Welcome to the second School Council Report for this year. We hope you are enjoying reading our reports and continuing to discover more about the role we undertake as the major governing body of the school.

As members of your School Council, our function is to establish the broad direction and vision of the school and to respectfully promote this within the wider community through transparent processes underpinned with clear and honest two-way communication. Our responsibilities include; democratic, informed decision making such as, participating in the development and monitoring of the School Strategic Plan and working with the school to develop, review and update policies.

We also raise funds to support school initiatives and programs, monitor expenditure and approve the annual budget. Other responsibilities can include; representing the views of the school community and making sure the school grounds and buildings are maintained.

**School council is made up of three categories of membership:**

- Parent members
- DET employee members (staff)
- Community (co-opted) members (optional)

Terms, rights and responsibilities of community members are the same as those of elected councillors.

Our meeting this month commenced with Chelsea Buttigieg and Basma Ahmad’s enthusiastic, honest and utterly delightful report on the Year 7 camp. Both students explained how they felt a little nervous prior to departure but these feelings were soon put to rest by the wonderful experiences they had at camp. Even the rain on the first evening didn’t dampen their spirits. Undertaking new adventures, making new friends and trying different foods featured highly in their reports. They are now true advocates for camps and are very keen to enlighten others of the many, many benefits associated with this important aspect of our School Curriculum.

**Below are some of the main points from our March 21st meeting:**

- The School Council Standing Orders and Code of Conduct was reviewed and endorsed for 2016 as was the Annual Implementation Plan for School Improvement Plan.
- Community helper’s information afternoon ~ very successful. About 20 new volunteers ~ already in classrooms hearing students read.
- Curriculum Days ~ May 19th and 20th. August 15th. ~ Professional Learning is extremely beneficial as it ensures consistency in approach across the College.
- Information Evenings ~ very informative. If you were unable to attend you can access the information shared on the “Parents” page on our school website. The slides can be found under, ‘Whole School Notices & Forms’.
- The REAP Project (Realising the Potential of Australia’s High Capacity Students) ~ This exciting Middle Year’s project for students in Years 4 – 7 is being led by Steven Totter.
- Draft Strategic Plan goal (student engagement and wellbeing) ~ to achieve results, that are above the state average, in student engagement, connectedness to school and student attendance.
- Framework for Student Wellbeing ~ 3 year plan ~ work is nearing completion on the research phase. Year 6 and 7 students are currently completing applications for student leadership positions. Leaders will attend next Council meeting.
- Extra - curricular activities ~ very popular with students. In addition to these; during April, the school will be involved in the Premier’s Active Program which encourages everyone to do at least 30 minutes of exercise per day. See newsletter for more information on how you can register and help.
- Clearwood Drive update ~ positive news ~ the developer has agreed to commence works. Congratulations to all who have persisted with this ongoing and arduous task.

A sincere thank you was extended to retiring School Councillors Pamela Wooding and Moni Khan who have made high level contributions in the establishment of Truganina College’s first School Council.
As per School Council guidelines, the 2015 positions were absolved and the meeting closed. Principal, Jenny Crowle opened and chaired the next meeting extending a very warm welcome to the new 2016 School Councillors, (parent members) Jagruti Dave and Sahar Amjad. A motion was passed to Co-Opt Marilyn Jefferies (2015 School Council President) as the Community Member to School Council. Marilyn was re-elected as President and Rachel Jones re-elected as Treasurer.

The next School Council meeting will be held in the Staff room on Monday, May 16th at 6.00pm. Our meetings generally last about an hour and a half which still allows for a relatively early night. We look forward to seeing you there.

Pamela Wooding - School Councillor.