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From the Principal

Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have supported our parent teacher and information evenings over the past weeks. There are many celebrations in this edition of enews. In particular congratulations go to Shayla Moses for winning the Young Territory Author Award and Helen Grant for winning VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year at the NT Training Awards.

Young Territory Author 2012

Congratulations to Shayla Moses, yr 11, who last week won the prestigious Young Territory Author Award 2012 for her children’s picture book Pinchy’s Plant.

Shayla wrote and illustrated her book last year when she was a student in Millingimbi and studying through NTOEC. Shayla celebrated her win at the Entertainment Centre with her family and staff from Taminmin College, Taminmin Community Library and NTOEC. A copy of Shayla’s book, Pinchy’s Plant, can be read in the Library at Taminmin.

NT Training Awards – Taminmin talent on display

Taminmin’s talented teacher/trainer/chef Helen Grant won the NT Training Awards VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year. This is a well deserved award for Helen who is passionate about her training and inspires young people who are interested in the Hospitality Industry to pursue their dreams. Talented apprentice Taylor England is testimony to Helen’s achievements.
Competing in the School based apprentice /trainee of the year category were Taminmin students Zoey Kellaway and Tayla England. Zoey was the runner up in the category. Both girls are to be congratulated for being nominated as finalists in this highly sought after award, and are fabulous representatives for our school. Zoe is undertaking a Cert II in Community Studies working with the Department of Health and Taylor a Cert II in Commercial Cookery with CDU. Her host employer is Skycity Casino.

2012 Science Fair
Congratulations to our Science Fair winners for 2012.

**Overall winners**

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School Holidays 2012
25th June - 20th July
1st October - 5th October

School Captains
Senior School
Georgia McCallum
Bill Nguyen
Zoe Owens
Bill Shappert
Middle School
Cheya Clarke
Jack Short
Grace Perry
Marcus Raymond

Science fair winners display their trophies and medallions kindly donated by our generous sponsors.

Rugby 7’s - champions off to the Gold Coast
On Wednesday the 12th of September, 27 students represented Taminmin College in the Power and Water Rugby 7’s. Taminmin Boys Team 1 was successful in taking out the Northern Territory Rugby 7’s Schoolboys Championship in the final against Darwin High (28-14). Taminmin Boys Team 2 gave it all they had however did not qualify for the finals. Twelve students and two staff will be travelling to the Gold Coast on the 12th of October to represent the Northern Territory in the National Rugby 7’s Tournament.

The Taminmin Girl’s team made it into the finals however were beaten by Palmerston Girls Academy. Hanna Orr and Nicole Paterson were selected for the under 18’s NT development squad who will also travel to the Gold Coast to compete in a National Tournament. Thanks to teachers Tasha Meyering and Matt Lee.

School Bus Routes
**Students “Shine” at BEAT**

Many of you would know about the annual Beat Festival which is performed every year, highlighting the performing arts from many schools across the NT. This year, 16 girls from Taminmin performed in this fantastic event on Wednesday 12th September after many months of rehearsals. They sang beautifully and I was proud to be a small part of the team who represented Taminmin. The 33rd Beat Festival was aptly titled 'Shine' this year as there were so many performances through dance, vocal and orchestral that simply blew me away. The talent in the NT is outstanding and hopefully in the near future we can also showcase some of our extremely talented performers from Taminmin on the main stage. The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and have a memory to last them a lifetime. A big thankyou to Lyndsay Sealy from the NT Music school for taking the choir under her wing this term.

_Taryna Deslades_

**Walkabout Chef**

Steve Sunk “Walkabout Chef”

-- Cook for the Family

Seven of Taminmin’s indigenous students and one parent attended a very interesting and productive cooking class with Steve Sunk “Walkabout Chef” on Tuesday 28 August 2012 held in Taminmin’s Hospitality kitchen. Steve is a Master Chef and Senior Lecturer in Cookery at Charles Darwin University. Steve is a very busy man that travels between remote indigenous communities teaching Aboriginal people about cookery and nutrition, he uses their culture and knowledge of bush foods and incorporates these into healthy meals. He teaches the younger ones about western cooking techniques so they can get a job and more importantly cook for their families.

The students had a fantastic time cooking up a storm and producing delicious dishes like Kangaroo stew, curry chicken, fried rice, fish laksa and chilli con carne. After all their hard work, students got to sit down to enjoy the delicious meals they had prepared. Steve also came bearing gifts to the students with each receiving an autographed recipe book of his, a small electric frypan and rice cooker to take home.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big THANKYOU to Ms Helen Grant, Vet Hospitality Trainer, and her class for usage of the kitchen and their huge help in assisting and making this day possible.

Story by Penny Kelloway, Aboriginal & Islander Education Worker

**Litchfield Bears Rugby League - Grand Final**

Teacher Tash Meyering and students Nikki Patterson Hanna Orr, Katrina Mills, Lauren Theodore are playing in the Litchfield Bears Rugby League team Grand Final this weekend at Richardson Park. This team also includes many past Taminmin students. Congratulations for making it to the final and our best wishes for a great result.

**Pupil Free Day Thursday 11 October**

Please note that staff will be undertaking professional development on Thursday 11 October.
Mobile Devices at school

Many of our students attend school with a mobile phone or device. It is important that if students have these devices at school they must use them according to school policy.

To ensure the best possible learning outcomes students are not to use their mobile phones or devices in class, unless under teacher direction for educational purposes. A consequence of use in class could be that their devices are confiscated, and we expect that students will comply with this willingly. Students who are non-compliant can expect to face further consequences.

Homework Centre

Taminmin College's homework centre is open for senior and middle school students to catch up on any necessary school work, assessments or study. Teachers will be on hand for tuition.

The homework centre operates from 3.30pm – 5.00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. Students are required to sign in at 3.30pm in room 15.1.

Please Note – The cost to students is a prepaid or pay as you go $5.00 voucher per session. Vouchers will be able to purchase at main reception block 4. There will not be any food or transport home provided by Taminmin College for students so students must be collected from school or seniors self-drive.

For any enquiries, please contact Marjorie Saunders on 0428 835 069.

Website

A reminder that our new look website contains current information and a handy calendar to check dates and activities.

http://www.taminmin.nt.edu.au/

IMPORTANT: Delivery of messages to students during school hours.

Parents often ring the College during school hours to get a message to a student. Parents please be aware that on a campus of this size with students participating in so many varied activities it is often impossible to locate a student to pass on a message, especially when these requests are made nearing the end of the school day. We have had many cases where we have had to take staff off core functions like sick bay to look for a student to pass on a message. Please try and make arrangements with your children prior to leaving for school in the morning or get the message to us for delivery before lunch break.

Unless the message is phoned through to us before the last break at 12.20pm we are unable to guarantee that we can get the message to student.

Miriam McDonald
Principal
VET Update

Cert I/II Rural Ops and Cert III Agriculture
Cert I and II Rural Operations is a course provided by Taminmin College for students to get the opportunity to learn basic farming skills such as machinery, cattle work and handling, feed plans, show the horses and cattle at shows and animal husbandry. This program runs for a full year.
The farm has 40 head of stud Brahman cattle and is expecting around a dozen more calves to be born in the next two weeks. Right now it is also horse breeding season so they will be expecting some foals in the future. Our students have the opportunity to participate in Certificate III in Agriculture in year 11, receiving their NTCET as well as their Cert III qualification. Past students are excelling in the agricultural industry and are being sought after. The main goal of the Certificate I and II rural operations is for students to get a job in the agriculture industry. *(Written by Cameron Agostini and Daniel Engstrom ... Cert I in Business.)*

From the Library

Taminmin Students Delight Literary Audience
Two Taminmin students presented their own book reviews to an audience of 60 children’s literature aficionados at the Children’s Book Council Shortlist Brunch held at the Novotel Atrium on Sunday 12 August. Most of the 30 review presenters were adults, but Taminmin College and Good Shepherd Lutheran College were represented by students.
Senior School student, Grace Craddock, and Middle School Student, Asterix Harland each chose a book to read and review from the Children’s Book Council of Australia books shortlisted for the Book of the Year Awards 2012.
Each student wrote their own book review, and then adapted it for presentation at the event. Asterix chose *Bungawitta* by Emily Rodda, and Grace chose *The Dead I Know* by Scot Gardner. Both students presented thoughtful, humorous reviews and delighted the audience with their originality and confident, entertaining delivery.
Grace and Asterix were mentored by Iris Beale, Taminmin Library Manager and supported by Liz Short, Taminmin’s Teacher Librarian.
The winners of the Australian Children’s Book of the Year Awards were announced on Friday 17 August and are on display in the Library.
Chair Update

Council met last Tuesday and was pleased to welcome Mr Gerry Wood MLA, Member for Nelson and Mr Allan McKay, Litchfield Mayor. An inspection was undertaken of the Special Education Centre and it is pleasing that this project is on target for students to commence at the beginning of the 2013 school year. Furniture and fit-out planning is now occurring. There have also been further site planning meetings with Government officers for the new canteen and oval upgrade. Advice has also been received that we can proceed with a classroom enclosure in Block 16.

Last year, students advised Council that they would like a new uniform. Council requested the Student Representative Councils (SRCs) to pursue this initiative, and following a great deal of work and consultation (which included a student vote) Council has approved the following designs.

The new uniforms will be available from the start of 2013, and the current uniform will also be able to continue to be worn during a transition phase. Existing stocks will be sold at cost price. I congratulate the SRCs on the very impressive result and also thank teachers Wendy Williams, Kate Calvert and Casey Veentjer for the assistance and guidance provided to students.

Following reports of inappropriate use of mobile phone use in classrooms by an increasing number of students, Council has requested the Principal to assess what arrangements and property would be required to ensure that mobile phones can be safely stored during the school day.

The Homework Centre was reopened in week 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you would like your student to gain the benefit of this resource, as teachers are present to assist with homework or to reinforce knowledge, would you please advise the school before the end of this term. To date there has been minimal usage of this service which may mean it doesn’t operate in term 4.

Council’s next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 October 2012 and will begin with an inspection of farm operations commencing at 5.30 pm. Any parent who would like to attend is welcome to contact me on mobile 0413522606 or email theratahis@bigpond.com Beverley Ratahi