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Semester 1, Term 2, Week 9 2012

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We have a busy two weeks coming up with a number of camps and excursions taking place as well as a fully packed senior school program. Middle students in year 9 have returned from their camp at Hayes Creek, where they encountered a number of personal challenges including rock climbing, trail bike riding and abseiling. A report on the Japanese trip follows in this enews edition.

Year 7 students will be travelling to Kakadu, staying at Jabiru Area School, using this as a base from which to travel to learn first hand about savanna vegetation and zones while exploring cultural and art sites. We appreciate the Hospitality being extended to Taminmin staff and students by the Principal and staff at Jabiru Area School.

Year 8 students will have an opportunity to enjoy the facilities at Goanna Park and undertake the adventure program.

Senior school students have the opportunity to participate in 3 overseas trips. The senior art classes will travel to Paris to explore first hand the rich heritage of art and culture that is the foundation of modern art. Another group will be investigating the business and economics aspects of another country whilst exploring Singapore. The geography students will learn first hand about the environment by studying the geographic features which abound in New Zealand. We wish all students and staff safe, rich and productive travels.

Centre for Excellence in Business and Law
We are delighted to announce that our Centre for Excellence (C4E) in Business and Law will be launched during Semester 2, ready for operation in 2013. Students in C4E programs are provided with a range of opportunities that extend their learning beyond the normal classroom. This program will be open for students aspiring to further studies in Business and Law areas and will be partnered with Charles Darwin University and a number of local businesses. Students will need to have a demonstrated aptitude and a thirst for learning.

Reports
Reports will be mailed out at the end of the term for all students. Parent teacher evenings will be held in Term 3 for follow up.
**Student Achievements**

Harry Berns was selected to the SQUAD at the recent 12 & Under School Sport NT Rugby League Championships. Well done Harry!

Bronte Pearson was selected to the SQUAD at the recent 15 & Under School Sport NT Netball Selection Development Camp. Bronte was then selected to be part of the School Sport NT 15 & under team. Well done Bronte and good luck!

John Piening has been selected for the Australian U21 team in polo-crosse. This is a major achievement. We look forward to following his journey with this spectacular achievement.

Richard Munchow is now a part of the Australia Institute of Sport for his achievements in Rugby League. He has also had the Cowboys keeping an eye on him.

Sean Bond is a recipient of the Mawson Scholarship in Leadership which he has received through the Venturer Scouts. He is one of two to be accepted from the NT and will fly to Queensland in July to complete the course. Well done Sean, and we will look forward to hearing about your course.

**Young Indigenous Leadership Program – IMPACT**

Thirteen first year students in the Young Indigenous Leadership Program – IMPACT (Including Danika Williams and Emma Kellaway) spent Friday 11th and Saturday 12th May in Darwin reconnecting as a group, meeting inspiring role models and taking part in a range of workshops building on their leadership skills!

We were thrilled with the way the students reconnected with one another straight away and jumped into the workshops and activities that we ran for them. General themes were around community contribution, student values and passions and students taking on opportunities that are provided to them.

Students met with Hip Hop Artist Joelistics, NT Writer Marie Munkara, Hoops 4 Health Timmy Duggan, a role model session with Naomi Bonson, Desmond Campbell and Billy Johnstone. We were blown away by the student behavior and willingness to challenge themselves and get the most out of being involved in the IMPACT program.

When reflecting on the two days, Danika Williams stated the 3 main things she will take away from the workshop are:

- Try new things, you may like it
- Volunteer, it opens up new windows,
- Do what you want to do, not others

**Senior School Subject Selections**

Over the next two weeks year 10 students will have the opportunity to view their electives for next semester and make changes if required.

Semester 2 will see some students move levels within their subject areas; letters will be sent home and parents consulted on this process.
Middle School Subject Selections
Middle School students in years 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to choose their electives during week 9. Elective material fees are not required until the student has been accepted into the course.
We ask parents and students to work together with their subject selections.

Health Care Plans, an update from Peta Richards, School Nurse
Health care plans were distributed for annual update over 6 weeks ago for all students who have an identified medical condition (such as allergies/asthma). So far the return of these forms has been low. The health care plan is essential in assisting first aid staff to provide appropriate care for your student should the need arise. If you did not receive a copy of the health care plan please contact the school reception and one will be forwarded to you. Any enquires about or completing the form please phone the School Nurse on 89 88 0021
Asthma Inhalers: if your student suffers from Asthma please ensure they have access to their inhaler and spacer at all times and are competent in self administration. Students are susceptible to an episode out of school hours and should always carry their life saving medication with them. If further education on use of inhalers is required please contact School nurse 89 880021. Peta Richards

Congratulations to Peta on her recent appointment to Taminmin College.

Plain English Speaking Australia
The inaugural Taminmin College Plain English Speaking competition was held at the school on the 24th May. Two of our competitors, Demi Tinning and Callum LeLay, were chosen to represent the school at the Top End finals held at CDU on Saturday June 2nd. Both performed wonderfully and though they weren’t selected to go further in the competition, both are looking forward to having another try next year. A big thank you to our adjudicators, Ms Gordon, Ms Calvert and Mr Zaglas and to all the competitors. Ms Quin.

Report back from Japan
21 students and 3 staff recently returned from the home-stay program with Kamitonda Junior High School. This program immerses students in Japanese culture and traditions through their stay with Japanese families and attendance at the local school. Students toured ancient temples and castles and walked the ancient world
heritage Kumano Kodo trail. They also ate and explored the world of Japanese food, becoming competent with the use of chop sticks.

They participated in:

- Zazen meditation,
- Traditional tea ceremony
- Martial arts – kendo and judo
- Shodo – Japanese calligraphy
- A visit to the Kamitonda Town Council to meet the Mayor
- Interactive English classes
- Visits to the primary schools
- Making Japanese rice cakes – mocha
- Making Japanese toy dolls
- Playing the Japanese musical instrument the koto
- A visit to Kumino high school, to see their nurse training and agriculture programs

Taminmin students developed their confidence and leadership skills by making speeches after each visit or program. Two newspaper articles were written about the Australian tourists featuring interviews from our students.

The trip home involved a very fast train ride in the bullet train. This was another wonderful experience for students.

I had the pleasure of participating in this trip, and have confirmed the life changing opportunities that this program has given Taminmin and Kamitonda students over the 14 years that it has been running. We had contact with many past students who still talk about the positive way this program has impacted on them.

I would like to acknowledge Mr Inose, Principal of Kamitonda Junior High School (pictured with me) for his attention to detail in preparing and planning for our visit this year.

We are now preparing for the return visit on August 15, hoping that we will be able to match the wonderful hospitality and kindness of our Kamitonda hosts. Parents and students interested in billeting a Japanese student please contact Sue Maclean at Taminmin.

**Klasact shows off The Very Cranky Bear written by Nick Bland**

What a wonderful, full of fun day it was on Wednesday 23rd of May in another very busy week at Taminmin. The accolades have been abundant for the senior drama class who delivered their two ensemble performances with Gerry Wood as the Very Cranky Bear. Over 300 students, ranging in age from one to 8 years, as well as other audience members, thoroughly enjoyed each of the two performances.

I would like to publicly thank Gerry for his part in making everyone laugh and smile and to Nick Bland for his encouraging and positive remarks about the interpretation of his book on the day. A special thank you must go to the work ready students and Ms Regan for their props constructions. We cannot forget Ms Frazer for her excellent work on our sound track. The real stars of the show were the actors/animals. We must congratulate them and the crew on their brilliant work for their first performance as an ensemble theatre troupe.
Zebra – Kayley Maxwell and Jessie Wauchope
Moose – Amber Brown and Danika Williams
Lion – Leiha Kelsey and Alisha Gardner
Sheep – Soni Buick-Martin

The younger children in the audience adored all the ‘animals’ and couldn’t seem to get enough of them after the shows either. It was extremely gratifying to hear one little boy ask, as soon as the first performance finished, “Can we see it again?”
The show was a joint Community Library – College production, directed by Liz Lacey and supported by Iris Beale and Liz Short and their library staff, to celebrate National Simultaneous Storytime. In this national reading program of the National Library and Information Association, children around Australia read the same story together at the same time, or in our case, they watched a performance of the story. And out of all Australia, Taminmin was the lucky library who hosted the nationally celebrated author of the day, local Darwin children’s writer and illustrator, Nick Bland.

**Year 12 Formal Fundraising**

This semester the year 12 students have been working hard to raise funds for their formal at the end of the year. With the theme officially announced as 'Night at The Oscars' a lot of time, effort and money is going to be put into making this the best formal to date! This is the one event all year 12s look forward to as it marks not only the end of exams and a stressful year, but also the end of their schooling days. So far we have sizzled sausages on election day and fed the hungry mouths of Taminmin students during some lunchtimes, as well as baked cupcakes, poured mugs and mugs of milo and sold raffle tickets. Next term we have some large scale, exciting fundraisers planned so stay tuned! I must put out a huge thank you to the dedicated formal committee who find time during their gruelling study schedule to orchestrate, attend and clean up after these fundraisers. Keep it up team! *Kate Calvert*

**Joelene Punteriero**, one of Taminmin’s 2011 Year 12 graduates, returned unexpectedly this week for a brief visit and spoke with Year 11 students about her experience in Year 12, studying at university and living on campus. Joelene encouraged Agriculture, Biology and Physics students to continue their study of Mathematics, to apply for scholarships, to apply for Early Entry into university and to consider living on campus as she is loving it. At the end of Year 12, Joelene secured a cadetship with NT Government’s Department of Resources and is studying Agriculture at the University of New England in Armidale, NSW. *Jenny Eddy*
What’s happening in Senior School during weeks 9 & 10
During the last two weeks of the school term there is quite a lot happening in senior school; including:

- PLP catch up classes (week 9 & 10)
  - letters have been sent home to parents for students who need to do this class

- Certificate I in Business – Becoming a worker (week 9 & 10)
  - This course will be run in two groups Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th and Thursday 14th – Tuesday 19th. Students who participate in this course will receive 20 stage 1 credit points towards their NTCET. See Ms Pope if you are interested and have not received a registration form.

- DriveSafe NT course (Wednesday week 9)

- CDU talking to Year 10 and 11 students about further study including Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP), VET and Higher Ed as well as scholarships (Wednesday week 9)

- Customs will be presenting information about safe travel overseas for Year 10 and 11 students; this talk is delivered to Year 12 students later in the year (Wednesday week 9)

- Centrelink providing information about their services, youth allowance and support for further study (Thursday week 9)

- INPEX and JKC presenting information about career and training opportunities with the Ichtys project (Thursday week 9)

  - Year 11 students re-visiting their future direction in preparation for subject selection next semester.

We are hoping to also finalise a visit by Australian Apprenticeships and Australian Defence Force during the week.

All students are required to attend school during this time and will be involved in either

- the extra courses running or
- their normal classes including the presentations from the visiting organisations

During week 10 many Year 10 students will be out on work placement; students who do not have a work placement will be required to attend school.

Athletics Carnival
The combined athletics carnival will be held on Friday 22 June. Students have been training for the events, and will be able to support their houses through their participation.
**BASS in the GRASS tickets for fundraising**

Rob Knight, Member for Daly was selling raffle tickets at The Freds Pass Show as a fundraiser for the local schools in his electorate. Mr Knight was unable to sell all the tickets at the show and kindly gave the Taminmin school captains the opportunity to sell the rest of the tickets.

The winners of the Bass in the Grass tickets were:
- Tasha Meyering
- Robert Kennerley
- Angus Fuller
- Peter Briggs
- Kon Vatskalis

Proceeds from the fundraising went to:
- Adelaide River Primary School
- Batchelor Area School
- Berry Springs Primary School
- Belyuen School
- Dundee School
- Taminmin College

Taminmin would like to thank Mr Knight for the opportunity to be involved with this fundraising and will be putting their funds towards the Year 12 Formal.

**V8 tickets**

Generous donations from MLAs Kezia Purick and Gerry Wood of hot passes, will be raffled during the week. Students will have the opportunity to enter the draw in each class they participate in during the week. Thanks to Gerry and Kezia for their generosity.

**Woolworths and Coles promotions**

We have registered for both the current promotions. Please hand in stickers at front reception.

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Miriam McDonald
Principal

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**VET Report**

**Cert I in Engineering**

The Cert I in Engineering students are progressing well with their training. They are due to attend their first work placement during week 10 of this term. I’m sure that they are excited about that. The majority of students have completed Occupational Health & Safety along with Hand Tools, Oxy Acetylene Welding and some have started Manual Metal Arc Welding. The students are producing good quality fillet and butt welds on 10mm thick plate. All students have been introduced to power tools such as grinders, electric drills, friction saws and horizontal band saws. They have learnt engineering measurements where they use micrometers and vernier callipers to measure various components. *Kevin Bleus.*
Presentation of JustReading1/2Hour Luck of the Draw winner! Kayanne Hart is pictured receiving her $25.00 voucher from The Book Shop Darwin. Kayanne had been a participant in our Friday lunchtime JustReading 1/2Hour activity to celebrate the National Year of Reading.

Biggest Morning Tea at Taminmin Community Library on May 24th

Yes it was BIG!!!!! Students and staff along with members of the wider community got together for a marvelous morning tea to raise money for a great cause. Over $1260.00 in total was raised. Steve Sunk “the Walkabout Chef’ and Ambassador for National Year of Reading joined forces with Helen Grant and her students to provide some of the amazing food we all enjoyed. Kezia Purick and Iris Beale were the driving forces behind the morning tea and were well supported by all the Library staff and Litchfield CWA members. Another great community event @ your Library.

School Council Chair Report

The next school council meeting will be held Tuesday 12th June. The School Council Chair Report will follow in the next edition of e-News.
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WEED FREE small bales:
Jarrah $10ea pick up or $12ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
Humidicola $5ea pick up or $7ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
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HUMPTY DOO BOOT CAMP

WHAT:
Outdoor group fitness for women only (female trainer)

WHO:
ALL women aged 16+, any fitness level

WHERE:
Humpty Doo Primary School oval

WHEN:
Every Tuesday and Thursday MORNING for 6 weeks at
6AM-7AM

$140 (less than $12/session!)

Bookings are essential

Next start date:
TUESDAY JUNE 18TH!

Call or email for more info:
0429 945 175
humptydoobootcamp@live.com.au

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Taminmin College
Farm Tour

Come down to Taminmin College for our farm tour. You are invited, bring the whole family. This tour is to show the great things we have on our farm.

There will be a BBQ after the tour available for all.

70 Challoner Circuit Humpty Doo NT
Date: Friday 22 June 2012
Time: 4pm till 6pm

Contact Emma Atkinson if attending, by 15 June 2012 on
(08) 8988 0018 or emma.atkinson1@ntschools.net