At the half-way point of Term 2 life is extremely busy at JTC. Year 12 ATAR students are doing their exams this week with the rest of the school soon to follow. The best way to alleviate exam anxiety is to be prepared and don’t cram at the last minute. A healthy breakfast on the day of exams and arriving early are highly recommended.

We are currently preparing for 2016 enrolments and encourage prospective students and parents to get their applications in as soon as possible. If you know of someone who intends to enrol, please let them know that application packages are available on request and will also be available on the JTC website.

A couple of new uniform pieces will be available from Hot Klobba in the future. A new skirt design has been approved and will replace the old skirt and a new pair of shorts will also be available. Students can continue to wear the old designs.

Semester 1 reports will be distributed to Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 students through English classes at the end of this term. You will be notified of when they have been handed out via sms. Due to internal reporting deadlines, Year 11 reports will not be distributed in classes and will be mailed at the very end of the term.

On Thursday 11th June at 3:15pm there will be a free information session on understanding mental health in young people. This session is for both staff and parents of JTC students and will be delivered by YouthFocus. Please see the flyer contained in this newsletter for further information.

Finally, a reminder that when coming onto the school site of both campus’ all visitors must report to reception and it is recommended that you call ahead to make an appointment if you would like to meet with someone in particular.

Regards

Kim Savins

Principal
Dear Parents and Caregivers

**OLNA Results**

Last term Year 10 and 11 students undertook the *Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment* tests which are compulsory to demonstrate the standard of literacy and numeracy required for WACE achievement. The students are to be commended for their efforts and approach to the OLNA testing.

The results of the March round of testing have now been made available to schools. Students and parents will receive a statement outlining OLNA achievement in the semester one reporting process. Students who did not pass one or more of the assessments will be required to sit the next round of assessments in September 2015. Further information about these tests will be provided during term 3. Students who have achieved a Category 3 result are deemed to have passed, and will not be required to sit again.

**EXAMS**

This term Year 10, 11 and 12 students are completing subject examinations as part of their semester one assessment program. Please encourage students to prepare thoroughly for their exams, by completing study and revision programs set by teachers, but also by eating well, getting enough sleep and using strategies to reduce stress, such as exercise or doing a little of what they enjoy. Balance is the key to successful preparation.

Exam timetables have been distributed to all students who will complete exams. These are also available through Student Connect and in the student lobby at the MET campus.

**STUDENT WELL-BEING WORKSHOPS**

In the past two weeks senior school students have been invited to attend Health and Well-being workshops presented by former AFL player and Healthy lifestyle advocate Heath Black. Heath has visited the college on two occasions to speak to groups about the impact of drug and alcohol use on physical and mental health, and to address the growing issues of depression and anxiety that can affect young people. The response to these presentations has been very positive, with students feeding back that they found the presentations thought provoking and educational. Thanks to Mrs Rennie for arranging these presentations.

**UNIFORM**

Parents and students are reminded that the John Tonkin College uniform is to be worn by students at all times. As we move into Winter the weather is certainly getting colder and students must ensure that they have warm college clothing items such as jackets, scarves, track pants, trousers etc. No jumpers, hoodies, pants or other attire will be permitted. All items of clothing must be part of the college uniform and bear the college logo. For girls, tights must be plain or navy blue. The vast majority of our students wear their JTC uniform with pride. Please ensure that this standard is maintained.

**LATENESS**

There is a growing trend for students to be arriving to school late. This is particularly concerning among Year 10 students. **Classes start at 8.40am.** That means that students should be at school at least 10 minutes prior to ensure that they arrive at classes on time. Those who may arrive late due to unavoidable circumstances must go directly to Student Services to sign in and then to timetabled classes. Recurrent lateness without valid reasons will result in the loss of Good Standing and the implementation of special monitoring processes. If parents and carers could please support students to get to school on time so that they can start classes on time, it would be appreciated.

Jan Stone
Associate Principal
Hafi Khan from Year 12 was invited to take part in the Twentieth Schools Constitutional Convention at Old Parliament house in Canberra from 24-26 March. This was a great honour and extremely valuable experience for him.

The NSCC seeks to promote understanding and informed discussion amongst young Australians about the Australian Constitution and system of government.

Its three main aims are to:
1. Provide an opportunity for senior students to explore Constitutional issues
2. Encourage those students who are informed and actively interested in the Australian system of government to pursue this Interest
3. Increase student awareness of key Constitutional matters.

This convention was designed to enable students to learn about and explore issues related to rights and responsibilities of citizens in a democracy and the role of government through constitutional and legislative means in addressing them.

Speakers who presented to the students included Bronwyn Bishop, Tony Abbott and many other prominent individuals as guest speakers.

The Convention topic that delegates were required to investigate and come to a conclusion about was: Do we need an Australian Bill of Rights? Working Group sessions followed the panel session. Delegates from a variety of schools worked in 10 groups of twelve to discuss the questions. Each group provided a report of their discussions in a report-back session. Various observations arose from the group presentations.

The experience gained by Hafi in this forum was one he will never forget. The school is extremely proud that he was chosen to take part in this event.

The Lions Youth of the Year Program.

Over the last few months Hafi has also been involved with the Lions Youth of the Year Program. He did very well in the duration of the event and presented a very positive image of the college to the Community. He was very proud to openly claim allegiance to the government education system. Hafi competed in the State final recently and unfortunately did not win but conducted himself with great pizzazz.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

NAPLAN
Year 7 and 9 students recently sat NAPLAN tests and can be commended for the way they conducted themselves. The school will receive the results in August and student reports will be mailed out along with a Parent Information brochure.

Year 7, 8 and 9 Examinations
Students will sit semester one examinations on the mornings of Tuesday, 2nd June and Wednesday, 3rd June. Students are advised to study for each of the four one hour exams but should not become overly anxious about them.

Formal Assembly: Wednesday, 10th June at 9am.

Uniform
Students are expected to wear the John Tonkin College uniform every day. Non JTC clothing items are unacceptable. During the cooler months, students need to wear the JTC jacket or jumper; non JTC jumpers are not acceptable.

Donna Heath
Associate Principal

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Want to improve your marks?

Join our *Weekend Help or Master Classes*

*Available for all year levels*

Yr 11 & 12 WACE and ATAR Master Classes
Classes available Sundays and afternoons after school
Teaching classes for students seeking higher achievement and mastery of their subjects and wanting to maximise their school and exam results.
Teachers: Dr.O.T. Lee, Dr Ulrich Seydel, Dr. Roy Skinner, Ashleigh Davison

Yr 11 & 12 WACE and ATAR Weekend HELP Classes
Various classes available Saturday and Sunday from 9am up to 3pm
Receive weekly help in your areas of need in your courses from experienced WACE and ATAR teachers. In the class you can ask questions about your school work and get one-on-one help to strengthen your understanding.

Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 Weekend HELP Classes:
Various classes from 9am up to 1pm every Saturday and Sunday
Experienced teachers work with students to build their skills and understanding in Maths, Science or English in a small group environment.

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Venues: Churchlands SHS, Rossmoyne SHS, Perth Modern School and our Applecross Office.

*For a brochure visit [www.academictaskforce.com.au](http://www.academictaskforce.com.au) or speak with your Year Coordinator.*

Budding Year 7 Artists, have been learning about the urban landscape, looking at Australian Artists Howard Arkley & Robert Dickerson. Students then did a series of observational landscape drawings based on the school's surroundings, from the drawings created a landscape painting with emphasis on depth & detail.

The Fairbridge Excursion

This article is all about the excursion I went to with my fellow student leaders on the 1st of May. It all started when we were called to a meeting with Mr Heeley. We received information about what we will be doing as student leaders. We also got information on events assemblies and more fun things that we will be doing over the year.

We got onto the bus, ready for the forty minute journey to Fairbridge. As soon as we arrived we were met by the instructors who explained more about what we would be doing. We were going to do the amazing race. We got divided into our year groups and we set off to do all kinds of activities such as the toxic waste game, where we had to take a bucket of chemical radioactive waste and dispose it off into the tub without spilling it. This game helped us to improve communication and teamwork.

By the end of the day the winners of the amazing race were announced, and they were the year 8s which was such a big relief as the winners got pizza the following week. On the way back to JTC we got off the bus to buy some ice-cream, chips and water.

We had so much fun during the excursion, as we got to build and improve our leadership skills and enjoy the activities. After all it was not about winning, it was about having fun and becoming better leaders.

Written by Ahmad Alkahatib (Year 8)
Wild Things Escaped The Classroom!

The Wild Things* group had their first excursion in week 9 last term. Entitled “Admire the Beauty,” the excursion intended for the group to venture to local, natural environments and take in the natural beauty.

The Erskine Walk in the Len Collard National Park did not disappoint. We walked the six kilometre there-and-back bushwalk observing flora and fauna. A highlight was pausing in the bird watching hut to observe birds. While we were there we were excited to see fish jumping out of the water.

On from there, we relocated to Falcon Bay to cook our lunch: spaghetti bolognese, cooked on a compact camping stove. Participants were responsible for their own preparation and cleaning. All did a fabulous job and assure me they are outstanding cooks!

A quick challenge in swimming to the pontoon and chucking a few bombies and we were out of time. We trundled back to school a little weary but excited at the prospect of another excursion next term.

*Wild Things is a small after-school club. We meet weekly and go an adventurous excursion once a term. This program is intended to develop leadership, self-management and social skills in the context of the outdoors.

Canteen Menus

Both our Tindale Canteen and MET Cafeteria menus can be found on our website www.johntonkincollege.wa.edu.au.

Check out the new yummy winter menu!