Education State

On Monday 14 September, the Victorian Government announced a series of landmark reforms to build and define Victoria as the Education State. The announcements included a focus on strong school leadership, better teaching, more collaboration between teachers and schools and resources targeted at student need. Next year all government schools, including ours, will receive extra needs-based funding to better respond to every student's needs. You can find out how much extra funding every government school will receive next year on the Find Your School's Equity Funding Amount website: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/educationstate/Pages/schoolbudget.aspx

Our teachers will receive training to implement the new Victorian Curriculum, which will include new subjects like digital coding and respectful relationships. The government also set new state-wide education targets – goals for our students in the areas of maths, reading, science, the arts, resilience and critical and creative thinking.

This is an exciting time for Victorian schools, and these new initiatives will inform our planning for 2016. We encourage you to visit the Department's website to find out more about the Education State initiatives: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationstate.

The Wonderful World of Science

Do you remember in February 2015 we had The Age come out to our school and write an amazing article about our fabulous Science program? In this article the Education Minister James Merlino said students who studied Science from an early age developed a strong foundation to continue studying Science into secondary school and beyond.

"In today's fast changing world we need to ensure Science is at the forefront of education and is central to what our kids are learning – not just for those who want a career in Science but for everyone living in an increasingly technological world. And that means starting Science education early."

The full article is on the school's website. - http://truganinap9.vic.edu.au/in-the-media/

As you know, our Science teacher, Mr Wilson is passionate about our Science program and he states, "It's pretty exciting to do experiments with the kids and see them try to figure it out. They have a hypothesis and try to find evidence to back it up. Science is all around us and you can use it to explain everyday things. It helps explain how the world works."

As Truganina College plans for 2016 and beyond, we do so with a commitment to the expansion and strengthening of our Science program. When stage two of our school opens in July 2016 a brand new Science laboratory will provide modern facilities to support the scientific work our students are doing. Our strong recruitment of new staff for 2016 will also add further expertise in this important area of Science to support the wonderful work of Mr Wilson.

Jenny Crowle, Nicole O'Brien and Steven Trotter
This year has seen year 4 grow, develop and learn many new things. Some of our learnings have been...

Why Aaron Blabey wrote his books – He based them on his experiences and every book has a message (Angie)

Fractions – converting mixed fractions to improper and back again (Sanchita)

The importance of and how to use OREO in persuasive writing (Noah)

Developing information reports about Dugongs. (Diesel)

Think, be independent and successful (Ajok)

About nouns and noun groups for example the noun group describes they noun (Jessie)

Ways to keep the environment healthy clean, sustainable and not make pollution. One of the ways to do this is to not cut down trees (Priysha)

How to multiply multi digit multiplication (3 x 2 digit) (Flynn)

How to turn a decimal into a fraction and back again (Bailey).
Learning Community 4
Mrs Workman’s Class

To use the anchor charts and word wall to help us with our learning (Taye)

How to revise my writing to improve it (Bibek)

Understand the difference in text structures - fiction and non fiction and what makes them different (Hilal)

The difference between rules and laws (Iman)

The importance of our times tables and how it relates to so many things (Fildaus)

I have learnt about friendship: be respectful, help others and be happy (Stephen)

How the Government helps the community (Bhupali)

How to chunk and stretch the sounds of unknown words (Tiana)

When writing persuasively you can use rhetorical questions to strengthen your arguments (Victor)

How to make connections to the text, self and the world (Esha)

How to take a reader on a journey when writing a narrative by using noun groups, adjectives and figurative language (Paarth)

Why the first fleet came to Australia (Lara)
Whole School Transition

On Tuesday 1st December, Truganina College completed the first official whole school transition morning.

We had our 2016 Foundation Students who are currently in Kindergarten attend the day, as well as the new families who are joining us in years 1 - 6.

The new teachers who are joining Truganina College in 2016 worked with their classes and completed learning experiences with the students.

Miss Abela and Ms Sawyer took some photographs of classes making webs of interesting facts about each other.
Whole School Transition

The year 7s will have their transition day on Tuesday 8th December. During this day the students will receive information about learning, learning spaces, school wide expectations and leadership opportunities.

Students will work with some of their teachers for 2016 and complete learning experiences in a variety of curriculum areas, as well as begin to establish all important relationships and connectedness with staff and peers.

Transition is an important part of schooling, valued by students, staff and the school community at Truganina College. Thank you to everyone for making the 2015 transition program a successful one.
Extra Curricula Sport Incursion

Please wear your PE uniform on Thursday 10th December!

Truganina College is participating in a special extra curricula sport incursion on Thursday 10th December.

There is no cost to families involved.

Sports included on this day are obstacle courses, ball games, skipping, team sports and more.

Remember your hat and water bottle!
Important Safety Information

Wyndham Highway Patrol visited our school this week to inform our school community they will be closely monitoring traffic behaviours at our college.

They have advised that $91 parking tickets will be issued to anyone parked illegally.
Reminder - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on:

Thursday 10th December

from 12:00pm – 7pm

Please contact the school office or your classroom teacher if you have not made an appointment.
Thank You Everyone!

Thank you to all families for using brown paper bags and sending the correct change to the canteen for lunch orders.

Your support is very much appreciated.
2015 Year Book

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

Please ask at the Front Office if you are interested in a copy 😊

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
Community Craft Market

Wednesday 9th December
2:30pm - 6:00pm

Sausage Sizzle
Candles
Homemade Cards
Cakes
Biscuits
Jewellery
and more!!!
School Community Event

Christmas Raffle

Tickets are $2.00 each
Raffle will be drawn Wednesday 16th December

Automatic Lolly Dispenser
Crayola Pack
Toy Gift Baskets
Gift Pack from Gloria Jeans
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.
Congratulations to Apoorva
from Ms Saffin’s Grade for winning last week! We hope you enjoy your prize 😊

CHALLENGE!!
How many words can you make which have ‘ee’ in them?

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

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

Slips must be returned by Friday 11th November!