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Truganina Times



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Welcome back for 2019!

On behalf of the Staff and the School Council President; Mrs Jagruti Dave, we would like to extend a very warm welcome to each member of our college community as we start the super exciting 2019 academic year. This year is full of targeted learning. There is a very clear focus on improving student's results in literacy and numeracy. This is complemented by a range of wonderful extracurricular activities, including but not limited to; enrichment programs, instrumental music lessons, outdoor education programs - including school camps and Student Success Club.

The College will continue to build strong links with our community to improve student learning outcomes.

Our newsletters are a wonderful way to communicate and share what is happening in the life of the college. The newsletter comes home with the eldest child in the family every second Wednesday. Wednesday is our *note day* and as much as possible this is the day you will receive notes from us - so please ask your child about the newsletter and the notes. It would be wonderful if families could read through the newsletter with their children. This first edition is a short welcome. Future editions will be jam packed with information needed around the best learning for your children with pictures and competitions for the students.

All students will bring home a student planner/diary. This planner/diary goes home each night and comes back to the college each day. It is checked by the staff each day. If families need to let the staff know something, writing it in the planner/diary is a great way to do so.

Other methods families could use to contact the staff are to call the office on 9368 9800 and make an appointment. For quick matters, a brief chat with the class teachers for primary or year level coordinators or home room teachers for the secondary students at pick up or drop off times may assist.

Each area of the college has a Principal Class Officer who works very closely with the Teaching and Learning Leaders and all staff and students. The Principal Class Officers are responsible and accountable for each student's learning.

Mrs Nicole O'Brien is the College Director of Teaching and Learning Excellence, whilst also working directly with the Year 7 area. Mrs O'Brien will work closely with the Principal Class Team and Families to ensure the best outcomes for each and every student. Mrs Helene Refuerzo is Campus Principal for the Secondary area of the College (Years 7-9) and will work closely with all staff, families and students.

Principal Class Officers for 2019 in class order are:

Ms Sarah Dalton: Foundation and Year 1 area,

Ms Lisa Foster: Year 1 -2 area,

Ms Vanitha Sujith: Year 3 -4 area,

Ms Justine Ryan: Year 5-6 area and

Mrs Helene Refuerzo: Year 7-9 area.

These senior staff would be very pleased to speak with you about your child. They can also be contacted through the college office or as you see them in your child's classroom.

In this our fifth year, the college continues to develop and grow a culture of learning and wellbeing for all students. In 2016 the school logo was formalised. This logo symbolises what the school stands for – *Many people at all different ages and stages taking different paths to learn and make a worthwhile contribution to this great world we live in.* This belief underpins all that we do at the College. Our unrelenting focus on learning growth for each and every student is at the centre of all decisions we make. We are always asking questions such as- *How will this improve the learning outcomes for this student?*

In 2019, we have recruited strongly and over coming newsletters will provide a full staff list and tell you a little more about each new staff member.

In February 2019, all staff are completing learning assessments on each student. For students who started with us in previous years, we are looking for more than one year's learning growth per year. If students have special needs then we are looking for growth against the goals set in their individual learning plans.

For all students new to the school in 2019 we are completing learning assessments to ensure that we have very clear base line data so as to monitor each student's progress. The assessments we complete assess reading, decoding – (working out the words) & comprehension, writing, speaking & listening, mathematics and all subject areas. The college follows a thorough assessment schedule to make sure we know every student's learning needs.

Teachers and staff then plan learning experiences which focus on the next step for every child. Sometimes families' worry that learning may be too hard or too easy for their child. With such comprehensive assessments being completed this is unlikely. The teachers and staff know exactly where your child is up to with their learning. They then plan the learning experiences to consolidate learning, to address any misconceptions or to extend learning by providing an experience that the student can complete with support and then gradually remove this support as the student becomes more able.

Our very best wishes are extended to every family. We look forward to hearing from you with your feedback and questions. We look forward to an exceptional year of great learning for each and every child.

Enjoy the week, be at school every day on time, and keep reading.

Jenny Crowle
Principal

Messages from our Director of Teaching and Learning Excellence - Mrs Nicole O'Brien

300 Nights of Reading

It is wonderful to see students engaging with their reading both at school and at home. Students are expected to read every night, with every student at Truganina College achieving 300 Nights of Reading every year. This is one of the many high expectations we have at Truganina College. Reading every day helps every student achieve their best and as we know here at the College, our motto is *Inspiring Excellence in Learning to Achieve, Believe and Succeed*.



Foundation Students

We are SO excited about our new Foundation Students joining us in 2019. Here is a photo of four Foundation students very proudly modelling the wonderful school uniform we have, carrying their reading satchels and being caring friends. Our Foundation Students have been at school for four days and are already superstars at demonstrating our *College Values: Learn, Respect, Responsible and Resilient*.



College Values – Learn, Respect, Responsible and Resilient

Every year our College grows and it is heartening to see the 'old' students showing the 'new' students the Truganina Way. Our community is one with high expectations. It has been pleasing to see students at 8:35am reading for learning and at school on time. Students are proudly wearing our school uniform and being responsible in having a Sunsmart hat to wear during play times. Student Planners are being returned everyday as a way to communicate with families and an integral part of the school routine. We are very proud of the start we have had in 2019.



2019 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February	Year 7 Community Camp
Monday 25th February - Friday 1st March	Year 6 Residential Program
Wednesday 27th February	<u>School Photos</u> Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 9
Thursday 7th March	<u>School Photos</u> Foundation, Year 6, Student Leaders and Graduating classes

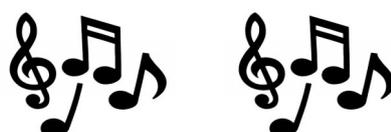
2019 Soundgarage Program

We are so excited to get back in to another huge year of Soundgarage!

If you would like to continue/begin learning music with Soundgarage we would love to have you part of the team. We offer fun, contemporary lessons in Drums, Keyboard, Guitar and SAP (Singing and Performing). Please note: classes are available to Years 1-9.

If you are interested, please submit an enrolment form (available from the school office) by February 8th.

Any questions please feel free to contact Maddie Owen at maddie@soundgarage.com.au.



Attendance at School

Important Information

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence** using one of the following methods:

1. **Online:** log the absence directly using our Compass Parent Portal.
*New families to the college will have their details sent home in Student Planners shortly.
2. **Telephone:** the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
3. **Email:** the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.



Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

We need to know when and why a child is absent and you need to know if your child isn't at school. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.

What is your responsibility?

You are legally required to ensure your child attends school every day or you must provide an explanation for their absence. You should let the school know in advance of any upcoming absences or let us know in the morning if your child won't be at school.

We must notify you of an unexplained absence in relation to your child as soon as practicable on the same day and at Truganina College this process is completed via an SMS in the morning.

In order for the school to implement the same day notification requirement via SMS, it's essential that you provide the school with your most up-to-date contact details.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day your child misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in reading, writing and numeracy.

If your child misses...	that equals...	which is ...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

Book Fair

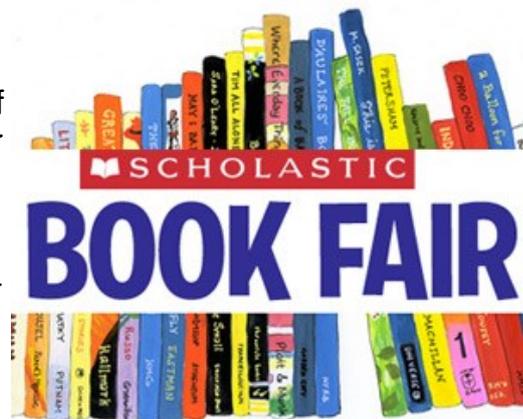
What better way to entertain your child than with a book!

The Scholastic Book Fair is back at the College again in Week 4 of this term, bringing with it a wonderful selection of books to foster your child's love of reading.

The Book Fair will operate in Room 25 (next door to the gymnasium) from Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February.

Students will have an opportunity to view and make their wish lists during the allocated time for their class.

Everyone is welcome to purchase books from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm during the week. So bring along your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbours and friends! The more purchases made, the more free books we earn for our school!



Parents and Community Helpers

At Truganina College, we welcome all families to take an active role in the work of the school. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with a number of opportunities to participate and contribute to help our students with their learning at Truganina College.

Below is a list of different areas you might find of interest.

- School Banking
- Fundraising Events
- Book Fair
- School Excursions
- Listening to students read
- Preparing class resources; contacting, laminating and cutting resources.

We welcome any form of help. If you are a working parent and are only available some days of the week or certain hours in the day, we will work out a timetable where your assistance can benefit the students. Any help is better than no help.

If you are interested in volunteering and have a current Working with Children's Check, please contact the front office on 9368 9800.

Sadia Toqeer
Leading Teacher-Educational Leadership & Community Engagement in Learning

Book Club

Book Club LOOP

The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!



Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?

LOOP is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!



Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

SCHOLASTIC

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Three **Easy** Ways To Pay

1 CREDIT CARD Your School is in the LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the app:



2 CASH If your school accepts cash payments, please enclose cash with completed order form and return to school.

3 CHEQUE OR CREDIT VOUCHER If paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. Attach cheque or voucher to completed order form and return to school.

Community Announcement



TUNING IN TO TEENS GAMING

**Family information
session**

**Presented by the WCC
Youth Services
Counselling Team**



19.03.19

Having conversations with your teen about gaming are never easy – come down and learn some strategies in managing issues and having the right conversation with your teen about online gaming.

Point Cook Library
Tuesday 19 March
6pm – 8pm

Bookings required.
PH 9395 7966
OR

www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/libraries



I have read my newsletter 😊

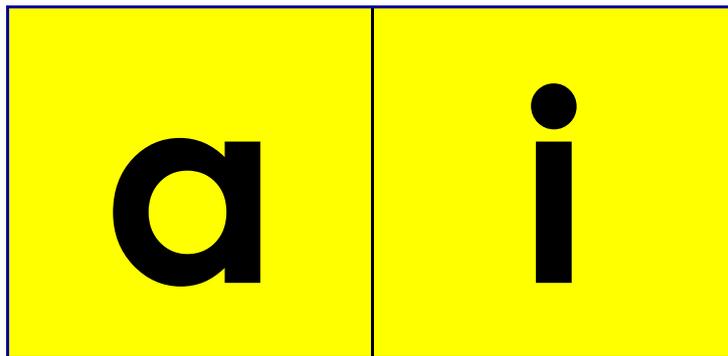
Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Parent Name _____

CHALLENGE!!

How many words can you make that have 'ai' in them?



3 WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED THIS ROUND!

PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!!!!

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

Slips must be returned by Thursday 14th February.

Winners announced Friday 15th February.

Go For It!