From the Principal

Last week 17 of our students and two staff ventured off to Kamitonda, Japan for two weeks as part of our exchange program with Kamitonda Junior High that has been operating for 15 years. This once-in-a-lifetime experience is an amazing opportunity for our students who get to experience Japanese culture firsthand. We wish the staff and students all the best whilst on their journey and look forward to the wonderful stories and photos upon their return.

The Government changes to the Staffing Model and the increased ratio of staff in secondary schools will affect staffing at Taminmin in 2014. These changes however will not affect our specialist programs such as Leading Learner, Sports Academy, Workready, Farm, VET and Special Education. From Semester 2 all student services will be located in the main administration block to provide efficiencies.

We have some exciting events taking place at the college in the next few weeks. Our school Sports Carnival is happening in week 8 on Friday June 7th. We encourage students to participate and strive to the best of their ability all the while having fun and supporting their house teams. The Middle School have their camps coming up in week 9. Permission forms with attached itineraries have been sent home for Year 7 and 9 camps, and Year 8 forms will be sent home this week.

Also, a reminder that our school musical Back to the 80’s, the totally awesome musical is in week 9 13th-15th June.

Tickets prices are $50 family (2 adults+3 children), $20 adult, $10 Student/Pensioner. They are on sale now from main reception. For bookings contact 89837000.

Congratulations to Demi Tinning for her selection as a delegate to the UN Youth Australia National Conference in Sydney in July. See Demi’s article later in enews.

Harmony Garden

The Taminmin Special Education Centre is excited to be involved in the development of the Rainbow Serpent inspired Harmony Garden on the Taminmin College school grounds. This garden hopes to serve as a valuable learning environment for these students as they participate in a weekly gardening
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School Council Meetings
11th June
13th August
10th September
8th October
12th November
9th December

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

School Holidays 2013
24th June to 19th July
1st Oct to 4th Oct

Public Holidays 2013
10th June-Queen’s Birthday
26th July-Darwin Show
5th Aug-Picnic Day

A number of other students and Taminmin Staff have also been actively participating in the development of this unique garden including the school Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Penny Kellaway and the school’s gardener James Hudd. A number of Art Classes will provide key decorative features to the garden, including an elegant mosaic table which will sit on the grassed serpents head. This garden is sure to be a beautiful spectacle when completed, so ensure to drop by and observe the weekly development of the students and Staff’s hard work.

NT Medicare
On Thursday 2nd May NT Medicare Local conducted their NT Rural High Schools Visit at Taminmin. Around 35 senior school students were able to get an impression of what it may be like to be involved in studying and working in the health industry by participating in hands-on workshops conducted by second year university students studying health professions. We had university students from the following health areas:

- Medicine
- Occupational Therapy
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Diagnostic Radiography

Students were given the chance to check blood pressure, study x-rays, use modified equipment for use during therapy, plastering and CPR.

Northern States Cup
Taminmin College is participating in this year’s Northern States Cup, which is a 14 and Under AFL competition for the Northern States of Australia. The regional stage of the tournament runs for four weeks on Wednesday afternoons and then the winner of the region goes onto a playoff day against winners from other regions at TIO Stadium on the 2nd of August. If we succeed in winning, the team will head to Sydney for the Northern States Cup national final, which will be held on the 19th – 22nd of September.

The first round was a great success for Taminmin College, taking home two
convincing wins against Kormilda and McKillop College. Standout performances included: Kyren Gavin, Kody Trayern, Ryan Prowse (C), Beau Schwarze (VC) and Jaydah Copeland. Great sportsmanship was shown from Brody Wing and Leroy Burrell who volunteered to make up the McKillop Colleges numbers when versing Taminmin College. Both boys played really well and managed to assist McKillop in getting a few goals against us - luckily this didn’t affect the overall result!

**Sports Vouchers**
The Northern Territory Government has introduced the $75 Sport Voucher Scheme to assist families with the cost of their child’s sporting activities. In 2013, every enrolled, school-ages child across the Northern Territory will receive up to $75 of assistance to help cover the costs of playing an organised sport.

Parents or guardians of students enrolled in an urban school should have received their child’s Sport Voucher. Sport Vouchers can be used for registration, equipment and uniform costs at any registered sporting club. If you have not yet received your child’s Sport Voucher, lost it or are new to the Territory, visit [www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au](http://www.sportvoucher.nt.gov.au) to request a new one.

The $75 Sport Voucher Scheme is enabling sport for all young Territorians. Thank you for supporting this scheme.

**Student English support**
The English Faculty is offering assistance to those senior students who feel they would benefit from the extra support. It will be an intensive program designed to assist those who want to improve their English results on Thursday afternoons until 4:30pm. Please see Mrs Hazelton for more information.

**Attendance Week 4**

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Miriam McDonald
Principal
Cert I Business
From little businesses, big businesses grow.
Over the past fourteen weeks, the students of Taminmin’s Certificate I Business class have been hard at work, completing many of this semester’s study units, designing our uniforms, organising Work Placement and our Small Business Projects. During this Semester, we are to complete five study units, these include: OHS Processes, Operate a Personal Computer, Develop Keyboard Skills, Use Business Equipment and Resources, and Apply Basic Communication Skills. Each unit outlines the key features needed to operate a successful and profitable business. On 13th May, most of Taminmin’s Cert I VET students completed work placement at local businesses around the Darwin area in Structured Work Placement. This is where students from different VET courses are matched with a chosen business which corresponds with the VET course they are studying to do a week of work placement. Students in Business have selected places like government departments, retail stores and banks for placement. Our major assessment this semester is our Small Business Projects. This is where we use the skills learnt in our units to create a small business. We must decide what to sell and then design names, logos, letterheads, organise marketing and what services we may need. Be sure to look for Ice Crush, Oven Lovin’, Sorbet Magic, Valentina Amity, Crumble Tumble It, and Pump at recess and lunch in the coming weeks selling an assortment of foods. – Jack Campbell and Anne Blore.

Cert II Business
For the past term Taminmin Certificate II Business students have been busy designing business shirts. We are arranging our business project to be held in June, so stay tuned for the announcement of what that will be. It has been keeping us all very busy as it is a big event. We have been learning how to work effectively as a team and communicate in the workplace. This will put us in good stead for our work placements coming up on May 13th. – Danni Chin.

Cert III in Agriculture
During week 3 the Cert III Agriculture program took part in a livestock handling school at the Douglas Daly Research Farm. The two-day school was formed around understanding livestock signals and pressure points in order to safely and calmly handle cattle. The school was a great learning tool and experience for all involved and will help the students to gain further experiences through their program and future careers within the industry.

Here is an insight from some of the students:
“Our class went to Douglas Daly Research Farm for a dogging class. We had lots of fun and learnt a lot about cattle and dogs, mainly where we are supposed to stand and position our bodies. One of the main things was walking in parallel lines as well as using our voice but not staring down the cattle.”

“I learnt a lot at the dog school at Douglas Daly research station. I now know how to move cattle in an easier way and that it is extremely simple to do so.”

“Whilst being at the two day livestock handling school at Douglas Daly Research Farm that the certificate 3 agriculture class attended, not only myself but so many of my class members and others who attended learnt so many things we
had never even known about, like if you look at the animals constantly while trying to move them, they feel like your eyes are burning holes in them and they get uncomfortable and annoyed, so if you don’t constantly look at them and instead use your feet, eyes, body movement and voice to calmly guide or lead them to their destination.”

“The things that I learnt at the cattle handling was when you are mustering the cattle you don’t walk in a horse shoe shape, you walk in straight lines, don’t stare at the cattle in the eye because they take it as you are trying to hunt them. You look and have your toes facing the direction you want them to go. I learnt about squeezing the pimple as in you walk into the middle of the cattle to make the front lot move and take steps back to make the back ones move. When working the dogs I wasn’t very good at it but I did understand what you had to do. I thought the dogs were heaps cool with how they worked.”

“On the cattle handling school I learnt that when working with cattle you are always meant to be using parallel lines, which is normally parallel to the fence of the yard or paddock that you are working in, using the V point to move your cattle from different positions within your V point to make your cattle move backwards, forwards or stand still. Using your feet pointing to where you want your cattle to go and not making eye contact with your cattle as it acts as a barrier for the cattle and makes them feel pressured.”

All in all, a great few days with a great group of students and trainers. This group of students could be taken anywhere due to their great attitude and willingness to learn that they showed for the trip. – Matt Deveraux.

Cert I in Construction

Recently the Cert I VET students from construction, engineering and automotive took part in a talk by our local CFMEU representative to inform our budding young apprentices of the rights of workers including fair pay, good conditions, workers compensation and above all safe workplaces and practices. These students now have a great insight as to what they are in for when they enter the construction industry. – Bruce McEvoy.

Cert II in Construction

Our Cert II Construction students have been assisting local builder Mark Brustolin with the construction of the form work for the Howard Springs BMX and Skate Park. Some of the tasks undertaken by the students were quite difficult as they have to work out how to form radiuses for the jumps and beams to actual size on the ground. Overall they performed very well and they are all looking forward to seeing the results of their efforts when the track is completed. – Bruce McEvoy.
**Litchfield Girls Rugby League**

Any females over the age of 16 interested in playing contact rugby league for Litchfield Bears. Training day are Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-7:30 at Fred’s Pass. Please contact Trina Mills on 0415899561 or Nikki Paterson on 0458916042

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**Wellbeing Corner**

**Round Two Immunisation program**

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th May 2013

- This round will cover Year 7 students for dose 2 HPV (Gardasil vaccine), and Year 9 males only dose 2 HPV (Gardasil vaccine).
- Year 8 students for Boostrix vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus & whooping cough), and
- Some Varicella (chicken pox) vaccinations will be also be given for those that were absent on the day and for those aged 14yrs + who receive two doses.

**Forms are still available from main reception for those who have not yet handed them in. These must be signed and returned ASAP.**

- If any immunisations have been missed either contact your local doctor or your local health care provider for further information and immunisation.
- Palmerston Community Care - 8999 3344
- Casuarina Community Care - 8922 7301
- Danila Dilba - 8931 5700

Peta Richards
Health Promoting School Nurse, School Health Service

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**Under 15’s Netball**

Anyone interested in playing netball you can come down to the Palmerston courts on Mondays at 6:30pm.

For further information contact Danielle 0427577995

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**UN Youth Australia**

The United Nations Youth Australia National Conference brings together 140 of Australasia’s brightest and most engaged young people for a week-long program of workshops, debates, speakers, and Model UN simulations. National Conference is held each year in July in a different Australian capital city. The Conference is run entirely by members of the UN Youth division in that city, assisted by the UN Youth Australia National Executive. Delegates for the conference are selected at two-day residential State and Territory Conferences held across Australia during Terms 1 and 2.

I attended Territory Conference held during the one week holidays, representing the People’s Republic of China in the mock United Nations General Assembly debates.

The conference was great fun. I met so many fantastic people and learnt so much! There were many workshops, all of which I enjoyed, and I had the opportunity to listen to some remarkable speakers on the subject of a modern Australia. We also debated about three issues the UN General Assembly is, or has previously discussed, including the question of nuclear power generators and women’s rights. Lots of research went into these debates, and for many people, it was hard to argue the represented nation’s view instead of the
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Individuals beliefs. I was lucky, as China shared my views on the topics. My performance at the Territory Conference impressed the organisers and I have now been selected as one of the very few Territorians to attend the National Conference with 140 students from across Australia, New Zealand, Japan and other pacific nations in July.

My interests are traveling and learning different cultures as well as making a difference in disadvantaged areas. I’m very passionate about all children around the world getting some level of education, as I believe that education can break the cycle of poverty, so as you can imagine, the UN Youth National Conference is right up my alley.

I’m extremely excited about attending the week-long conference and feel very privileged to attend, as very few Territorians get the opportunity to go. I am also grateful for the chance to learn more about international issues and the United Nations as I would love to be a part of the United Nations in the future.

I first got involved in UN Youth Australia after my English teacher suggested I attend the Territory Conference in 2012. Over the year, my confidence speaking at the event has grown and it seems to have paid off.

I encourage future year 10, 11 and 12 students to attend next year’s conference, as it’s an amazing experience, you learn so much, meet so many great people and have so much fun! Attending is one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Demi Tinning
Year 12

Library and Information Week
Library and Information Week is here @ Taminmin.
2 big events with National Simultaneous Storytime @ 10.30 On Wednesday and Taminmin’s Biggest Morning Tea Party 9.30-11.30 on Thursday.

The Wrong Book by Nick Bland will be read by Gerry Wood and performed by staff and students from Taminmin Library. The author Nick Bland will also be present.
All are welcome.

Taminmin’s Biggest Morning Tea Party is open to all. Cost is $2.00 and you can bring a plate of food or make donation. We are asking for the recipe used so we can create an online cookbook. There will be great food and heaps of raffle prizes. Meet Steve Bogner Taminmin’s celebrity chef who will be providing some of the morning tea goodies.
Come and join with us to raise money for cancer research.

Liz Short
Teacher Librarian
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ITS NOT JUST ABOUT THE MONEY

“It’s time everyone realized it’s not JUST about the money!” Said NTCOGSO President Lisa Rothwell today as she expressed dismay at the cuts to Education funding in the 2013/14 NT Budget.

“The savings that this budget tries to realize through reduced teacher numbers might help the government’s bottom line but they are going to cost our kids.” Mrs Rothwell went on to say.

‘It might be about “contact hours” and “staffing formulas” for the Politicians but for our kids it’s about having the right learning environment. And you don’t get that through a rationalization of teacher numbers based on a formula produced by the finance people.’

“We want to hear how government is going to make sure that these cuts don’t affect learning outcomes.”

“Our children and teachers aren’t numbers on a fiscal bottom line they are people working together in a learning relationship to make a better future.”

The Chief Minister might have got a good report from Moody’s and the Master Builders Association but he has failed the big test.” Concluded Mrs Rothwell

Further information:

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