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Semester 2, Term 3, Week 5 2012

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Taminmin’s Visitors

We welcome our Kamitonda Junior High School students for their week exchange at Taminmin. It is great to renew friendships and to provide a cultural exchange for the Kamitonda staff and students.

We welcome Mr Yoshitaka Hirao Board of Education, Mr Ikuya Tanooka Assistant Principal and Ms Yuko Yoshimoto English teacher. Many thanks to our generous parents and students for hosting and to Taminmin’s tour director Sue Maclean for the long hours of work to make this exchange a great success.

We also welcomed students from Katherine School of the Air who spent the week participating in our VET programs.

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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.

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REMINDER

YEAR 11 TO 12 INFORMATION EVENING TUESDAY 6-7PM

2012 Science Fair Friday 17 August

Taminmin's annual Science Fair held on Friday 17 August was a great success. Students in middle school; years 7 8 and 9, presented the results of their independent investigations. It was a privilege to have Her Honour the Administrator of the NT the Honourable Sally Thomas open the fair. Eva Lawler Deputy Chief Executive of Public School Education and Training also spoke at the opening recognising the tremendous work that students had put into their tasks and acknowledging the strong community involvement. School Council Chair
Beverley thanked students, staff, sponsors and the community members who supported the science fair. Our School Captains ably welcomed the distinguished guests and sponsors.

Hospitality students with teacher/trainer/chef Helen Grant catered for the official morning tea with a delicious spread of finger food.

Some of the investigations included:

- testing of natural substances to dye hair
- testing a snake’s movement on 4 surfaces to see which surface might repel snakes from entering into a building
- testing the strength of various bricks with a base level of 25% sand and a range of other materials
- testing which age group has the best memory

Judging panel facilitator and Senior School Science Senior Greg Owens was most impressed with the quality of investigations, and found the judging task to be quite challenging.

Science Fair Coordinator Ros Hardcastle likened the fair to the famous quote- "it takes a village to raise a child". She was most impressed by the collaboration of parents, staff, family and community in the investigations.

Prize winners and full list of sponsors will be featured in the next enews.
**World Challenge Training Camp**

Team two World Challenge students had an exciting training camp last weekend at the environmental education campground in Litchfield. Everyone got up bright and early to get to Litchfield by 9 o’clock where we then met our World Challenge instructors and headed off on an 8-10km walk past Buley Rock Hole and up to Florence Falls. Throughout the whole trip we’re given lots of useful information from our instructor Simon and we definitely learned lots and had a great time while doing so. I think the best thing that we took away from this experience was the team bonding skills and getting to know our group which will definitely help over in Africa. I’m sure the teachers had a great time and learned lots as well as all the students, it definitely got us thinking of some fundraising ideas all that’s left is to get theory into practical.

*Article by Siobhan Clark*

**Students visit the snow**

We welcomed back our Middle School students from Canberra this week. It was a fast paced excursion visiting the highlights of our national capital. Students are picture here enjoying the snow. Thanks to teachers Viki Kane, Roy Anderson and Wendy Williams.

**Student Achievements**

**Callum LeLay National Youth Science Forum**

Callum has been invited to join the National Youth Science Forum. The National Youth Science Forum is the only program in Australia that offers students currently in Year 11 the chance to test-drive a wide range of universities and careers in the sciences. Callum will go to Canberra during January 2013 for two weeks where he will participate in workshops and seminars.

**Shailisse Keirs U13 NT Hockey**

Congratulations to year 8 student Shailisse Keirs who has been selected in the Northern Territory Under 13 Girls team for Hockey. She will play at the Nationals in Perth from 29 September to 06 October. We will look forward to hearing about this great achievement.
NT Rugby League Representative
In week 3, Harry Berns (year 7) and Lucas Hayden (Manager) went to Mackay, Queensland to represent the NT in Rugby League. Harry was an integral part of the team that came 4th overall, scoring and setting up tries, defending well and showing leadership at all times. In the preliminary rounds, the NT side played four games, winning two, drawing one and losing one. This placed them into the semi-finals, where they faced a red hot Queensland side, going down 22-10. In the play off for 3rd and 4th, Victoria beat the NT 32-10. Taminmin College would like to congratulate Harry on his selection into the NT Rugby League side and hope it is the start of a successful sporting career for him.

Lucas Hayden

Thomas Raymond U16 Northern Territory Rugby Union
Congratulations to Thomas Raymond who through his dedicated training has been selected in the NT Mozzie NTRU U16 development squad with the Northern Territory Institute of Sport. He is also travelling to the Gold Coast with the Indigenous U16 rugby union team to represent the Northern Territory.

Callan Bond Bow Hunter Junior State Champion
Congratulations to Callan Bond who on 14/15th of this month at the State Titles for Australian Bow Hunting class won the Bow Hunter Unlimited Junior Division, Junior State Champion and the Junior Team Freds Pass,. Kezia Purich was in attendance at the championship.

Australian Vocational Student Prize
The Australian Vocational Student Prize (AVSP) promotes the value of gaining vocational skills while at school and recognises the important role vocational education plays in preparing students for further training and employment. Northern Territory recipients from Taminmin College of the 2011 Australian Vocational Student Prize;
Kendall Nuske, Coreena Reeves and Jessica Thackeray.
Our congratulations to Coreena, Kendall and Jessica for this outstanding achievement.

Homework Centre
Taminmin College’s homework centre will be opening in week 6 term 3, 2012 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 will be run from 3.30pm – 5.00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays commencing on Monday week 6 (27/8/12). 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 free food or transport home provided by Taminmin College for students so students must be collected from school or seniors self drive. If you have any enquiries, please contact Marjorie Saunders on 0428 835 069.

Immunisations

- The 2012 final round of the School immunisation program is scheduled for Taminmin College on 10th September 2012. This round will cover;
- Year 7 females for the final dose 3 HPV (Gardasil vaccine)
- Year 8 Tuberculin/Mantoux skin test for Indigenous and overseas born students,
- Year 10 Indigenous students for Pneumococcal vaccine
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) and Boostrix (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Whooping cough) vaccinations will be also be given for Year 8 students that were absent for round two only.

If any immunisations have been missed, please contact your health care provider for further information and immunisation.

- Palmerston Community Care- 89 99 3344
- Casuarina Community Care- 89 22 7301
- Danila Dilba- 89 31 5700

New Phone System

A reminder about our new phone system enabling all staff and all classrooms to be fully serviced with phones. The new school number is 8983 7000. Other useful numbers are:

- Student absentee line – 8983 7227
- Student reception – 8983 7200

Parent Teacher evenings

A reminder about our parent teacher evenings coming up soon. Senior School – Wednesday 29 August 4.00 – 7pm Middle School – Thursday 6 September 4.00 – 7pm;

Please phone in early to make your appointments.

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/

Miriam McDonald
Principal
**VET Report**

**Cert 1 in Business**
Students in Cert I Business class are doing great work, as well as completing booklets required to obtain their Certificate I in Business. The students have also successfully run their own small businesses at the school and also gone out to different businesses to take place in Structured Work Placement. Along with this, they are demonstrating their admin skills in the offices around the school and are currently performing admin duties for the Auto Power Detailing – minor serving and detailing, which is run by our Auto students.

This semester some students are beginning their Certificate II in Business. They will be learning skills like handling mail, delivering customer service and business finance. Other students will be continuing to develop skills working hands on in their new business projects. We will be planning Business excursions for the class later in Term 4.

Katherine School of the Air Visit – 13 Aug to 17 Aug

Last week we welcomed Katherine School of the Air to Taminmin as they prepared to participate in some VET ‘Taster’ courses. Students were given the opportunity to participate in 6 of our VET programs on a rotational basis; Automotive, Engineering, Construction, Hospitality, Rural Ops and Racing. All the students were extremely motivated and enthusiastic and were eager to get started.

On day 1, students were welcomed to Taminmin and a brief overview of Vocational Education and Training was explained, including the importance of OHS within the work place. Students were then broken into 4 groups and allocated a program / trainer for the day. Each group would rotate to a different program each day. On Thursday, students joined the Racing program for the first half of the day, travelling to the Darwin Turf Club for a tour and some insight into the world of Horse Racing. The second half of Thursday saw them join the Rural Operations program and spend time on Taminmin’s Farm working with our Cert I Rural Ops students.

Each day those students working with the Hospitality program were responsible for preparing lunch for the Katherine group. They did an amazing job and the lunches were delicious!

The Automotive students pulled engines and gearboxes apart and put them back together. They also did some electrical soldering and fitted a fuel pump to a forklift.

Engineering students made a pencil porter. They learned how to mark out measurements from a plan and use tin snips, guillotines and drill presses. They also
learnt how to make threads.

Construction students made a name board and practised using tools such as: sanders, routers, trimmers, drills, panel saws, thicknessers and jigsaws.

On behalf of Taminmin College, it has been an absolute honour and pleasure to have these wonderful students and staff attend our proud school and stay as our guests for the week. We hope their visit has had a positive impact and that these students have gained some valuable skills and knowledge from each industry area that they can take away with them. They are an absolute credit to their school, their parents and their wider communities and outer lying stations. We would welcome them back any time.

Some of the comments I heard from students were … “I wish we could just stay here forever! This is so much fun.” And (with 10mins of recess remaining ...) “Can’t we just go back in now? Please!”

A very special thanks to the following staff for their involvement and flexibility of facilities and resources:
- Mick Salter
- Bruce McEvoy
- Helen Grant
- Kevin Bleus
- Matt Deveraux
- Trudie Clarke
- Taryna Deslandes
- Wayan Chambers
- Les Schultz

Also a special thanks to the following Cert II students with helping the School of the Air students within their programs:
- Aiden Clough (Cert II Construction)
- Sean Clare (Cert II Construction)
- Joshua Jebbink (Cert II Engineering)
- Jake Bowman (Cert II Hospitality KO)
- Joshua Eltagonde (Cert II Hospitality KO)
- Vikentia Hadjikyriacou (Cert II Hospitality KO)
- Jesse James (Cert II Hospitality KO)
- Anthony Duncan (Cert II Hospitality KO)
- Rex Verzeletti (Cert II Automotive Vehicle Servicing)

What an experience, to meet these wonderful students (and staff), and listen to some of their personal stories of their lives out in the following regions; Daly Waters, Daly River, Darwin River, Wave Hill, Tiwi Islands, Oenpelli, Mt Dare SA, Mataranka, Tennant Crk, Elliott and Dundee. We wish them every success in their future endeavours. Priscilla Dahlhelm.

School Chair Report

Last Friday, Taminmin College was delighted to host Her Honour the Administrator of the Northern Territory, the Honourable Sally Thomas, who officially opened this year’s Science Fair. Her Honour was very impressed with the quality and range of science projects, and was so engrossed in discussion with the students that she overstayed her official visit. We were also extremely pleased to welcome the Deputy Chief Executive Public School Education and Training, Eva Lawler, who
noted the high quality of student work and behaviour. Each week when I visit I am amazed at the wonderful programs and learning opportunities I see being implemented around the College. Events like the Science Fair showcase some of those programs and our students should be very proud of what they have produced. Of course, this would not be possible without the hard work and guidance of our staff. I continue to be in awe of the commitment and patience our teachers show every day, and I also acknowledge the efforts of the many staff who support them. I thank them all for the contribution they make every day to improving our students’ lives.

Many of you are aware that I hold a very strong belief that schools cannot work effectively without the involvement of the school community. The support that our community showed for the Science Fair, not only by attendance but also by the significant sponsorship for prizes, is indeed very encouraging that we are nurturing strong community involvement in Taminmin College. Sponsors will be acknowledged over the next 2 newsletters, and I encourage you all to support those businesses which support our students.

Council met last Tuesday and I provided updates on current infrastructure projects. The fenced off area at the front of the school is due to the commencement of construction of the Special Education Centre. We have also recently been advised that the oval upgrade project is ready for tendering, and I am optimistic that we will see this project delivered before the onset of the wet season. The Project Development Group for the new canteen has been formed and Council endorsed the preferred site for construction of this facility (which is behind the library, adjacent to the gymnasium and opening out on to the undercover area). I would like to acknowledge and thank the DET Chief Executive, Gary Barnes, for his personal interest in Taminmin College and his assistance in progressing these issues over the past 12 months.

Council also endorsed a trial reintroduction of the Homework Centre. As you may be aware, this was not able to be continued last year due to cost. Council requested some modifications to reduce cost, which I am sure will be understood by those families who have been seeking the additional support of this service.

It is also timely that I reiterate the Uniform Policy. As advised in April 2012, Council has requested the Principal to rigidly enforce school uniform, and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure students attend school in an appropriate, modest school uniform which comprises the uniform shirt and black shorts or long pants. Leggings and tights can in no way be considered modest and as such, can only be worn UNDER shorts. Before I purchase some shorts from the op-shop, if any of you have any old black shorts (particularly in senior sizes) which you no longer require and could donate to our ‘Modesty Bin’ to correct this behaviour, I would be extremely appreciative. If you would like to discuss this further you are welcome to phone me (after 4pm) on 0413522606 or email theratahi@bigpond.com

The Principal and I recently attended a Governance Workshop hosted by DET which focused on school governance matters. I congratulate DET for the acknowledgment of the importance of the relationship between Principals and School Councils, and for the investment in supporting this.

I extend a warm welcome to our friends from Kamitonda in Japan. I hope you have an enjoyable visit and create lifelong friendships while you are with us.

Thank you for your support of the Woolworths and Coles vouchers. If you still have any vouchers at home we need to send them off by the end of this week, so would appreciate you sending them in by Thursday, 23 August 2012. Beverley Ratahi
Grace Craddock, 17, is one of the two Territory winners of the National Year of Reading’s creative reading prize "Read This”.

Aimed at people between the ages of 12 and 20, entrants were asked, “What’s your book pitch? Pitch our favourite book for others to read and love”. Grace likes many books, but she chose one from Terry Pratchett’s Discworld fantasy series: Monstrous Regiment. Congratulations Grace!

Community Notices

**Youth Sexual Health Clinic Headspace Top End - Palmerston.**

Clinic 39 runs a youth clinic at Headspace Top End Palmerston. This weekly clinic will be open every Wednesday afternoon from 12.00-5.00pm. This confidential and free service is for all young people under 25, a Medicare card is not needed.

The youth clinic provides STI checks, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception. Young people are encouraged to drop into the clinic on Wednesday afternoons or phone Headspace to make an appointment on 8931 5999.

Headspace Top End is located in the Oasis Shopping Centre, Palmerston.

**TIGHTEN, TONE & TUNE UP**

**SEMI CROSS FIT**

9am – 10am SATURDAYS

Strength and conditioning fitness circuit

incl. kettle bells, ropes, agility ladder,
tyre flips, squats etc…

Take it at your own pace or challenge your fitness.

All welcome.

**Rural Results Gym**

11 Vereker St, Humpty Doo.

P: 8988 1402

**CARBOOT & PLANT SALE**

Saturday 25th August
8am to 12pm

Howard Springs School

Bargains, plants, fun, food, drinks and entertainment
Sites are from $15 for 3x3,
Shade is limited so get in early.
Call the school for more information on 89830000

**CYBER SAFETY**

Malak Primary School Assembly Hall

Tuesday 28 August 2012
5.30pm - for food; 6.00pm - workshop starts

- Sausage sizzle
- Child minding; please RSVP
- Transport from your front door; please call or text
- Reminder text to your mobile

RSVP phone 8985 6841 or 0426 292 486
tess.ncpeake@thesmithfamily.com.au

Deadly Event! Spread the word...

**BERRY SPRINGS SCHOOL**

Celebrating 35 Years

Important Event

Include in your social calendar...Come along and have FUN...

7 SEPTEMBER 2012 - 6PM - 10PM
Birthday

ALL WELCOME

Bush Dance

Drinks & Entertainment

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO PAST STUDENTS & STAFF
Gold coin donation appreciated BYO ALCOHOL ONLY
The annual Careers Expos are an opportunity for students, teachers, parents & other people in the Northern Territory to explore career opportunities & identify future career pathways.

The Careers Expos are for everyone - with local & interstate exhibitors providing information on employment, training & education options to assist career development & life choices.

Come along to explore your career options. Entry to the expos is FREE.

Nhulunbuy
Friday 10 August
Nhulunbuy Town Hall
Chesterfield Circuit
10:30am - 2:30pm

Tennant Creek
Wednesday 15 August
Tennant Creek Civic Hall
Peko Street
10:00am - 1:30pm

Katherine
Monday 20 August
YMCA of Katherine
Skating Rink
Stuart Highway
11:00am - 2:30pm

Darwin
Wednesday 22 August
9:00am - 8:30pm
Thursday 23 August
8:30am - 3:30pm
Darwin Turf Club,
Dick Ward Drive, Fannie Bay

For more information contact YouthWorX NT on
P: (08) 8981 9878 E: info@youthwont.nt.com.au
or visit: www.careers.expo.nt.gov.au

www.growingnt.nt.gov.au