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Truganina Times



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Engaging And Empowering Our Learners!

"Hola!", Exit stage left, Belay, Resolutions, "behind" – What do all these words have in common? These words reflect the subject offerings – electives - that are part of the Years 8 and 9 Elective programmes here at Truganina College.

Electives are additional subjects distinct from the core academic subjects such as English, Humanities, Mathematics, Science, and Health and Physical Education that are offered at the College. Electives draw on the skills explicitly taught in the core curriculum and challenge our students to explore, express, apply and present and perform their learning. Integral to the elective subjects are 21st century skills such as critical and creative thinking, collaboration, and communication. In a nutshell, electives support academic emphasis and stimulated learning!

Truganina College electives and the process of elective selection allow for **Student Voice And Agency**. Students make choices for themselves based on current learning interests, career aspirations, and lifelong hobbies.

The 2024 Electives options can be categorised under the following headings: Language, Design and Technology, Sports and Recreation, The Arts and Community Engagement. New offerings based on **Student Voice** and staff opportunities include:

- Performance Dance and Drama
- School Project/s students develop leadership and management skills by following through with a project to make a difference to our college community.
- Outdoor Education by exploring nature and issues around conservations students develop themselves and others.
- Model United Nations students explore pressing global issues by simulating the workings of the United Nations.

Engaging And Empowering Our Learners!

Year 7 and 8 students were presented with the elective options for 2024 in Week 7. Families were provided with further descriptions around the subjects and information regarding voluntary contributions towards elective subjects and the process for selecting subjects via Compass.

All electives provide incursion and excursion opportunities to deepen our students' appreciation for the subject matter. We look forward to sharing the deep learning, the impact on self, others, our environment, and community through our elective programme in 2024.

Good Humans

There are so many outstanding humans who I get to see every morning, arriving on time, ready to learn, as well as at the end of the day, being responsible at our college. If your photo is below, please pop by the Front Administration Office to collect a special prize. You've been spotted arriving on time, every day with a big smile and growth mindset! Thank you.





Lucy Francis
Director of Learning and Wellbeing Excellence Years 8 & 9

Breaking The Link

2023 Truganina College Events Calendar

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Date	Event
Thursday 23rd November	Foundation Animal Land Children's Farm Excursion Students in 00D, 00F, 00G
Monday 27th November	Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion Students in Year 3A, 3I, 3K, 3L
Tuesday 28th November	Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion Students in Year 3B, 3C, 3D, 3F
Tuesday 28th November	Soundgarage Concert
Wednesday 29th November	Year 3 Werribee Zoo Excursion Students in Year 3E, 3G, 3H, 3J
Wednesday 29th November	Victoria University Trades Campus Tour Selected students in Year 9
Wednesday 29th November	Parent Forum 2pm at our College Library
Friday 1st December	Year 5 Werribee Open Range Zoo Excursion Students in Year 5
Tuesday 5th December	Foundation to Year 4 Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday 4th December	Year 3 Life Education Incursion Students in Year 3C, 3F, 3I
Monday 4th December	Wyndham Tech School: Digital Story Telling Pt 2 Selected students in Year 9
Tuesday 5th December	Year 3 Life Education Incursion Students in Year 3B, 3D, 3E
Tuesday 5th December	Wyndham Tech Excursion: Game Development Selected students in Year 8
Wednesday 6th December	Year 5 to Year 9 Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 6th December	Year 3 Life Education Incursion Students in Year 3G, 3H, 3J
Thursday 7th December	Kaboom Kids Incursion Students in Foundation
Thursday 7th December	Wyndham Tech Excursion: Al Engineering Selected students in Year 8
Thursday 7th December	Year 3 Life Education Incursion Students in Year 3A, 3K, 3L
Tuesday 12th December	Statewide Transition Day
Wednesday 20th December	Last Day of Term 4 School finishes at 1.30pm

Breaking The Link

School Success Starts with Attendance!

There is no safe number of days for missing school. Each day that your child misses, puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

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:

Log in to Compass and log the absence directly using the Parent Portal.

Telephone the school office and let the staff know your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.

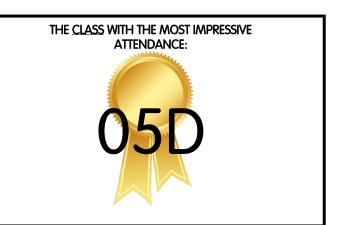
Email the school and provide the staff with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.



Attendance Data as at end of Week 7 Term 4			
Average days absent per student F-9	19.39	2023 Target:	
Average days absent per student: Foundation – Year 6	18.38	Less than 16 days absent per student	
Average days absent per student: Year 7 – Year 9	22.48	Foundation - Year 9	

This week Truganina College wishes to celebrate attendance achievements for:





Well Done!

We continue to celebrate the hard work of teachers and leaders and their collective efficacy in ensuring our families know **Every**Day Counts'. Our teachers and leaders drive this through creating engaging and differentiated learning, completing small group instruction and the 6 to 1 positive pathway which, enables a positive climate for learning.

Parent Teacher Interviews Semester 2 2023

Assessment is an integral part of the teaching and learning that takes place at Truganina College. Throughout terms three and four, staff have been working hard on triangulating evidence of student learning, using both formative and summative assessments. These work samples and their student learning data are used towards completing your child's school report.

Formal school reports will outline your child's achievements, the next steps for their learning and information regarding their effort, behaviour, home reading targets, homework and attendance at school.

Semester 2 Reports will be published to families in Week 9 of Term 4.

Parent/Teacher Interviews give the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and areas for future improvement.

Parent/Teacher Interviews for Semester Two 2023 will take place on the following dates:

Foundation to Year 4
Tuesday 5th December
3:30pm – 7:30pm

Year 5 to Year 9
Wednesday 6th December
3:30pm – 7:30pm

Please note: Semester 2 Parent Teacher Interviews will be held onsite in classrooms.

We will again be asking families to book interview times using <u>Compass School</u> <u>Manager</u>. Bookings will open on Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 4:00pm

If you have forgotten or misplaced your login details, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the office staff on 9368 9800.

Families can also find a helpful document posted on the Compass Newsfeed that explains how to book interview times.



Courtney Hodgson Leading Teacher – Student Success Coordinator NAPLAN Coordinator

Parent Forum

At Truganina P-9 College we are committed to working closely with parents and carers to create strong partnerships between our staff, families and our wider school community.

We would like to extend a warm invitation to our community to join us in **Week 9** of Term 4 for our Parent Forum. The Parent Forum is an opportunity for you to provide feedback about how our College is catering to your children(s) needs, and providing a stimulating learning environment for your child's learning.

The session will last approximately 45 minutes and will take place on **Wednesday 29th November at 2PM** in our College Library.

To register your interest in attending our Parent Forum for this term please use the following Google Form.

https://forms.gle/DUxigG3Np8T3Jo1s7



The College is really excited to be able to host this opportunity for parents and we look forward to having our community maintain an active voice in student learning at Truganina College.



Phil Lloyd Health & Physical Education Teacher Year 3 Lead Community Engagement Team Member

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Truganina Scholarships

Based on the results of the ACER testing, we are offering 6 Scholarships, the list of students receiving the scholarship are listed below.

3 X Full Scholarships (3 year) - Includes Blazer

	Surname	First name
1	Chowdhury	Tasneemah
2	Yusuf	Muhammad
3	Gill	Asmi







3 X One Year Scholarships - Includes Blazer

	Surname	First name
1	Chowdhury	Wrik
2	Yang	Jerry
3	Tarekegn	Loza Argaw









Congratulations on a great achievement.

Tania Fota Learning Specialist—Transitions and Pathways

Learning For Life

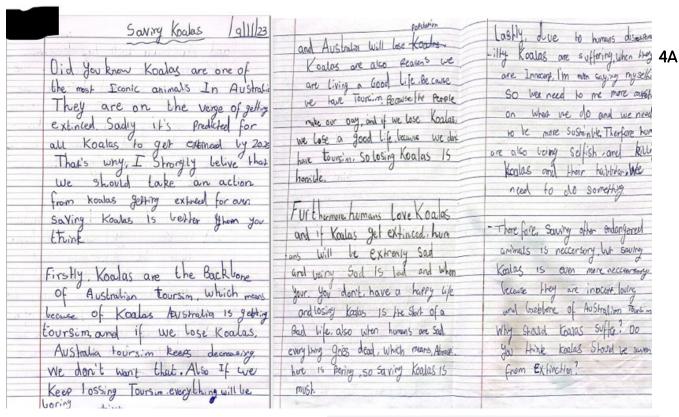
Year 4 Persuasive Writing

We are learning to write persuasive texts.

I will be successful when I can:

- Identify the features of persuasive texts.
- Explain the purpose of persuasive texts.
- Create a persuasive text including persuasive devices.

In Term 4, Year 4's are continuing to explore persuasive texts. They are learning to identify and apply persuasive devices such as 'Facts, reasons, rule of 3, exaggeration, emotive language and rhetorical questions' to their writing. Students will be writing and refining their persuasive texts to convince their audience.



'Give Cockroaches A Chance'

Who wants to care about cockroaches? There are approximately about 4000 species of cockroaches! Many people think cockroaches but and that's why people kill cockroaches, but they actually don't bite people. They are really great animals for our environment, if you kill them, you won't have that many many cockroaches to help you recycle things, bring nutrients back into the soil, decompose and many more benefits. You have to like cockroaches because they nearly do 's of the environment's job.

First and foremost, you don't need to waste your time by cleaning insects in your house, you must give a chance to cockroaches then they will eat all the insects immediately. They are really fast, cockroaches can run up to 3 miles per hour, that's why they can catch insects really easily.

Furthermore, cockroaches are professional recyclers. They eat dead insects and plants to make the environment neat and clean. Cockroaches also bring nutrients back into the soil. Understand how helpful cockroaches are, you are killing such poor and thoughtful insects. So, we certainly must let cockroaches do their jobs for the environment rather than living in such a messy environment.

It is obvious that cockroaches are one of the best decomposers and great at reducing chemical pesticides. They make sure that you are not sick, cockroaches are really kind and gentle animals, people think that cockroaches bite but they don't. Without a doubt, you have to give cockroaches a chance because they are professional, precious pests.

Undoubtedly, cockroaches are best buddies for you. They can clean any insects in your house and will help you not be sick. Without a shadow of doubt, you surely must let these marvelous, meticulous, miraculous, magnificent, minute masters. Do you agree or disagree?

Let's save the Great Barrier Reef!

How would you feel if you were those poor animals in the Reef and you were about to be extinct? Well if not then you should see what's happening in the Great Barrier Reef! I personally think that we should save the Great Barrier Reef.

Firstly, you may be wondering how is the Great Barrier Reef endangered? Well the Great Barrier Reef is endangered because it's losing half of it's coral cover, pollution has caused deadly starfish outbreaks and global warming has produced horrific coral bleaching.

In addition, you would also probably be thinking why is the Great Barrier Reef important? Actually, the Great Barrier Reef provides food for hundreds of millions of people around the worldl, the Reef protects shore lines and the Reef contains compounds that are used to treat human aliments.

Lastly, you have all been wondering, what would happen if the Great Barrier Reef was extinct? Well what I found is many important species would disappear! Our oceans health and our own would be at risk and lastly homes of 1,500 species of fish, 100 of sharks and 30 species of whales and dolphins will be in a lot of danger!!!

Finally, are you convinced? Well if not that's okay but the Great Barrier Reef still needs a lot of help!! So I still personally think that we should save the Great Barrier Reef.

4F

4B

Learning For Life

Year 4 Persuasive Writing



26/10/23 Every baly should learning swim Saimming is a life saving sport. It can save you and other people with right staps. It is very cool, fun and life saving. I strongly believe that swimming is a must for everyone, would you like to drown and die or enjoy a your life? Then you should Firstly, swimming is very cool when you'r underwater you cap see fishes other people and yourself. It is very educational because you can explore more fish and animals underwater in real life. You can also be physicality fit and is benefigural because it is very healthy! You can be famous! Secondly, swimming is extremly fun. You can play races, tag, vollyball, relax, dead fish, and much more. It keeps you fit and healthy i His very fun because there are countless games to 4G hast but not least, it is life saving I You can save yourself others and strangers because if you do it with the right tergnique, it is a life sater You don't want to die do you? In conclusion, I strongly believe that we should bearn to swim because it is cool, fun and life sowing! Do you agree with me?

Everyone should learn how to swim By Tyson Holoia

Everyone should learn to swim. Learning to swim is fun and important because it will save your life. I strongly believe that everyone should learn to swim.

How would you feel when you can't swim? If you can't swim then you can't go to the pool with your friends or your family. Swimming is important because if you can't swim you will drown.

In conclusion that everyone should learn to swim because it fun and it's will save your life.

Sumeet Kaur Year 4 Classroom Teacher 41

Happy, Healthy & Resilient Kids

Secondary School Immunisation Program Catch-Ups

National Immunisation Program Schedule





Secondary school immunisations are provided to students to reduce their risk of contracting preventable diseases and some cancers.

Health advice regarding immunisations recommends students receive the following:

Year 7: Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whopping cough) (single dose) Human papillomavirus (HPV) (single dose)

Year 10: Meningococcal A,C,W,Y (single dose)

If your child missed out on their school-based vaccinations, please speak to your GP or local council immunisation service about how they can catch up.

To check if your child is due for any vaccines, refer to their immunisation history statement on the Australian Immunisation Register, using your MyGov account.

If your child is aged over 14, they may need to access their immunisation history statement themselves via their own MyGov account or the Medicare mobile app.

For further information you may look at the Department of Health https://www.health.vic.gov.au/ https://www.health.vic.gov.au/



Please be vigilant to visit your local General Practitioner for further information or for the vaccine, which is funded under the National Immunisation Program.

Hannah Viado-Vega School Nurse

Happy, Healthy & Resilient Kids

RIDE2 SCHOOL

During Term 3, Truganina College held our own 'Ride to school day'. Following the success of this day, on Friday the 8th of December, we will be holding another ride to school day. Students are encouraged to ride their bike to school wearing their helmet.

We're holding a ride to school day to promote Bike Ed being implemented into our school curriculum in 2024. We see this as an incredible opportunity for students to enhance learning and engagement at school. Throughout the community there is a variety of bike paths and community playgrounds that we believe students can benefit from to stay happy, active and healthy as a result of learning about the safe use of bikes.

On the day, students who ride their bikes to school safely with helmet and arrive before 8:35am, will have their name taken down to go into the draw to win a BRAND NEW bike and helmet!! There are three opportunities to win a bike:

1 bike for a student in years F-4

1 bike for a student in years 5-6

1 bike for a student in years 7-9

We would like to see as many students as possible riding their bikes to school safely on this day to promote this fantastic opportunity that will be provided to the college next year. We see this as a great opportunity for students to discover riding bikes to school. Remember, you'll only have your name take down if you come to school on time and with a helmet.

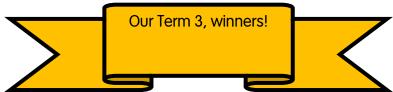
Winners of Term 3 Ride To School with their new bikes





John Whitehouse

Subject Teacher: Health & Physical Education



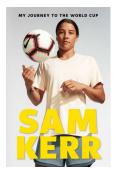
News From Our Library!

Puzzlemania @ the library!

Puzzles are a great way to build important skills. During lunchtime, students had a great time completing various puzzles where they learnt teamwork, cooperation and sharing. Well done everyone!

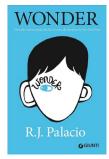
What are the staff at the library currently reading?

Emily Vuksic is reading *My Journey to the World Cup* by Sam Kerr. Sam Kerr is widely considered to be one of the best female footballers of all time. She is famous worldwide for her skills on the soccer pitch – but before she was Matildas captain and leading goal scorer for Chelsea, she was just an average Aussie kid who wanted to play AFL.



This is her incredible football journey to the 2023 FIFA World Cup and beyond, from making the switch to soccer to becoming one of the best female strikers in the world. Sam gives us insights into what keeps her motivated, how she handles the pressures of life as a professional athlete and what she believes is important in life.

Mamta Srivastava is reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. It's a story about Auggie who wants to be an ordinary ten-year-old boy. He does ordinary things - eating ice cream, playing on his Xbox. He feels ordinary - inside but ordinary kids don't make other ordinary kids run away screaming in playgrounds. Ordinary kids aren't stared at wherever they go. Born with a terrible facial abnormality, Auggie has been home-schooled by his parents his whole life. Now, for the first time, he's being sent to a real school - and he's dreading it. All he wants is to be accepted by his classmates.



Geethika Perera is reading *Friday Barnes Danger Ahead* by R.A. Spratt. Friday Barnes is forced to face her biggest fear – her own emotions! She must wave goodbye to lan as he takes off to join his father in the Cayman Islands. But when your dad is a white -collar criminal, family reunions never go to plan. Ian is kidnapped en route and it's up to Friday to rescue him.



On her return to school, the Headmaster has a treat in store – a four-week camp for students to learn wilderness survival skills! 'Camp Courage' is even worse than Friday imagined. And all her book smarts aren't much help when she's got wood to chop, potatoes to peel and latrines to dig.

Can Friday survive the great outdoors, debunk the legend of a camp ghost and make it back to Highcrest Academy alive? Only time (and a compass) will tell!

Expectations For Borrowing

All classes will have a 30-minute library visit every two weeks. Students grade 1- year 9 can borrow 2 books at a time. Foundation students may borrow 1 book.

Loan period: 2 weeks.

Students must return their books before borrowing the new ones

News From Our Library!

Staff update

Geethika is taking a well-earned four-week holiday to Sri Lanka where she'll be looking forward to spending time with her family. Thank you for all your hard work getting books unpacked, covered and stamped, ready for students to borrow. We'll see you back in 2024!

Book Club Fun!

Issue 8 is out now, and jam packed with fun activities!

On page 9 check out and enter the Trolls coloring competition for your chance to win a prize!

On page 15 a soccer word search!

On page 22 Minecraft Biome Blocks Recipe!

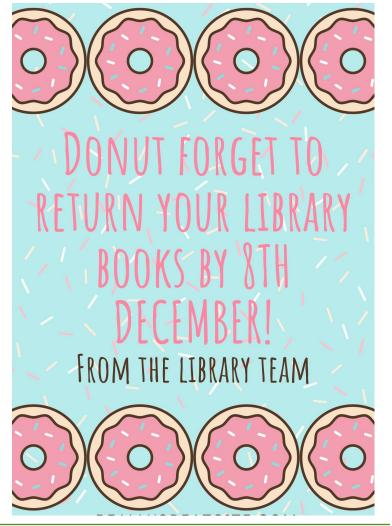
Remembrance Day Display at the library!





Emily Vuksic Library Manager









Department of Education

PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum. This includes the Victorian Curriculum F-10, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) including the VCE Vocational Major and the Victorian Pathways Certificate.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:



Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other

Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

Extra Curricular Learning Experience

Extracurricular - Learning Experience Soundgarage Concert

The Truganina P-9 College Soundgarage Concert will be held on **Tuesday 28th November** in the school gym



- · Students should arrive 15 minutes prior to performance time.
- The concert will be held in the gym, located next to the basketball court at Truganina College.
- · Students can come dressed in rock star clothing or comfortable clothing!
- \cdot All students will have an opportunity to attend a rehearsal on the day of the concert.



Concert times:

6pm Singing & Keyboard students7pm Guitar & Drum students

For any enquires, contact on Patrick O'Brien via patrick@soundgaragemusicschool.com

Is Your Child Exiting Truganina College?

Is your child Exiting Truganina College and attending a different school in 2024?

If the answer is yes, please email <u>enrolments@truganinap9.vic.edu.au</u> with the following information: Student Name:

DOB:

Class:

Date of last day at Truganina College:

Destination School for 2024:

This is important information to assist our transition team planning classes for 2024.

Lisa Rouvray

Enrolments Manager



Truganina Hats

Truganina Hats are now available for \$12 from the school office. Limited sizes available.

We are currently a cashless school, so payment must be via card.

If you would like one, please see the ladies in the office.

All students are expected to wear a wide brim hat during break times.



Curriculum Days 2024

The Curriculum Days for 2024 are

Approved by School Council:

Friday 29th January 2024 Friday 26th April 2024 Wednesday 5th June 2024 Thursday 5th September 2024 Monday 4th November 2024



Last Day of Term 4

The last day of Term 4 is Wednesday 20th December. School finishes at 1.30pm on this day.



First Day of 2024

Term 1 for Years 1 –9 commences on Tuesday 30th January at 8.35am to 3pm. Term 1 for Foundation commences on Monday 5th February at 8.35am to 3pm.

Foundation Assessment Days will take place from Tuesday 30th January 2024 to Friday 2nd February 2024. More information to be communicated via Compass.

Staff Profiles

Get to know <u>Daniel Machuca</u> – Relief and Spanish Teacher

What is your role in the College? I'm a Relief Teacher and I mostly teach Spanish class.

What is your favourite colour? My favourite colour is Purple or "morado".

What is your favourite number and why? My favourite number is 5 as that's how many pets I have.



What is your favourite book and why? My favourite book for children, Who's got a normal family? and for myself anything written by Terry Pratchett

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is Spaghetti Bolognese.

What do you like most about teaching and learning?

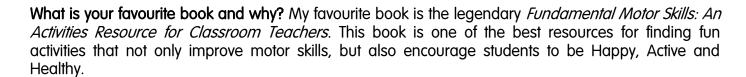
I love to connect with the kids and help them learn more about their world.

Get to know <u>Damian Fatini</u> – Health & Physical Education Teacher

What is your role in the College? I am a Health and Physical Education teacher and also work within the Student Empowerment team constantly finding new ways to inspire students to Believe, Achieve and Succeed.

What is your favourite colour? My favourite colour is Green. Go Freeman House!

What is your favourite number and why? My favourite number is the number 6. Since I can remember, it is the number I have always worn on my jersey playing soccer and the number I still wear when playing for my current club the Moonee Valley Knights!. Go the Knights!



What is your favourite food? My favourite food is the delicious Peri-peri panini made by Bocca foods and served at our school canteen.

What do you like most about teaching and learning? I love seeing the happiness students feel when they achieve new learning goals, especially if they needed to be resilient to accomplish them. I also take pride in the fact that I can inspire the next generation to live a life of optimal health and physical activity.





Lost Property

There are a number of items in lost property that need to be collected.

On Thursdays and Fridays, lost property will be put near the outside stage, which is located next to the College gym, for families to collect.





Sarah Knight School Nurse

Congratulations Word

Congratulations to the following students who were the prize winners for the last newsletter's Word Challenge and made an impressive amount of words with 'ov in them:

Kauthar Habib from 1H

Avnoor Dhindsa from 3F

Asmara Kashif from 5B

Well done to all of our winners!





I have read my newsletter ©

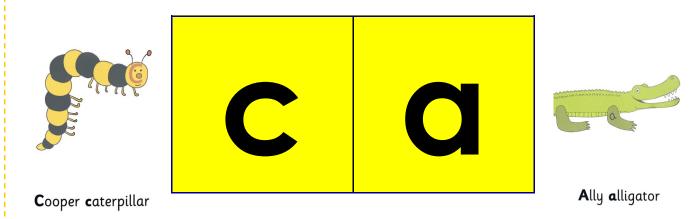
Student Name _	
Teacher Name	
Parent Name	

CHALLENGE!!

How many words can you make that have 'ca' in them.

You might find some of Milo the Monkey's

Little Learner's friends?



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

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

Slips must be returned by Thursday 30th November. Winners announced Friday 1st December.

Go For It!