From the Principal

Anzac Day

Setting the standard; extraordinary and moving

Taminmin College Middle School held an extraordinary and moving ANZAC DAY CEREMONY on Tuesday 24th April. During the week leading into the event students discussed “The meaning, symbolism and ceremony of the ANZAC tradition”. Proceedings were led by the four Middle School Captains. It started with a student performed readers’ theatre of “The Christmas Truce”, a recount of one of the most remarkable incidents of World War 1. Students were Dat Nguyen, Luke Lund, Gulliver Van Eigen, Jarrod Ross and Kane Ross. Then the wreath laying ceremony commenced where a representative from each PC class laid their wreath. This was followed by: The Ode, read by School Captain Jack Short; The Last Post played by a guest Bugler, Geoff Carter Warrant Officer First Class; then the one minute silence was observed broken by The Rouse again played by the Bugler. Lastly, the harmonizing voices of the Taminmin School Choir led the audience and concluded the ceremony with The National Anthem. Students are to be congratulated for their exemplary display of respect in the ceremony. School captains represented Taminmin at the ANZAC Service at the Village Green on Wednesday morning.

Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards - Zoe Owens

Zoe Owens, a Year 12 student and senior girls Vice-Captain at Taminmin College was a finalist in the Regional & Rural Initiative category of the Northern Territory Young Achiever Awards after being judged in the top three nominees in this category across the NT.
At 17, Zoe is a recent recipient of the Litchfield Council Young Citizen of the Year Award and has been actively involved throughout her local community from a young age. Zoe advocates for youth in the Northern Territory which is reflected through her membership on the 2011 Youth Minister’s Round Table. Her role on the Youth Round Table has given Zoe the ability to give young people in regional and rural areas of the Northern Territory a voice in a public arena. As a part of the Youth Round table, Zoe has also conducted her own community based project focusing on class sizes at her local schools titled “Size Does Count”.

Zoe has also completed Certificates I and II in Rural Operations which focus on developing basic skills and knowledge in rural production and management. Zoe contributed to her rural area by assisting with the Milo In2 Cricket Clinics at her local cricket club. These clinics cater for players from 5 to 10 years of age. Zoe was able to ensure a young lad with disabilities was able to fully participate in the programmed activities. She was Vice-Captain of the Southern District Senior Women’s cricket team from 2008-2010 and a member of the curating team from 2008 – 2011 which was responsible for the preparation of wickets for games each week and the maintenance of the practice wicket area. Congratulations Zoe.

**Year 11 & 12 Health Expo**

On the last day of term 1, Taminmin College’s year 11 and 12 Health classes held a Health and Wellbeing Expo in the Gym. The aim was to promote health services and career pathways that are available in our community and promote Youth Week 2012. In support of the Youth Weeks vision ‘Create, Imagine, Inspire’ students created artwork and activities to engage their peers. A range of health services volunteered their time in providing a well-rounded display of the services within our local community. Some of the services present on the day include: Catholic Care, Danila Dilba, Headspace, Mission Australia, Clinic 34, Carers NT, Autism NT, Life be in it, Australian Institute of Personal Trainers, GTNT, CDU, Australian Defence Force, and Menzies Institute of Health.
Students had the opportunity to visit the various stalls, participate in activities, competitions and score highly sought after water bottles.

The response from the students who attended the expo was positive, with the stalls being very informative. The Sports Academy station proved to be highly popular, with students completing three fitness activities and having their results recorded.

Surveys were handed out to middle school students regarding a range of health related issues, with results to be collated and used in future health related investigations. Year 12 Student’s ran workshops for students as a part of their health investigations for their major assessment. On behalf of the of Senior School Health we would like to extend our gratitude to all the health services, Taminmin staff, Charity McAleer, Peta Richards, Penny Kellaway and Jenny Eddy for their support and expertise both on the day and in the lead up to the Expo. Year 11 and 12 Health

Middle School Science
Selected year nine classes have been working with lots of exciting resources as part of their energy and change unit of work. The STELR project is a key initiative of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, which Taminmin students have been given the opportunity to be a part of. The hands on practical activities on renewable energy resources have provided students with new and exciting ways to learn about and consolidate understanding on key aspects of physical science, while having some fun along the way.

Science Fair 2012
Taminmin science fair is a fantastic event that will be held on Friday 17th August in the school gymnasium. Students have the opportunity to present their investigations to invited guests, parents and students. There are many prizes to be awarded to students by guest judges for their ideas, efforts, hard work and scientific inquiry. Students should be thinking about what topics to investigate so they can complete their investigations in time to present at this exciting science fair. If any parents are interested in assisting with sponsorship for the event, please contact Ros Hardcastle or Tracey Wing on 8988 0080.

CDU Higher Education Week
Some of our senior school students recently experienced life as a university student at CDU. 17 Year 12 students made their own way to the university during the recent Higher Education Week an
took part in a range of classes.
Kylie Phan who hopes to study medicine said “The two days were fantastic.
I went along to find out what uni was like and what I’m getting myself into.
The Chemistry lecture was great and I learnt quite a bit, surprisingly I
understood what they were talking about.”
Taminmin Art teacher, Adrienne Wade, took a group of Year 11 and 12 Art
students to CDU during Higher Education Week. Jess Brittain in Year 11 Art
stated “I didn’t even know CDU had such a cool art school...and the lecturers
were so interesting and friendly”.

**Animal Science**
The Year 7, 8 and 9 Animal Studies classes are currently the foster parents
for 8 orphaned kittens and 3 orphaned puppies. The babies were dumped at
PAWS Darwin during the school holidays and were about two weeks old at
the time. Students are learning how to care for orphaned puppies and
kittens including feeding, monitoring health and toileting – fulfilling the role
of their mother as best we can. Issues such as responsible pet ownership
and de-sexing have also been discussed at length in all classes. Students in
Year 8 and 9 Animal Studies Classes have the opportunity to take puppies or
kittens home overnight and on weekends if they return a permission form
which has been distributed in class.

Nik-Nik, my Chihuahua we have been studying throughout term 1, is now
due to have her puppies. An X-ray taken last week revealed ‘at least 9
puppies’ according to the vet. All the kids in Animal Studies classes and the
staff in the Block 7 staff room are on tenterhooks waiting for her to deliver!
When she has her puppies we’ll be investigating the difference between the
hand-raised puppies/kittens and Nik-Nik’s mother raised puppies.
All-in-all it’s an incredibly busy time in Animal Studies with puppies, kittens
and construction all happening at once.

**Maths Money**

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Congratulations on great achievements

NT U18 Hockey championships
Congratulations to Teagan Short and Brayden Keirs who represented the NT in the interstate Hockey championships recently.

PARCS Rugby League Team
Congratulations to Aubree Olm, Harry Berns and Alex Marchant who have been selected to be part of the PARCS rugby league teams competing at the School Sport NT champs being held in Palmerston from May 23rd to May 25th.

Christopher Doukas makes amazing discovery
Year 7 student Christopher Doukas featured in the Cosmos magazine this month highlighting his discovery of a gun, which could possibly be a 16 century Portuguese swivel gun on a beach in Darwin. The gun has been brought to the attention of the Museum and Art Gallery of the NT. For more information read the Cosmos article at www.cosmosmagazine.com

Canteen
The canteen extensions have been completed to enable a faster service to students. An express line is now located at the new gym servery. Students are able to pre-order their food and pick it up at the express line. Attached to this enews is the canteen price list.

Uniform
Please ensure that students come to school in the correct uniform which is:
- School shirt – middle or senior
- Black shorts or long pants (must be an acceptable style and length)
- Sports type shoes and socks

Adherence to uniform is important, for those odd occasions where it is not possible to wear uniform please bring a note in order to gain a lesson pass. Students parents/guardians will be contacted for those who do not comply with the dress code.

Miriam McDonald
Principal
Certificate II Engineering Students Practical Projects.

There are some interesting projects being made by Cert II Engineering students. Boewyn Mason-Campbell and Joshua Jebbink are each fabricating a gun safe from 3mm mild steel plate and 25 x 3 square hollow section. They are using marking out techniques, metal cutting, clamping using fixtures, tacking and fully welding using the Gas Metal Arc Welding process. Both students are producing good quality work and the interesting part is coming up shortly. Without any plans/drawings, how are they going to hinge the door of the safe? Stay tuned for developments.

The rest of the class are involved in building two box trailers, one from plans obtained from the internet and from scratch. This project entails cutting of steel for the frame, making a chalk outline of the frame and draw bar, placing the steel onto the outline, tacking in place and fully welding. Some other skills that they will be performing, will be welding the tray onto the frame, positioning accurately and tacking the spring hangers, front section and tail gate. The students will also wire the trailer with lights and paint it a hammered metal finish.

The second trailer is a converted tray taken from a Hilux ute (donated from the Auto dept) and converted into a box trailer. This will require the students to design and fabricate brackets to bolt the tray onto a frame that they will design and build. The tray is made from aluminum and the frame is built from steel, so there is a challenge in attaching one onto the other. This is a challenging job and I look forward to seeing the finished product.

Kevin Bleus

Cert II Construction

This week the Certificate II Construction students had the opportunity to undertake their explosive power tool course. The course was held by our local Ramset representative Grant Ashcroft [Butch!] on Tuesday. This is learning to operate a potentially dangerous tool that fires nails into concrete and steel using an explosive charge. All the students showed great maturity during this course and passed with flying colours. Thanks again to grant and ramset and congratulations to the students. Bruce McEvoy
School Council Chair Report

The first meeting of the newly elected Council was held last week. Council was informed of some recent instances of students wearing inappropriate dress to school. As per the Parent Handbook, all students are required to wear the school uniform in a neat and tidy manner. A 6-inch wide piece of material masquerading as a skirt is not deemed appropriate attire for the school environment. Neither are shorts, if they are too “short” to cover the buttocks. It is clear that some students must be changing their clothing between departing home and arriving at school, because I cannot imagine that parents would allow their children to wear these articles to school. Accordingly, Council requested the Principal to rigidly enforce the school uniform policy, which means that parents will be contacted to deliver a uniform if their child attends school wearing inappropriate items such as those outlined above.

Council considered budget documents; received an update on infrastructure matters including the interim and long term solutions for the Canteen; the tender for the Special Education Centre which should be let next month; and the commencement of the oval upgrade and Block 16 classroom construction.

I also met with the DET Chief Executive in March to discuss infrastructure issues; increased operational funding for the farm programs; reimbursements; Positive Learning Centres; VOIP contact in classrooms and the allocation of the remaining members of an additional Well Being Team, to support the additional Counselor.

Council has for some time been concerned about road safety issues on Challoner Circuit, and will be working with the Litchfield Council in a bid to improve this.

Taminmin College has again been offered the opportunity to fundraise by organising the car parking at the Freds Pass Show. Notes will soon be sent home seeking volunteers to support this. If parents are unable to assist, please consider encouraging your child to volunteer as they are old enough to undertake this activity.

Council meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month and everyone is welcome to attend. Please feel free to contact me on 0413522606 (after 3 pm) or theratahis@bigpond.com if you would like to discuss any issue. Beverley Ratahi

Community Notices

FEED HAY FOR SALE
WEED FREE small bales:
Jarrah $10ea pick up or $12ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
Humidicola $5ea pick up or $7ea delivered (order must be for 10+ bales)
Call 0409 658 588 weekdays only.
A Community Garden is starting in Humpty Doo!

A great way to grow food and learn about home food production.
Opportunity for education and recreation.
Sharing experience, tradition, knowledge and skills.
Eat healthy food grown by you.
Meet other people in your community.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this exciting project
Please call Michele Shugg on 0404092862
Or email inscapeout@bigpond.com

Jamealah Bellydancers

NEW TEENAGE CLASS (all levels)

Palmerston YMCA
Saturday 12 noon with Myf.
6 weeks only starting 21st April.
(enrolments still accepted)
A new class especially for teenage dancers (13-18yrs).
Learn to bellydance with girl your own age.
Great music, good fun.
Call Myf: 0418 850 441

Free Introduction to meditation – Teenagers and Parents
4 week course commences 28th April

Learn simple ways to:
* Meditate at home
* Deal with anxiety
* Have self assurance
* Focus & Study
* Choose success

Kesia Purich Meeting Room. Coolalinga Shopping Centre.
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April 28th – May 5th, 12th, 19th

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