



Welcome back to JTC for 2022

Welcome to Bunuru - known as the second Summer of the Noongar 6 season calendar. Bunuru is characterised by hot easterly and northern winds with gums coming into flower. Fires are common around this time of year to promote growth for latter seasons.

We are delighted to welcome all our new families and students into the JTC community this year also.

The JTC staff have worked tirelessly over the school holidays and the first few weeks of term to ensure all students have amazing opportunities this year in their areas of learning.



A Message from the Principal



Welcome to our new look JTC Newsletter! It has been a very busy start to the school year and we have some extra challenges in our way at the moment, but that doesn't stop us from getting down to business. Thank you to you all for your patience and for keeping on top of the email communications and doing your best to understand how to approach the COVID situation on our doorstep right now. It won't be long before we are through the other side!

I'm excited to tell you that in coming weeks we will be launching a new Student Wellbeing platform which will allow us to monitor how students are feeling on a weekly basis. It will also give another avenue for the students to reach out for help when they are really not travelling well.

Please know that in times like these the students welfare is our main priority. Please continue to monitor your email for urgent communications, and I thank you again for your support in keeping our school environment safe for all.

Kim Savins



Hamish the *Therapy* Dog!

Have You Met Hamish Yet??

Hamish is JTC's therapy dog that loves sitting and visiting with the students each day.

There is a lot more evidence today that recognises a range of benefits from therapy animals being active in secondary schools. It shows such a positive increase in the students that interact with the animals on a daily basis, from both a physical and psychological health perspective.

We are incredibly proud to offer this service to our students at JTC, and we have seen first-hand what a difference Hamish can make to a student's day.

With a regular supply of pats, smiles and "good boy's" sent his way – he absolutely loves spending his days at JTC!

You can find Hamish in the Library, or he may even pop into a class or two to brush up on his Maths and English skills!

A huge thank you to Hamish's three mums - Lynette Thomas, Masina Faalelea and Coleen Holender who lovingly look after Hamish each day for us.

Aboriginal Education 2022

John Tonkin College hosts the Follow the Dream Program and the newly rebranded Waalitj Foundation's Deadly Sista Girlz Program. Aboriginal Education has many wonderful resources staff can engage with - on both campuses - and the Aboriginal Education staff are always very welcoming to those that would like to incorporate Aboriginal knowledges into learning experiences and to those that want to know more.

Throughout the year we will send out updates / invites for events happening in and around Aboriginal Education however feel free to swing by to say hello (At Tindale we are located in the UGTA, at MET we are located in EF01).

Below is a list of Business and organisations that support Aboriginal perspectives in education:

- Tipiac – Teaching Indigenous Perspectives in the Australia Curriculum
- Wingaru Education
- DeadlyScience
- Yaali Creations
- Songlines Art, Culture, Education
- The Indigenous Literacy Foundation
- Reconciliation Australia
- Common Ground
- The Koori Curriculum
- BarkaArts
- Our Dilly Bag
- Djambies – Friends in a Box
- Cultural Inclusions
- Connecting 2 Culture
- The Ulura Statement from the Heart
- Know Your Country
- Murri Tukka
- Living Kaurna Cultural Centre
- Place Names in Addresses
- Indigenous Insights
- Dreamtime Games



Parents *and* Citizens

Welcome Letter

Welcome all parents/grandparents/grandcarers/foster parents , a warm welcome to our new year seven parents, the P and C are looking forward to a largely smooth year for everyone with as little bumps as possible.

To bring you up to date it was with regret and sadness that we had to make the financial decision to close our MET canteen, our wages bill was high as well as the expenses for stock etc, this was the only responsible and viable solution.

With that said, we start the year with a new outlook, determination and drive we intend putting all our effort into making Tindale Canteen a viable and exciting place to go. We will be going into more homestyle cooking, with as much as possible made on site.

This will enable us to keep our prices as reasonable as we can (depending of course on whether costs go up for ingredients etc). We will be offering more variety and healthy nourishing food. We will be opening the Tindale canteen Monday to Friday.

Our lovely Miss Lara the Canteen Supervisor would love to hear from any parents with regard to their feedback for the canteen on how we can improve and what they would like to see offered. Lara will be sending out information to you during the first couple of weeks of school. We are at present finding that we cannot obtain a lot of stock from our distributors or from supermarkets, so for the first week or two we will be running on a very minimal menu which could change from day to day at this point in time, we ask for you to please be patient and help us by explaining to your child about the situation and that they may not be able to buy what they would like.

Lara would love to hear from any parent who would be willing to give up a few hours a week and help her out in the canteen. If you feel that you could or would like to help you could see her at the canteen from 730am until 130pm Monday to Friday. Or call Ann on 0404171379 , any help would be greatly appreciated.

The P and C will be holding their General Meeting Tuesday 22nd February 2022, at 3.30pm at the tindale campus, I hope to see many parents there. Come along and learn who we are and what we are about, how we will work for you.

The P and C will be working hard this year to engage many parents in how we can work together with the school to increase and enhance the school system. We will also be setting up a fundraising calendar for this coming year, we would love to have help from parents on an ad-hoc basis.

The AGM for the P and C will be held in April I will confirm the date. Please come and join us.

Become a member of the P and C it is only \$1 this gives you voting rights, you do not have to be a member to come to our meetings or to help out.

A strong working P and C is a great advantage to the school, students and parents. We can do so much with a few willing hands.

I am really looking forward to this coming year and the excitement and challenges it brings.

I invite you to our meetings and to come and join us, talk with Miss Lara in the canteen about ideas you may have or if you can help in any small way.

Regards

Ann Cicchini

President

JTC P&C

About our Libraries

John Tonkin College Libraries provide quality information resources and services to the school community. We deliver an engaging and accessible service for students and staff and encourage self-directed learning and a love of reading and research.

The Library at Met Campus is a shared facility which includes John Tonkin College and South Metropolitan TAFE. Tindale Campus library provides resources and information to the middle school.

The Libraries are innovative academic environments, where all students are encouraged to show respect to each other and their surroundings.

Opening Hours

MET & Tindale Campus
Mon – Thurs 8.00 – 4.00
Friday 8.00 – 3.30

Enquiries and Renewals

MET Campus
Phone: 9583 0527
Tindale Campus

Kats in a Hat

The students in the Tindale campus library have wonderful imaginations and a great sense of fun. Dress ups in the library, for Book Week, Halloween, JTC Day etc. are something the students really enjoy.

Imagination is very important in supporting learning and acquiring knowledge. Students use their knowledge, creativity and experience to play and in doing so they expand their understanding of their experiences.

On this occasion the students have done a twist on the Dr Seuss book Cat in a Hat, with Library Kats in a Hat. Alex reimagined a Ninja Kat while protecting Miss Kitty. Ebony and Miss Kitty were discussing what book to read to Hamish. He loves being read to by the students.

Skye, Miss Kitty and Hamish were examining the library display for Clean Up Australia Day and caring for our Marine Environment.

Hamish is very photogenic!



SmartRider Information for Students

Student SMARTRIDER/ID Cards

- SMARTRIDER/ID cards are available through both campus libraries to current enrolled students of John Tonkin College.
- They cost \$5 to replace and can be paid in cash at the library or eftpos at front office. Please DO NOT ORDER ONLINE. Only order through school libraries.

(Library staff need to sight a receipt before ordering if paid by eftpos)

If you require further information, do not hesitate to contact John Tonkin College Campus Libraries

- Cards will be ordered twice a week and your child may pick up from the library.
- Library Staff will inform the student what day pick up is available.
- When the card returns, it should have the funds from the old card transferred automatically by Transperth. (If this has not occurred phone Transperth on 136213 to transfer funds to new card)
- The ID component of this card, shows a photo, legal name, birth date, student number and barcode for the following:
- Legal identification on Transperth Travel
- access to Library facilities and resources
- password changes
- accessing Wheelers eBooks
- Year 11 & Year 12 exams
- Year 10, 11 & 12 printing
- Updating Lateness and Attendance with Student Services

Surf Science Presentation

Recently our very own Barb presented at The WA Wetlands Conference about JTC's Surf Science Program, outlining all the amazing things that we've done with our Surf Science Kids with the support of local environmental groups.

Barb presentation was well received throughout the community that attended and has received a number of positive comments and feedback in regards to the JTC Surf Science students.

Thank you Barb for representing JTC and the students so exceptionally well at this conference. Please see below a presentation abstract for further information about what Barb presented to the conference.

Presentation Abstract

Our students are the future custodians of the Peel-Harvey Estuary helping to look after local ecosystems through a range of projects in their classrooms, schools and communities. These key projects have been created through the development of long term relationships with not for profits, researchers and environmental groups who have a vested interest in the long term protection of the estuary. By collaborating and meeting with the various environmental conservation organisations in the catchment there can be more powerful outcomes and messages regarding the health and sustainability of the Peel-Harvey Estuary.

Creating Mandurah's first Dolphin Fin Guide involved creating partnerships with Mandurah Dolphin Volunteer Rescue Group, Mandurah Cruises and researchers from Murdoch University. Passionate students organised Mandurah's first Dolphin Forum to bring these groups together to inform the community about our local dolphin population. This initiative fostered leadership, organisation skills, grant writing and has grown into regular events still hosted by our students.

The Black Bream Stock Enhancement Project partnered with The Peel Harvey Catchment Council and Murdoch University researchers which led to the establishment of a purpose built aquaculture classroom. Students involved in the pilot built and managed the system along with the researchers. They developed real world skills in practical experimental research in a school based facility involving dedication, time commitment outside of the class, precision, perseverance and adaption to the changing needs of the project.

Our relationship with the Peel Harvey Catchment Council has been integral to many of these opportunities. The



Red-necked Stint Project with Milly Formby and Wingthreads arose through the Shorebird 2020 Birdcount. Our students had the opportunity to become 'experts' on the endangered bird and its specialised adaptations. This developed their creative and communication skills to create an education package around the 'TimTam' bird which they shared with local primary schools and global partners from India and Manila.

The Shellfish Gardening Project with partners The Nature Conservancy and the Binjareb Indigenous Rangers where students grew mussels from juveniles to adults in specially designed baskets and collected data about mussel growth and other colonising marine life. The mussels will be used to explore mussel colonisation in selected locations in the estuary, where over time, the reefs are expected to become vibrant ecosystems that will help improve water quality, biodiversity, and fish stocks in the estuary.

Although bringing these projects to fruition there has been a massive time commitment outside class time involving volunteering, attending presentations and workshops, linking them to the science curriculum and getting buy-in from other staff members the experiential learning by our students has given them the opportunity to be involved in real world science applications raised their awareness about the fragility of our local ecosystem. They are helping to raise awareness within the community of the importance of nature conservation and are actively involved in the quest for sustainability creating resources, games, books and videos presenting at forums, Conferences, Kids Teaching Kids, Primary Schools.





Curtin Mathematics Enrichment Program 2022 - Our Silver Jubilee Year

We're celebrating our 25th year of running Maths Enrichment classes for primary and high school students. To recognise this milestone, we'll be extending this out-of-school program and offering more places throughout the year.

One-hour classes run after school or Saturdays, offering 16-week programs each Semester. Semester One classes commence 28 February 2022.

The program is suitable for a broad range of mathematically talented students. The main aim is to develop a sound mathematical understanding and to develop a range of mathematical problem-solving skills. These skills are essential in preparing and equipping our students to the challenges they face in the modern technology focussed economy. Students will be issued with a special certificate commemorating our Silver Jubilee upon completion of each semester course.

Please pass on the registration details to parents and students that may be interested.

SEMESTER ONE SESSIONS – Commence week of 28 February 2022

Year 5	Tuesday	4.00 - 5.00pm	or	Friday 4pm-5pm	or	Saturday 10am-11am
Year 6	Monday	4.00 - 5.00pm	or	Tuesday 5pm-6pm	or	Saturday 11am-12pm
Year 7	Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm	or	Saturday 12pm-1pm		
Year 8	Thursday	5.00 - 6.00pm	or	Saturday 1pm-2pm		
Year 9	Wednesday	4.00 - 5.00pm	or	Saturday 2pm-3pm		
Year 10/11	Wednesday	5.00 - 6.00pm	or	Saturday 3pm-4pm		

LOCATION: Curtin University, Bentley campus

COST: \$352 (discounts available for re-enrolling students, and families)

MORE INFO: [Mathematics enrichment classes](#), [mathematics and statistics](#), [science - Science & Engineering](#) | Curtin University

CONTACT: MathsEnrichment@curtin.edu.au

Careers Corner

Welcome to our first edition of Careers Corner for 2022. We aim to assist both students and parents in this section of the newsletter by providing a better understanding of the workplace, industries and experience needed for when our students leave us and engage in the big wide world! If there anything specific you would like to ask us, or to talk further about careers after JTC, please get in touch with Debra Byrne Career Practitioner at JTC.

The Job Market

While a lot of students think they will be able to get a job 'in the mines', actually Health Care and Social Services employ just over 50% of W.A.'s population. With an aging population 1 in 5 people will be over the age of 65 by 2025! That means jobs of the future include; Carers, Medical and Social Receptionists, General Clerks, kitchenhands, Chefs, Cooks, Commercial Cleaners, Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, Nurses and Doctors.

Stay In Touch With JTC

If you havent already, make sure you follow JTC on our Facebook and Instagram pages! On here we will be highlighting what happens around the school on a weekly basis and also showcasing our wonderful school, students and teachers.



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