As Term 1 draws to a close, we are in preparation for the Term 2 Parent Teacher Interview Night. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to meet teachers and discuss their child’s progress and strategies to improve results. The information for booking interviews will be emailed to parents. Please ensure that we have your current email address.

One of our 2015 priorities is to improve attendance. The reasons for students to not attend school can vary, but as students progress into secondary school it is essential that they develop the ability to attend and participate even if feeling a little under the weather. Non-attendance should be limited to definite illness and unavoidable appointments/events during school time. Parents are also required to provide information to the school in regards to the child’s absence. JTC uses the SMS system for this; please ensure that you respond to this message. *The School Education Act 1999 requires that an explanation of a student’s absence is provided within three school days from the start of the absence.* Letters are regularly sent home for parents to account for unexplained absences; please ensure that all absences have been addressed. At the end of Term 1, we have a significant amount of unexplained absences and we will be endeavouring to account for them all.

Those students who fall below 90% attendance are considered to be at-risk and processes will occur to address this. Currently only 58% of our students have above 90% attendance. Processes range from teacher intervention to meeting with the Principal and Regional Attendance Panel. If you have concerns about your child’s attendance which have not previously been addressed please contact Student Services on the relevant campus.

The staff of John Tonkin College wish all a very Happy Easter and safe holiday and look forward to a productive Term 2.

Kim Savins  
Principal

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**PARENT EVENING, YEARS 7-12**

**Thursday 23rd April 2015, at the MET Campus**

4:00pm—7:00pm

Teacher parent interviews can be booked online via SOBS.

The process for this can be found on the school website.

Alternatively, please ring 9583 7373 to make an appointment.

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MET Campus News

MARCH OLNA TESTING

Eligible Year 10 and 11 students have recently completed the March cycle of the Online Numeracy and Literacy Assessment process run by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Passing the OLNA tests is an essential element of achieving the Western Australian Certificate of Education at the completion of Year 12.

Students undertook online assessments in Writing, Reading and Numeracy to demonstrate their capabilities against the required standard, which is underpinned by the Australian Core Skills Framework. Meeting this standard assures that students will have the literacy and numeracy skills necessary for their future when they graduate from secondary education and move into further study, training or jobs.

John Tonkin College is pleased with the mature approach taken to these important assessments by our students, both in the lead up practice tests and in the OLNA tests themselves. Results will be available later in the year, and will indicate student achievement in Category 1, 2 or 3. Students achieving Category 3 results in each test will have met the OLNA requirements for the WACE. Students who achieve Category 1 or 2 results, or who did not sit one or more of the tests will be offered the opportunity to take them again in September. Information about results and further assessment will be available to students and parents during term 3.

YEAR 11 INFORMATION

Throughout the first term there have been several assemblies for Year 11 students. The focus of these meetings has been to reinforce the importance of academic performance and to encourage students to get off to a strong start to their WACE and Vocational studies. Within the new WACE pathway structure for Year 11 students there is significantly less flexibility to change courses or address poor achievement if students fall behind due to absence, not submitting assessments and other issues that can place them at educational risk.

There are many supportive measures in place to ensure Year 11 students stay on track, including the Yourtutor program sponsored by Curtin University, course counselling from the Academic Support team, pastoral support from the Student Services team, and the John Tonkin College ‘Connect’ communication system to keep the college community in touch with key information. Perhaps the most valuable resource for students are their teachers who will assist and support them to be successful both in and beyond the classroom. Should you have any questions about Year 11 programs or need advice or support, please contact the MET campus on 9583 7373.
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Breakfast Club 2015
JTC Tindale offers free breakfast to students three days a week from 7:45am-8:30am in the canteen. A volunteer is needed to assist on Mondays. Duties include supervising/chatting with students and assisting students to clean-up. No cooking required. If you are interested or you need more information please contact: Megan Barton 9535 3800

Homework Club
Do you need a quiet space to complete your homework? Could you do with some extra assistance with your work? If so, come along to Homework Club from 3.00pm and 4.00pm in Block G

- **Monday** – Science, Maths, English & HASS teachers available
- **Tuesday** - English, Hass and Maths teachers available
- **Wednesday** - English, Hass and Maths teachers available

Year 7-9 Leadership Team
Many thanks to all our students who were nominated, the decision making process was a hard one across all year levels as we had really strong nominations. The Leadership Team for 2015 which were recognised at our formal assembly on Tuesday 24th March comprise of eight students from each year group. (two student executives and six student leaders)

**Year 7**
- **Student Executives** Sharlene Kumar and Ruby Lehmann
- **Leadership Team** Brodie Sheppard, Stephanie Bell, Logan Griffin and Jordan Wilson-London.

**Year 8**
- **Student Executives** Corey Washington and Brooke Bugeja
- **Leadership Team** Mackenzie Cook, Shania Taylor, Jasmine Shier, Ahmad Alkhatib, Jade Andersen and Ashish Kafle,

**Year 9**
- **Student Executives** Valija Hani and Anaelle Emile
- **Leadership Team** Aaron Johnston, Caitlyn Strahan, Skye Charnock, Tenisha Cunningham, Patrick Herring, Patricia Sousa-Santos
Country Week is fast approaching and our tryouts are underway. We are looking for more nominations from years 9-12 in the following sports:

Boys and Girls soccer  
Boys and Girls Volleyball  
Mixed Touch Rugby

Anyone wanting to nominate, please see Mr Duke or report to the Physical Education Department on either campus.

Students who also want to nominate for Speech and Debating should see Ms Palmer, Head of Learning, Arts.

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

New winter menu is coming soon

2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
Please be aware

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
THIS
Thursday 2 April 2015
Need help to maximise your school results?

April school holiday programs will help

Years 11 & 12 WACE and ATAR April holiday revision program
Revision and exam preparation courses available in WACE and ATAR subjects plus our popular Study Skills and Essay Writing courses. Various times and venues in both the first and second week of the holidays, with 6 hour and 10 hour course options to choose from.

Years 7 – 10 April holiday Skills Development program
Learn from specialist teachers who inspire and build students’ confidence. You can choose to enroll in NAPLAN Preparation to refine skills and hone in on recurring problems, advanced Math’s or English that will extend and challenge talented students, transitional Math’s or English to improve the foundational skills all students require to succeed in high school, plus our popular Learning Skills and Essay Writing courses.

Academic Task Force Venues:
Churchlands SHS
Perth Modern School
Rossmoyne SHS
Early bird discount: Enrol with full payment before
23 March and receive 10% discount
Enrol online: www.academictaskforce.com.au

Academic Associates Venues:
University of Western Australia

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Or discuss your child’s needs with one of our friendly education consultants by

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Important Dates - Term 1, 2015

MARCH
26th - 27th Year 11/12 MPA CAMP

APRIL
1st Year 12 School Ball
2nd Applications close for SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME
(Blue form for assistance with school fees and uniforms)
Last day of Term 1
21st First day of Term 2
23rd Parent teacher interviews, Years 7-12
27th Anzac Day Public Holiday