From the Principal

The college has been going through a review process this term where we look closely at the performance of the college in all aspects of education provision. This has been a process where we are able to highlight our strengths and also identify areas where we need to modify or improve our practices.

It has been extremely rewarding to see and hear how well the college has been received within the community after two years of operation. This is also an area we are keen to build on with increased parent/community interaction within the college. Your ongoing support with ensuring that our students represent the college well when on their way to or from school is essential. We regularly receive feedback from the community in regards to the positive behaviour of our students and would be very receptive to even more.

As Term 1 rapidly draws to a close, we welcomed back our Youth Worker, Megan Barton from maternity leave. Megan is now able to see students regarding issues at home or school and can be found in Student Services on both sites.

With cooler weather approaching, now is the time to ensure that winter uniforms are organised. We will be organising for Hot Klobba to visit both sites with supplies of jackets and this will be communicated via text message.

With holidays approaching, I wish you all a safe and restful time and look forward to both staff and students coming back re-energised for Term 2.

Chair of the JTC IPS Board report.

The Board of John Tonkin College welcomed an Independent School review team from the Department of Education Services who spent two and a half days reviewing processes and how the independent school system was being implemented within JTC. JTC School staff, students, parents and the members of the Board were an integral part of the review schedule over the two and a half days along with a review of facilities at both campuses. The Board also underwent a review to ascertain if they were providing good governance in relationship to strategic planning and decision making and in ensuring that the college’s business plan is being implemented successfully. The Board’s relationship with the wider community and with sponsors is also an integral part of this process. The verbal report provided by the reviewers at the end of this process was very positive and once the full written report is received, this will be made available on the college’s web-site. Thank you to all who participated and who made this review a success.

Emeritus Professor Jo Barker.
Chair of the Board.

Outstanding Achievement for John Tonkin College Student

Kate Oatley achieved outstanding results during 2013 at John Tonkin College which resulted in The School Curriculum and Standards Authority issuing her with a Certificate of Commendation for excellent Year 12 results.

Kate went on to excel in the ATAR examinations. Kate achieved a very high ATAR score of 98 which places her in the top 2% of the nation. Kate is currently studying Journalism at the University of Western Australia. Congratulations to Kate Oatley on this exceptional achievement.
MET Campus News

Year 12 Ball
The Year 12 Ball is next Thursday 3 April at the Off Shore Fishing Club. This year’s theme is the Crystal Ball. The ball commences at 7.00pm and finishes at 11.30pm.

Bendigo Bank Stadium
Mrs Rennie will be taking Year 10 and 11 students to the Bendigo Bank Stadium for a presentation about mental Health by Heath Black and an Ex Docker Footballer.

Country Week
We are looking for more students to go to Country week for :-
- Touch Rugby (Boys and Girls)
- Boys Volleyball
- Girls Volleyball

Forms are available from the PE office for all of the above.

Year 10 Online Literacy and Numeracy Testing (OLNA)
Year 10 students have completed the OLNA tests and results will be released in April. Those students who do not meet the minimum standard in either the Numeracy, Literacy or Writing test will have the opportunity to resit one or more of the tests in September.

Any student who was absent during the scheduled testing period will be able to sit the OLNA tests in September.

New WACE 2015-2016
The new West Australian Certificate of Education requirements affect our current Year 10 students who will commence their WACE pathway in 2015.

WACE requirement is complex but as a guide students must:
- Complete the OLNA tests and achieve a minimum standard in Literacy and Numeracy
- Complete a minimum number of units over two years
- Achieve a minimum C grade average across two years

All students must select one of TWO pathways. Each student must enrol in either:
- ATAR pathway over two years Destination is application to university
- General course plus completion of a minimum Certificate 11 (Vocational Education and Training) over two years Destination is further education and/or training with a registered training provider.

Students who do not meet the minimum standard of literacy and/or numeracy will be required to enrol in Foundation units in Mathematics and English.

Please note – Year 10 parents will be invited to an information session in term two prior to Year
11 student course counselling and selections.

**Current Year 11 Students**

Current Year 11 students will continue their WACE pathway in 2015. Please see the current John Tonkin College Handbook for an overview of the WACE requirements affecting Year 12 students in 2015.

During term two, Year 11 students will be involved in selecting courses for Year 12 in 2015.

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**From the Business Manager**

**School Charges**

The Department of Education provides funding for buildings, utilities and staff but does not provide essential funding required for course delivery costs, which is the parents’ responsibility. Each course has a different cost dependent upon the consumables or equipment required to deliver the course. Consumables or equipment used within classes can include items such as texts, food, wood and metal, entry fees, or CDs and DVDs.

The college offers a range of payment options to assist parents with the charges for your Son/Daughter. Please contact Lorraine Harris (08) 95837341 for details regarding payment options available. School charges are to be paid by the end of Term 1—11 April 2014 unless there is an agreement made on payment terms.
Tindale Campus News

Drumming

Over the past two weeks there have been the sounds of drums over both Met and Tindale Campuses. Peter Russel from the STRETCH Festival has been working with students on the opening launch performance. This will be held on Easter Saturday at 6pm on the Eastern Foreshore. Our students will be performing with Kayak ballet, fires, dancers and other local performance artists.

Canteen

If any Parent or Grandparents have any spare time and would like to help out in the Tindale Campus canteen for either Lunch or recess we would be very grateful. This will be unpaid volunteer work and would take up about half an hour of your day.

Harmony Day

**Harmony Week** is Western Australia’s opportunity to acknowledge our rich cultural diversity and to show our opposition to all forms of racism or discrimination in our community. At the college we respect and value the diversity of cultures that are a part of our school community and welcome the sharing of our cultures. John Tonkin College, staff and students celebrated Harmony Day on Wednesday 19th March. The celebration included selling a variety of food from different cultures at lunchtime with the money raised donated to a charity group and a flag naming competition with prizes and free giveaways for the students. Many staff members supported the day by wearing something **ORANGE** to show their support. At the college we respect and value the diversity of cultures that are a part of our school community and welcome the sharing of our cultures.. for the students..
Important Dates

Dates for your diary

3 April Year 12 School Ball
4 April School Development Day (pupil free)
11 April Last day of school term
29 April Students return to school
30 April Years 8—12 Parent Night
13 May—15 May Naplan Year 9

Happy Easter!