From the Principal

Bullying Workshop
The Wellbeing team has just finished running Bullying Prevention programs across the year 8 cohorts. This saw all year 8 students participate in an interactive workshop designed to reduce bullying and negative bystander behavior and to strengthen student's understandings of the support options and pathways. Bullying is a serious issue internationally and the Wellbeing team remain committed to working to reduce the social and psychological impact of bullying among our students and to provide mediation processes to restore calm when there is conflict. This program is just one of many the Wellbeing team facilitate within the school which are targeted specifically at the broader issues identified via one to one and small group work by those in the Wellbeing team.

Shooting Competition
We would like to congratulate three of our students who competed in the Australasian and Australian National Shooting competition. Darwin Pistol Club members Matt Knight, Phillip McDevitt, and Danielle Astell ventured over to Rotorua, New Zealand to partake in the events that spanned over four days. The Australasian and Australian Nationals were run simultaneously in 24 different stages that consisted of both cardboard and steel plate targets. All three bought home medals for the following:

Matt
- 1st Open Junior NT Team
- 2nd Junior (Australian Nationals)
- 2nd Australian Junior Team (Australasian)

Phillip
- Top Standard Junior (Australian Nationals)

Danielle
- 1st Open Junior NT Team
Well done to all three, what an amazing achievement and experience.
The Big Shave

Last week two of our year 7 students Shakiah Brown and Anna Wommataki-Chapman took the plunge and shaved their hair off for the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. The Leukaemia Foundation is dedicated to the care and cure of patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma and related blood disorders. The World’s Greatest Shave raises money to help provide practical and emotional support to people with blood cancers, as well as investing millions in research.

These amazing girls did the shave at school during lunch time and they attracted quite a large crowd. They have raised over $3000 so far and after many staff and students donated on the day the amount will be even greater. Well done to both girls who are exceptionally brave and an inspiration to their peers. We look forward to seeing them around the school doting their beanies and bandanas!

PARCS

Many of our students have been participating in this year’s PARCS (Palmerston And Rural Cluster Schools). The sporting activities our school has partaken in are basketball, tennis, netball, and rugby. The games are still on-going so we will have more on this in our next issue. Below is a brief overview of the PARCS Tennis so far:

On Friday the 8th of March, Ella Brockwell, Asterix Harland, Breadon Risk, and Thang Tu represented Taminmin College at the PARCS Tennis Cluster Day. Unfortunately, the desired round robin competition was against other PARCS schools was unable to be played due to rain. However, a series of modified tennis games was able to be played in-between the rain showers to refine and sharpen the students tennis skills. The coaching staff were all impressed with the skills and enthusiasm of all Taminmin students that attended.
Timelines
Every subject in each year level has an Assessment Timeline. The assessment timelines are a breakdown of the topics covered for the semester. They also show you the administered date and due date of each assignment. Although the assessment timelines are given out to students, this year we have made them available on the Taminmin College website for parent/guardian’s to view at their leisure. You can find them under Middle school and Senior school respectively. To view them visit our website http://www.taminmin.nt.edu.au/.

Uniforms
Just a reminder to all that students must wear the full Taminmin uniform to school every day. This consists of Taminmin shirt, black shorts to mid-thigh, covered footwear (no thongs), and caps/ hats for P.E. Can we please ensure students wear the appropriate clothing to school at all times to eliminate uniform slips and detentions being received.

A new shipment of uniforms has arrived. The below stock is now available:

**Boys Shorts:**
- Child size 8, 10 and 12
- Adult size Extra Small, Small, Medium, Large and Extra Large

**Girls Shorts:**
- Adults size 8, 10, 12 and 14
- Apologies, but child sizes in girls’ shorts will not be delivered until early April.

**Middle School Shirts:**
*Unisex* - Child 8, 10 and 12
- Adult Extra Small, Small, Medium, Large, Extra Large and XX Large

*Fitted* - Extra Small, Small, Medium and Large

**Senior School Shirts:**
*Unisex* - Child 12
- Adult Small, Medium, Large and XX Large

*Fitted* - Extra Small, Small, Medium and Large

Attendance - Week 8

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Miriam McDonald
Principal
Laing O’Rourke Visit
On Thursday the Cert I Engineering students experienced an industry visit from Mrs Kerrieanne Jackson, the Work Health & Safety (WHS) officer for Laing O’Rourke. Laing O’Rourke are one of Australia’s multi-national construction companies who won the right to build the Ichthys Accommodation Village at Howard Springs, NT. They currently employ 374 tradesmen, 7 days a week until the village is completed. Laing O’Rourke place great emphasis on WHS and have an outstanding safety record. Our students enjoyed the presentation on WHS and are realising the significant role it plays in the workplace. Mrs Jackson showed pictures of what can happen if you don’t take WHS seriously in a workplace. Students also got to see pictures of the different phases of construction at the Ichthys Accommodation Village. Furthermore they were lucky enough to receive some small complimentary gifts. We’d like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jackson and Laing O’Rourke for their time and generosity. It is greatly appreciated.

VET Gallery

Cert II Engineering
Running a pad with the arc welder

Cert II Construction
Practical use of the Explosive power Tool

Cert II Engineering
Metal filing

Priscilla Dahlhelm
Urban VET Manager
89837120

Wellbeing Corner

Immunisation Program 2013
Round one of the immunisation program has been completed. This round was for dose 1 HPV for year 7 students and Year 9 (males only), Year 8 Varicella (chicken pox) vaccination and year 10 (indigenous students only) Pneumococcal.

- If any immunisations have been missed or forms not returned in time, please contact your health care provider for further information and immunisation.

Palmerston Community Care - 89993344
Round two will be **23\textsuperscript{rd} May 2013** for dose 2 HPV years 7 & 9, Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough booster) year 8s and 2\textsuperscript{nd} Varicella for students in year 8 aged 14+ years only.

Peta Richards  
Health Promoting School Nurse

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**Teacher Profile**

Hello, my name is Tracey Wing and I am the middle school senior teacher for Science and Maths. I have been teaching at Taminmin since 2003 and have taken on many different teaching roles in this time. Middle school is teaching to Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. In science as understanding students learn about physical, chemical, biological and earth and space science. In maths, students are assessed twice a year on number and algebra, measurement and geometry and statistics and probability. All students have received their assessment timelines for maths and science. Homework is very important for revising work, completing questions and consolidating understanding of concepts taught in class. All middle school students have access to Mathletics. There is also access to free online maths tutors between 3-8pm weeknights. Students must go to the Taminmin library homepage, log-in, go to the maths tutor site and they will then have access to this service at home. See your friendly middle school maths teacher or librarian for further information in regards to the tutoring service. Middle School science and maths teachers are always willing to have a chat to parents about student progress. It is important to contact the school if your child is absent for an extended time so we can provide work and assessment tasks. It has been a great start to the year and the middle school science and maths faculty is looking forward to watching our students excel in their studies.

**History Day 2013**

On Friday 19 April, Taminmin College History Faculty is sponsoring a ‘History Day’ for all Middle School students and staff in order to celebrate the study of the past and make History come alive for students.

Each student and staff member is invited to come to school in costume, as a character from the era of history they are studying. For Year 7 this is ancient history (60,000 BC to 650 CE), for Year 8 it is mediaeval history (650 to 1750 CE) and for Year 9 it is the modern period (1750 to 1918).

Students are encouraged to make their own costumes for this event, rather than buying outfits.

During the morning, there will be an assembly followed by time in Pastoral Care groups in which students will participate in a wide range of history-related activities.

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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.
Parents and guardians are most cordially invited to attend the assembly or later in the day to join students in activities such as the journey of Viking ships, exploring an ancient crime scene, creating various artifacts and nineteenth-century bush dancing.

Students may view historical films during their afternoon classes (see list below). Parents who do not want students to view these films can fill in and return the form below.

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**HISTORY FEATURE FILMS**

I do not give permission for my student ________________________ of ________ (class) to view a selection from the following feature films:

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Parent/guardian name________________________________________
Parent/guardian signature_____________________________________
Date_________________

**From the School Chair**

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The newly elected Council for 2013 held its first meeting last week and it is great to see that this year we have a full complement of members, including the invited positions. It is rare these days for School Councils to have such willing contributors, and I thank each and every member for being prepared to give us some of their valuable time this year to advance educational outcomes at Taminmin College.

Council received a progress report on the new Canteen development following a recent site inspection with Infrastructure officers. Council requested the Principal to rigidly enforce school uniform, and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure students attend school in an appropriate, modest school uniform which is:

- uniform shirt
- black shorts or black long pants
- sports type shoes (fully closed in and covered) and socks - students will not be able to participate in electives, science, art and PE subjects without fully enclosed shoes. Students who have classes outside, such as PE and Agriculture, are required to wear a hat and sunscreen.

Students who do not comply with the Uniform code will have their parents contacted to either collect them from the school or deliver appropriate uniform, or be required to change into clothing provided from the hand-me-down ‘Modesty Bin’.

Leggings and tights can in no way be considered modest and as such, can only be worn UNDER shorts. There have already been some female students who have been referred to the office to be provided with shorts from the ‘Op Shop Modesty Bin’ to correct this behaviour. If you have any black shorts that you no
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](https://esp.ntschools.net).

Council also discussed students using mobile devices at school. Whilst many of our students attend school with mobile phones or ipods, they have previously not been able to use them unless under teacher direction for educational purposes. However, following reports of inappropriate use of these devices in classrooms by an increasing number of students, Council has requested further research is undertaken to enable Council to consider amending the current policy at its May meeting.

Council also requested I pursue delayed funding for the Farm Agricultural programs; Special Education Support Programs; VET programs; Essential Services and Property Maintenance funding and an update on the delivery of a new bus which previous Minister Elferink advised me he had approved. I have contacted the department in regard to all these matters and will (hopefully) be able to inform you very soon of positive outcomes.

I will be present at both Middle and Senior Parent/Teacher Interviews next week, so if you would like to discuss any matter please feel free to seek me out.

Regards
Beverley Ratahi

@Your Library

**Your Tutor**
Your Tutor is an online tutoring service for students of all ages. It is available Monday - Friday 3pm-8pm.

Chat one to one with a tutor.

This service is free to all Taminmin Library members.

**Connect to Taminmin Community Library webpage**

**Click on the logo**

**Login is your UPN student number [on your ID card]**
**Password:** taminhs
**Follow prompts**

**Information Sessions for Your Tutor**
Week 1 of Term 2 there will be information sessions for students and parents in the Library. More information next Enews.

The **Funky Chicken** to be performed by The Book Chooks - The Litchfield Eggsperimental Theatre Company on Tuesday 26th March @10.30am @ Taminmin Library.

Liz Short
Teacher Librarian
COME AND TRY ORIENTEERING - the ideal way to exercise your mind and your body. Great for families of all ages. Your FIRST EVENT is FREE, with experienced club members and coaches on hand to get you started. Events are held on Sunday mornings.

Next event:
On: Sunday 10th March
At: East Point
Start: Picnic area on left just past Pee Wee’s restaurant
Coaching: between 8 and 9am
Time: any time between 7am and 9am; finish before 11am.

Coming events:
Sun 7th April – Malak
Sun 5th May- Jingili
Sun 26th May – Mitchells Creek/ Rosebery
Sun 16th June – Holmes Jungle

Enquiries and more details: phone Susi Bertei on 89815841.
A rural community choir for adults.

If you enjoy singing, whether you are male or female, come along and join us.

Venue: Bees Creek Primary School.

Time: Friday from 5.30pm - 6.30pm

(starting Friday 23rd Feb)

Gold coin donation

(Please note the choir will run during school terms only 😊)

For more information contact Martha on 0408 835824

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You get to report on something you’re passionate about. It’s great for your portfolio.
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April 8th, 10th and 11th (3:30-7:30pm) @ Palmerston Library

For more information or to register contact:
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