2016 School Council Elections

The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight of the school’s operation. The Principal is responsible for the management of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.

School Council responsibilities can include:
· Contributing to the development of the Strategic Plan
· Approving the annual budget
· Working with the school to develop, review and update policies
· Representing the views of the school community
· Arranging for things needed towards the running of the school
· Raising money for things the school needs
· Making sure the school grounds and buildings are maintained
· Creating positive interest in the school within the community

The Truganina College School Council is a wonderfully supportive group who work diligently to assist the school to work towards achieving the best learning outcomes for our students. With a new Council year commencing in March, I would like to announce the new members of Council for 2016.

I declare the following nominees duly elected to the Truganina College Council.

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The first meeting for the new School Council will be held on Monday 21st of March 2016 commencing at 5pm in the Staff Room. At this meeting we will hold elections for President, Vice President and Treasurer. The retiring school council members will also be in attendance on this night.

Sincere congratulations to our new Councillors.
Jenny Crowle, Nicole O’Brien and Steven Trotter.
Welcome to 2016!

On behalf of the School Council, we would like to welcome you back to Truganina College! To those families new to our community, we also offer a warm welcome and hope that you are settling in well. We would like to extend a thankyou to the entire school community for the successful start to our new year, particularly Mr Steven Trotter and his team for the smooth start to the secondary component of our college.

If you are not aware, the School Council is the major governing body of the school, it plays an important role in school accountability and improvement processes. School Council endorses key school planning, evaluation and reporting documents. The main objectives of School Council is to support and assist in the efficient governance of the school, ensuring students’ best interests are at the forefront and to enhance the educational opportunities for students. In other words, we are here to support the college, you and your children.

School Council meets eight times a year. After each meeting, a School Council Report will feature in the school newsletter and on the school website.

On Monday, February 15th, we met for the first time for 2016. There are many new initiatives at our college this year including the extra-curricular activities on offer for the students to select from. We encourage all students make the most of these opportunities!

We would also like to extend our thanks to the 2015 Fundraising Team for their wonderful contribution raising $13,256.75 toward installation of playground equipment.

Some of the main features of Jenny Crowle’s Principal Report for this meeting were:

- An update on the progress of Clearwood Drive – discussions are in progress between the local developer, Wyndham Council and Telstra and we will update the school community on any progress as soon as possible.
- Commencement of staff professional learning and development meetings focussing on best practices to bring about growth in student reading outcomes.
- Stage 2 development – Works are moving ahead according to schedule and regular meetings are taking place to ensure the smooth transition of this exciting development for our college.

If you have not already seen them, the honour boards and logo signage have now been installed in the office area and we are very proud of them. A special thank you to Sue Hodgson for her kind donation to purchase the honour boards.

School Council will meet next on Monday 21st March. Parents and carers are invited to attend.

Please consider joining us to help make a worthwhile contribution to the college.

Rachel Jones - School Councillor
At Truganina College we value the partnership between families and school. This term we will be holding information evenings for families about the teaching and learning in our classrooms. Information evening dates, times and locations are listed below. Please RSVP with your classroom teacher.

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Kylie Ticehurst, Courtney Hodgson, Claire Dutton, Claire Hales, Vanessa Barry, Tugba Koyu and Carisa Patman

Katie Abela, Carla Evans, Kirstin Sawyer, Laura Mitchell, Vanitha Sujith, Vanessa Saffin, Kim Kennedy and Stephanie Gregory

Sadia Toqeer, Debbie Workman, Jessie Patterson, Ashley Fraser, Hazana Raznak, Chloe Mommers and Angela Schneider

Subject teachers will also be available to speak with and answer your questions.
How amazing are our community helpers who worked tirelessly to put together our maths kits! It involved printing, cutting, laminating and sorting to put together a number of maths kits for each classroom teacher. A big thank you to Geethika Hettiarachchi, Daljit Kaur, Sejal Patel and Jackson Scott for all of their help!

We are always looking for extra volunteers to assist with a number of opportunities to help our students with learning at the College such as listening to students read and helping our staff with extra projects that need assistance. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated as we work together to help achieve outstanding student learning.

A further thank you to those parents who attended our information session on Friday 26th February expressing their interest in being a reading volunteer.

If you are interested in volunteering at Truganina College and have a current Working With Children’s Check please contact the Front Office on 9368 9800.
Teaching and Learning

300 Nights of Reading

Truganina College is working with all students in every classroom to achieve 300 Nights of Reading this year. Throughout the year, there will be presentations to celebrate the success of students and families who are reading every night and recording this in their Take Home Reading Diary and Student Planners. Please keep a close eye out for big displays in each of the learning buildings and track the progress of all of our students as they work toward achieving their 300 nights of reading this year.

Rubbish Free School Yard

A reminder to all students to help keep our school yard clean by picking up any rubbish they see and placing all rubbish in the nearest rubbish bin. Truganina College is a rubbish free school and we appreciate everyone’s continual support by having a rubbish free lunch box. A big thank you to those who have already contributed and leant their fantastic helping hands!
Extra Curricular Activities  
- North Melbourne Football Club Clinic

On Thursday the 25th of February Learning Community 4 took part in an AFL football clinic run by the North Melbourne football Club and SEDA. Students learnt the basic skills of kicking, marking and handballing. Three players from the club attended including Sam Gibson, Daniel Nielson and Kayne Turner. They taught students how to master the basic skills, answered questions from students and signed autographs. It was a fantastic morning and students had a great time learning a variety of football skills.
On the 24th – 26th February our Year 7 students attended the inaugural Year 7 Camp. On Wednesday morning, 31 students and 5 teachers boarded a bus and headed to Ocean Grove, a beautiful beach town 20 minutes from Geelong. On arrival our students were required to set up their own tents and bedding. For some students it was their first time camping and you could feel the excitement and anticipation of what was to come over the following 3 days.

Our camping program focussed on the curriculum area of Science and particularly looked at our local marine life which lead to lessons at the Queenscliff Marine Biology Centre and spending an afternoon doing a ‘Mudflat Meander’ focussing on the specific marine life we could find on the mudflats of Queenscliff. To conclude the program we visited the Queenscliff Fort for a tour of the historical site overlooking Port Philip Bay. It is exciting to be able to offer these extra curricular programs that continue to provide educational and leadership opportunities for our students. Our staff are enthusiastically planning for the expansion of the extra curricular opportunities that we will continue to offer our students.
School Canteen and Lunch Orders

Please remember that the canteen is currently open on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. All lunch orders must be filled out on a brown paper bag, clearly stating the students name, class, room number and their order. Please use one paper bag per student.

CSEF—Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

A reminder to all parents that CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.

CSEF application forms have been sent home with students. If you are an eligible parent, please fill in the form accordingly and submit it to the office with a copy of your card. If you require a form or any further information, please contact Hayley Giarrusso or Clare Najdovski at the Front Office on 9368 9800.
**Easter Egg Donations**

Truganina College is currently seeking Easter egg donations for our Easter Raffle to be drawn in the last week of Term 1. All funds raised from the Easter Raffle will go towards funding for our playground. If you have any Easter egg donations, please drop them at the office before Wednesday 16th March.

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**Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser**

On Thursday 24th March, Truganina College will be holding a Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser. Order forms will be going home with the eldest child today and need to be returned to the College by Thursday 17th March. Orders come in packets of 6 and cost $7 per packet. Both fruit and chocolate chip options are available for order. All fundraising proceeds will once again be going towards funding for our playground.
Cat in the Hat Parade

Please come along to Truganina College's Cat in the Hat Parade.

Date: Wednesday 23rd March at 9.00am - outside of Building 2

All Foundation-Year 3 students to come wearing their best designed hats!

Students are welcome to donate a gold coin as are their family and friends who come and watch. Prizes will be given to students wearing the best designed hat.

Hat designs could include: Easter hats, football hats, Lego hats and favourite character hats.

Be creative! Design your own hat!

Teachers will be in hats too!
Community Achievements

Congratulations to the following students from Tarneit Senior College on their high achievement in VCE last year.

Tarneit Senior College VCE High Achievers

- Li Xu
  ATAR: 99.15
  Monash Uni - Pharmacy

- Hannah Rashid
  ATAR: 94.15
  Monash Uni - Bio Med

- Jas Singh
  ATAR: 82.7
  La Trobe Uni - Bio Med

- Jade Cruz
  ATAR: Above 80
  Melbourne Uni - Science

Reminder - Lost Property

There are a significant number of items currently in lost property. This is a reminder to all students and parents to clearly label their belongings so that lost items can be collected and returned efficiently. If you have lost something recently, please visit the office to see if it has been handed in.
Reminder - School Banking

A reminder to all parents and students that school banking takes place every Monday.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who were the prize winners for the last newsletter’s Word Challenge:

- Risha Singh from Miss Hale’s class
- Bhavik Shergill from Miss Kennedy’s class
- Priysha Pathak from Mrs Workman’s class

Well done!
2016 Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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2016 School Term Dates

**Term 1:** 28 January to 24 March
(as 25 March is public holiday) *

**Term 2:** 11 April to 24 June

**Term 3:** 11 July to 16 September

**Term 4:** 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)


**PLEASE NOTE:** TERM 1 FINISHES ON THURSDAY 24th MARCH AT 2.30PM
I have read my newsletter 😊

Student Name _________________________
Teacher Name _________________________
Parent Name ___________________________

CHALLENGE!!

How many words can you make which have ‘ss’ in them?

3 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS ROUND!
PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!!!!

Return your slip to your teacher with as many words written, with ‘ss’ in them for your chance to win a prize!!

Slips must be returned by Thursday 10th March.
Winners announced Friday 11th March.
Go For It!