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Principal's Report



As I write this, the last newsletter, for the 2020 year – a year like no other - it is with great pride that I reflect on our amazing Truganina Community and all that we have achieved together.

When 2020 started I don't think any of us would have predicted that with COVID 19 and the very important restrictions put in place to keep us all safe that many of our children would be completing two large chunks of time at home completing remote and flexible learning.

Our true character is revealed under times of upheaval and during this unprecedented time it has become even clearer that the Truganina Community help each other to do our best.

The many acts of great kindness extended to students, staff and community demonstrate the College values of respect, responsibility and resilience to make sure we are all well.

Together we have demonstrated the great pride and confidence we have in our College. Together we have helped each other to do our best. Together we have held ourselves responsible to ensure that all students succeed and recognise that even in challenging times we can depend on each other.

Our entire community had to adapt quickly, questions around how to communicate with each other in a safe and responsible manner using technology were worked through with diligence and patience. Community voice was considered and together we moved forward taking all members of our precious community with us.

To list every commendable contribution from each of you would take many pages, so instead I will provide a snap shot of the efforts we are all incredibly proud of:

- During remote and flexible learning over 2000 learning experiences were delivered. Experiences that were thoughtfully planned, engaging and student friendly.
- Over 32,000 phone calls between families and the College as we continued to collaborate with each other, Quality conversations with students; assisting with their learning and helping them to grow with targeted feedback. Quality conversations that checked in and supported each other to ensure we were all as well as possible.
- We have all mastered WebEx, and are certainly all improving our skills with platforms such as Google Classrooms and Seesaw.
- We have had over 1800 bookings for parent- teacher conversations and collaboration.

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- There have been so many examples of positive feedback from families who have called, written, emailed or stopped me as they pick up their child to pass on their thanks. Words used include hard –working, support, patience, commitment and care.
- Virtual assemblies have kept us together. Assemblies to celebrate students learning and thank all those who have supported from home.
- Together we have assisted those of us who have required support during this difficult time. Tireless work dropping off resources, organising food packs, rent relief, grants and connecting each other into the wellbeing services and support that was needed.

With this being a snapshot of some of the efforts of our Truganina Community this year it is very clear why we should be so proud of all that together we have achieved. I sincerely thank every one of you for your calm and caring ways.

Since returning to onsite learning the staff have worked diligently to pinpoint where each child is up to with their learning and plan for and put in place targeted strategies to ensure each child continues to shine with their wellbeing and learning.

Families you did so well being supportive during your child's learning at home. Thank you.

There have been many celebrations this year. The Year 9 and Year 6 Graduations being able to proceed in a modified format to celebrate this important milestone in such a complex year was something truly special. To our community having you all there in the live streaming was so important to us all and really a very emotional time.

The college's purpose statement which speaks about high expectations, collaboration and being inclusive is alive and well. These important words come alive through the work that we do at the college and the support that families give their children with their learning. A sincere thank you to our wonderful school community for your ongoing commitment to our continual improvement agenda by encouraging, supporting and pushing your children with their learning. Our students achieve 300 nights of reading in each of their year levels which adds to the academic rigour and knowledge each of them have.

I remind all families of the absolute importance of being at school every day on time. To grow in learning at the required rate and beyond, students must be at school every single day – especially here as we make the most of every opportunity at Truganina College. Please remember to be at school on time in 2021, school starting time being 8.35am.

To those families and students with high attendance, our sincere congratulations. For those families and students with lower attendance rates this must be a priority focus for the family in 2021. Students who are not at school consistently, generally show reduced learning growth and this is an area of great concern. Attendance will need to be a continued area of focus in 2021.

A positive school culture is what we develop collaboratively – the saying, It takes a Village to raise a child is so true. The School Wide Positive Behaviour Team ensures that all students are explicitly taught through their learning programs the skills, behaviours and attitudes that underpin making wise choices around behaviour. Following the School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework we have a school wide positive pathways which sees children rewarded for positive choices. We also have an agreed process for students who do not make wise choices. These steps are in line with the Department of Education guidelines and are consistent.

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In 2020, there have been over 10,500 tokens and over 1,000 values postcards awarded to children for making great choices linked to our College values of respect, responsibility, resilience and learning. What a fabulous achievement.

It is crucial that all students keep reading and doing Mathematics over the summer break. In Australia we often find that children's learning can slip back over the break unless families keep their children reading, writing and doing some number work.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to School Council. The council under the guidance of School Council President; Mrs Jagruti Dave provide a really strong governance model for the college. The council supports and promotes the college in a very positive manner across the community.

As Principal, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my amazing staff who work diligently with every student to get the best possible results. I am so appreciative of all that you do and so very proud of you all.

A special mention to the School Improvement Team; consisting of Ms O'Brien, Mr Pugh, Ms Dalton, Ms Kannar, Ms McNaughton, Ms Foster, Mr Nikolic, Ms Sujith, Ms Ryan, Ms Toqeer, Ms Hodgson, Mr Robertson, Ms Farrugia, Ms Musarra, Ms Le, Ms Vernon, Ms Abbott, Mr Maki, Ms Condello, Helen Salmond and Kerry Kun.

To our office team; Helen, Clare, Lisa, Sharon, Kate, Emily, Ann, Jade, Ashley, Eloise and Sibel who are always so helpful, we appreciate it.

Farewell to our departing staff and thank you for your contribution to the college. I would especially like to wish Mrs O'Brien and family all the very best with the impending birth of baby O'Brien. We are all looking forward to that first cuddle. To Ms Dalton and Ms Kannar as you move onto promotion positions our sincere gratitude and thanks for your contribution. We look forward to hearing about your next exciting adventure and the contributions you will continue to make to the educational outcomes for so many children.

On behalf of the College I would like to wish every member of our school community a wonderful festive season and a happy and healthy 2021. I look forward to seeing you all well rested in the New Year for what will be a super exciting 2021.

With sincere appreciation and kind regards,



Jenny Crowle
Principal

2020 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Friday 18th December	Last day of Term 4 School finishes at 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th January 2021	2021 Curriculum Day As approved by School Council
Thursday 28th January 2021	First Day of School 2021 Students in Year 1 - 9 School starts at 8.35am
Friday 29th January 2021	First Day of School 2021 Students in Foundation School starts at 8.35am
Thursday 27th May 2021	2021 Curriculum Day As approved by School Council
Friday 28th May 2021	2021 Curriculum Day As approved by School Council
Monday 23rd August 2021	2021 Curriculum Day As approved by School Council

Emergency and mental health support contact information

If you require any assistance over the school holidays while the school is unattended please contact:

000 Emergency Assistance

Emergency Police, Fire, Ambulance
Ph:000

Kids Helpline

Phone: 1800551800

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Free 24 hour/7 days a week advice and support for children and young people 5-25 years old

Parent Helpline

Phone: 1300 301 300

<https://parentline.com.au/>

Free 24 hour/7 days a week advice and support for parents, guardians and carers

Lifeline

Phone:13 4357

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/>

Free 24 hour/7 days a week crisis support and suicide prevention

Beyond Blue

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/>

Ph: 1300 22 4636

Free mental health support and assistance for depression and anxiety

Suicide Call Back Service

www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au

Ph: 1300 659 467

Head to Help:

www.headtohelp.org.au

Ph 1800 595 212

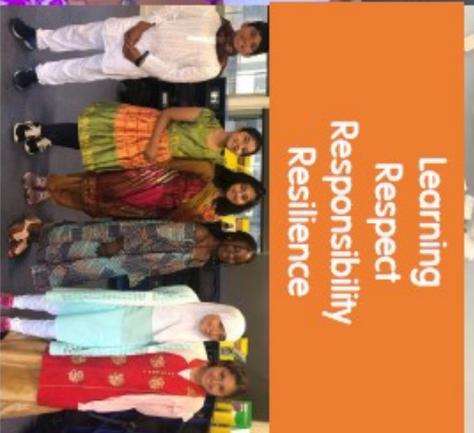
headspace Counselling

<https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>

Your local doctor or medical centre



End of Term 4 – Pride and Confidence in our College



Learning
Respect
Responsibility
Resilience

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