School Council met recently on Monday 6th June. This school council report will reflect some of the agenda items that were discussed at the meeting.

Firstly a huge congratulations to Jagruti Dave who was nominated and accepted as the 2016 Vice President of School Council. This role is an extremely important one and Jagruti will work very closely with myself as School Council President.

We discussed the attendance data at Truganina College, highlighting that the staff and community here make every day count. It is important for learning that students are at the College every day. The Truganina College target for 2016 is for students to have an average absence of 15 days or less. The content covered every day is continually built upon across the days, weeks and years at school. By the end of each year level, students are expected to know, understand and apply a whole range of skills. This is why it is critical for students to be at school every single day.

Steven Trotter reported that on Friday 20th May, the HAST Assessment was conducted at Truganina College. We had 24 students participate in the Scholarship Assessments from Year 6 and 7. Approximately 25% of the students who attended came from different Primary Schools and will be attending Truganina College as Year 7s in 2017. Once results are finalised, families will be notified about the successful scholarship candidates.

Jenny Crowle reported the results of the Truganina College Occupational Health Safety Audit. This thorough process was a great opportunity to see how we are tracking against the expected standards and to create a baseline for continual improvement. A sincere thank you to the staff team especially Helen Salmond, Kirstin Sawyer, Colin Muir, Brian Grobblear, Hayley Giarrusso and Clare Najdovski. The full report was provided to School Council for endorsement. Our overall compliance score was 92%.

Truganina College has continued its successful fundraising events. The Mother’s Day Stall raised $975.70, thank you to all families and the community for supporting this event. Currently, the fundraising from the Chocolate Drive is $4199.40. Please continue to support Truganina College’s fundraising by returning your chocolate box and monies raised. We have recently received donations towards our Playground, bringing our total for the Playground Fundraising to $20,913.32.

School Council would like to acknowledge the contribution to teaching and learning at Truganina College being made by Literacy Consultant, Terri Campbell. Terri is working with the Curriculum Action Team from 7:30am – 8:30am with a focus on Vocabulary. Terri then spends from 8:30am – 5:00pm modelling best practice in classrooms and how to engage students to develop their vocabulary with reading, writing, listening and speaking. We look forward to hearing more about Terri’s work with teachers and students.

Marilyn Jefferies - School Council President