From the Principal

Semester 1 ended on a high note with a range of educational and pastoral care activities being conducted. These included the Cambodia trip, Country week and the “Big Day In”. Students represented the college in a positive manner in each of these events and are to be proud of themselves and the manner in which they supported the college values of commitment, respect and excellence. On behalf of the college I would like to thank the staff who committed their time to ensure the excursions and incursions were a success.

The focus for semester 2 will be one of self-assessment. With the support of the teaching staff all senior students will be reviewing their performance and establishing goals and strategies to improve their outcome. In addition to this, all year 12 ATAR teachers will be analysing the exam performance and identifying areas for improvement. Ms Heath will be conducting one on one interviews and establishing individual education plans to ensure a clear direction is set.

Recently I have had the pleasure of escorting the Year 9 Department of Education Approved Specialist Program, Marine Studies and Outdoor Pursuits to Curtin University Department of Spatial Science Outreach and Equity centre. The students have been working with the engineers to learn how to develop an app for John Tonkin College. This is a unique experience that is designed to challenge the students and develop higher order thinking skills. The course will continue until the end of term 4.

Healthy Expo at John Tonkin College

A very successful Health Expo was held at the College on Friday 16th August, which was conducted by the Stage 1D Year 12 Health Studies students for 80 Year 10 students.

The Year 12’s designed and created their own stalls about health issues affecting Australians of all ages as part of their Health Studies course. Students provided information and conducted an interactive activity that the year 10’s could participate in.

The event was deemed very effective with most students being engaged in the stalls with activities such as testing their blood pressure, learning about the size of standard drinks and the difference between beer, wine and spirits, spotting the hazards in the workplace to prevent injuries, and the importance of keeping your min active to prevent dementia.

The Year 12’s surprised themselves in their own ability to talk to the year 10 students in an educational setting after getting over the initial shock of public speaking.

The Principals and Deputies were very impressed with the way all the students conducted themselves and how impressive the stalls looked. It was a great achievement by all students and they are to be congratulated on an exceptional expo.

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Homework Club

The John Tonkin College Homework Club at the Tindale Campus is an after school tutoring service offered by the staff in the learning areas of English, Maths, Science, Society & Environment and other subjects at point of need. While teachers may encourage students to attend, this is a voluntary program.

Homework Club has changed its operating times for term 3. A roster of tutoring sessions is now available to all students on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.

Students may attend any session/s during the week and are not obliged to stay for any length of time. They may need five minutes of help or a full hour. This is up to individuals and their needs. Students who attend Homework Club should notify their parents and make arrangements to be picked up by 4:00pm.

Inaugural JTC Inter-House Whole School Athletics Carnival

When: Friday 13th September 2013
Where: JTC - Tindale Campus
Time: 8:25am – 2:55pm

ALL students from years 8 – 12 should assemble at Tindale Campus.

Years 10-12 need to get permission slips in ASAP. If you have not received one please see the Phys Ed Office.

Students are encouraged to wear school house colours on the day.

RED – Eacott  BLUE – Sutton
GREEN – Tuckey  YELLOW – Hall

Parents are welcome.

Equipment

Year 8 and 9 students have been provided with a booklist at the start of the year outlining the educational materials that will be required for 2013.

Please check supplies and restock to ensure that students are attending classes with pens, paper, files etc. This makes the teaching and learning process much smoother and really helps students to achieve at their best. A school bag is also required so that students don’t lose their equipment and school work.

Handbags are not suitable for this purpose.

College Uniform

Thank you to parents and carers for ensuring students have maintained a very high dress standard by wearing the correct College uniform. Unfortunately a few students have started arriving at school wearing jackets and jumpers that are not part of our College Dress Code. No clothing other than approved College uniform items will be permitted.

Students have and will continue to be reminded of this requirement. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support of our College uniform.

All JTC Uniform items are available at Hot Klobba, 3/104 Park Road, Mandurah.
READ ACROSS THE UNIVERSE

To celebrate Children’s Book Week for 2013 and all things Literature, which has the theme of ‘Read Across the Universe’, the library at Tindale campus is running activities during the week commencing 19th August.

The first activity which commences on Monday 19th and finishes at lunchtime on Friday 23rd is a Treasure hunt competition for book characters. 25 anagrams (mixed up letters) of book characters have been put up around the school. These are all numbered and students are required to write down both the anagram and the correct book character against each number. Entries are to be handed in at the library.

The second activity involves students who are nominated for GOOD behaviour by class teachers during the week. 30 Year 8s and 30 Year 9s will be invited to a special screening of a Doctor Who program during lunchtime (Year 8s on Monday – Year 9s on Thursday). Students will be able to eat their lunch during the screening. As Doctor Who is PG, invited students will need to get parent / guardian permission to view the show. This permission is on the back of the invitation / ticket. NO WRITTEN PERMISSION = NO ENTRY.

The third activity is a BOOK WEEK QUIZ during English if classes are booked into the library. Students, working in pairs or small groups, will complete the quiz during the 1 hour session. All answers will be available in the library from displays or books.

The fourth activity is the culmination of the week on Friday 23rd and is a BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY. Students are requested to dress up as a literature character, preferably from a book OR they can dress in their House colours instead. A gold coin donation will be required for the above with the money raised going towards a charity.

Canteen

Students wishing to order their lunch are required to do so before school or at recess time. Lunch orders can not be filled at lunchtime. Please ensure that students place orders on time to avoid disappointment.

Year 9 Host System

The Year 9 Host System is up and running with students working on a roster to undertake the Student Host role.

Student Hosts are based in the House Centre near Student Services and provide assistance to the Year Coordinators, Administration and Teaching staff through a range of activities including escorting visitors around the campus, managing the House Points System and providing general support and assistance.

Student Hosts contribute services to the College that count towards the achievement of Advanced Standing Status. Any student in Year 9 who holds their Good Standing may apply to participate. Please see Mr Bell for further information.

Traffic

The Tindale Campus entry and car park become very busy during the mornings and afternoons as students are making their way to and from school. In the interest of student safety, it would be appreciated if parents driving into the College could slow down and be mindful of children using and crossing the access road and generally moving around the entrance to the car park.

Parents dropping off and picking up students must drive forward to the bus shelter parking bays or carpark rather than stopping at the end of the main corridor into the College.

Queues of cars prevent traffic from moving through and amplifies the danger to our students. Your cooperation in helping to keep our kids safe is greatly appreciated.

Hand Sanitation

The cold and flu season has arrived, with many people around our college having coughs and sneezes. It is vital to ensure that all students maintain good hygiene to prevent the spread of viruses and bacteria that can cause illness. To support this, students should ensure that they use tissues and wash their hands before they eat and after using the toilet.
University TISC Application Forms

Students enrolled in four or more ATAR courses will be provided with personalised TISC application forms so they can list university preferences online. Students need to be aware that the deadline for TISC applications is 27th September. After this date, students will be charged a fee.

All students are welcome to make an appointment at the Administration office if they require assistance with TISC applications.

ATAR Students – Reminder

ATAR revision workshops commence at the College over a series of four Sundays between 1st September and 22nd September. Parents and students have received information and registration forms and payment must be returned by Wednesday, 21 August.

All ATAR students are strongly encouraged to register for these workshops to maximise success in the upcoming examinations.

Year 12 Examinations

Wednesday, 9th October – Thursday, 17th October

All students who are enrolled in one or more Stage 2 or Stage 3 courses are required to sit the school based examinations.

Students will be provided with an Examination Timetable. Please note, the Year 12 examinations commence during the second week of the school holidays.

If a student is sick on the day of a scheduled examination, please contact the College. Students must provide a Medical Certificate if they wish to be given the opportunity to sit the examination on another day.

Year 12 Trial Literacy And Numeracy Tests

From 2016, Western Australian students will need to demonstrate minimum levels of literacy and numeracy to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

In Western Australia students will be required to sit online assessments in the tests starting in Year 10, 2014.

All Year 10 students at John Tonkin College will participate in a trial literacy and numeracy online test between 2 September and 13 September. The purpose of the trial is to test system delivery in schools, and to collect student performance data to inform standard setting and policy decisions in regard to finalising one of the pre-requisites for students to achieve a WACE in 2016.

Whole of School - Health Expo

Wednesday 25th September 2013

A Health Expo will be held at the PET Campus for whole school participation. Guest speakers will be visiting to talk on various topics and students will visit stalls and participate in relevant activities.

Tindale Campus students will travel by bus for an 11am start.

Full details available soon. Further details can be obtained from Mr Heeley.
Year 12 VET Opportunities - 2014

Prospective students need to apply for these courses by the 30th August 2013 using Application Forms supplied by the school. Students will be notified of offers and waitlists in late October. Students’ School Reports and Record of Attendance will be attached to your application.

**Challenger Institute of Technology**

- Cert II Animal Studies - Peel Campus **Thursday**
- Cert II Community Services Childcare - Rockingham Campus **Friday**
- Cert II Community Services Taster - Peel Campus **Friday**
- Cert I and II Security – Rockingham Campus **Friday**
- Cert II Tourism – Fremantle (Beaconsfield) Campus **Thursday**
- Cert I Auto – Peel Campus **Thursday**

**PolyTechnic West**

- Cert II Applied Fashion Design - Bentley Campus **Thursday and Friday**.
- Cert III Aviation - Flight Operations (Cabin Crew) - Jandakot Campus. (NOA $1250 so not VETIS). **Thursday and Friday**. Year 12 only!

**Central Institute of Technology**

- Cert III Event - Perth Campus **Wednesday OR Friday**
- Cert IV in Allied Health - Mt Lawley Campus. **Friday**
- Cert II in Spatial Info Services (Surveying) - East Perth Campus. **Friday**


[http://www.central.wa.edu.au/Future_Students/studytypes/VETinSchools/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.central.wa.edu.au/Future_Students/studytypes/VETinSchools/Pages/default.aspx)

If you require further information regarding any of the above courses please contact
Mr Stephen Waylen
VET Coordinator

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**Behind the Lens**

Photography Exhibition and Media Film Festival

Wednesday 11 September
John Tonkin College Performing Arts Centre - Show Time 6pm - 8pm
Congratulations

Thank you to all the staff, students and parents for their support during Countryweek. All the students performed extremely well and were great ambassadors for the College.

A huge congratulations to Will King and the Girls Soccer team who brought home the Champions Trophy.

Netball finished runners up.

Girls and Boys Basketball finished fourth, with the boys performing above expectation in A Grade.

Girls Volleyball improved and finished 6\textsuperscript{th}. The planning now begins for 2014. Hope to see you all there.

Mr Ben Duke

From the Principal

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John Tonkin in conjunction with Curtin University hosts the Curtin UniReady program. This program is designed to enable members of the community obtain a university entrance score. The program is done online with the support from a course coordinator, Ms Sandra Martin. This semester there are 40 students enrolled in the course. On behalf of the staff of John Tonkin College I would like to wish the students every success with their studies and congratulations on taking the first step towards achieving a degree in your chosen area. Throughout the semester all year 8 – 11 students will be completing their course selection for 2014. Students are encouraged to carefully consider their selection in relation to the prerequisites required for their further education or tertiary studies. Details in relation to each course can be found on the college website, www.johntonkincollege.wa.edu.au

Catherine Shepherd

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