**From the Principal**

**Taminmin Students Visit Kamitonda**

21 Taminmin students and 3 staff are enjoying the hospitality of the Kamitonda Junior High School students and families. A full packed program of cultural and educational activities is underway. Students have enjoyed participating in English classes and Judo. Students have visited the Kamitonda cultural centre to see a demonstration of the ancient instrument, Koto. Groups of 4 students were challenged to play a song about the famous Japanese cherry blossom.

A full report in next enews.

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**Year 12 Integrated Learning**

The Year 12 Integrated Learning class is continuing to work with staff from Parks and Wildlife. This term’s situated learning task was to assist Rod Edmunds in his conservation role managing the internationally recognised wetlands of the Cobourg Peninsula. Rod gave the class a rundown on the significance of this area, together with explanations of how the site is managed to ensure improving water quality that has been affected by feral animal populations.

Aside from these interesting facts, the class task was to sort, categorise, count and register macro invertebrates taken in water samples from appropriate sections of the Peninsula.
In turn, the data registered by the class will be assessed by Parks and Wildlife scientists to ensure the pristine nature of this valuable wetland. The class discovered that lab work can be smelly and tedious, but also a very therapeutic break in pace for busy Year 12 students!

Navy Helicopter Visits Humpty Doo
A small number of interested senior school students visited Humpty Doo Primary School last week to have a look in the Navy helicopter and to chat with Australian Defence Force staff, including one of our year 12 students who is partway through the Defence Force recruiting process to become a pilot.  

Jenny Eddy, Careers Advisor

Middle School Agriculture Report
Exciting times for middle school agriculture. The era of Rambo and Conan as sires of Taminmin Boer Goat Stud is officially over with the acquisition of Macgregors Matterhorn joining our stud from Queensland. This fine looking young buck promises to add some superior genetics to our stud. The Students are eagerly awaiting the arrival of his first batch of kids later in the year. He was accompanied on the trip by Taminmin's first ever full blood red Boer Doe, Cedar Park Rumba.

Year 9 Agriculture students have spent the last few months preparing for Fred's Pass rural show. 22 year 9 students (which I believe is a record) participated in the Boer goat showing team. All students gave up many lunchtimes preparing and training their goats for the show. Macgregors Matterhorn led by Jamie Woods made a great start to his show career by taking out Champion Buck, however, he was beaten into second place in the Supreme champion division by one of Taminmin's home grown does in Taminmin Fanny, ably led by Avani Kelly. The other major award went to Adele De Bruyn leading Taminmin Elexa, who was awarded best junior handler.

All students who participated are to be commended for their dedication to their goats and the agriculture department.

Thankyou to the judges as well as the parents of the students for helping the students attend over the course of the weekend.

Year 9 Art
Miss Smithwick’s year 9 art class has been working hard to complete their charcoal portraits inspired by world famous artist Chuck Close. Students recreate an image of their choice by using charcoal medium to show how tone may be used to depict form in terms of its shadows and highlights.

Picture by Cheya Clarke
Rock ‘n’ Choc Rocks the World!

Congratulations to the students in Stage One Business and Enterprise. They held their first stall at Coolalinga Markets on the 19th of May. They sold their ‘Rock ‘n’ Choc’ homemade rocky road chocolate bar which they developed during Stage One Business and Enterprise this semester. The business is already an overwhelming success. The students sold out of their supply of ‘Rock ‘n’ Choc’ bars in a matter of hours and plan to have four times the amount for sale at next the Coolalinga Markets on Saturday 26th, and June 2nd.

The students have been asked to sell this product at the ‘Mums and Bubs’ markets at Rosebury Middle School on Sundays. They are also planning to set up a stall at Mindil Markets on a permanent basis. The students are currently developing a new range of Rocky Road products based on the market research they have conducted. Like ‘Rock ‘n’ Choc’ on Facebook and save a dollar on your first purchase of this product. Come along and buy some of this yummy chocolate!

Congratulations to the crew at Rock ‘n’ Choc: Rebecca Carter, Nicole Krul, Ashlee Stone, Sinead Pollard, Heing Cao, Stacy Cassidy, Angelique Fermanis, Tristan Barry and Kelly Shannan. You all rock! Ms Kelly

Senior School Mid Year Exam Timetable

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<td>Y11 Maths Studs&lt;br&gt;Y1NATA_1 - Ms Geddes&lt;br&gt;Y1NATA_2 - Mr Harris&lt;br&gt;Year 12 Maths Apps&lt;br&gt;YMATAPP_1 - Ms McGurk</td>
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Miriam McDonald
Principal
Taminmin Agriculture Students Stand Tall

Friday 18th May saw Cert I & II Racing have an early start to compete in the Show Horse Led section of the Fred’s Pass Show where students were able to demonstrate how much they had learnt from their VET course. Most of the students had to be taught from the beginning but made great progress throughout the terms to take home a few ribbons.

The students’ highlight of the Show Horse Led section was through Taminmin’s Stock Horse Mare “Taminmin Vanilla Ice” an AI (Artificially Inseminated) conceived foal with great conformation and temperament.

Cert 1 Rural Operations students also competed on Friday night with the Western Led Section of the Darwin Quarter Horse Association. Fourteen students competed in the Led section showing their abilities in the ring taking home ribbons in both led sections which they were entered in.

Cert III Agriculture students had a very big show from beginning to end. These students have been working with their cattle for the past twelve weeks leading up to the show, carrying out feed plans, grooming and handling operations. Wednesday 16th May students transported and erected the holding facilities for both the goats and cattle sections of the show.

For some, competition started on Thursday evening with the public speaking section of the Rural Achiever Competition. With some nervous students and shaky hands some very good presentations were put forward to the judges.

Friday saw the competitors undertake two elective units for the competition; vehicle maintenance and safety as well as cattle judging.

Jemima Skerman, a past VET Agriculture student, won the seniors division; Darcy Raggatt, a Cert III Agriculture student, won the junior division; with Isaac Bradford taking second and Tara McIntyre taking third.

Saturday saw the cattle section begin judging at 9am where Taminmin had a number of stock for the majority of the classes. Fourteen head of Brahman cattle were taken to the show to compete in the led sections where some good results were achieved throughout. Standouts were:

- Taminmin Fergie taking out Best Registered Female over 2 yrs, Champion Female, and Supreme Champion.
- Taminmin Hugh won Best Registered Male under 12 Months and Champion Male.

Haley Curriez won Best Junior Handler

Darcy Raggatt 2nd
Dylan Weir 3rd

All students had a great show, putting in a big effort and long hours maintaining livestock and facilities for the public to view. A big thank you goes out to all who helped the students prior and during the show. Matt Deveraux
School Council Chair Report

We have survived another year in the car park at the Freds Pass Show! Thank you to those teachers, students and parents who responded to our requests for assistance with this fundraising activity. I would particularly like to acknowledge staff members Miriam McDonald, Penny Kellaway, Tracey Wing, Carmel Lelay, Casey Veentjer, Roy Anderson, Wendy Williams, Jane Arnott, Julene Niddrie, Jenny Unwin, Liz Lacey, Greg Owens, Janine Pope, Jenny Eddy, Suzie?, Lisa George, Steven Svensson, Adam Turley, Lawrence Kirkwood and Lana Stevens for their assistance on the weekend and in organising the roster. Each week I see the many unpaid hours our staff put in, and for them to further volunteer to work alongside our students last weekend reinforced to me the wonderful role models they are to our students. It was also very obvious that our students hold them in high esteem, as do I. The well organised, efficient and courteous behaviour of our students portrayed a very positive image of Taminmin College, and I thank those students who volunteered. Though at times it was hot in the afternoon sun, there certainly appeared to be some laughs being had, and many have volunteered to assist next year (I have already recorded your names in case your memories lapse!) Many of the students informed me of valuable lessons learnt throughout the weekend, mainly involving adults being worse at following instructions than teenagers! Listed below are those volunteers who contributed – if I have missed anyone please accept my apologies as the weekend is still a bit of a blur and my recordkeeping may have failed. If I have missed out any students please advise Lana Stevens as I have advised the Principal that only those who contributed will reap the benefits from the fundraising activity. Beverley Ratahi

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Casey Veentjer        Roy Anderson          Wendy Williams      Jane Arnott
Julene Niddrie        Jenny Unwin          Liz Lacey           Greg Owens
Adam Turley           Janine Pope           Jenny Eddy          Lisa George
Steven Svensson       Suzie Burgess         Lana Stevens        Lawrence Kirkwood

STUDENTS & PARENTS
Julia & Chris Anderson  Cheryl & Zoe Owens  Brayden Kiers
Siobhan Clark          Jemima Skerman      Pia Siemer
Emma                  Georgia & (her sister) McCallum  Emma Kellaway
Hayley                 Yvette’s husband & Cheya Clarke  Helena Shay
Kimberley & Emily Wing  Darren Schmitt      Leon Milne
Callum Lelay           Kayla Jennings       Chantelle Kennerly
Robyn, Tarni, Bradley & Tevin
Brown
Vicki & Billy Young
Susan & Kelsey Considine
Natalie & McKenzie Scarff
Marinel & Wilna Myburgh
Robyn & Emma Tidswell
Billee-Joyce Harrington
Karen & Beth Hubble
Nissa Murphy
Narelle & Brandon Craufurd
Riley Williams
August Farmer
Jasmin Aitken
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Taminmin College
Farm Tour

Come down to Taminmin College for our farm tour. You are invited, bring the whole family. This tour is to show the great things we have on our farm. There will be a BBQ after the tour available for all.

70 Challoner Circuit Humpty Doo NT
Date: Friday 22 June 2012
Time: 4pm till 6pm
Contact Emma Atkinson if attending, by 15 June 2012 on (08) 8988 0018 or emma.atkinson1@ntschools.net

BUSH FESTIVAL
Sat 2 June, 2 – 7pm
Sattler Christian College
Sattler Cres, Bees Creek
Heaps of fun for the whole family!
bouncy castle, rock climbing wall, water pistol skirmish, plants, cakes, food, 2nd hand goods, patting zoo, trackless train rides + heaps more
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ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS

Engaging Adolescents is designed to provide you with skills to help YOU in your parenting role. Each meeting will teach you key ideas about relating to your adolescent and knowing what to do. We will discuss common problems parents of adolescents have, and provide ways to assist you in making your relationship as enjoyable an experience as possible for you and your adolescent.

Learn:
- Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to hold about adolescents
- New understandings of adolescence
- A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- Self check-in, first - for parents.
- Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can’t ignore

When: Tuesday, 5th, 12th and 19th of June 2012
Where: Resolve Office Unit 5/5 Goyder Rd Parap
Time: 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Cost: $39 per person or $40 per couple workbook included in the price. Registration is essential.

Attendance at all 3 sessions is recommended to obtain the full benefits of the course.

Engaging Adolescents places on the course are going fast.

Please contact 8946 4800 for further details and to register.

We look forward to seeing you there. If these dates and times are not convenient for you please call us and arrange an appointment. We can conduct the program for individuals and couples at a time that suits you.

Facilitators: Shelley Parkin, Kevin McMahon & Christabel Legg