

Truganina College
55 Clearwood Drive
Truganina VIC 3029
03 9368 9800
www.truganinap9.vic.edu.au

Truganina Times



Start of Term Notice ~ Wednesday 1st February 2017

Welcome back!

On behalf of the staff and the School Council President Mrs Marilyn Jefferies we would like to extend a very warm welcome to each member of our college community as we start the super exciting 2017 academic year. This year will be full of great learning and wonderful extracurricular activities, including but not limited to; enrichment programs, instrumental music lessons, chess club and access to Fit Kicks.

Our newsletters are a wonderful way to communicate and share what is happening in the life of the college. The newsletter comes home with the eldest child in the family every second Wednesday. Wednesday is our *note day* and as much as possible this is the day you will receive notes from us - so please ask your child about the newsletter and the notes. It would be wonderful if families could read through the newsletter with their children. This first edition is a short welcome. Future editions will be jam packed with information, pictures and competitions for the students.

Over the coming days all students will bring home a student planner. This planner goes home each night and comes back to the college each day. It is checked by the staff each day. If families need to let the staff know something, writing it in the planner is a great way to do so. Other methods families could use to contact the staff are; for longer chats to call the office on 9368 9800 and make an appointment, for quick matters a brief chat with the class teachers at pick up or drop off times or to make an appointment in person for longer discussions. Each area of the college has a Principal Class Officer who works very closely with the Teaching and Learning Leaders and all staff who are responsible and accountable for each student's learning. Mrs Nicole O'Brien works with the foundation to year three area, Mr Steven Trotter the year four to six area and Mrs Helene Refuerzo the year 7-8 area. These senior staff would also be very pleased to speak with you about your child. They too can be contacted through the college office or as you see them in your child's classroom.



In this our third year, the college continues to develop and grow a culture of learning and wellbeing for all students. In 2016 the school logo was formalised. This logo symbolises what the school stands for – *Many people at all different ages and stages taking different paths to learn and make a worthwhile contribution to this great world we live in.* This belief underpins all that we do at the College. Our unrelenting focus on learning growth for each and every student is at the centre of all decisions we make. We are always asking questions such as - *How will this improve the learning outcomes for this student?*



In 2017, we have recruited very strongly and overcoming newsletters will provide a full staff list and tell you a little more about each new staff member.

In February 2017, all staff are completing learning assessments on each student. For students who started with us in 2016 we are looking for more than one years learning growth. If students have special needs then we are looking for growth against the goals set in their individual learning plans.

For all students new to the school in 2017 we are completing learning assessments to ensure that we have a very clear base line of assessment data so as to monitor each student's progress. The assessments we complete assess reading; decoding – (working out the words) &

comprehension, writing, speaking & listening, mathematics and all subject areas. The College follows a thorough assessment schedule to make sure we know every student's learning needs.

Teachers and staff then plan learning experiences which focus on the next step for every child. Sometimes families' worry that learning may be too hard or too easy for their child. With such comprehensive assessments being completed this is unlikely. The teachers and staff know exactly where your child is up to with their learning. They then plan the learning experiences to consolidate learning, to address any misconceptions or to extend learning by providing an experience that the student can complete with support and then gradually remove this support as the student becomes more able.



It is absolutely crucial that all students attend school every day on time (Foundation students to follow the Wednesday schedule for the first five weeks).

We start reading at 8.35am so please be in class ready to go.

Our very best wishes are extended to every family.

We look forward to hearing from you with your feedback and questions.

We look forward to an exceptional year of great learning for each and every child.

Enjoy the week, be at school every day and on time, and keep reading.

Jenny Crowle, Nicole O'Brien, Steven Trotter & Helene Refuerzo.

2017 Truganina College Events Calendar	
Date	Event
Tuesday 31st January	Start of term 1 8.35am start
Tuesday 7th February - Friday 10th February	Year 6 Residential Program
Wednesday 22nd February - Friday 24th February	Year 7 Community Camp
Monday 13th March	Labour Day Public Holiday No School
Friday 31st March	End of term 1 2.30pm finish
Monday 17th April	Easter Monday No School
Tuesday 18th April	Start of term 2 8.35am start
Tuesday 25th April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday No School
Thursday 18th May	<u>Curriculum Day</u> - Professional Learning for staff No school for students
Friday 19th May	<u>Curriculum Day</u> - Professional Learning for staff No school for students
Monday 12th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday No School
Friday 30th June	End of term 2 2.30pm finish