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From the Principal

Year 12 class of 2012 celebrates the end of their school years

We celebrated the end of school for our graduating class of 2012 this week. One hundred and twelve students graduated. Former student Jessica Thackeray as guest speaker gave advice to the students after her gap year. School captain Georgia McCallum responded on behalf of the students. The celebrations continued with the year 12 formal on Saturday evening where students presented themselves in a spectacularly glamorous fashion. Congratulations and thanks to Kate Calvert, and the formal team, including staff and students, for coordinating such a wonderful memorable event. Best wishes to all our graduates. Pictured YR 12 Dux Zoe Owens with Exec Director Marian Guppy

Science awards presentation night 13 Nov 2012

Taminmin celebrated the achievements of the top chemistry students at the annual RACI awards at Mal Nairn auditorium CDU. Students receiving awards were:

STANT awards

Practical Investigation Student Directed Yr 7-9 Group
2nd Jessica Waters , Cheya Clarke
3rd Sophie Vandenberg, Caitlin Robertson

Practical Investigation Student Directed Yr 7-9 Individual
1st August Farmer
2nd Stevie Pocock
3rd Natasha Bond

Proud teachers
Greg Owens and Tracey Wing with award recipients
RACI Awards
RACI Australian National Chemistry Quiz 2012

PLAQUE AWARD - HIGHER DISTINCTION
Zoe Owens
Scott Malady
Mick Hefferan
Callum Le Lay
Eri Horng
Sean Bond
Jack Hopkinson
Natasha Bond

DISTINCTION
Alfredo Baggetto
Riley Le Lay

Best Yr11 Chemistry Student
Yone Ansell

Menzie Awards
Middle School – Science Encouragement award
Natasha Bond
Senior School – Senior Science Student Award
Zoe Owens

Congratulations to the students and their science teachers for this outstanding representation by an NT school.

Kate Minahan and Kathy Silburn visit our sister school in Jakarta

Middle School teachers, Kathy Silburn and Kate Minahan, have just returned from a week-long visit to Middle School 19, Jakarta, Indonesia – our BRIDGE Project Partner School. There has been online interaction between students in our two schools, visits by staff and then students from SMP19 to Taminmin, and now a return visit from Taminmin to Jakarta. Ms Silburn and Ms Minahan observed and participated in lessons, met with members of the school community and toured places of interest. With its urban setting, selective intake of students, small physical area, limited ICT and specialist resources, SMPN 19 presented a very strong contrast to Taminmin College. Ms Silburn and Ms Minahan were struck by the whole-school commitment to the BRIDGE Project and overwhelmed by the hospitality they received. They were also highly impressed by the school’s commitment to excellence in both academic and non-academic spheres. In the coming months the school plans to extend the number of teachers and learning areas involved in the Project through short online student projects. Taminmin hopes to conduct a student excursion to Jakarta around September next year.
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

Taminmin Sports Academy Represent NT at ARU National Rugby 7’s Tournament

Taminmin Sports Academy represented the Northern Territory after their success in the NT Rugby Union 7’s Power and water Cup in September. Twelve students and two staff members ventured to the Gold Coast to compete in the Australian National Rugby Union 7’s tournament against 11 other schools representing their state and territories held at The Southport School, Southport, on Sunday 14th October 2012. This was the first year Northern Territory was included in the tournament. Many of the teams comprised of Rugby Union Sports Focused, private GPS schools with the level of competitiveness unlike anything many of the boys had ever encountered. The Taminmin Sports Academy was commended from ARU officials and spectators for their sportsmanship and efforts playing Rugby Union. Overall Taminmin Sports Academy won one of the four games, which placed the Northern Territory in eleventh place in the Australian National School Boys Tournament.

As part of the weekend the Taminmin Sports Academy attended the International Rugby 7’s finals held at Skilled Park Stadium. All Team members will take away many valuable memories from this trip, for some it was their first and last opportunity to represent the Taminmin Sports Academy and the Northern Territory. On behalf of the staff that attended the trip Matt Lee and Tasha Meyering we would like to thank the students, parents and all involved in making this trip a valuable and rewarding experience.

Under 15’s and 18’s Rugby League School Boys.

Over the last two Wednesday Taminmin Sports Academy was involved in the NTRL under 15’s and 18’s seven a side gala days held at Palmerston Raiders Oval (under 15’s) and Richardson park (under 18’s). With a large number of students we had 4 Taminmin teams take part over the two days. The under 15’s Team A put in a triumphant effort undefeated all day however were exhausted in the grand final with a loss against Roseberry (20-16). The under 15’s Team B placed third overall out of the twelve teams taking part in the Gala Day.

The under 18’s Team A were undefeated all day taking out the Rugby League 7 a side NTRL Cup. Team B placed third overall. Despite the insane humidity all participants gave it all they had, with some big hits by Jake Bowman, Jim Gorham, Bradley Moffat and Brenton Jefferies. Braden Scott and Nathan Gibbins were awarded for their sportsmanship during presentations. For two Year 12’s involved in the under 18’s competition it was their last time representing the Taminmin Sport Academy.
Teal Func

Helen Grant, was in Melbourne last week for the Australian Training Awards – congratulations Helen for being part of this prestigious event. 

Please visit our website www.taminmin.nt.edu.au to see more from the Teal Func.
Animal Studies- Puppies for Sale

Animal Studies classes have been raising a litter of eleven puppies that were abandoned at PAWS Darwin when they were two weeks old. The year 7, 8 & 9 classes have been responsible for preparing formula, feeding (including bottle feeding), toileting, cleaning, worming and training the puppies as they grew and learned about the basics of puppy development.

When the puppies were three weeks old they were adopted by ‘Jackie’ the Jack Russell who had lost her two pups at birth. She has taken the puppies on as if they were her own and is now affectionately known as ‘Mummy Jack’.

The puppies are now almost seven weeks old. One of the pups is going home with one of our year 8 students and the remaining ten are available for adoption through PAWS Darwin. Adoption fee is $370 and includes: first vaccination, up to date worming, flea and tick treatments, health & temperament assessment, desexing voucher for Humpty Doo Vet and $50 desexing deposit (returned when desexed at Humpty Doo Vet.)

The Year 8 and 9 Extension classes conducted the temperament assessments as part of their course work. All puppies have passed their assessments with flying colours and are well socialised with kids, adults and dogs of all sizes from Chihuahua to Great Dane.

There are 8 males and 2 females available. They have some basic obedience training (sit & stay) started by students. Breed is ‘Territory Special’ (i.e we have no idea what breed they are!) They will be medium to large dogs and we suspect they have some (or all) of the following in their make-up – Staffy, Bull Mastiff, Great Dane, Shar-Pei.

Contact Jo Cochrane on 0427763303 or jo.cochrane@ntschools.net if you are interested in meeting the pups. Pups will be at school until Friday 23rd November. After this date they will be available through PAWS Darwin, Boulter Road, Berrimah.

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Night

On Thursday 8th November past and present students from Taminmin attended the Duke of Edinburgh Awards night at Parliament House. Students from Humpty Doo Girl Guides and Humpty Doo Venturer Scouts received Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. Past Student Nick Sheers gave an inspirational speech on behalf of the Gold Awardees encouraging participants to continue with the scheme. See below for names and award levels. Michelle Leach, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator
Laptop extensions
Students who wish to remain in the laptop scheme can pay for the extension over the next 3 weeks. Students who choose not to pay this year are required to have their laptops handed back by 23 November 2012.

World Challenge teams depart
Our best wishes to our two World Challenge teams who will be departing for Namibia and Botswana in Africa this week. The teams have worked hard to fundraise, and have also been in training for the challenges during the year. It will be great to hear their stories and travel adventures on their return.

End of year
As we move into the business end of the year, please ensure that effort is placed into ensuring that assessments are completed and tests and exams and studied for to enable the best opportunities and outcomes for 2013 and the future. Year 10 and 11 exams will be held during week 8 (26-30 November), and a selection of year 12 2013 classes will commence studies during week 9 (3-7 December).

Some year 10 and 11 students will be participating in work experience and work placements in the latter weeks of the term. All remaining students are required to attend school until Thursday 13 December.

We’d love to see you at “Eclectic” the whole school Art Exhibition Thursday 22 at 5pm – see flier below. Photos of the Year 12 Exhibition next enews.

Miriam McDonald
Principal

VETIS Report

VET Opportunity for year 9 students to gain qualifications in weeks 9 & 10
The selections for our Certificate I VET programs by year 9 students is often a difficult process as the demand for entry into the courses is very high. This is especially true for our major trade areas; Auto, Engineering and Construction. Selection is via an interview process and even then, if all students are deemed suitable for the programs, this leaves our numbers quite high. For OHS reasons, there can only be a certain number of students in each program and unfortunately some students do not get their VET preferences despite doing well in their interview.
Taminmin has decided to run an intensive block in Weeks 9 & 10 of this term (3rd to 12th Dec), to a selection of year 9 students, for the following programs: **Automotive, Engineering, Construction, Rural Operations**. Students will participate in these VET programs and train in 3 to 4 units of competency. They will receive a Statement of Attainment for units they complete. Students training in Automotive, Construction and Engineering will also participate in their **White Card** training. Students who did not make it into their first preference program due to high numbers will have first priority of participating in this block. The rest will be students who have selected these programs as their second preference, after making it into their first preference. All students will receive a letter home advising them they have been selected to participate in this training block.

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**Community Notices**

**ECLECTIC**

Whole School Art Exhibition
Official Opening 5pm on Thursday 22nd of November
In the 'Music and Drama Block'
Open to students Friday 23rd & Monday 26th

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**DRIVESAFE NT**

A DriveSafe NT course will be held on 17th & 18th December from 8am-12pm in room 3.05 at Taminmin College.
To enrol, students must complete a DriveSafe NT enrolment and Learner Licence application form and provide evidence of identity and residency documents to MVR at enrolment. Students under 18 years of age must have the parental consent section completed on the Drivesafe NT enrolment form.
The enrolment fee is $110 and paid to MVR at time of enrolment.
Enrolment/learner licence application forms can be collected at the MVR office or by visiting [www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent](http://www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent)
Rural Carols By

Candlelight 2012

Saturday 8 December

Bees Creek Primary School, Sattler Cres,
Bees Creek.

BYO blankets & chairs
Food stalls & drinks from 5.30pm

Glow sticks and candles

Program begins at 7pm

Items by local schools + community singing
Free supper afterwards

Sponsored by Rural Churches & Litchfield Council

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