From the Principal

Scholarship - Zoe Owens
We would like to congratulate our Top 2012 Year 12 graduate, Zoe Owens who has been awarded the University of Adelaide Principals’ Scholarship for 2013. Only one Principals’ Scholarship is available to each school in South Australia, Northern Territory, Broken Hill and non-metropolitan Victoria, and the applicant is provided an allowance of $5,000 to assist with education and living costs for the first year of her studies at the University of Adelaide. This is a wonderful achievement for Zoe who is enrolled to study an Advanced Bachelor of Science. She plans to major in Botany and Chemistry, which in turn will aid her in pursuing a career as a Botanist. Zoe loves all things plants and over the holidays she did two weeks work experience in a plant pathology lab, and during January and February this year she volunteered at the NT Herbarium. Congratulations to Zoe for all of her achievements and we wish her the best of luck with her future ventures.

Bombing of Darwin
This year our School House Captains partook in the Bombing of Darwin Day ceremony at the Cenotaph on Darwin’s Esplanade. The 19th of February this year marked the 71st anniversary of the Bombing of Darwin. The Commemorative Service provides the opportunity to remember those who contributed to defending our country in order to preserve our freedom during World War II.
DECS Chief Executive Visit

Last week we were extremely privileged to have the Chief Executive Officer for the Department of Education and Children’s Services, Tony Stubbin, visit us at Taminmin College. He had a tour of the school grounds and ventured over to view the new Special Education Centre. At the end of his tour, two of our Hospitality VET students, Jakye Demestichas and Brock Willet, surprised Mr Stubbin with some canapés. The appetizers consisted of prosciutto wrapped melon, egg on croutons, smoked salmon blini, and cookies and cream.

Pupil Free Day Monday 18 March

School Council has 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.

Chief Minister’s Round Table

My name is Lizzie Fogarty and I am a member of the Chief Ministers Youth of the Round Table. The Round Table is a group of 16 young Territorians aged 15-25 get together to solve and work on issues that develop in our communities and around our territory youth. The Chief Ministers Youth of the Round Table is a yearlong program which aims to provide a direct communication avenue between the youth of the Territory and the Northern Territory Government. As the only Humpty Doo and Rural region representative, I aim to be the voice of our community and to make things happen in our region. My wish is that this year, will be one to remember!

Centre For Excellence

The Centre for Excellence Business and Enterprise is a learning program within Taminmin College. As part of their learning, students are encouraged to take risks and work outside their comfort zone with the guidance and support of their teacher. As Ms Hansen says, ‘it is authentic learning using a real life example for students to grasp the concepts, knowledge and skills needed in the business world’. The C4e students’ project this semester is running the Taminmin College School Musical “Back to the 80s”, as an event management company called ‘Excellent Events’. This musical has only been performed in Australia twice and has not been seen in the Northern Territory. Excellent Event is split into 3 teams. The Marketing team is involved in promoting and branding
the event, the financial team is handling all the financial requirements and the operational team organise all the necessary work that needs to be done. A C4e student has remarked that “…our class feels like it goes for 10 minutes, we are working on a real life project and I am really excited about it. I love this way of learning”. At C4e, students learn by ‘doing, it aims to equip young people with the skills to successfully and confidently participate in a rapidly changing world, providing opportunities to embrace 21st century skills by offering students in the C4E program a range of opportunities that extend their learning beyond the normal classroom. So keep an eye out for Excellent Events, a C4e initiative, which aims to raise awareness of the school musical like you have never seen! Get behind them and support them…and let’s get back to the 80s….

IMPACT

Foundations for Young Australians IMPACT
Young Indigenous Leadership Program 2013

Congratulations to LC Johnson who is our successful year 10 applicant for the 2013 IMPACT program. This Program is designed and facilitated by the NT Government by the Foundations for Young Australians, for Year 10 indigenous students whilst achieving to their year 12 level. The program is designed to build a community of young indigenous students, to help build their skills around leadership, contribution to community and future pathways.

Students participate in an elite group of 12 students selected through an interview process from all schools throughout the Northern Territory. Students participate in a range of different learning experiences – gaining better understanding of their identity, oneself and cultural background. The program increases leadership skills, confidence, teamwork, community and broader world. It also explores passions, pathways and future possibilities. Pictured below are our 2012 Year 10 students who are now in their second year on the IMPACT Program; read their comments about the program……

“I was asked the question ‘what does it mean to succeed in the world of life and work?’ So after all of the surveying and meetings with our mentors I discovered that success can mean anything – whether its money, happiness, family or health, it all depends on the person. So then I asked myself what success means to me. And to me, success is being happy and living life to the fullest.”

Emma Kellaway
“I am from Darwin. I was asked ‘what does it take to succeed in life and work?’ At the beginning of the week, I thought maybe there’s just one key to succeeding when in fact, there are many. Whether it’s a passion for life and the career you have or the resilience you have through the difficulties of life. To me these are some of the ways people succeed in life and work. I found out this week that you should do what makes you happy and not compare yourself to others because at the end of the day, it’s your life.”

Danika Williams

Workready

Congratulations to Five of Taminmin’s Workready students who achieved School Based Apprenticeships (SBA) with GTNT/JKC. The process began with a written application letter and Resume being submitted in October 2012 and culminated with the Apprenticeship sign-up on 13 February 2013. The five students accepted were:

**Year 11 Students**
- Maggie Hubbard (Commercial Cookery)
- Darby Marchant (Boiler Maker)
- Tyler Moon (Boiler Maker)

**Year 12 Students**
- Robert Gallow (Boiler Maker)
- Jim Gorham (Carpentry)

The major benefit of SBA’s is that they provide the opportunity for students to not only partake in the trade of their choice but to also complete their Year 12 NTCET. The GTNT/JKC program provides the students with the opportunity to engage with the Itchy’s LNG project before reaching the qualifying age of 18 years and thus providing them with a career pathway that may not have otherwise been available to them.

Pictured left are Darcy Marchant and Robert Gallow completing the sign on process with Alison Hind (Workready Coordinator at Taminmin) 13 February 2013.

Attendance - Week 5

Students and parents will be aware that attendance is a big push this year at Taminmin to ensure that students have optimum opportunity to learn and succeed. Below are the statistics for week 5. We hope to have our attendance at over 90% for every year level. Well done to those who have achieved this benchmark.

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Our **Parent Teacher evenings** are coming up – **middle school** on **Tuesday 26 March**, and **senior school** on **Wednesday 27 March**.

We know there are many parents who missed the **Laptop Rollout** meetings. We will run a parent information session at the middle school evening on the 27th for those who missed out. Parents are welcome to attend with children from years 9 to 12.
School Council
Congratulations to the new Taminmin School Council.
Our new executive is: Chairman Beverley Ratahi, Vice Chair Mark Brustolin, Secretary Jude Sherley and Treasurer Narelle Jones. Council members are Joanne Burgess, Sharon McAlear, Nicky Clark, Tracy Bond, Sandra White, Pauline Meehan, Julie Whiting, Ian Gibbon and our teacher representatives, Dani Hazelton and Viki Kane. Thankyou to the retiring School Council members for their service on Council, and welcome to our new members. The next meeting will be Tuesday 12 March at 6.30 pm.

Leave
I am taking leave for March, and welcome Robyn Morrison as Acting Principal for that time. I look forward to seeing you all upon my return.

Miriam McDonald
Principal

VET News
Ausplumb Visits Engineering
Last week the Certificate I in Engineering class were fortunate enough to have Adam from Ausplumb give a talk on the safety standards of working with oxy and acetylene gas. Adam provided the students with some very informative demonstrations of the correct way to always ensure the correct checks were made to the equipment before igniting the torches when working with gas. Students then had an opportunity to demonstrate before their own class their understanding of the information that they had just learnt. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Adam from Ausplumb for his time in passing on his industry skills and knowledge to our Engineering students.

Ramset Visits Construction
We’d also like to thank Ramset for coming in and providing our Cert II in Construction students with a practical demonstration of how to correctly use the Explosive Power Tool (EPT). One of the units of competency the students must complete as an elective for this course is the correct use of an EPT. The students are provided with a demo by Ramset, and then must demonstrate they themselves can correctly use this tool.
Industry Involvement
We embrace all industry involvement with our VET programs. It is this partnership and these valuable relationships that assist us in upskilling our VET students to industry standard, ensuring the smoothest possible transition for them into the workforce and industry areas they are training in. If you are a business that thinks you would like to be involved in perhaps coming in and talking to our VET students about industry expectations and the standard you are looking for when students commence work in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me. We would love to have you visit and talk to us. Any time you could spare would be greatly appreciated and invaluable to our students. Our training areas are:

- Agriculture/Rural Ops
- Automotive
- Construction
- Engineering
- Business
- Hospitality
- Racing

Attached is a survey from our Certificate II in Business students regarding the Deckchair Cinema and we would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to fill it out and sent it back.

Priscilla Dahlhelm
Urban VET Manager
89837120

Wellbeing Corner

Immunisations
Round one of the school based immunisation programme is scheduled for Taminmin on 14th March 2013. Immunisation forms have been given out to students to be signed and returned ASAP.

Round 1 will cover;

- All year 7 students male & female; first dose HPV (Human Papillomavirus)
- Year 9 Boys; first dose HPV
- Year 8 students; Varicella (Chicken Pox) for those that have never had the chicken pox virus or previous immunisation of Varicella, (round 2 will cover Boostrix-Adult diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough), and
- Year 10 indigenous and/or TSI students only; pneumococcal

Year 9 Males- the return rate of signed consent forms has been very low. This program is free only for this year and there will be no school based catch up program for missed doses. The cost to self-fund is approximately $450. So get your signed consent forms returned ASAP.

Immunisations can be given at your local doctor or community care centre if not wanting to be part of the school immunisation program.
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

No immunisations can or will be given without a returned signed immunisation consent. Immunisation consents need to be returned as soon as possible. If you have not received an immunisation form please contact reception on 8983 7000.

Any enquiries or questions please contact Health Promoting School Nurse on 89837135 or Centre for disease control 89228044

Other News

Jakarta & Singapore Excursion

An opportunity not to be missed! Year 9 students are invited to be part of our school excursion to Jakarta and Singapore. The trip is scheduled for Week 10 of Term 3 and promises to be a fascinating experience of family, school and city life.

We’ll be spending a week with our partner school, SMPN19, in Jakarta – an exciting and fast-changing city and the capital city of Indonesia’s 33 provinces. Taminmin College has a well-established relationship with SMPN19 through the award-winning BRIDGE Project (Building Relationships through Intercultural Dialogue and Growing Engagement). From past experience we know that the hospitality our students will receive from SMPN19 will be truly memorable.

At the end of the school visit we plan to spend two nights in Singapore for another experience of a sophisticated Asian city.

Costs will depend on final numbers – at this stage we anticipate an approximate charge of $1,500. The trip will only go ahead if there are sufficient students, so please contact Kathy Silburn (8983 7205) as soon as possible if your child is interested in participating.

Members of SMPN19’s student committee which will help coordinate the week’s social program

Taminmin College Livestock For Sale

Taminmin College is offering the following livestock for sale:

- **Chooks**
  - 20 x laying Iza Brown layers @ $20 each

- **Boer goats and Damara sheep**
  - 3 x Damara sheep wethers between 33-45kg @ $5 per kg
  - 1 x goat weather 38kg @ $5 per kg
  - 7 x 2013 Boer goat wethers, 20kg @ $5 per kg

Retiring Boer goat females available as paddock pets and lawn mowers.
Breading Damara rams and ewes also available.

Please contact farm staff for further information if required on 0409658588 or email matt.deveraux@ntschools.net.

**U13’s NT Hockey Team**

Congratulations to the U13’s NT Hockey team who have been nominated for *Team of the Year* at the 2013 NT Sports Awards. Our very own Shailisse Keirs is a member of the U13 girl’s hockey team and mum Dorothy is extremely proud of this sporting achievement. The NT Sports Awards acknowledge the Northern Territory’s sporting achievers, and the selection of finalists and winners involves an extensive process by a panel of sport experts that consider all applicants for their true merit. The Sports Awards Gala is held on 22nd March and we look forward to hearing the results.

**World’s Greatest Shave**

This year two of our students are partaking in the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave this March. Shakiah Brown and Anna Wommatakimi-Chapman from year 7 have raised over $1000 already towards the cause. We would like to congratulate the girls on their funds so far and for having the courage to do this. We are hoping for them to do the shave at school somewhere between 14th and 17th March. Best of luck girls! For more information feel free to visit [http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/](http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/).

From the School Chair

**CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

Thank you for those people who attended the AGM on 28 February 2013. The Chairman is required to outline decisions and actions taken in the previous year and following is an extract from my report.

“Council’s efforts in 2012 were primarily focused on continuing to pursue issues related to inadequate infrastructure and resourcing which Council identified the previous year. Progress is as follows.

- Council requested and approved a Business Case for an increase to farm funding to reflect realistic costs and ensure sustainability.
- Renovations to Block 16, Construction Skills Centre were undertaken.
- The existing canteen was renovated to make the canteen more efficient and usable whilst awaiting the confirmation of funding for a new canteen, which was received in November 2012.
- Enclosure of Block 20 completed.
- Finalisation of construction of the Special Education Centre.
- Finalisation of chiller-transformer upgrade in the rear of the college.
- Phone system upgraded to provide access for classrooms.
- Approved new school uniform designs and requested Principal to rigidly enforce the school uniform policy.
- Negotiated amendments with Chief Executive (CE), then Dept Education and Training (DET) to planned changes in the conduct of work experience risk
assessments which would have negatively impacted on our students.
- Pursued access for students to the Palmerston Positive Learning Centre whilst a rural facility is delivered, which has now occurred in February 2013.
- Negotiated increased flexibility in the use of ‘Curriculum to Classroom’ (C2C) resources for implementation of the Australian Curriculum.
- Participated in Strategic Planning Exercise with College Executive Team and Heads of Department, and requested the inclusion of policies in regard to parent contact in the occasions of poor behaviour and failure to complete assessment tasks.
- Requested contracts be formalised for canteen operator, caretakers and external providers.
- Pursued upgrade to oval – survey undertaken and design approved.
- Lobbied to ensure sufficient staff allocation in light of significant staff cutbacks in most Territory schools.
- Negotiated the allocation of a 19 seater bus with the Government.
- Held discussions with the CE DET and President AEU in regard to supporting initiatives to increase our ability to recruit and retain teachers.
- Commenced pursuing adequate allocations for essential services and property maintenance with the department to address the shortfall from the significant increases announced in October 2012.

Council was also represented at:
- Meetings of the Education Cross Sector Planning Committee, which is considering the opportunities and challenges for education delivery and the future development of Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield and Weddell
- Selection panels for RTO staff and Business Manager
- Regular meetings/discussions with CE DET and senior executives regarding infrastructure, funding and staffing inequities
- Science Fair
- Governance Workshop with the Principal
- Smart Schools Awards
- World Teacher’s Day function, to thank staff for their dedication and tireless efforts in educating and supporting our students
- Teal Func
- Middle and Senior School Award evenings
- Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
- Eclectic Whole School Art Exhibition
- Fundraising at Freds Pass Show on gates and carparking
- COGSO, as Palmerston and Rural representative
- the recent meeting with the Chief Minister and Fire Brigade officers in regard to the retention of the Humpty Doo Fire Station.

I would like to thank Principal Miriam McDonald and my fellow Councilors Jo Burgess, Jude Sherley, Tracey Bond, Sharon McAlear, Cheryl Owens, Nicky Clark, Donna McKell, Bev Heugh, Carmel Lelay, Kate Minahan, Liz Lacey and Greg Owens for the significant contribution they have made to improving educational outcomes over the past 12 months. Whilst recognising there is still much to be done, we continued to progress over the past 12 months. The past year has again highlighted the important role parents can play in improving student outcomes and I encourage all parents to consider assisting Council.

I would also like to acknowledge the support and assistance given to Council and the College from the Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick MLA; Member for
Nelson, Gerry Wood MLA; Member for Daly, Gary Higgins MLA; and the previous Member for Daly, Rob Knight. I thank them for highlighting not only our challenges in the Legislative Assembly, but also our significant achievements.”

You are all welcome to attend the next Council meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 12 March 2013 at 6.30 pm.

Regards
Beverley Ratahi

@Your Library

Final celebrations for Library Lovers Month with the drawing of the raffle this week. The winner was David Andrews who is pictured here receiving his prize with Liz and Iris.

Did you miss the great article in last weekend’s Sunday Territorian about the World Challenge trip to Africa? There is a copy of it in the Library foyer so take some time to have a look.

The Funky Chicken book launch is coming to Your Library in week 9, Tuesday 26th March. There will be performance/s in the morning followed by lunch with the author Chris Collin, and then 2 writing workshops for students in the afternoon. More information about the writing workshops will be in the next issue. Please refer to our Community Notice for more details.

Community Notices

Artist Call Out - City of Darwin’s National Youth Week

At the heart of the City of Darwin’s 2013 National Youth Week celebration is the Youth Hub - a program of arts, cultural and recreational activities for young people by young people.

It showcases the talents and interests of young people in Darwin and aims to provide significant opportunities for young people to develop and present their ideas through a variety of activities and forums.

The Youth Hub will see the Darwin Entertainment Centre transformed into a colourful, vibrant and engaging hive of activity for the period 10 - 13 April 2013. The foyer, gallery, outdoor stage and studio will be a buzz with activities including dance classes, burlesque performances, a fashion parade, one on one theatre performances, chill out areas and a diverse range of music to suit all tastes.

Head to GRINDonline for further details.
Application close on 11th of March, 2013. For any questions please free to contact Britt Guy – Community Events and Resource Officer at b.guy@darwin.nt.gov.au or on 08 8930 0403 or 0478 479 845.

International Parks Week
Come and Try Orienteering

Casuarina Coastal Reserve, Sunday, March 3, 2013

The first week of March is International Parks Week and this year the theme is “Get Healthy By Nature”. Parks & Wildlife in Darwin are encouraging Darwinites to celebrate our local parks and reserves during this week, by using them for health and recreation purposes.

Top End Orienteers are joining in the spirit of International Parks Week by holding a Come-And-Try Orienteering event at Casuarina Coastal Reserve on Sunday March 3rd. The start will be at Dripstone Park near the Casuarina Surf club and there will be a series of short courses on offer (1-2km), taking you through the bush and around the shady paths of the reserve. Courses are planned to suit all navigational abilities, including newcomers. If you want to get the most out of the day, arrive with enough time to try an easier course first, and then try a more difficult one to test what you just learned! The usual TEO sausage sizzle and drinks will be on sale, or bring your picnic basket and have an early lunch after your course(s).

What: Come-And-Try Orienteering
Who: Everyone welcome
When: Sunday, March 3
Where: near Casuarina Surf Club; signs from roundabout at Dripstone cliffs near Brinkin and of Tower Rd
Start: Between 8:00am and 9:30am
Finish: 11:00am.
Coaching: available between 8:00 and 9:00pm
Cost: Coaching day fees apply:
   - Newcomers free.
   - Members $3.
   - Non-members $5.

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 22nd Feb)

Gold coin donation

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

For more information contact Martha on 0408 835824
Please help me raise my goal $5000 for the Leukaemia Foundation, by raising this money I hope to help people and their families that are battling cancer! So ... I’m willing to lose all my hair how much are you willing to donate??? Please head to the website (Link below) and show your support! :) Thankyou ever so much!

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/danza

When: TBA Between 14th and the 17th March!

Time: TBA