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From the Principal

Winners, winners and more winners!!

How proud we are to have so many accolades and celebrations over the past two weeks. First we won the $20,000 Smart Schools Award for our partnership with Ruby Gaea, and then we celebrated on World Teachers Day the awards to Jenny Eddy and Dave Barnard. Our fabulous mathematics students won four awards at the Australian Mathematics Trust, and we have been notified that a considerable number of our students have won prestigious Science awards.

We also wish our year 12 students the best as they sit their exams and finalise assessments. Their graduation will be held on 15th November.

Students were entertained by Joanna Noonan’s year 10 Performing Art class last week. This event showcased the talents of students as well as raising money for the World Challenge volunteer activities in Africa. Our thanks to Joanna and students.

Smart Schools Award

We celebrated our third consecutive win as a school of Excellence at the Smart Schools Awards. Our latest award was for Excellence in Partnering, and was achieved through the four year partnership with Ruby Gaea. Taminmin has been presenting the SAPPSS (Sexual Assault Prevention Program for Secondary Schools) for four years to our year 9 students as a component of the health program. This rigorous program empowers students with the skills and knowledge to reduce the incidence of sexual assault and to focus on development of respectful relationships. Students who have completed the program attest to the value of the program. Thanks must go to our valued partners Ruby Gaea and Taminmin staff who have worked together to ensure the success of the program.
Australian Mathematics Trust Awards

Congratulations to students Andrew Mackay and Jack Hopkinson year 10, Nathan Clark Year 8 and Mick Hefferan year 11. These students were awarded the prestigious Australian Mathematics Trust Awards. They were presented with their awards at a ceremony at CDU. These students are truly outstanding mathematics achievers, and belong to the elite group of students nationally who achieve these high standards. L to R Jack Hopkinson, Andrew Mackay and Nathan Clark.

World Teacher Day Awards

Congratulations to Taminmin staff members Jenny Eddy and Dave Barnard who received impressive awards at the World Teachers Day celebration at Parliament House. They were presented with their awards by Chief Minister Terry Mills. Jenny won the Support Staff of the Year for the Palmerston and Rural region, and the Support Staff of the Year for the NT. As Taminmin's career counselor Jenny provides a wonderful service for students at the College, supporting them with their course and career choices.

Dave Barnard won the Palmerston and Rural award for Secondary Teacher of the Year. Dave is a passionate and caring teacher who works closely with students and their families to achieve successful outcomes.

Taminmin celebrated World Teachers Day paying special tribute to the dedication of the teaching profession, and the important role that teachers play in making a difference to the lives of students. It was also an opportunity to welcome and celebrate new teachers to the profession. Taminmin as a teaching school, has a strong relationship with CDU and values the quality pre-service and recently graduated teachers working at the school.

Taminmin Sports Academy students coach at Humpty Doo Primary School

Taminmin Sports Academy students have been praised for their AFL mentoring and coaching program with Humpty Doo Primary School students. The behavior and professionalism of the students was highlighted, and we hope that there are many future AFL stars coming through.

Coming events

Tonight 2 November Hospitality students are hosting a “Teal Func” event as a fund raiser for special needs babies. Photos in next enews. Keep free Wednesday 14 November for the year 12 Art Exhibition opening and the whole school Art
Exhibition on Thursday 22 November. A flier is included at the end of this enews. The year 9 graduation will be held on Tuesday 11 December, coordinated by Rob McIntosh.

A Helping Hand
On Thursday 25th October the Arts In The Community Stage One class created an event to raise money for the World Challenge Teams who are off to Namibia and Botswana in 3 weeks. The event ‘Helping Hands’ was a huge success with a fantastic afternoon packed with Parkour presentations, DJ Fish MC, Sean Hutton, a disco, live singers, break dancers and bands ‘Definite Maybe’ and ‘Stolen Opportunity’. There were loads of prizes and giveaways and the students had a brilliant time. It was wonderful to see their happy faces in a sea of fingerlights! We raised an incredible amount of money (over $1800) and are really proud of our Taminmin students, their generosity and very cool community spirit! *The Stage 1 Arts In The Community Class. Pictures by Nina Brennan*

Student Achievement
Shailisse Keirs U13 NT Hockey
The U13 NT Hockey team played over the school holidays in Perth and came 5th out of 7 teams. They won 3 games and did the best out of all four NT teams (U13 boys, U15 girls and U15 boys). They were competitive in every game. The NT U13 girls won the “Play the Whistle”, which means their team and their supporters were the most supportive and positive and played by the rules and spirit of the competition. They were supported by our NT grown Aussie players Des Abbot, Joel Carroll and junior Aussie players Brooke Peris, Elizabeth Duguid, Tarrant Hammi Jones and Jeremy Hayward with whom they all had their photos taken with (and the Olympic bronze medal) and got their autograph.

Sarah Lock 2012 International Classique- South Africa
Congratulations to Sarah who has been selected from many applications to be one of four people to represent Australia for the Junior Pony Show Jumping team 2012. The team will be competing on the 17th until 19th November at the 2012 International Classique in Benoni, South Africa. Good luck to Sarah and the team.

Reporting
The Australian Curriculum is being implemented in NT schools in Maths and English for year 7 to 10 students this semester. This means a new curriculum and reporting process and a new A-E scale for students’ end of semester reports. Assessment is now based on achievement standards for each learning area that describe what students should be able to understand and do by the end of a particular year level of schooling. Previous reporting on the NTCF using bands has been outcomes based.
The NTCF (Northern Territory Curriculum Framework) learning areas have all been converted into achievement standards to be consistent with this new approach.
It is important that the new A-E grade scale is not compared to previous A-E reporting from the NTCF. The new A-E grade scale describes where students sit within their year level achievement standard. **An achievement of a C at a year level demonstrates sound achievement at the year level and students receiving this grade should be very proud of that result.** Further information is included in a pdf file in this enews.

**Centre For Excellence (C4E)**

Congratulations to the year 9 and 10 students who have been successful in gaining entry into the Centre for Excellence program in Business and Enterprise. We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2013.

_Miriam McDonald_
Principal

**Chairman’s Report**

It has been a wonderful last few weeks for Taminmin College, as we have received recognition for some of our achievements. For the third year in a row, Taminmin College was the recipient of a Smart Schools Award, this year for Excellence in Partnering. The partnership is with Ruby Gaea and provides knowledge and skills to Year 9 students to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in the community. This was followed by Jenny Eddy receiving the NT Support Staff Member of the Year Award and David Barnard receiving the Regional Award for the NT Secondary Teacher of the Year. Earlier in October, Helen Grant won the NT Training Awards VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year and Helen will be attending the National finals this month. All of the awards are testament not only to the inspiring individuals, but to the programs which are run at Taminmin College and the efforts of all staff who work together to provide the best opportunities and support for our students. This then translates to the outstanding results for our students, which we have seen reported regularly in this newsletter throughout the year. There is still more to come - I have been made aware that just this week some students received high level Maths awards, with Science Awards occurring in a fortnight.

Last Friday, I acknowledged the efforts of staff on World Teachers’ Day. This day began almost 20 years ago to celebrate the role of teachers in providing quality education. However, teachers now have a much broader role, as various responsibilities previously undertaken by others have now been absorbed into schools and the curriculum. Many students now spend more of their waking hours with their teachers than their families. I acknowledged the very positive role models teachers are and their significant role in delivering us a better society. I also recognised the huge contribution of our pre-service teachers over recent months – there is a teacher shortage particularly in rural and remote areas, and their assistance has been invaluable. Taminmin Council will continue to pursue adequate training, ongoing professional development and support for our teachers, and thank them all for their immense contribution to improving our students’ lives.

As the end of the year is drawing near, exams have begun, graduation and awards ceremonies are being scheduled and some very exciting excursions are soon to occur. I hope to see many of our families at events over the next few weeks, and to those travelling, please take care and return safely. *Beverley Ratahi*
**Community Notices**

**ESCAPE**

Taminmin College 2012

Year 12 Art Exhibition

Wednesday the 14th of November

*In the 'Music Drama Block'*

5pm Opening

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Introductory Course
16 hours ($295)

Palmerston
10.11.12 - 9am-5pm
17.11.12 - 9am-5pm
01.12.12 - 9am-1pm

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