Reading Every Day - At Home and At School

Students have been very enthusiastic to share their reading skills with many volunteers who have been visiting our school. Volunteers have been recording comments in student planners to celebrate the fantastic reading that is happening both at home and at school. You may find that a ‘next step’ for your child’s reading has also been written into the student planner. It is always important to be mindful of the next step or further strategies to enhance reading skills with all of our students.

Professional Learning

The staff at Truganina College have continued to show their passion for learning and have been involved in some very powerful, engaging and meaningful professional learning. Both myself and Jenny attended the Successful Schools Conference at Etihad Stadium. Here we were involved in learning about Professional Learning Communities, Vocabulary, Coaching for Effective Teaching and Critical Habits of Transformational Leaders. We were very fortunate to listen to a speech delivered by the Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon. James Merlino MP.

BYOD - iPads at School

Our eLearning Leader, Courtney Hodgson has created a Responsible Digital Citizen Rubric to be used by school and at home with families as part of the BYO iPad Program at Truganina College. This rubric consists of expected behaviours responsible digital citizens demonstrate every day. Some examples of responsible digital citizenship include: having my iPad charged and ready for learning, having the permission of others to take photographs, keeping passwords private. This comprehensive document will be further developed by staff, used in every classroom and sent home to communicate our expectations around making our digital pathways at Truganina College a successful one.
Professional Learning (continued…)
Our staff have recently completed two curriculum days which involved professional learning about Vocabulary: Fundamental to Achievement, as well as how to provide effective feedback which enhances student outcomes. The staff are keen to take their new learning and demonstrate new ideas and strategies with the students in their classrooms.

Gardening No Dig Garden Box
Congratulations to our Science teacher Mr. Wilson on his successful entry for the No Dig Gardening Box grant application. According to Wyndham Council “We received many entries to this program and the judging panel had a difficult task deciding on allocating the 25 boxes. It is with great excitement that we inform you that your entry was successful. Congratulations.”

Stewart attended a workshop on Saturday 9th May at The Shoestring Learner Garden, at the rear of Eco Living Centre 28 Ridge Drive Wyndham Vale. The no dig garden kit comprises of a 120 x 120 x 31cm ACQ treated pine raised garden bed, box of coffee grinds, 3 bags of soil mix and fertilizer, lucerne, straw, plants and seeds.  

Well done Mr Wilson! We are looking forward to seeing the Garden Box in full action!

Jenny Crowle and Nicole O’Brien

The Book Fair is here!
Come into the library after school with your family to browse and purchase books for your at home reading.

There are so many wonderful books to choose from!
Hope to see you there!
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund

This article was taken from the Department of Education and Training website. If you wish to apply, please contact Helen Salmond in the front office on 9368 9800.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

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. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
What is Mathletics?

Mathletics is an Australian program which aims to help every student improve their own math skills and knowledge. It is an online, interactive, e-learning resource that allows the students to practice skills at their own level and their own pace. Mathletics challenges students in all areas of math through a game environment and allows them to select the level of difficulty of the tasks.

Students can personalise their own profile within the program, monitor the number of activities completed and see the ones that they have yet to master. Efforts of the students are recognised and rewarded through online certificates and credits.

Classroom teachers are able to manage the content and monitor the progress of all the students within their own class. They can use this information to identify the strengths and weaknesses of each of their students.

Where do I find Mathletics?

www.mathletics.com.au
EXCITING NEWS!
MATHLETICS IS HERE!!

Students will be given a user name and password which will be pasted into their student planners. At this stage, Mathletics will be used as a learning tool at home.

If you have any questions/comments regarding Mathletics, please speak to your child’s classroom teacher.

Along with families, we are looking forward to celebrating the successes of all our Mathematicians.

More Exciting Maths News!

Australian Mathematics Competition

On July 30th, fourteen year 5 and 6 students will be participating in the Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC). The AMC is an internationally recognised event with more than 40 countries participating every year. The AMC further extends and challenges students' problem solving knowledge, which is a valuable life skill. Students will answer 30 questions, which are designed to be fun during the 60 minute competition. There will also be training sessions in the library to help the students prepare for the mathematics contest. Every student who takes part will receive a certificate for their participation. We are looking forward to seeing the students trying their best and challenging their mathematical knowledge and thinking skills.

Jessie Patterson
Leader of Mathematics
Our Inquiry topic for Term 2 has been about rules and laws. We have learnt about what a rule and law is, discussed examples, formed our examples, identified what happens if they are not followed and are determining who makes rules and laws in Australia.

Here is a learning experience that we completed to improve our understanding of rules and laws in Australia.

**Learning Intention**

To understand the importance of rules in our lives.

**Success Criteria**

- I can identify the rules.
- I can describe the rules.
- I can explain the impact the rules have on us.

Here are some examples of rules we know and why it is important to know about them

**Stick to the speed limit (Farhan, Rohanijan, Simraj and Baruk)**

- Can cause a crash if speeding
- Will get a fine or lose your license
Stay in the school grounds (Evergreen, Amal, Rophe and Patience)

- If you run out of the gate, you may get kidnapped
- Mr. McKenna, Mrs. O’Brien and Mrs. Crowle will be very angry
  - Your parents will be called
  - You may not be allowed outside at recess and lunch

No dogs in school (L’amour, Maryam and Ayesha)

- They can damage the school
- They can hurt students, teachers and parents
- Can be fined or not allowed at school again

No smoking at school (Sarah, Ali, Daweit and Nyankor)

- Harmful to students
- Might make the school messy with rubbish
- Can be fined or not allowed at school again

No smoking on public transport (Kelsall, Crish, Sebastian and Nate)

- Other people could suffocate because the smoke will fill up the area.
School Council Report

Welcome to the second School Council Report. 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 school, you and your children.

Your school council is currently made up of:

- Jenny Crowle (Principal)
- Nicole O’Brien (Vice Principal)
- Helen Salmond (Business Manager)
- Marilyn Jefferies (School Council President)
- MD Moniruzzaman Khan (Vice President)
- Rachel Jones (Treasurer)
- Pamela Wooding

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.

Some of the main features from the recent School Council Meeting were:

- A draft of the strategic plan goals
- An update on the BYOD (Bring your own device) program
- NAPLAN – National assessment program literacy and numeracy
- The approval of two upcoming curriculum days – Thursday May 21st and Friday May 22nd

As per school council guidelines, we endorsed the School Electronic Funds and Management policy and the Parent Payments policy.

It was also agreed that there would be an upcoming fundraiser to contribute to the cost of purchasing and installing playground equipment.

We also discussed the Victorian Government’s Vision for Languages program. The Victorian Government has made a long-term commitment to revolutionise languages education in Victorian schools, which includes a commitment to introduce compulsory languages education for all government school students from Prep to Year 10 by 2025. Further information can be found at the Department of Education and Training website -


School Council will meet next on Monday 25th May. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Please consider joining us to help make a worthwhile contribution to the school.

Rachel Jones - School Councillor
Arriving and Departing Safely At School

The best way for children to learn to be safe on the roads is under your guidance, in real traffic and in everyday situations. Below are some useful tips to remember when arriving and departing from school safely.

It is important that parents park legally to provide a safer environment for children. Always remember to obey the road signs.

Double parking restricts the view of drivers, forces children onto the road and obstructs the flow of traffic.

Parking within 20 metres before a designated school crossing or 10 metres after is illegal.

Meet your child at the school gate to avoid your child dashing across the road.
We would like to invite parents and families of the students in Learning Community 1 to a special musical performance.

The Foundation students have been learning and practicing two songs to perform especially for you.

Join us on Friday 19th June in Learning Community 5 at 2:30pm.

This special event is one not to be missed! We hope to see you there 😊
Whole Body Listening
Competition Winners!

Thank you to all who entered 😊
If your name is below, please see Clare in the front office to collect your prize!!

William Cheng
Sheetal Khindria
Akshraj Singh
Aanya Jani
Freya Patel
Elyszah Shayne
Rohit Panjwani
Fundraising Events

Thank you to all families who have been returning the money they have collected from fundraising.

If you require another box to sell, please see a staff member in the front office.

Please remember to have all fundraising money returned to school by:

Friday 5th June
Important Dates
***Please Add To Your Calendar!***

Monday 25th May
Book Fair Begins

Tuesday 26th May
The Library will be open from 3:00 - 3:30pm for families to browse and purchase from the Book Fair.

Wednesday 27th May
The Library will be open from 3:00 - 3:30pm for families to browse and purchase from the Book Fair.

Thursday 28th May
The Library will be open from 3:00 - 3:30pm for families to browse and purchase from the Book Fair.

Friday 29th May
Learning Community 4 Assembly @ 9:00am
Book Fair Ends

Friday 5th June
All fundraising boxes and money returned to school.

Tuesday 16th June
School Banking - Opening Accounts

Wednesday 17th June
School Photos
School Banking

Commonwealth Bank School Banking

Dear Families,

Would you like your child to be part of our exciting School Banking Program?

We are holding an Account Opening Session at school on:
Tuesday 16th June
8.45am – 9.30am
11.30am – 12.15pm
2.15pm – 3pm

Please come along at one of those times, bring your photo I.D (NO I.D required for children attending school) and our representative from The Commonwealth Bank will do the rest!

Once you have opened up your child’s account they can start banking at school every week and start collecting tokens to redeem for really cool rewards!

Any questions – feel free to contact our School Banking Specialist from The Commonwealth Bank;

Susan Brailsford
0422 116 040
susan.brailsford@cba.com.au
I have read my newsletter 😊

Student Name _________________________
Teacher Name _________________________
Parent Name ___________________________

A little challenge - Can you find all the words?

ART, BINDER, COMPUTER, ENGLISH, ERASER, FOLDER, GYM, HISTORY, LUNCH, MARKER, MATH, MUSIC, PAPER, PEN, PENCIL, READING, RULER, SCIENCE

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