Making the Most of Every Opportunity
At Truganina College, we value reading, listening to reading and teaching our students the importance of knowing how to read. Every morning between 8:35am and 8:50am, every staff member is listening to students read. Students who read every day for a minimum of 20 minutes make the most of the opportunity to learn more. We even listen to students after school on the front steps whilst they wait for their parents to arrive. At Truganina College, we make the most of every opportunity to learn and most importantly, to read. Here is a photo of Mrs. O'Brien reading with Akuak after school on the front steps.

Primary School Nursing Program
The Primary School Nursing Program (PSNP) is a free service offered by the Department to all children attending primary schools and English Language Centre schools in Victoria. Primary school nurses visit schools throughout the year to provide children with the opportunity to have a health assessment, provide information and advice about healthy behaviours and link children and families to community-based health and wellbeing services. The PSNP is designed to identify children with potential health-related learning difficulties and to respond to parent/carer concerns and observations about their child's health and wellbeing. Parents or carers complete the School Entrant Health Questionnaire (SEHQ) which is distributed during the first year of school. With parent/carer consent, follow-up health assessments are conducted by the school nurse as indicated. Other activities offered by the program may include formal and informal health education and health promotion to the school community.

Update from the Department of Education & Training regarding Student Accident Insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools.
School communities are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education & Training does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include but is not limited to; mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school. For any queries, please contact Mike Roleff at roleff.michael.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or Jane Wilhelm at wilhelm.jane.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Have a wonderful week.

Jenny Crowle, Steven Trotter and Nicole O'Brien
Teaching and Learning in Room 1
Developing the Language of Learning
at School and at Home

Patterns Galore with Miss Ticehurst

In Room One we have been learning about patterns. We have copied, created and continued patterns using lots of different materials.

In Room One we know:

- Patterns repeat again and again.
- Patterns have rules.
- Patterns can be made with shapes, colours, teddies, people, numbers and letters.

In one lesson we used Unifix Cubes to make our own patterns using two colours of our choice.
Learning Intention: We are learning to create a pattern.

I am successful when I can:
- Choose a material to work with.
- Choose 2 colours.
- Verbalise my pattern.
- Work independently.
The Importance of Visualising with Mrs Toqeer

We have been working on the skill of visualising as a reading strategy. We have learned that some words help us paint pictures in our minds. We have had a LOT of practice with this! Here is a learning experience that we completed to practice the visualising strategy to comprehend a poem.

Learning Intention: We are learning to visualise as we read.
Success Criteria:
- I can create an image in my mind.
- I can visualise what is taking place in a text.
- I can draw what I am visualising.

We read the poem *My Neighbour’s Dog is Purple* by Jack Prelutsky, leaving out the ending. We identified the words that helped us to visualise the poem in our mind. We drew sketches of our mental images during and after reading the poem. Oh boy! We were surprised at how our mental images of the dog changed at the end!
My Neighbour's Dog is Purple

My neighbour's dog is purple.
Its eyes are large and green.
Its tail is almost endless,
The longest I have seen.

My neighbour's dog is quiet.
It does not bark one bit.
But when my neighbour's dog is near,
I feel afraid of it!

My neighbour's dog looks nasty.
It has a wicked smile.
Before my neighbour painted it,
It was a crocodile.
Student Representative Forum by Joanne Ryan MP

On Wednesday 9th of March, a small group of Grade 6 and Grade 7 students went to the Werribee Football Club, to attend the Student Representative Forum held by the Member for Lalor- Joane Ryan MP.

We met students from our neighbour schools and discussed our school values, rights and responsibilities. We also talked about the leadership structure for students and the roles they perform at school.

We brainstormed concerns and issues at our school and listed strategies so we can work together to solve these issues. It was interesting to see a lot of schools had similar issues such as littering.

At the end we took a group photo with Ms Joanne Ryan.

It was a fun, informative and exciting experience to learn about other schools in our community.

Written by; Jashan Kaur, Christian Lay, Manav Khatri, John Benholm, Raiha Faisal, Jasreen Jasbir Singh, Kelvin Wood and Gary Smith.
Creativity on Show
Making and Creating in the Art Space

Foundation

Learning Intention:
We are learning to recognise the parts of the body.

Success Criteria:
- I can recognise the parts of the body.
- I can colour the face.
- I can cut out body parts.
- I can glue body parts in place.

Year One

Learning Intention:
We are learning to recognise the parts of the body.

Success Criteria:
- I can read the body flash cards.
- I can concertina fold coloured card to make arms.
- I can trace my hands and cut them out.

We are learning how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours.

We are learning to recognize the shapes of the different states in Australia.
Staff Profiles

Meet some of the members from Teaching and Learning Team 1!

Get to know Claire Hales..

**Position:** Classroom teacher - Room 2

**What is your favourite colour?** Yellow

**What is your favourite number?** 5

**What is your favourite book?** *Oh the places you’ll go!* by Dr Seuss

**What is your favourite food?** Grapes

**What do you like most about school?** My favourite thing about school is helping students learn.

Get to know Vanessa Barry..

**Position:** Classroom teacher - Room 3

**What is your favourite colour?** Pink and purple

**What is your favourite number?** 11

**What is your favourite book?** Eric Carle books for his wonderful stories like *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *The Artist Who Painted a Blue Horse* and for his beautiful painted paper illustrations

**What is your favourite food?** Thai food

**What do you like most about school?** I like seeing my Busy Buzzing Learners excited to learn everyday.
# Staff Profiles

Meet some of the members from Teaching and Learning Team 2!

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## Get to know Katie Abela..

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**What do you like most about school?** I like working with students during reading the most. I love hearing students’ questions during reading and working together to find the answers. My favourite question during reading this year so far was about what the word ‘catastrophe’ means. By the end of the conversation one of my students even managed to give an example of a catastrophe that he saw on the way to school that morning (a car accident).

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## Get to know Carla Evans..

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**What do you like most about school?** Learning about the students in my class.
Book Club Orders

A reminder to all students and parents to please submit their Book Club order with their full name, teacher’s name and correct money.

If any Book Club orders are submitted with insufficient details or not enough money, the order will be sent back to the student and they will miss out on it being processed.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our Community Helpers who so kindly offer their time and support to the College.

We will be holding a Community Helper Morning Tea on Friday 18th March to thank all our helpers and volunteers for their help this term.

Thank you to all our ‘helping hands’ for helping keep our school yard clean.

A reminder that Truganina College is a rubbish free school so please pick up any rubbish you see in the yard and continue to pack rubbish free lunch boxes.

Thank you!
The Evolution of Communication

This term Year 2 students embarked on a journey to learn how Aboriginal people communicated and traded with Message Sticks. Students considered how long communication via message stick to the office took compared to making a phone call, and how technology has changed over time. Here are some students’ reflections on their learning:

On Thursday the 3rd of March Room 14 and Room 11 did an activity. We had to pass the message stick and a bag of goodies all the way to Mrs O’Brien’s office. It took a long time to pass the stick and the bag of goodies. When it got to Mrs O’Brien’s office we traded the bag of goodies and Mrs O’Brien gave us four packets of snake lollies. We got one snake lolly each. I felt happy!

By Ayesha Khan

I learnt about message sticks. We passed a message stick to Mrs O’Brien’s office. We traded fruit and biscuits for lollies. It was slow and unreliable.

By Tanmayee Nanna

The message sticks are very slow. I met people and it was really fun.

By Nasteha Simmons.
A huge thank you to our community helpers who attended an information afternoon on 26\textsuperscript{th} February, to learn about how to help our students with reading in the classroom. This will greatly improve student success in reading and assist us towards outstanding student achievement. We look forward to having you read with the students in the classrooms!

We are always looking for extra volunteers to assist with a number of opportunities at our school 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 drive student learning.

Our new community helper room is set up and ready to go! Helpers can sign on the roster sheets when they are available to volunteer and sign in at the front office.
Active April

We are excited to get physically active this April as the school will be involved in the Premiers Active April Program. This is a free initiative to encourage people to do at least 30 minutes of exercise a day. Truganina College would like your help by adding to the schools activity tracker over April.

To do this please register on the Active April website (activeapril.vic.gov.au), all you need is an email. All participants will go in to the draw to win great prizes.

Once you have registered, you can register your whole family under one account. Don’t forget to join the school team by entering the following code in the team’s page once you log in:

**Team ID - truganina-p9-college**

- Step 1: Register Online at activeapril.vic.gov.au
- Step 2: Join the school team in the teams tab
Extra-Curricular Activities
Cricket Victoria Clinics

Over the last 4 weeks our grade 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 students have been involved in extra curricular cricket clinics. Tearan, Haseeb and Simon form Cricket Victoria have been helping our students develop cricket skills such as batting, bowling and fielding.

North Melbourne Football Club

North Melbourne Football Club visited our school earlier this year to run football clinics with our grade 4, 5 and 6’s.

As a promotion they are offering free restricted family memberships for Foundation student’s families (2 adults and up to 4 children).

If you are interested in a membership please see the General Office for an application form.
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!
Information Evenings

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended Truganina College’s Information Evenings last week. The nights were a great success and we had a lot of families show interest and attend. The feedback around the Information Evenings has been very positive and if you would like to see the slideshows from the evenings please visit the ‘Parents’ page on our school website. The slides can be found under ‘Whole School Notices & Forms’.

Sending money to school

A reminder to all parents when sending money to school with students, to please place the money in a zip lock bag or envelope to avoid money getting lost or misplaced when being sent from the classroom to the General Office. Please also label the zip lock bag or envelope with the student’s name and the purpose for the money. Thank you.
Congratulations to the following students who were the prize winners for the last newsletter’s Word Challenge and made an impressive amount of ‘ss’ words:

- Simra Fatimah from Miss Dutton’s class
- Manjot Kaur from Miss Kennedy’s class
- Prithvi Palkar from Mrs Workman’s class

Well done!

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Fundraising Parent Helpers

Truganina College is currently fundraising for a school playground and we are seeking any parent helpers who might be interested in helping the school with fundraising activities.

We run a range of fundraising events throughout the year and any assistance from parents is always very much appreciated.

Our fundraising barometer is displayed on our website and around the school. It shows our current total funds raised and any upcoming fundraising events. Please contact the General Office if you are interested in helping out.
## 2016 Upcoming Events and Important Dates

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Community Announcements

SUPER SATURDAY
19 MARCH 10am - 5pm

House & Land from $365,000*

ONE DAY ONLY LAND SALE!

- Premium location
  22km from CBD and ideally located between established homes and the prestigious Westbourne Grammar School.

- Easy access to a variety of education options
  Easy access to childcare, kindergartens, public and private schools.

- Build your dream home your way!
  A variety of lot sizes and flexible design guidelines to build the home of your choice.

- Deal direct with the Developer
  College Green is developed by experienced award winning developer, Central Equity Land

BE FIRST! NEW LAND RELEASE @ 10am

Inspect Land Sales & Information Centre:
340 SAYERS ROAD,
TRUGANINA, VIC 3029
Melways Ref: 203 B6

☎ 1800 235 263
collegegreen.com.au

Display also open: Mon - Fri: 10-5pm Sat & Sun: 11-5pm

* Until sold - as at 7/9/2016

Another Quality Community By
CENTRAL EQUITY
AWARD WINNING MELBOURNE DEVELOPER
Tales @ TSC

At TSC the students get to design their graduation jacket. The VCAL students designed the jacket that our Year 12's are proudly wearing throughout their final year of school.

Annie C and Ben N have been chosen to represent the Wyndham Future Leaders Project. They are heading to Kokoda in April to retrace the steps of the Australian Diggers. They are busy getting themselves 'trek ready'.
Community Announcements

Camp Australia School Holiday Program

Westbourne Grammar Truganina
300 Sayers Road Truganina VIC 3029
0419 889 818 (07:00–18:00)

Monday 28 March 2016

Jungle Quest
30% off with this code: JungleQuest30

Tuesday 29 March 2016

Puzzling Animals
3D Animal Puzzles - Today we’ll be the ones getting puzzled, building and decorating our own iconic animal puzzles.

Wednesday 30 March 2016

Lost Treasure
Make a Mandala - Create a hidden treasure inspired by the beautiful wild world around us.

Thursday 31 March 2016

Zoologist for a Day - Werribee Zoo
Werribee Zoo - Explorers ready? We’re off on an adventure to visit our favourite animals from the mighty jungle!

Friday 1 April 2016

Amazing Amazon
Ready for a Jungle Quest! - An awesomely WILD workshop full of fun games, imaginary exploration, adventure games, and music!

Monday 4 April 2016

Jungle Rumble
Make an erupting Volcano - Today we’re making the rumble to put in the jungle!

Tuesday 5 April 2016

Teach me your Jungle Ways
Basket Weaving - Learn the art of basket weaving and culture and language.

Wednesday 6 April 2016

Urban Jungle
At the Movies - Zoopedia - Join Judy Welcomes to the mammal metropolis!
Please arrive by 8:45am

Thursday 7 April 2016

Rocky Art
Make a Tie Dye T-shirt - inspired by RockStars of the Jungle, like our good friend George!

Friday 8 April 2016

Jewel of the Nile
There are so many special treasures hidden in the jungle. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.


Daily requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for fun and active and sunsmart day. An afternoon snack will be provided.
School Bell Times

8:35am  Classrooms Open
8:50 - 9:50 Session 1
9:50 - 10:50 Session 2
10:50 - 11:20 Recess
11:20 - 12:20 Session 3
12:20 - 1:20 Session 4
1:20 - 1:30 Eating Inside
1:30 - 2:00 Outside Play
2:00 - 3:00 Session 5
3:00pm  Home Time

2016 School Term Dates

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

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September

Term 4: 3 October to 20 December (Tuesday)

I have read my newsletter 😊

Student Name _________________________
Teacher Name _________________________
Parent Name ___________________________

CHALLENGE!!
How many words can you make ending in ed?

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

Return your slip to your teacher with as many words written, with 'ed' in them for your chance to win a prize!!

Slips must be returned by Wednesday 23rd March.
Winners announced Thursday 24th March.
Go For It!