From the Principal

Taminmin’s Australian European Handball team
What a proud moment for Andrew Hind, Ryan Davis and their coach Lucas Hayden (Taminmin Middle School teacher) as they represent Australia in European Handball. It’s also a proud moment for us at Taminmin and we wish them a successful and safe trip. They are heading to the Granollers Cup (near Barcelona) and Interamnia World Cup (near Rome). They will be competing against club and international teams in Europe’s second biggest sport. European Handball is also an Olympic sport, being played at this year’s London Olympics. Here they are with their Australian team jackets preparing for their travels.

On the international travel scene, we have had very positive report backs from our school excursions in Paris, Singapore and New Zealand, and look forward to hearing about their experiences.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Taminmin staff who work tirelessly to ensure that our students have a rigorous program and amazing opportunities including the camps and excursions that have recently taken place. Thank you also to our School Council and parents who contribute in many ways to ensure that our school is the best that it can be.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break, and look forward to seeing students back at school on Tuesday 24 July. Teachers will resume on Monday 23 July.

Reports
School reports will be mailed out at the end of this week.

Parent teacher nights for term 3 will be:
Middle School Thursday 6 September 4-7
Senior School Wednesday 29 August 4-7
Athletics
We are looking forward to our annual athletics carnival taking place on Friday 22 June. Thanks to coordinators Lawrence Kirkwood and Matt Lee for their efforts in making this a great day for everyone.

Centre for Excellence (C4E) in Business and Enterprise
Taminmin College is establishing a Centre for Excellence in Business and Enterprise to commence in 2013. We are currently seeking year 9 and year 10 students who may be interested in applying for this program.

The Centre for Excellence in Business and Enterprise provides innovative and challenging learning programs for high ability students who have a passion and aptitude for business and enterprise learning.

Students may be prospective accountants, economists, automotive mechanics, scientists, architects, builders, engineers, chefs, performing artists, or engaged in learning other professions and trades. However, all aspire to excel in business or start their own enterprise.

The Centre for Excellence program in Business and Enterprise will be:

- challenging and rigorous, providing students with opportunities to broaden and deepen their knowledge and accelerate their learning
- personalised, with programs tailored to meet the specific capabilities, interests and career pathways of individual students
- anchored in real life learning, where students have opportunities to develop and apply their business and enterprise skills in a range of rich learning contexts.

Students who aspire to excel in business or start their own enterprise are encouraged to apply.

Year 7 Making Bush Damper
On Thursday 14th June, around 70 year 7 students got the opportunity to make bush damper in the traditional way. Mrs Unwin first showed the students how to make it, and then they went onto making their own. Once they had made their mixture, they rolled it on to the stick and then they cooked it over the hot coals. When they finished cooking the damper, they removed it off of the stick and chose their topping. All the kids enjoyed eating their damper; they say it was the best part. There were a few burnt ones; they got extra golden syrup. Teachers: Mrs Unwin, Mrs Chambers, Ms Smithwich, Mr Kendal, Mr Schultz. ESA: Kaitlin, Silvia, Tash. Student helpers: Samara & Adelle. Photographers: Annie Blore & Melanie Davis.
Year 9 Camp
The Year 9 camp was held at Hayes Creek this year, with the staff and students camping in a picturesque campground behind the Wayside Inn off the Stuart highway. The campground is managed by the family of a former student, Rhiannon Barrett-Brooke, who now studies via school of the air and was delighted for the opportunity of some social interaction by joining her friends on the camp.
After welcoming Rhiannon the kids met their camp supervisors, Longy and Shaun, and got stuck into setting up the campground before undertaking their first activity.
The activities the students had the opportunity to undertake were bushwalking through a butterfly filled gorge, swimming in a natural pool formed by Hayes Creek, freestyle mountain bike riding, abseiling and Rock climbing. Thanks to year 9 coordinator Rob McIntosh for this report and for organizing this wonderful experience for the year 9 students.
(for the full report see later in enews)

Year 8 Wallaroo Camp
More than 60 Year 8 students climbed, balanced, lifted, played, hiked, quizzed, sang and cooked their way through three challenging days at Adventure Bound’s Base Camp Wallaroo. Their instructors praised the students’ resilience, cooperation, inclusion and sense of fun and said they always look forward to hosting Taminmin students. Highlights of the camp were the Trivia Quiz, when we gave our muscles a rest and got our brains working, a mostly fair water fight, Mrs Williams’ group actually returning from the Lake Walk (thanks to the brilliant orienteering skills of Swano and Letitia), team games, low ropes and of course the ever-challenging flying fox. Mrs Williams, Mr Hayden, Mrs Shaw, Ms Fordham, Amos and Jason would like to thank the students for a great camp.
Thanks to Year 8 coordinator Wendy Williams for organizing this great event.

Year 7 Kakadu Camp
Last Wednesday seventy-eight year 7 students and their pastoral care (PC) teachers journeyed to Jabiru for three days of sightseeing, workshops and activities to learn about savanna ecosystems, indigenous art & history and uranium mining.
The Jabiru Area School provided a wonderful location for the 2012 Year 7 camp base. The staff and students at Jabiru welcomed our group and helped make our stay a memorable experience.
Our students were wonderful ambassadors for Taminmin College and displayed great manners and respect for others at all times. Our guide for the indigenous art and history talk commented that our group was the best she had worked with for listening behaviour, interest and intelligent questions.
Something that impressed the PC teachers was that the students were always ready to lend a hand, take responsibility and help out. A combined barbecue and quiz with Jabiru teacher and year 7 students on Thursday evening cemented strong interschool bonds.
A big thank-you must go out to the PC teachers on the camp, it has been particularly hard over the last few weeks with report writing on top of teaching and the PC teachers gave 100% over and above this to make the camp a wonderful success. Another thank-you must be extended to the PC teachers who developed a
quality program replicating some of the learning experiences for those students unfortunately unable to attend camp.
And of course thanks to year 7 coordinator Viki Kane for organizing this wonderful event.

Day 2
Today was fun learning about all the indigenous paintings, stories and houses and spirits. I found it is pretty cool that more than 20 000 years ago there were people living under an overhanging rock and using tools to hunt down by the wet lands billabong. Quiz night was great fun. I made new friends with the students at Jabiru Area School and played around with them after the quiz finished. Over all there are only two words for this day; Great Experience!

Daniel McKell

Year 7 Orienteering
While those on camp were busy washing their tents from the spattering of bat droppings, the non-participators at Taminmin were busy rabbling through the bushes and groveling under tables, for the sake of finding a block of coloured wood!
What?...... did you say, could possibility make our students steep to such depth of desperation? Yes......... orienteering of course. With map in hand they ran in teams of 2-5 seeking the elusive coloured blocks referred to as ‘Controls ’
Determination, teamwork, endurance and personal satisfaction are the features of this sport and you could just see it beaming on their faces.
Each member of each team had to provide evidence of their find, so the students took ‘happy shots’ of themselves posing along side of the Controls. By all accounts everyone who spoke said they had an enjoyable time.
However there was one awkward moment when we realised we didn’t set a time limit and we envisaged our students returning at sundown but luckily that didn’t eventuate!!! From Julene Niddrie

Taminmin Students help out at St Francis Sports Day
I received this lovely note from Mel, regarding our Cert III Sport and Rec students who helped out at the St Francis Sports Day – well done!!!

Hi Miriam,
Just a quick note to say how fantastic the students were from Taminmin last Thursday at our sports carnival. The day was a huge success largely due to the students who were mature, organized and patient.
They were a credit to themselves and to the school.
Kind Regards
Melanie Bolwell
Harmony Day Mosaic

As a part of Harmony Day 2012, Ms Smithwick’s Pastoral Care and Year 9 Art class designed and made this wonderful permanent tiled fixture to enliven the handball area between block 3 and 7. Congratulations to all involved, it looks wonderful! A one-of-a-kind piece of artwork has been created, by yet to be discovered year 9 artists, and of course their amazing and fabulous teacher Miss Smithwick. “Our Mosaic is vibrant, new and different”. Catherine Mulvaney, Beth Hubble, Jasmine Aitken, Samara Durbidge, Cheyanne Barry, Adele deBruyen and Nina Carseldine were the lucky year 9 students who participated in the program. These students had the opportunity to sample a variety of mediums and develop professional skills. Our Mosaic has brightened up our courtyard and is situated between block 3 & 7. Come on down for a look!

I deeply appreciate the dedication, effort and sacrifice required to create this work of art. Thank-you to all the students involved, David Hynes and Les Schultz.

Year 12 Integrated Learning Class

The Year 12 Integrated Learning class continues to work with experts from Parks and Wildlife as a part of their learning program. In the last weeks of Term II the group was fortunate enough to work with the resident Marine Mammal scientist, Carol Palmer, a PHD student and current NT Parks and Wildlife staffer, Amanda and Jim Smith and his crew, Isaac from Seadawin Cruises. This trip was to allow students to experience first-hand the roles undertaken by those monitoring coastal dolphin and dugong populations in Darwin Harbour. Students will then use the information gathered from the local specialists to decide on an external project that will finalise their coursework for the integrated program. Suggestions that have come from the students to assist Parks and Wildlife in their monitoring program have included a species specific information pack, a report on the potential effects of dredging on the significant seagrass fields within the harbour, comparing impact of increased development of the harbour to that of other built environments for dolphin populations and other species.

The dolphin seeking cruise resulted in the sighting of a dugong feeding on the seagrass just off Mindel Beach, but the dolphins themselves did not oblige. However, the cruise was informative and constructive and would not have been possible without the support of Jim Smith, Parks and Wildlife staff, and the generous support of Gerry Wood Member for Nelson and Kezia Purik, Member for Goyder. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.
Rural Health Road Show
On Thursday May 31, Taminmin College was visited by the Rural Health Road Show. Senior school students such as myself had the opportunity to find out about careers in the health industry in a hands-on way, with activities such as plastering fingers and CPR practice being big hits.

Speakers from all over the country took the time to inform Taminmin students about different career opportunities in the medical industry, including occupational therapy, paramedicine, psychology, medicine (surgery) and nursing.

The Roadshow exposed us to the multitude of medical careers available and enabled us to interact with university students studying health in a fun, non-intimidating way.

Hearing personal stories and experiences from those in the industry gave insight into life in the medical industry and helped us prepare for the future, now knowing what to expect.

Many students including myself also learnt vital information about entering the industry and the opportunities available out there to help us get to where we want to go in life. To achieve our goals.

The free giveaways and prizes were also an excellent bonus. Demi Tinning, Year 11 aspiring journalist

Student Achievements

NT Australian Schools Rugby Union Competition
Congratulations to Patrick Blake, Bradley Moffatt and Ryan Cotton who have selected to play for the NT in the Australian Schools Rugby Union competition in Sydney.

Cory Davis competed in Gove last week for PARCS Cluster in the 12 & Under Football Championships. He has been selected to represent the Northern Territory in the Championships to be held in Darwin August 31 – September 8, 2012.

Zoey Kellaway, Year 11 (on far right) here pictured with the Chief Minister, Paul Henderson and her co-worker Amber Dunn-Mellet working at the Barunga Festival in June 2012.

Zoey who is 16 years of age, is completing year 11 at Taminmin by working in a school-based apprenticeship and studying for a Certificate III in Community Services with the Alcohol and other Drugs Education and Training Team, who are based at Royal Darwin Hospital.

Zoey was nominated for the School-Based Apprentice of the Year, and has been picked as a finalist in the 2012 NT Training Awards. We wish Zoey all the best, as judging begins Saturday 23rd June, for these prestigious awards.

V8 winners
Congratulations to the following students who won hot passes kindly donated by MLAs Gerry Wood and Kezia Purick. Students in the draw were selected by their teachers for working hard in class. (photo)
C4E visitors from Centralian Senior College
Students from Centralian’s Senior College have made the trip to Darwin meeting with our senior years science students. They are being billeted by Taminmin families and exploring various sites around Darwin relating to their focus of sustainable futures. Their trip is being filmed by the 7.30 report and will probably go to air this Friday.
It has been very enjoyable meeting with these high achieving Centralian students, and observing the positive interactions with our students.
It has also been great to catch up with our ex teacher Jennifer Trewren who is leading the C4E program at Centralian.

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

Miriam McDonald
Principal

More News

Year 9 Camp (cont)
All activities were undertaken with much rigour by all the students and thankfully all went well throughout the camp – even with a few classy stacks on the mountain bikes! All students that attended the camp deserve praise on how well they undertook the activities, not once in the three days did any of the teachers or instructors have to deal with any major behaviour issue and each activity was run safely and smoothly due to the students listening attentively and supporting each other through the activities. Positive behaviour like this goes a long way to make a camp a more enjoyable experience for all involved and all of our students represented Taminmin in such a commendable manner that attending staff had members of the public making comments to them about how well behaved the students were.
Some highlights of the camp included:

- Seeing the students support and look after our one injured girl, Grace Perry, before she was escorted to a medical clinic – Annie Blore was kind enough to stay with Grace throughout this ordeal, keeping her spirits up until she was taken home. Little acts of kindness like this may not seem enormous, but it meant a lot to Grace – so thanks Annie!
- Watching the students support each other through challenging aspects of the camp, such as the daunting 30m abseil. It was nice to see the students’ band together and encourage one another, this was evident even in the bushwalk where Jay Spilsbury took it upon himself to hang back and help struggling students cross a particularly steep and muddy section of the creek.
- Overhearing the best compliment our students could ever receive when one of the Adventurebound instructors said to the other “how good would it be if we didn’t have to take that other school out next week and were able to take these kids on an extended trip”. Hearing a comment like this really makes all the work that goes into organising...
and running a camp worthwhile, it sums up how positive the experience was for all involved.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Kirkwood, Mrs. Fordham, Mrs. Packwood and Mr. Ascoli for giving up their time to staff the camp. Without willing staff members it would be impossible to run experiences such as this, so a huge thanks to each of you for making that commitment. A big thank you must also go out to the boys from Adventurebound who were fantastic throughout the camp and ensured the 3 days ran smoothly and safely.

I hope we get even more students on board for next year!

Rob McIntosh,
Year 9 Co-ordinator

**Year 7 Kakadu camp**

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**Community Notices**

**FEED HAY FOR SALE**

WEED FREE small bales:
- Jarrah $10ea pick up or $12ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
- Humicola $5ea pick up or $7ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)

Call 0409 658 588 weekdays only.
Headspace Top End is a youth health service for young people aged 12 – 25 located at the Palmerston Oasis Shopping Centre. The service provides health and mental health information, support and services to young people and their families.

Headspace can help a young person if they:
- are feeling sad, anxious or worried about their mental health
- want help with alcohol or other drug use
- are worried about a friend or a family member
- need advice about education, training opportunities and/or finding work
- Are having difficulties with something in their life.

Headspace Top End is also pleased to welcome Clinic 34 to its service. Clinic 34 is a weekly Youth Sexual Health Drop-In Service open every Wednesday from 12.00pm - 5.00pm. This confidential and free service is for all young people under 25, a Medicare card is not needed. Young people are encouraged to drop into the clinic on Wednesday afternoons, no appointment necessary.

Headspace Top End is run by Anglicare NT and supported by Danila Dilba, General Practice Network NT (GPNNT) and the NT Department of Health and Families through a local Consortium.

To make an appointment with headspace, drop into the centre or phone headspace on 8931 5999.

Want to get licensed and learn to drive safe on Territory roads? DriveSafe NT is a new subsidised driver education program for 16-25 year olds.

- Use online and SMS technology to manage your driver education
- Learn the road rules and important road safety information
- Get subsidised driving lessons and learn to drive safely
- Get incentives for supervised driving practice
- Get licensed

More information about the program can be found on our website at www.nt.gov.au/drivesafent or phone 1800 121 411.
Using Fireworks Safely

If you use fireworks, you should follow these safety tips to avoid causing serious injury to yourself or others.

- Stabilise fireworks on a flat surface or use sand to stand them upright to avoid them falling over when firing.
- Never give fireworks to children under 12 years old. Supervise all older children at all times.
- Don’t hold lit fireworks.
- Don’t throw fireworks.
- Have a hose or bucket of water on hand to extinguish any fires or to pour on dud fireworks.
- Never point or throw fireworks at or near other people.
- Do not wear synthetic clothing if you are around fireworks. Stray sparks can ignite flammable clothing and cause serious burns.

Sparklers

- Sparklers can be very dangerous and should never be given to children under 5 years of age.
- Never hold and light more than one sparkler at a time, as it can cause a super ignition showering the hand with extremely hot embers causing serious burns.
- Always supervise children 5 years and older with sparklers and ensure sparklers are held at arm’s length.
- Dispose of used sparklers in a bucket of sand or water.

Dud Fireworks

- Never inspect or re-light a dud firework as it may still go off and cause serious injury.
- Keep away from any unignited fireworks for 15 minutes, then pour water on it.

What to do if there is an injury

Burn injury

- Remove the person safely from heat source.
- Remove clothing to help heat escape. If clothes are stuck to the skin leave them on.
- Cool the area immediately by submerging in cold water, or gently pour on cold water for at least 15 minutes eg stand in a shower. Never use ice, oil, butter or ointment.
- Cover the area with cling wrap. Keep the person warm.
- Get help. A burn larger than a postage stamp requires medical attention. All deep burns of any size require urgent hospital treatment.

Eye injury

Spucks in the eye “if small and loose”

- Do not rub the eye.
- Wash the eye with a gentle stream of saline or clean water or let tears wash the speck out.
- If unsuccessful, for an object on the white of the eye, try to remove it using the corner of a clean, moist cloth, cotton bud or tissue paper spear.
- Do not try to remove an object from the coloured part of the eye. Wash the eye with saline or clean water. If unsuccessful seek medical help.

Cuts and punctures of the eye or eyelid or objects penetrating in the eye

- Do not wash out the eye with water or any other liquid.
- Do not try and remove an object that is stuck in the eye.
- Do not give the person with the injury anything to eat or drink.
- Seek urgent medical help.

Seek medical advice by telephoning Health Direct on 1800 186 026.
In an emergency phone 000.