As term 3 draws to a close, I would like to thank our school community for such an action packed term, with the rural shows, excursions, awards, International visitors, new Australian Curriculum and other events and achievements. The standard of uniform has improved considerably this term, and we appreciate the number of students who are now complying regularly. Have a great break ready for a hard working term 4.

**Australian Curriculum and 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. Further information is included in a pdf file in this enews.

**Year 12 Senior School assembly**

Year 12 students attended their last full senior school assembly last week. Year 11 students Teagan Short and Isaac Bradford wished the year 12 students all the best. Captains Georgia McCallum and Bill Shappert responded to the best wishes. The year 12 students are currently undertaking their trial exams, and busy ensuring all work is ready for final moderation and assessment. We will celebrate their years at school formally at the graduation ceremony in term 4. We wish them well for their final few weeks at school.
Royal Australian Chemistry Institute Competition
Out of 87 entries in the Royal Australian Chemistry Institute National Chemistry Quiz we received 33 awards including 9 High Distinctions. Congratulations to the following students who excelled and received these great results, and of course congratulations to their great science teachers.

HIGH DISTINCTIONS

Year 12
Zoe Owens
Scott Malady

Year 10
Eri Horng
Sean Bond
Jack Hopkinson

Year 11
Mick Hefferan
Callum Lelay

Year 9
Natasha Bond
Caitlin Robertson

DISTINCTIONS

Year 12
Harry Sutton
Jack Shellcot
Bradley Brown
Cameron Gusthart

Year 10
Alfredo Baggetto
Riley LeLay

Year 11
Doug Shellcott
Jye Thorbjornsen

Year 9
Lee Glenville
August Farmer
Cheya Clarke
Jessica Waters

Year 6 to 7 Orientation
Taminmin College held Orientation Days on Monday 17th and Wednesday 19th of September, with Year 6 students from; Humpty Doo Primary, Girraween, Howard Springs, Bees Creek, St Francis of Assisi, Berry Springs and Middle Point, coming to participate in activities.

The morning started with a welcome assembly run in the style of the Sunrise morning show featuring Jemma Packwood and Maili Clarke as the entertaining hosts, a hilarious performance by Sian Wright as a ditzy fashion guru. Kaitlyn Stephens and Zoe Smith provided up to the minute news and interviews about the day’s program and Jordan Przibilla and Ethan Taylor had us in stitches with their zany commercial break.

The year 6 students participated in lessons, tours and activities designed to help them feel secure and comfortable about coming to high school. Students played sport, visited the community library, toured the farm, cooked, joined in maths activities, worked with animal studies classes and played team building games to name a few of the activities on offer. By the end most students had met staff, found their way around the school and had a lot of fun and were happy to sit down and finish with a quiz. Some students even asked if they could start high school the next day. Every-one had a favourite activity and most felt they were more confident about going to high school next year.

Some quotes and survey comments;
‘...can I start next week?’
‘...maths is really fun...’
‘... I loved everything!’

See the rest of the story at http://www.taminmin.nt.edu.au/node/280.

**NAPLAN**

Students in years 7 and 9 who sat for the NAPLAN tests will receive their results in the mail during the next week.

These results have been obtained from a limited testing situation and provide a ‘snapshot’ of the child’s achievement. They do not replace the more extensive, informative and on-going classroom assessment made by class teachers.

The school average or mean is included in the report. A different writing scale has been used to score the 2011-2012 persuasive writing, so this cannot be compared to the child’s previous NAPLAN narrative writing assessments from 2008-2010.

More information and examples of reports is available on the ACARA (Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority) website http://www.nap.edu.au/Test_Results/Student_reports/index.html

**Smart Schools Awards finalist**

Taminmin has been nominated as a Smart Schools Finalist in the Partnerships category. This nomination is for the partnership between Taminmin College and Ruby Gaea (Darwin Centre Against Rape inc). This partnership began 4 years ago and delivers the Sexual Assault Prevention Program for Secondary Schools (SAPPSS) to all year 9 students. This program aims to provide knowledge and skills to students to reduce the incidence of sexual assault in the community. We look forward to continuing this successful partnership.

**Taminmin Photography Competition on Display**

The Art Department have been running a photo competition which has been open for all students at Taminmin College to enter.

Photos have been taken on phones and cameras, and depict what the dry season means to the photographer.

You have a chance to vote for your favourite photo that best represents the ‘Essence of The Dry’.

Photos are on display in the Humpty Dumpty Café, Humpty Doo (across from Curl Up and Dye). Voting is open until the end of September.

**Term 3 Careers update**

This term has been busy with excursions, Year 12 students applying for uni and senior school subject selections.

Over 200 senior school students attended the Careers Expo excursion in August to investigate jobs and industries of interest. Taminmin students, both middle and senior school, also attended the Careers Expo twilight event with their families. A number of interstate universities visited Taminmin around the same time as the Expo and interested students were able to find out about study options at James Cook Uni, the University of Melbourne, Uni SA and Flinders Uni.

Recently, Year 10 students had the opportunity to visit CDU’s Casuarina campus for an event held especially for Taminmin. Around 120 students found out about apprenticeships, pathways to uni and higher education and enjoyed complimentary pizza! Year 10 students interested in the VET areas of hairdressing, beauty, IT and Tourism have also visited CDU’s Palmerston campus to learn about courses available in 2013.

Taminmin Careers is now on Edmodo. There is general careers information as well as apprenticeships, university and job information. Students and their parents are
encouraged to join by googling Edmodo and using the Group Code 7dzgu5. Tax File Number (TFN) applications are now handled by Tamra in Student Reception. Students can collect and return TFN forms there. A Theory 1 Drivesafe NT course being held at Taminmin in the 2nd week of Term 4 from Tuesday 16 to Thursday 18 October from 3:30-6:30pm. Students need to enrol with Drivesafe NT. Printed information is available at Student Reception otherwise please go to the MVR website. Careers is located in the library building near the drama room/gym. Parents and students are welcome to make an appointment by phoning 8983 7125 or emailing jenny.eddy@ntschools.net

World Challenge Fundraising
Students from Taminmin College are going to Namibia and Botswana for a month during November and December, as part of the World Challenge Program. All have been working part-time jobs to pay for their trip. Last Sunday, 23rd August, team one challengers held a sausage sizzle outside Woolworths Coolalinga to help raise money for their project. While in Botswana, students will work in a disadvantaged community on a building project, which this fundraising goes towards. Thanks to all members of the community who supported us at the Taminmin election day BBQ and the Woolies BBQ. Congratulations to "Carol" who won the $50 raffle.

Student Achievements

Soccer
On the weekend – Litchfield Women’s Premier League won the grand final against Uni-Azzuri 1-0. Former student Alanah Kelly kicked the winning goal from a penalty shoot-out – and four of our students were part of the triumphant team: Rykesha Kelly, Shai Turner, Rachele McHugh And Kayla Jennings. Congratulations!

National Mounted Games
Kirsty Driver (year 8) and Sarah Lock (year 10) were chosen as part of the team for the National Mounted Games which played in Adelaide on the 8/9 September. Congratulations to the girls and their team who come 7th overall!

From The School Nurse
The 2012 School immunisation program has been completed for year 7 females Gardasil/ HPV vaccine, year 8 Boostrix (adult Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough) and Chicken pox vaccine and Year 10 Pneumococcal for indigenous students.
If any immunisations have been missed please contact your Doctor or health care provider for further information and immunisation.

- Palmerston Community Care- 89993344
- Casuarina Community Care- 89227301
- Danila Dilba- 89315700

Please contact me if you have any further questions or enquiries. Peta Richards
Pupil Free Day Thursday 11 October
Please note that staff will be undertaking professional development on Thursday 11 October. The program will see Taminmin College introduce the Responsible Thinking Process as a school wide initiative that aims to stamp out disruptive behaviours in a restorative manner. The entire staff will be trained in the process, which will be of benefit to students as they learn to take responsibility for their behaviour and respect other students’ right to learn and their teachers right to teach.

Term break
Have a great break, and hope that you are all refreshed for Term 4 on October 8.

Miriam McDonald
Principal

From the Library

What’s On For The October School Holidays

Janelle Fisher – Nature Drawing
Tuesday 2 October 10.30am to 11.30am
Workshop and create your own unique pictures with local Top End artist and writer, Janelle Fisher. For families and anyone interested in drawing; ages preschool-primary school & older people interested in art and writing for children. Janelle will read her brand new picture book “Indigo and the Mistletoe” to the littlies

Kaye Aldenhoven – Writers’ Workshop
Wednesday 3 October 10.00am to 12.30pm
For young people and adults. Ages 10+ Morning tea provided.
Bookings taken PH 8988 1200
Kaye is an award-winning Territory poet and author and an NT Ambassador for the National Year of Reading She has lived in the Territory since 1971, working as a teacher and school principal in remote Central Australian and Top End communities. She is a remarkable Territorian writer and educator who writes for children and adults. She recently completed a project as writer in residence (URL: http://www.love2read.org.au/nyr-programs.cfm) working with Indigenous rangers and her new anthology is called Botanica Erotica. http://www.poetrykit.org/pkpoets/pkp010.pdf
Welcome the Wet! With Indigenous dancers “One Mob, Different Country”

http://www.flickr.com/photos/httpwwwflickrcomphotostopend/3476324286/
Thursday 4 October 2012 10.30am to 11.30am
A wonderful cultural experience for all rural families and friends! For younger children - make your own Rainmaker with Lyn.
NEW STORYTIME SESSIONS
for toddlers & preschoolers at Corroboree Tavern.
Singing and dancing, stories and craft
with LYN from Taminmin Library.
STARTING
Wednesday 3 October 10am - 11am
PH 8988 1200 for more information
Dundee Rocks for Kids 2012

Dundee Rock’s for kid’s is a land based fishing comp to cater for Children and families on School Holidays. Last year was such a huge success with 56 entries catching a whopping 121 Salmon of the beaches. Kids all left with great prizes and the biggest smiles.

A friendly atmosphere is created with the Pool & slippery slide open every day, Movie Nights every Night, Live animal presentations both weekends of the comp by Wildthings, Fish talks by local legends, casting competitions, throw net casting competitions and an affordable kids menu on offer.

$10 per Child entry fee includes, Registration Package on arrival which has Tide Chart, Point System, Categories, Rules, Hat and one bag of bait sponsored by Andrew Hay from Masterbest.

Also Free Camping for all registered kids families. 25% Discount of Accommodation.

You can fish the comp for 1 day or every day. Every child is a winner and every Mum and Dad is a winner. Happy Kids Happy Parents.

The focus is a relaxed easy going competition with a lot of fun. Presentation luncheon on Sat 6th October at 4pm.

Hand lines and bait will be available to purchase from the Lodge Store facility.

Comp starts @ 6am Sat 29th Sept and Finishes Sat 6th Oct at 2pm.

There are lots of prizes for all age groups and a great program to entertain kids for the week.

With bitumen almost all the way now it makes the journey is 2 wheel drive a breeze. The Competition has great support from Camping world, We sell fun. Master bait, Channel 9, Dundee Beach Fishing Charters, Kosmos Foods/Schweppes and Big Fish Graphics.

Call 1800 DUNDIE for more information.
Get your accommodation booking in early to avoid disappointment.

The Managers and Staff welcome new and past entrants

The Lodge of Dundee 20 Dundee Place, Dundee NT 0840 Ph: 1800 DUNDIE
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