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From the Principal

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter break. It has been an exciting term jam packed with activities. Today the senior health classes Expo has been a true inspiration and much credit to students and their teachers Matt Lee and Tasha Meyering for this promotion of health and career futures. Student Sally Lemass and Natalie Maddicks are pictured here with their promotional banner. Students return on 16 April.

Harmony Day celebrations
“Play, engage and inspire- everyone belongs” in Australia’s multi-cultural, racial and lingual society was celebrated on Friday the 16th as the theme of this year’s Harmony Day at Taminmin College. It was an inspirational day of food, play and entertainment. The following winners can be announced:

Best Concept Design and plan of permanent Harmony Mural/ sculptural / garden space:  Ms Dale Hardwick’s 8F PC class

Best PC Harmony Classroom display and interactive “sport or recreational” activity.
1st place Ms Tracey Wing’s 9LL’s took out the winning PC classroom display with the Italian “home” restaurant theme complete with a history of the Italian migration to Australia, Italian phrases on the walls, an electronic puppet show of the history of Italy and an action packed soccer match outside.

2nd place Ms Dale Smithwick’s 8F Irish and Gaelic football display
3rd place Ms Viki Kane’s 7LL Indonesian interactive classroom display

Best Individual student(s) contribution to Harmony day: Rowan Boscato and James Halse as both boys were an outstanding support to Mrs Carmel Le Lay’s 7D PC.
Community Notices

- Taminmin Damara Rams for sale
- Palmerston Markets
- Ice Cube
- Ottways Taekwondo
- Cyclone martial arts
- Rural Athletics Track and Field
- Taylors Music
- Car Boot Sale
- Bono is looking for a home

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Miriam McDonald (Principal)
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Greg Owens
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Invited Reps
AEU rep

School Council Meetings 2012

AGM 7th March
18th April
9th May
13th June
8th August
12th September
10th October
14th November
12th December

Best Performances (individual or group) at the Harmony Celebration Assembly

- Indonesian Dance and music group led by Mrs Kathy Silburn
- 7F African Dance led by Mr David Hynes
- Taminmin School Choir
- Stolen Opportunity

Best costume/dress up/fashion (Individual or group): The very Scottish Sam Gorham and Jake Wedding from 9B

Best food served to own PC group and to visitors (may be a group or individual effort): 9D Indonesian Feast Led by Jenny Unwin and Kate Minahan

Our special guests and judges did a tremendous job of making selections from the range of high quality displays and presentations. Thanks to all for making this year’s Harmony Day very inspiring and a special congratulations to all our winners.

Indonesian Visitors

Last week Taminmin hosted a visiting group of students and teachers from Junior High School No. 19 Jakarta – our BRIDGE Project partner school in Indonesia. The group participated in a range of lessons and an excursion to the Territory Wildlife Park. Coming from a large city, this was the first taste of rural life for many of our visitors. Taminmin students were keen to make friends and enjoyed playing host. The visit helped build positive attitudes towards those from different cultural backgrounds, and also gave some of our students a chance to practice their Indonesian. Many thanks to the families who helped make it all possible by billeting students during their stay. Thanks to Kathy Silburn for organizing this great program.

Integrated Learning Program

Last week a group of Year 12 students worked with Parks and Wildlife as a part of their Integrated Learning Program. For their first practical activity the class has chosen to increase visitor appeal at Howard Springs Nature Reserve by designing appropriate scenes and painting them on picnic tables at the park. This was done as a whole day excursion with some fantastic results.

French Impressionism visits Cullen Bay

Claude Monet and Pierre Auguste Renoir were two French Impressionist artists studied while visiting Cullen Bay Marina this week. Year 11 Visual Art students spent 2 hours painting in the style of Monet ‘en plein air’ (in the open air) in an attempt to capture the play of light and shadow on the water and boats. They then studied and drew people sitting and socialising in a café atmosphere in the style of Renoir. These drawings were then completed back in the classroom. Students found the experience very challenging but enjoyable, although the heat of the day made the task even more challenging!

The students were excellent ambassadors for Taminmin College with fabulous behaviour and strong work ethic.

A number of these students will soon be viewing original art works by the French Impressionists while on the Art and Culture Program in France in Junewith their teacher Mrs Wade.
Term Dates 2012

Term 1: 31st Jan- 5th April
Term 2: 16th Apr- 22nd Jun
Term 3: 23rd Jul- 28th Sep
Term 4: 8th Oct- 13th Dec

School Holidays 2012

9th April - 13th April
25th June - 20th July
1st October – 5th October

Parent Teacher Evenings

Middle School 29th March
Senior School 28th March

School Captains

Senior School
Georgia McCallum
Bill Nguyen
Zoe Owens
Bill Shappert

Middle School
Cheya Clarke
Jack Short
Grace Perry
Marcus Raymond

School Bus Routes

Battle of the Bands - Stolen Opportunity

Taminmin’s band “Stolen Opportunity” have made it to the finals of the Battle of the Bands Competition. Congratulations to Jarrod Cockman, Jarrah Kleinig, Phoenix Duong and Seren Whitnell. These young people have huge talent and have a great future in the music scene. We are so proud of you all. Their final will be held on April 13 in Darwin.

Luke Bambach wins an ipad 3

Luke Bambach a year 12 student won an ipad 3 after submitting the winning entry to the RADD Road Safety iPad competition on Facebook as a follow up of the Time production. Luke is pictured here with Road Safety Officer Justin Murphy. Justin is also a former Taminmin student. Luke was presented with his ipad in a Senior School assembly where local RADD personalities DT3 performed. DT3 are a group of 4 young music artists who have been personally touched by the consequences of drink driving. Taminmin College senior students attended the powerful Time production earlier in the term where road safety issues were presented in a humorous, dramatic and moving performance.

Congratulations Charlee Mullins

Congratulations to Charlee Mullins on making it through to the Mission Australia Urban Quest semi finals.

Charlee will now sing to impress Mark ‘touch down’ Holden, Deni Hines and country singer Paul Costa take at Casuarina Square on Friday, 13 April for her shot at making the Finals Concert.

We encourage you all to head along to Casuarina and support her. The Semi Final kicks off at 4pm. You can also follow Charlee’s progress on Mission Australia’s Facebook page.

Nicole, Katrina and Angelique paint quickly in an effort to capture the rapidly changing colours on the water at Cullen Bay.
Student Profile - David Ung

David Ung completed Year 12 in 2011 and his results were in the top 10 across the NT. He has commenced study at Monash University in Melbourne: "As a part of the Advanced Biomedical Science course (about 20 students), we are assigned our own mentor with 1 other student to expose us to the field of research. I was assigned to Prof Zhicheng Xiao in the Monash Immunology and Stem Cell Laboratories and have been to 1 symposium (always has free food and drinks) so far...I am thankful that I studied chem, phys and bio in year 12 because some of the content in lectures are built of this 'assumed' knowledge. Some students in Biomedical Science have neither done yr 12 physics OR chemistry, and have to work a little harder to understand. For me adopting lectures as a new style of learning is definitely harder...I average to about 24 contact hours at UNI and study at the Hargrave Andrew Library (it is quite big) between class times. It usually takes between 18-20 minutes to get to Monash from home (with relatives)..."

We wish David and all of our graduate’s success with their post school pathways and look forward to keeping in touch. Jenny Eddy, Careers Advisor

Linda Hopkinson

Linda is a past Taminmin student who also received the 2012 NT Government Higher Education Scholarship She is a full time student at CDU studying psychology, into her 2nd year now. In the 1st year she achieved very high marks, hence the scholarship. Congratulations to Linda, it’s great to keep up to date with our student career pathways.

Congratulations - Australian Nationals Pistol Club

These Taminmin students who are members of Pistol Clubs around Darwin will be attending the "IPSC Australian Nationals 2012" in Blacktown NSW over Easter. Students from Taminmin who will be shooting to represent the Northern Territory in the Junior Team are:
Matt Knight
Danny Astel
Phillip McDevitt

AFL PARCS teams - congratulations

Congratulations to Harry Berns and Ryan Prowse who were selected to be in one of the two PARCS teams competing at the School Sport NT 12 & Under Champs AFL in May.

Laptop roll out

We are having a laptop roll out evening on Thursday 19 April from 6 – 7 for students from years 9 – 12 who wish to participate in the laptop program.

Miriam McDonald
Principal
**VET Report**

**Cert I & II Construction**

We are now nearing the end of term and the VET Construction students are doing well, with the Cert I students completing 4 units of competency this term and the Cert II students completing 5 units. Well done to them all. They have been undertaking a number of practical projects and show some good skill levels. Some of our students are already attending work placements on days other than their VET classes with the hope of gaining a school-based apprenticeship. Two have secured this already, a great result for them. *Bruce McEvoy.*

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**News from Taminmin Community Library**

**WIN WIN WIN**

Best Reading Response in conjunction with Harmony Day and National Year of Reading

There are only a few days left for this display but the competition continues. Students are encouraged to read one of these books and to give their “Best Reading Response” in 50 words or less. There will be some prizes [between $100.00 and $25.00] for the Best of the Best. Entries have been extended until the 20th of April.

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**Community Notices**

**Wanted – Old Towels**

The Animal Studies program needs old, serviceable towels and bathmats to use with the dogs. Anything that can be used as a stationing mat or on doggy bath days will be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to 7.01 or drop them off at middle school reception.

**Bono is Looking for a home!**

‘Bono’ retired from Greyhound racing on March 2nd 2012. He is living in foster care with Jo Cochrane (Animal Studies teacher) and is looking for his forever home. He is social with other dogs, small and large, works well with the kids in Animal Studies classes and has responded well to obedience training. Bono will be desexed and vaccinated and all worming and tick/flea treatments up to date. He will be available for adoption after April 17th.

Adoption price: $270.

Please contact Jo Cochrane on at school on 8988 0054 or via email jo.cochrane@ntschools.net.

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Damara Rams for Sale
$500 Each
Taminmin would like to offer the above two Rams for sale to allow for expansion of their current breeding programs at the college.
Please phone Matt Deveraux for more information 0409 658 588

Puddles DOB 23/5/2011
Choc Dip DOB 27/1/2011

Archery Beginners Course
Starts Sunday 15th April 2012
Cost is $50 per person
(family discounts available) which includes
5 lessons and 3 months probationary club membership.
All equipment provided.
Location: 
Phone: (08) 89881580

Car Boot Sale
The Acacia Hills Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is holding a car boot sale on the 5 Way opposite the Humpty Doo shopping Centre. To take part in this a site will cost you $50.00. We are encouraging schools to be a part of this as it is an opportunity to make some good money towards your School fundraising. We are encouraging the community to have that pre-dry season spring clean, remembering someone’s trash is another’s treasure, kids might want to make a bit of pocket money so dust off those unplayed with toys, books or cut green clothes. The sale will start at 7.00 am until 12.00 pm Saturday morning. To book a site or for any information please contact Bec Johnstone on 69889030 or email becandpeter@onetel.com.au