Attitudes to School Survey – Year 5 & 6
Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School survey is an annual survey for Years 5 to 12 students offered by the Department of Education and Training. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's experience at school. Students in Year 5 and 6 will participate in this year’s survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time. We look forward to the results.

National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy
The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (Naplan) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Naplan tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers. Naplan assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. The best way you can help your child to prepare for Naplan is to reassure your child that Naplan tests are one part of their school program, and to encourage them to simply do the best they can on the day. All students are encouraged to participate in Naplan tests. The results provide another source of information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. Later on in the year you will receive your child’s personal report. If your child has a disability or has been learning English for less than one year please see Nicole O’Brien, Assistant Principal for special consideration. For more information about the tests go to www.nap.edu.au. A Naplan information pamphlet will be sent home to all families with children in Year 3 & 5. Any questions please contact Nicole O’Brien on 9368 9800.

Uniform Requirements
We have a lovely school uniform which helps to instil in the students a sense of pride and allows students to identify themselves as part of the Truganina College community. It also enables students to mix comfortably with their peers without feeling different (as well as being very warm and practical). It is an expectation that all students wear neat school uniform. All uniform pieces are available from Rushfords in Werribee. Other items such as winter skivvies can be purchased from local stores in the school colours. If you require more information about the uniform please contact Clare in the office or visit the school’s website www.truganinap9.vic.edu.au.

State Schools Relief (SSR)
If you need support to buy uniform please let Clare in the office or your child’s class teacher know as we can access State Schools Relief. This service has been operating since the 1930s and has helped thousands of children in Government primary and secondary colleges. The group assists with footwear and clothing after a request from the school. All requests are treated with respect and in confidence. SSR have released an app to help families buy and sell uniform pieces, see the Click to Sell iphone app http://www.ciksell.com/. All Victorian schools are registered. The app is easy to use.

Jenny Crowle and Nicole O’Brien
The Importance of Numeracy at Home

Numeracy is an important aspect of a child’s learning. It enables them to develop logical thinking and reasoning strategies in their daily life. We need numeracy to solve problems and make sense of time, numbers, patterns and shapes for activities like cooking, reading a map or bill, reading or following instructions and even playing sport.

You can assist your child building a positive attitude towards numeracy at home with fun activities on the iPad or even everyday activities.

Activities you can do at home:

- Play I Spy or other games to identify shapes.
- Make patterns using coloured pegs, blocks, beads or cutlery.
- Take your child grocery shopping. Allow them to write down and compare grocery prices.
- Cooking in the kitchen is a great way for children to learn measuring skills and use vocabulary such as litres, millilitres and grams.
- Take public transport with your children and encourage them to read the timetable and plan your day.
- Find numbers in the newspaper, in digits and in words. Cut the numbers out and put them in order from smallest number to largest number.
- Ask real life questions relating to fractions such as; Can you cut an apple into to six equal pieces? What fraction of the glass is filled with water?
- Try the number puzzles such as Sudoku, in the puzzle section of the newspaper. Make this part of your families routine.

More information can be found at
http://education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy/

Jessie Patterson
Leader of Mathematics
How Many Shapes Can You Spy At Home?

... shapes images...

Learning Community 4 Assembly
Mrs. Workman, Miss. Abela and Miss. Patterson’s Classes

We would like to inform all families that our school will be holding our first grade 4, 5 & 6 assembly on Friday 29th May at 9.00am. The assembly will take place in front of the 4, 5 & 6 classrooms in Learning Community 4.

During this assembly Ms Joanne Ryan MP, Federal Member for Lalor will be presenting us with Aboriginal and Australian flags for our school. We hope to see you there!

Gary, Manav & Raidah
Student Leaders of Truganina P-9 College
Last week we wrote a persuasive piece about why our mum is the best. Our success criteria included writing one reason why our mum is the best, drawing a picture of our mum and using Five Star Writing.

Five Star Writing is when our writing has a capital letter at the start of our sentence, a full stop at the end of our sentence, finger spaces, our handwriting is neat and our sentence makes sense.

Here are some excellent examples of why our mum’s are the best!

- My mum is the best because she helps me clean up the house. – Ashley
- My mum is the best because when I am sad she takes me to the park. – Alexis
- My mum is the best because she takes me to Tickity Boo. – Ilyas
- My mum is the best because she is always happy. – Love
- My mum is the best because she helps me clean my room. – Muhammed Taha
Learning Community 1
Room 1 - Miss Ticehurst

My mum is the best because she kisses me when I go to school. – **Soha**
My mum is the best because she takes me to the shops. – **Asad**
My mum is the best because she helps me with my homework. – **Yumeth**
My mum is the best because she helps me. – **Takdir**
My mum is the best because she takes me to the beach. – **Tay**
My mum is the best because she gives me a big hug and kiss. – **Eshan**
My mum is the best because she gives me one big hug. – **Zoha**
My mum is the best because she feds me and she buys me toys. – **Sri Ananya**
My mum is the best because she helps me all the time. – **Jasleen**
My mum is the best because she cleans up the house. – **Sameera**
My mum is the best because she helps me with my homework. – **Omar**
My mum is the best because she gives me a hug. – **Ela**
My mum is the best because she helps me to put on my clothes. – **Tript**
My mum is the best because she takes me to the toy shop and donut shop. – **Augie**
My mum is the best because she always gives me Macca’s toys. – **Chris**
My mum is the best because she is beautiful. – **Sarah**
My mum is the best because she takes me to the park. – **Nvtej**
My mum is the best because she puts me to bed. – **Dhruv**
My mum is the best because when I got to sleep she gives me big kisses. – **Phoenix**
As leaders of our school it is our job to keep our school and community clean. Sometimes at lunch we go to the front of our school and clean up some of the rubbish there. When we are cleaning the rubbish, we find a lot of things that are harmful for the plants and animals. A piece of rubbish that is thrown just in front of our school can end up in a forest or a lake, where animals can eat it and die.

We would like to ask all parents to make sure all rubbish before and after school is put in a bin or taken home and nothing is left on the ground. This way, we can have a healthier, greener school and planet.

Raidah, Gary and Manav
Student Leaders
Of Truganina College
The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic, in everyday situations. Until children are about 10 or 11 years of age they do not have the necessary skills and physical abilities to be safe on their own which is why providing supervised practice is important.

This is Jackie. Jackie will be at our school crossing on Brigalow Drive every morning and afternoon to assist in the development of road safety at Truganina College. Please say hello to Jackie and listen to her instructions as she helps you cross the road safely before and after school.
Whole Body Listening Competition  
~An Update~

These are just a few of the entries into our Whole Body Listening Poster Design. All posters will be on display in our library. Winners will be announced in the next Newsletter.  
Thank you to all who have entered!
School Banking

School Banking at Truganina P-9 College

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program will soon be arriving at our school!

To enable us to manage this program we are looking for 2-3 volunteer parents who can spare an hour a week to collect the bank books, count the deposits, input into a simple online system and drop a quick cash bag off at any Commonwealth Bank the same or next day.

This would all take place during school hours and on the school premises.

Full training and support is provided by The Commonwealth Bank.

If you are interested in this opportunity please contact either the school office and leave your details or contact our Commonwealth Bank School Banking Specialist: Susan Brailsford on 0422 116 040 / susan.brailsford@cba.com.au

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS:

Students bring their banking into school every week along with a small amount of money (5c is all it takes to bank each week at school)

This program teaches the students how to take responsibility for their own savings and also rewards them for their healthy savings behaviour.

In return for their deposit each week into their very own Youth Saver account they will receive a TOKEN

Once the students collect 10 tokens (10 weeks banking) they redeem at school for a cool reward –

The 2015 rewards are “Space” themed and are pictured above.

If your child doesn’t have an account or a deposit book you can call into any Commonwealth Bank to open one up, just ask for a YOUTHSAVER ACCOUNT.
More information will be sent home very soon about our first fundraising event at Truganina College.

All funds raised from our first fundraising event, which is a Cadbury Chocolate Drive will go towards purchasing play equipment for our students.
Important Dates
***Please Add To Your Calendar!***

Thursday 21st May
Curriculum Day

Friday 22nd May
Curriculum Day

Monday 25th May
Book Fair Begins

Friday 29th May
Learning Community 4 Assembly
Book Fair Ends

Wednesday 17th June
School Photos
Please tick one box and return to your classroom teacher.

( ) I have an iPad for school
( ) I am going to purchase an iPad soon.
( ) I would like information about purchasing an iPad.
( ) I would like to talk to someone about financial support to purchase an iPad.

Student Name
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Teacher Name
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Parent Name
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I have read my newsletter 😊