

Taminmin College was very fortunate to have a family pass to the Royal Darwin Show donated to us by the Honorable Kezia Purick, MLA. We would like to congratulate students Vu Trinh and Ann Trinh who won the ticket based on their 100% attendance for the year and glowing reports for semester 1. Well done Vu and Ann, keep up the good work!
Swampdogs International
During the semester break 14 of our Taminmin students who play rugby union for the Swampdogs ventured over to Singapore for four days with the club to compete against their international team. The club played two games against the international academy team, and although they lost the first game 7-nil they were victorious in the second game winning 20-8. Well done to all the players.

Darwin Show Art Winners
Congratulations to Blayze Paterson and Swano Pederson who both won first place at this year’s Darwin Show. Blayze won first place in her age group for her water colour painting of a pelican, in the category of painting. While Swano won first place for his age group for his Day of the Dead Mexican paper mache skull, in the category of sculpture.

Up-coming Events
- Subject Selection Information Evening for year 11 into 12 – Tuesday the 20th of August (Week 5, Term 3).
- Subject Selection Information Evening for year 10 into 11 – Tuesday the 3rd of September (Week 7, Term 3).
- Subject Selection Information Evening for year 9 into 10 – Tuesday the 15th of October (Week 2, Term 4).
- Year 12 Trial Exams will be held between Monday September 23rd – Friday the 27th (Week 10, Term 3).
- Year 12 Exams begin on Monday the 4th of November and finish on Wednesday the 20th of November (Week 5-7, Term 4).

Miriam McDonald
Principal
VET Report

Taminmin Cattle Team

Our VET Agriculture students all ventured down to the Katherine and Darwin shows. The students performed to a really high level as cattle handlers, but also as great ambassadors for Taminmin College on an individual level as well as a team. The judge’s feedback of the students was how well they presented and they conducted themselves in the show ring very well. It showed they had received excellent training and were well instructed on cattle handling and their proven knowledge of the industry is a credit to Certificate II & III in Agriculture trainer Matt Deveraux. Please look out for a full report in our next issue due out on August 16th.

Taminmin Goat Team

Last week eight students from the year 9 Agriculture class were selected to represent the college at the Royal Darwin Show for the Goat showing. Prior to the event the students had to select the goats they wanted to present at the show. With the selected animals students had to groom and train with the goats on a lead on a regular basis. The dedication and hard work of these year 9 students paid off with them taking out the following awards:

- Liam Mayoh - leading "Rumba" 2-3yr doe first prize and champion doe
- Jessie cooper - Leading "Matterhorne" Buck (male goat) first prize and champion buck
- Letitia Ahnfeldt - leading "Gina" 1-2yr doe, first prize
- Tahmika McLeod - leading "Gabriella" 1-2yr doe second prize
- Olivia Wadsley - leading "Igloo" 1-2yr doe third prize

Thanks to all the students who participated in this event and to all parents and staff for their hard work and support.

Health & Wellbeing

Aerosols Health Alert

Owing to the serious nature of the allergic reactions of some members of the Taminmin school community to aerosol products, such as deodorants, hair spray and body sprays, the use of these products on the school grounds is banned. For some people with
asthma the use of aerosols near them is enough to trigger symptoms and may even lead to a serious asthma attack. When used, the liquid contained in these sprays is emitted into the air under high pressure, creating a fine mist which can spread quite a long way. The chemicals and strong smells in the mist, when inhaled, are what can trigger asthma symptoms and a possible attack. Because of the amount of time the spray stays in the air and the distance it can travel, even spraying some distance from the person with asthma can still lead to problems.

We recommend using a liquid or paste form of deodorant such as roll-ons. Keeping in mind that around 1 in 10 people have asthma and reducing possible triggers will ensure the Health and Safety of the Taminmin School community.

Peta Richards
Health Promoting School Nurse

From the Library

Australian’s biggest Morning Tea Winners
Our thanks go to all our wonderful sponsors and participants in Taminmin Library’s Biggest Morning Tea. We were one of the top ten fundraisers in the NT raising $1168.20 and Liz represented us at the fundraisers luncheon at Government House.

Last Garden Party
Taminmin Library Staff held a “last garden party’ luncheon on the last day of term 1 as the lovely gardens outside the Library are no longer there with the construction of the new canteen. So we took photos to put in the archives.

New Canteen Plans
Plans and drawings of the new canteen are on display. Come and have a look and watch it grow.

Children’s Book Week
Coming soon.
Other News

UN Ambassador
During the mid-year holidays I travelled to Sydney as a delegate for the United Nations Youth National Conference, to discuss and learn about human rights and world issues.

The word ‘conference’ to me brought images of grey, boring days listening to experts on topics that would go way over my head. But the National Conference, being organised and facilitated by youth, was not what I expected.

National Conference was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. The conference in its own was amazing. The workshops were informative and were about very current issues, my favourite being about the issue of classified intelligence being leaked, where I was a part of a judiciary deciding whether Julian Assange was an enemy to democracy. The speaker sessions were on feminism, the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians and whether or not Australia should adopt a bill of rights, all of which made me rethink everything I knew about the subjects. The main ‘attraction’ of the National Conference however, is MUN; a ‘mock United Nations’ debate. The debates were one of the most intense, exciting and challenging things I’ve ever done. I was representing Libya throughout the week, so quite often my arguments would not be my personal opinion. The debates ranged in topic from environmentally friendly power generation technology to whether or not the Vatican should cease to be its own state.

However for me, it was the people that I met and befriended that were the most inspiring. Whilst we didn’t all share the same point of view, we were all as passionate about our views as each other. We were all so different in many ways, but similar in that we shared the same passion for the world we live in. In school, my friends and I all have different aspirations, views and passions, so it was quite daunting meeting so many people I could instantly bond with because of this similarity. Never before have I been able to have such educated and inspiring conversations with so many people my own age.

Looking back on National Conference, all my experiences (except the freezing cold nights) are illustrated in my memory as the most fun I’ve had all year.

I am the only Taminmin student who is a part of the UN Youth Australia organisation, and I strongly encourage any student who is passionate about the world around them or who simply wants to learn more about international issues to take up this opportunity and be a part of this amazing youth organisation. I thought I knew a fair bit about myself and the world around me, but National Conference is one of those events that impacts you in a way that makes you reconsider all you ever thought you knew for the better. It’s a sobering experience in a way, and I believed it helped me mature and be a stronger person; it taught me to stand up for my rights and opinions, made me realise that even though I’m just a student, I am able to make a difference to the world around us.

I truly believe that this trip was life changing, and I hope that more students from Taminmin experience such inspiring opportunities such as this. It opens so many doors and I can promise you, you’ll never regret it.

Demi Tinnning
Year 12

ANZAC Day 2015
The Australian Government has announced ballot arrangements for Australians planning to attend the Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli on 25 April 2015.

The governments of Turkey, Australia and New Zealand have agreed that the maximum number of people who can attend the Anzac Day commemorations at
Gallipoli in 2015 is 10,500 people. As agreed between Australia and New Zealand, there will be 8,000 places available to Australians, 2,000 places available to New Zealanders and 500 places will be available to official representatives from all countries involved in the Gallipoli campaign.

The governments of Australia and New Zealand have been working together extensively on the ballot arrangements for each country and have now announced eligibility requirements and the timing of the ballot.

To register for the ballot for Australian places, a person will need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia, and be a minimum of 18 years of age on, or before, 25 April 2015. The person does not need to be residing in Australia at the time of registration.

All attendance passes allocated through the ballot will be issued as double passes – with the successful applicant able to choose one person to accompany them to the commemorations. The accompanying person does not need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

The ballot arrangements will provide some preference for direct descendants of those who served in the Gallipoli campaign – particularly the first generation - sons and daughters of Gallipoli veterans; veterans with qualifying service or who have deployed on any operations outside Australia, whether they are warlike, non-warlike or peacetime operations; and secondary school students. The majority of places in the ballot will be available to the Australian public.

Widows of Australian First World War veterans do not need to participate in the ballot and will be included as part of Australia’s official representative group, with a carer, if they are fit to travel.

It is expected that the ballot will open for registrations on 1 November 2013 and close on 31 January 2014. Advice of the outcome of the ballot will be provided to individuals in March 2014, giving those successful in the ballot around 12 months to make and pay for their travel arrangements.

For more information visit http://www.anzacentenary.gov.au/.

Community Notices
Maths is Taking Over!
Australian Numeracy Ambassador
Simon Pampena
Tells the Facts you Need to Know
during National Science Week 2013

MATHEMAGICAL ENIGMA ON THE LOOSE! Equations have broken through the ivory towers of academia to infect every part of our daily lives. Banking, betting and betting new haves math in their DNA... and you're not. Your only hope against the epidemic is Simon Pampena, who finds the whole situation hilarious... as will you!

Stand-up Comedy Show - Suitable for +16 years.

*Who would have thought science – and maths – could be funny let alone hilarious?* - Herald Sun

*Pampena makes maths more exhilarating than it's ever been in my life.* - Charlie

*Simon has come to the rescue of maths.* - The Age

Pampena is Australia’s leading maths communicator. He has been Australian Numeracy Ambassador from 2000 along with writing and performing maths comedy shows for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, Adelaide Fringe, Edinburgh International Science Festival and ABC’s Catalyst program.

* ‘I use maths to drive my comedy, but who’s to say that the opposite won’t happen? In the future one of my jokes may become the basis of a new mathematical theorem. That would be awesome!* said Pampena.

For more information or to request an interview with Simon Pampena contact:
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Date: Tuesday, 6 August 7.30pm (until 8.30pm)
Venue: The Studio, Darwin Entertainment Centre, 93 Mitchell St. Darwin
Tickets: Adult $16 / Concession $14 / Groups +10 $14
Viewing: Ages 16+
Bookings: 8980 3333 or