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From the Principal

Thanks to the many parents who have visited the school over the last few weeks for our information evenings and parent teacher interviews. These include:

- Centre for Excellence
- Year 11 to 12
- Year 6 to 7

And coming up this week the Middle School parent teacher evening on Thursday 6 September the Year 10 to 11 information evening on Tuesday 4 September.

This Friday our Year 10 students are visiting CDU to explore the range of study options available to them including Higher Education, Vocational Education & Training (VET) and trades. There is no cost for the excursion and Year 10 students need to return their permission form ASAP.

Pupil Free Day Thursday 11 October

Please note that staff will be undertaking professional development on Thursday 11 October.

Mobile Devices at school

Many of our students attend school with a mobile phone or device. It is important that if students have these devices at school they must use them according to school policy.

To ensure the best possible learning outcomes students are not to use their mobile phones or devices in class, unless under teacher direction for educational purposes. A consequence of use in class could be that their devices are confiscated, and we expect that students will comply with this willingly. Students who are non-compliant can expect to face further consequences.

2012 Science Fair

Prize winners will be announced at an assembly on Friday 7th September, so we will be able to highlight the winners in the next enews.
Canberra excursion report back

The Canberra Camp was a terrific experience for the forty Year 7 and 8 Taminmin College students who visited the national capital last week. Our students impressed members of the general public and staff in various education programs with their conduct and intelligent responses to questions and tasks.

The group participated in a rich variety of education programs focusing on Australian history, government and science. Our program included a visit to Parliament House and the Museum of Democracy, Old Parliament House where the students were lucky enough to witness democracy at work in the form of a public protest.

We had a hectic itinerary which included outstanding attractions such as the National Gallery, Questacon, the AIS, National Archives, the Film and Sound Archives and the Deep Space Communication Complex.

The final visit was a thought provoking and moving visit to the Australian War Memorial where students stayed for the closing ceremony.

Despite a rigorous timetable there were plenty of leisure activities including ice-skating, a trip to the snow, shopping and an evening at the films.

Our students took to the cold weather with style and a wonderful assortment of hats although some continued to wear tropical rig throughout the week which amazed everyone else. Ice skating was a great hit and by the second time many students were gliding around like professionals.

Students also enjoyed a wonderful day at Smiggins Holes in the snow with perfect conditions.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program which provides a travel subsidy for students across Australia to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. The Australian Government recognises the
The importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital and made this possible for schools like us in remote locations with this contribution towards travel expenses.
A special mention must go to Viki Kane, Roy Anderson and Wendy Williams who coordinated the camp and accompanied the students; they were on duty 24/7 and did a huge amount of work prior to the day to make the camp happen. We were very happy to use the education tour service Unearth Ed and thank Amanda for her help. A special mention must also go to all the parents who generously donated their time to help with fundraising at the Bunning’s stalls.
This camp was an excellent educational experience and a fantastic time for all who participated. See more photos on the website at http://www.taminmin.nt.edu.au/node/267

**Brain Bee State Champions**

Last week four year 10 students, Rachel Morgan, Andrew Mackay, Lachlan Casburn and Jack Hopkinson, travelled to CDU to compete in the territory finals for the National Brain Bee Challenge. Andrew, Jack and Rachel competed in the individuals final, Jack coming 4th and Andrew coming 5th (unfortunately beaten by CSC). All 4 students competed in the group final against CSC, winning the challenge and becoming Territory champions.

The students won a new top of the line microscope for the school as well as iPods, iTunes vouchers and Brain textbooks for themselves. Well done to all the students!

*Report by Sally Hare*

**Australian Mathematics Competition Winners**

Congratulations to the 63 students who sat for this year’s Australian Mathematics Competition for their outstanding results.

The competition consisted of three divisions: Junior, Intermediate and Senior, each with 30 gruelling questions which had to be completed in 75 minutes without a calculator. The same papers were sat by millions of students in over 40 countries including China, Malaysia and New Zealand.

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About the Awards
Prize Winners are awarded to the top 0.3% in the state for their division. Certificates will be awarded at a later Taminmin College Senior Assembly. High Distinctions are awarded to the top 2.5% in the state. Taminmin received 2 High Distinctions, 7 Distinctions, 21 Credits and 33 Proficiencies. These results are a credit to all our students and their maths teachers.
-Matt Lee

Rugby League after School Competitions
Well done to all under 15’s and 18’s boys who participated in the after school Rugby League completion in term 2/3. The under 18’s were undefeated throughout the competition however sadly Taminmin drew 20 all on full time during the Grand final to Saint John’s College, resulting in overtime which lead to defeat. For a number of players it was their first and last opportunity to represent Taminmin College and demonstrating true sportsmanship qualities. Bobby Flanagan in Year 12 was awarded best and fairest on the field. Many thanks to all the students who took part in the competition and Tasha Meyering for her sports-strapping expertise.
-Matt Lee

Sad Smiles
On Thursday 30th August, a group of students that have named themselves 'Sad Smiles' performed at Kormilda College for the Live2Air program. This was a special night set up for all schools to showcase their musical talents and have the opportunity to be heard live on radio. Jesse Evans, Lachlan McAllister, Phoenix Duong and Hugh O'Dea performed two songs to the crowd and rocked the room. We had several comments from teachers and organisers from other schools about how these kids demonstrated a remarkable effort considering they do it all in their own time. I am sure we will see more performances from them in the future along with several other performers within the school that are madly rehearsing at break time. Makes for an interesting lunch! Rock On! Taryna Deslandes

Homework Centre
Taminmin College's homework centre is open 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 operates from 3.30pm – 5.00 pm Mondays and Wednesdays. 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 evening

A reminder about our parent teacher evenings coming up soon.

Middle School – Thursday 6 September 4.00 – 7pm;

Please phone 8983 2137 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/
VET Update

Cert I Hospitality (Kitchen Operations)

Cert I Hospitality is a course where young people get the chance to experience the hospitality industry first hand. Our students prepare and cook a range of different foods and learn skills throughout the course including; customer service, taking orders, carrying plates, setting tables and much more.

This year our students have been catering for school functions ranging from detailed foods to complex main courses. Students have been learning both industrial and non-industrial presentation work and have also been taught the OHS regulations. This week our students are preparing classical sandwiches and homemade lemonade. – (By Leiha Kelsey and Latryce Douglas, Cert I Business.)

Community Notices

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.

Miriam McDonald
Principal
| BELLYDANCE  
| For TEENAGERS  
| (Open to girls 12-18yrs only)  

2 SPECIAL CLASSES!  
4-5pm Monday 10 & 17 September  
@ Howard Springs Hall, Whitewood rd.  
Cost $10 per class  

Have fun, get fit, learn new dance moves to great music & make new friends in your area.  
No experience necessary, just wear something comfortable & have bare feet.  
Bellydance coin belt optional if you have one.  
Sorry, no younger children permitted at the class  
If we get enough interested students the class will continue in the hall during Oct-Nov.  

Enrolments ESSENTIAL! ENROL NOW:  
Call Myf 0418 850 441, email: darwinbellydance@gmail.com  
www.darwinbellydance.com.au