Are you reading every night at home?

Reading at Home
Reading at home is an important part of learning. All students are expected to read every night and record this reading in their Home Reading Diary or Student Planner. Is your child reading every night at home?

Transition
The transition program for the 2016 Foundation students has been progressing smoothly. The students have been attending school for one hour a week over a four week period. During this time, Nicole O’Brien has been running parent information sessions for families to gain an understanding about teaching and learning at Truganina College and best ways to support their child in beginning school. The City of Wyndham hosted a preschool/school transition afternoon where 2016 Foundation student’s transition statements were shared in preparation for 2016. Nicole O’Brien attended and collected valuable information on each student to ensure their movement to school goes well.

Edval
Assistant principal Steven Trotter attended the second day of the Edval training. Edval is the timetabling package we will use as the school grows across the primary and secondary areas. Steven has used the system to complete early drafts of the 2016 time table.

Bastow Leadership Program
The Create program for Katie Abela, Debbie Workman & Kylie Ticehurst has two more days of professional learning in 2015. This professional learning has a strong focus on working with colleagues to improve student learning priorities at our school through the development of staff capacity as leaders. This month Principal, Jenny Crowle has met with each staff member to discuss their professional readings, project and progress to date.

Student Wellbeing
The staff have had two professional learning sessions with Paul Deakin (Visiting Teacher Service) as we work on a consistent whole school approach to student wellbeing. Paul Deakin presented information on: children’s individual characteristics, purposes of behavior, positive reinforcement and behavior, verbal strategies, relationships, hierarchy of consequences, negative consequences, 1, 2, 3 Magic and phases of escalating behavior. The staff found this professional learning highly engaging and have applied some of this new learning in their classrooms.
Principal’s Report (continued..)

Recent events in Paris

Children and young people will have seen and heard about the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris on Friday 13th November 2015. The authorities in France and countries around the world will help to support the people who have been impacted by this event.

Children often worry and know more than we realise. Adults may assume that children are doing okay if they don’t talk or ask questions about what has happened. Sometimes they have questions they may not ask unless we provide the opportunity.

Most children and young people will experience normal reactions to something that is distressing and with support from trusted adults around them these reactions will subside. Routines are important when an event like this occurs. School can be very useful to support all children and young people. Remember sometimes teachers and parents feel like we don’t have the answers. It is helpful to remind children and ourselves that there are people working hard to make the current situation better.

A range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing.
- Reassure children that they are safe.
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared).
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness.
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place.
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise.
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents’ reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.

This information was prepared by the Emergency Management Division, Department of Education and Training. November 2015

Jenny Crowle, Nicole O’Brien and Steven Trotter
Our Excursion to CERES

“I felt so happy and it was fun.”
- Takdir

“On Monday we went to CERES to learn to recycle, reuse, reduce and keep the world healthy.”
- Tript

“First we went on a bus. Next we made paper and we felt different paper. After that we had our snack and I had Christmas tree biscuits.”
- Tay
Learning Intention
We are learning how to correctly sequence a recount using key words.

Success Criteria
I know I am successful when I have:
- Included the Who, What, Where, When.
- Used Key words.
- Used 5 Star Writing (full stops, capital letter, makes sense, neat handwriting, finger spaces).
- Correctly used words from the brainstorm and the classroom environment.
- I have put the main events in the correct order.

“On Monday we went on an excursion. First we went on the bus. Next we looked at animal poo that makes paper. Then we went back on the bus.”

Ilyas
Reminder - Parent/Teacher Interviews

All staff have been working on assessing learning tasks completed by students throughout term three and four. These learning tasks and other student learning data are used towards completing your child’s written school reports.

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on
Thursday 10th December
from 12:00pm – 7pm

We will again be encouraging families to book interview times using Compass School Manager. Bookings will open on Monday 9th November for Parent/Teacher Interviews and will close at midday on Monday 30th November.

If families have already logged in to use this service, you will use the same username and the password you created upon initial login.

Those families new to our school or who have yet to log in will have their login details sent home shortly, as well as information on how to book your interview time using Compass School Manager. You can also find this document on our school website under the “Compass” tab.

Courtney Hodgson - eLearning Leader
Canteen Reminder

Can you please support our canteen by:

Ordering your lunch using a brown paper bag

Providing the correct change where possible

Please provide your child with small change to spend at recess time and the correct money in the brown paper bag when ordering lunches.

Thank you for your ongoing support.
We are excited to offer Truganina College’s inaugural Year Book.

This 32 page celebration of 2015 will feature a double page from each class including some highlights from the year and photos of the students.

Some families have already paid for a copy and already there are a number of families that have expressed interest in purchasing one.

If you are unsure if you have pre-paid for a copy please ask Clare in the office.

There are limited copies being printed so if you are interested please pay Clare in the office to secure your book.

Cost: $15.00

Final day to purchase a copy: Friday 27/11/15

All purchased Year Books will be available for collection at the end of the 2015 school year.
Money raised for Truganina P-9 College Playground
10/11/2015

Target $30,000

Current Total $10,500

Parents of Harjoban Singh $250
Parents of Manraj Singh Toor $100

$10,150 in donations
Lost Property

A friendly reminder to please label your:

Hat
Lunch box
Water bottle
Jumpers
School Bags
T Shirts

Any lost property which has not been claimed by the end of the school year will be recycled as spare clothing next year. Please come and have a look to see if anything belongs to you 😊

Did you know we sell school hats at school?
Yes, we do!

School hats available to purchase for $14.00
Book Fair is Here!!!!!!!

16th - 20th November
3:00pm Everyday!
See you there 😊
Enrolments now open

Truganina College is now accepting applications for:

Foundation to Year 6 in 2015 &
Foundation to Year 7 in 2016

Any enquiries contact the office on 9368 9800

**Book Now**

School Tours with the Principal, Mrs Jenny Crowle
Are every Wednesday at 9:30am.
Please call to confirm your booking.
I have read my newsletter 😊

Student Name _________________________
Teacher Name _________________________
Parent Name ___________________________

CHALLENGE!!
How many words can you make which have oo in them?

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

Slips must be returned by Friday 20th November!

Go For It!