Principal’s Foreword

The Leadership team of the College have commenced planning in relation to the placement of year 7’s in secondary schools in 2015 and the changes in the WACE (West Australian Certificate of Education) that will be implemented in 2016. Detailed information in relation to both of these items will be provided throughout the year.

In addition to this, to ensure alignment with the Department of Education Enrolment policy, the College has reviewed our processes and communication strategies. It is important for those parents who have younger children who in future years may wish to enrol at John Tonkin College to have a thorough understanding of this policy. General information will be included in this newsletter.

The term ended on a positive note with a formal ANZAC ceremony that was coordinated by the Humanities department. The ceremony was conducted on the Tindale site. A great deal of pride and respect was on display throughout the event. Special permission was granted for our students who are involved in the Defence Forces to wear their uniforms.

The John Tonkin College annual report is available to the public. The report details the achievements, academic, non academic and financial summary of the college throughout 2012. Parents are encouraged to view this report via the college website, johntonkincollege.wa.edu.au or the Department of Education, Schools on Line -John Tonkin College facility.

Term 2 will require student to be focused on their academic program. The year 9 students will be completing NAPLAN literacy and numeracy early in the term followed by years 8-12 exams. I encourage all students to access the college tutoring program throughout this time and wish you all success with these major assessment items.

New Enrolments

Parents wishing to enrol their child at John Tonkin College are invited to complete the application form with the knowledge that once the college has confirmed the number of local-intake area enrolments and if the college has spare capacity and appropriate programs, applications from students outside the local intake area will be assessed after July 26 2013.

As Principal, I will prioritise enrolments in the following order:

• Eligible child whose usual place of residence is in the local intake area.
• Students who qualify into the Department of Education approved Specialist Program – Surf Science. This can include students outside the local intake area.
• Students who live nearest the college who have a sibling enrolled at the college for that year, other than a sibling enrolled at the college to participate in the Specialist Program; and
• Then to a student who lives nearest the college who:
  a) does not have a sibling who is enrolled at the college for that year
  b) has a sibling who is enrolled at the college for that year to participate the Specialist Program.

In addition to this, I will:

• Set aside sufficient places to accommodate children who may move into the local-intake area during the school year.
• Notify parents of the outcome of the application at the earliest possible opportunity if the application cannot be accepted.

While it is my intention to provide for all students it is important that when seeking enrolment at John Tonkin College, parents understand and respect the process of the enrolment policy.

Catherine Shepherd
PRINCIPAL
Year 8 & 9 Student Executive ELECTIONS

Congratulations to those students who have nominated for the 2013 Year 8 and 9 Student Executive. The election will be held early next term, and will see the establishment of the John Tonkin College student leadership team on the Tindale Campus. The successful Year 8 and 9 students will be announced following the elections and will begin working with the Year 10, 11 and 12 Student Executive team during term 2. We look forward to working with our student leaders and wish all candidates the best of luck.

Homework CLUB

Homework club is a free after school tutoring service for our students at the Tindale Campus. Students can attend Homework Club for English, Maths, Science and S & E from Monday to Thursday between 3.00 pm and 4.00pm.

A roster indicating which subjects are offered on each day is pinned up in classrooms around the college, as well as in the Library. Students can pop in for 10 minutes, or stay for the whole hour, depending upon their needs. All year 8 and 9 students are welcome to attend, but should inform their parents and arrange for their own transport home. Should you have any enquiries about Homework Club, please contact John Tonkin College administration staff on 9535 3800.

College Uniform

With the onset of cooler weather it is imperative that students purchase Winter uniform items to wear to school.

Only jackets, track pants and tops bearing the John Tonkin College logo are acceptable college attire. Students wearing non-uniform items will be asked to change or remove them.

To avoid issues with college uniform, please ensure that you visit Hot Klobba to purchase the necessary uniform items.

Year 9 Host System

Next term will see the introduction of the Year 9 Host System at the Tindale Campus of John Tonkin College. The system provides eligible students – Year 9s with Good Standing - the opportunity to participate in service activities that contribute towards their achievement of Advanced Standing.

Volunteers will initially be rostered to perform Student Host duties for a half day during term 2. The duties will include management of the House Point System, greeting and escorting visitors to the College, assisting the Year Coordinators and Administration staff with their duties and supporting the Dream Believe Succeed Program activities run for year 6 and 7 students.

Student Hosts will be based in the Student Services office and will be fully supervised in their work. They are expected to model exemplary behaviour and uniform while conducting their duties. In recognition for their service, Student Hosts will be provided with lunch, and will receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the College. This can be used as evidence towards claiming Advanced Standing later in the year.

A letter seeking parent permission for students to participate in the Year 9 Host Program will be sent home shortly. Should you wish your child to be included in the Student Host roster during terms 2, 3 or 4, please sign and return the slip to the front office.

Students who do not return slips will not be able to participate. Any questions about the Year 9 Host System should be directed to Jan Stone or Wayne Bell at the Tindale Campus.

Lateness

An increasing number of students are coming to school late without reasonable excuse. Punctuality is a life skill and a courtesy that is expected of our students as part of their preparation for adult life, including employment.

Of course there are times when students are legitimately late. If parents are able to provide a note or contact the college to inform us of reasons for lateness, it is appreciated. However, sleeping in, continually missing the bus, or going somewhere else before school are not acceptable reasons for lateness.

Students who are persistently late without reason will be given detention to make up the missed class time. Please reinforce the expectation that students arrive on time for the commencement of the school day at 8.25 am.

Ms Jan Stone, Associate Principal
Aerosol Sprays & Allergies

John Tonkin College is accredited as an ‘Asthma Friendly School’, which means that we take care to minimise the triggers for asthma and allergies in our school environment to support students who are prone to these conditions.

Recently, it appears that an increased number of students are bringing aerosol deodorants and body sprays to school, often using these in classrooms and sometimes inappropriately. In order to maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all students, parents are requested to provide students with roll on deodorants as an alternative to sprays.

Other aerosol cans should not be brought to school for any reason. Thanks in anticipation of your support in this matter.

PET Campus

As Term 1 draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating a very busy Term 2 with lots of camps, events, exams and reporting. It is extremely important that students remain focused during this time and maintain the highest possible attendance even when the going gets tough.

Important Dates

- Years 9-10 Exams 11th June – 14th June
- Year 12 Outdoor Ed Camps running in Weeks 2-3
- Year 11 Stage 2 Outdoor Ed Camp is Week 3
- College Production is during Week 3
- Year 11 Outdoor Ed Camps are during Week 4
- Year 12 Exams commence Week 5, 4th June -10th June
- Year 12 Semester 2 begins Week 6, 10th June
- Year 11 Exams commence Week 6, 11th June – 17th June
- Year 11 Semester 2 commences 24th June
- Country Week is Week 9 – 1st July
- Year 11 Workplace Learning Block Week is Week 9

Year 10 Parent Information Session

Year 10 parents are invited to attend an information session to be held on the night of the Yr 10-12 Parents’ Night. This session will run for 30 minutes in the JTC Lecture Theatre from 6:00pm

This session will give an overview of the West Australian Certificate of Education (WAC) and Year 11 course selection information and guidance.

Congratulations and GOOD LUCK!

All the very best to Marshall Loseby, who is representing WA in Surf Life Saving and to Ashlee Norman, who is representing WA in Basketball.

Ms Kim Savins, Associate Principal
Parenting Teens: Free Seminars

Managing teenage children’s behaviour can be challenging at times for most parents.

Parents are invited to attend free parenting seminars being offered in term 2 to learn practical, positive and effective ways to manage common behavioural problems, and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future.

Parents of teenagers attending Years 8, 9 and 10 are welcome to attend.

Please access the school website under the "Parents" and "Wellness" tabs, for dates and enrolment information.

Ali Miller
School Psychologist

Year 12 Elevate Workshops

Year 12 ATAR students recently attended a study skills workshop aimed at equipping them with the skills to maximise the effective use of their time. The workshops were run by professional external providers from ‘Elevate’ and all students commented that they had learned valuable tips to enhance their time spent studying.

The team from ‘Elevate’ will return next term to run a workshop aimed at supporting students to revise effectively in the lead up to the end of semester examinations.

We have invited Elevate to run workshops across all year levels throughout the remainder of the school year with the aim of motivating our students to achieve excellence.

2013 BStreetSmart Road Safety Event

On Wednesday 10th of April, two year 10 health classes boarded the bus for Perth. 50 students were treated to the privilege of getting to watch the 2013 BStreetSmart Road Safety Event in the new Perth Arena along with 5000 other students from 72 different schools both situated north and south of Perth City.

Watching a live action re-enactment based off a true event, the students watched on as emergency services rushed in and out of the arena, attending to a fake accident between a car and a motorcycle that resulted in a fatality, an arrest, and a rescue. During this event, a renowned Perth Surgeon from Royal Perth Hospital, a police officer and paramedic, narrated the event and gave tips to the students on how to be safe whilst on the roads.

During the one-hour lunch break, students were invited to visit different stalls around the Arena, and were allowed to walk on the arena floor to get a close up view of the accident. The rest of the afternoon consisted of people involved in accidents, including paraplegics and a father who lost his son, discussing the consequences of small choices that have changed their lives forever.

A very impacting and emotional day, many students walked away with changed opinions and new knowledge of their future lives on the roads.
NAPLAN Testing for Year 9 Students

Parents of Year 9 students will be aware that NAPLAN testing in Literacy and Numeracy will take place early next term during the mornings of the 16th, 17th and 18th of May.

It is very important that students arrive at school on time.

Year 8 Time Capsules

Year 8 students will be working on a number of activities to place in their Time Capsules during the first half of term two. This is a fun activity where students continue to develop their skills in a number of learning areas with the aim of producing pieces of work to store in their Time Capsules until they turn 18 in 2017. Parents will receive further information about this exciting initiative early next term.

Masquerade Ball 2013

The Masquerade Ball 2013 run for students of John Tonkin College was a resounding success. It was held on the 27th of March at the Off Shoe Fishing Club. Students arrived by boats, limousines and Harley bikes.

They were greeted with a restaurant decorated by blue icicle lights and the themed decorations of a Masquerade Ball. On every place setting was a mocktail created by the bar tender at the Club.

The sumptuous menu started at 7.45p.m with a buffet meal including roast meats, vegetarian selections, salads, roast vegetables, korma curry and chicken a la king.

Students were able to access the buffet for an extended period and the food was to die for. Dessert was another feast with unlimited amounts of each delight: Apple crumble, custard, sticky date pudding, cheesecake and chocolate mousse with whipped cream. Refreshments were available throughout the evening.

At 10.30 student awards were presented to showcase the winners of Bell of the Ball Emily Dean, Beau of the ball Andile Ngwenya, Masquerade Queen Hannah Gemmel, Masquerade King Jacob Horne and best couple Tailah Greenwood Davenport and Dylan Drage.

The DJ was Soul Man and provided a continuous variety of music requested by the students. The Ball ended at 11.30 p.m. and all students were sent off after a great night out.

Many students shared their appreciation with staff and it was lovely to see our young adults in such a glamorous setting.

The photographers were from Maverick Photography and photos can be found on the website www.maverickphoto.com.au Login- jtc Password- jtc27313

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