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Truganina Times



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Student Engagement at Truganina College

At Truganina P-9 College we believe in the partnership between our College, families/carers and communities to strengthen students' engagement in school.

I wanted to acknowledge our outstanding parents, care-givers and guardians who, through love, care and, at times, sheer will and determination, get their children to school each day and ready to learn. We want to recognise the effort that goes into the transport, the breakfast and lunches, the help with homework and nightly reading, the clean uniforms each day, the phone calls, the challenging conversations. We are grateful for the way this community values education.

One measure of our community engagement is the completion rate of our Parent/Care-giver/Guardian Opinion Survey. Last year we met our target of 500 families completing the survey and providing us with invaluable feedback for school improvement. This year we aim to match this ambitious target.



Thanks to the Verma family!



Well done Sidhu family!

Pride & Confidence In Our College

Student Engagement at Truganina College

Thanks to all the families who have already completed the survey as we use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning.

The Survey closes on **Friday 30 August 2024** and takes around **15-20 minutes** to complete. The online survey is available in a range of languages.

Below is the link to the survey and login pin (183459).

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

So far in 2024 our families have joined us for Assessment Information Night, Susan McLean Cyber Safety Workshops, Parent Forums, and Parent Teacher Interviews.



Susan McLean Workshop



Parent Forum in Term 2



Assessment Information Night in Term 1

Student Engagement at Truganina College

In Term 3 we are hosting a Maths evening for Foundation, Year 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 students and their families, on Wednesday 18th of September 2024 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Families will be invited to visit classrooms and participate in **engaging and challenging** Maths activities based on **your child's interest and abilities**.



Maths Evening in Term 2

We are grateful for the way that our families have engaged with our school so far in 2024. We will continue to provide opportunities to build active partnerships with our families and better understand **your beliefs and wishes** for your child's education.



Joshua Kamener
Assistant Principal
Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Principal's Day

On Friday 2nd August we celebrated our Principals and all the amazing work they do for our school and our students.

Thank you for all your hard work.



THANK YOU!

2024 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

WE WANT OUR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS / GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement and we encourage all families to participate in the survey. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is currently open until **Friday 30 August 2024**.

The survey will be conducted **online**, only takes **15-20 minutes** to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The link to the survey will be shared with families through a Compass post on Monday 29th July. The online survey will be available in English and over 10 other languages including Arabic, Greek, Hakha Chin, Hindi, Japanese, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Somali, Turkish, and Vietnamese.

The survey results will be communicated to parents / caregivers / guardians through annual reporting.

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information.



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

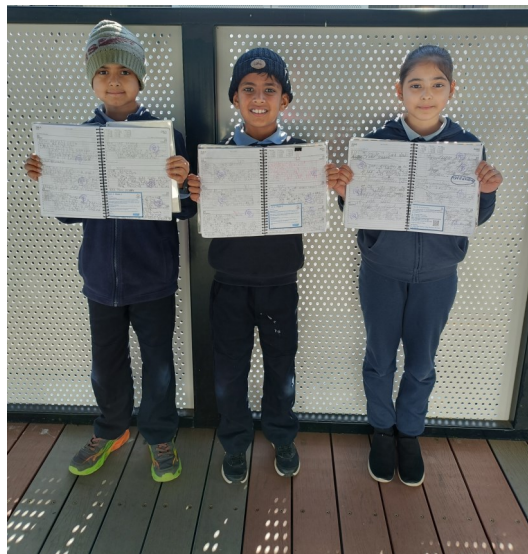
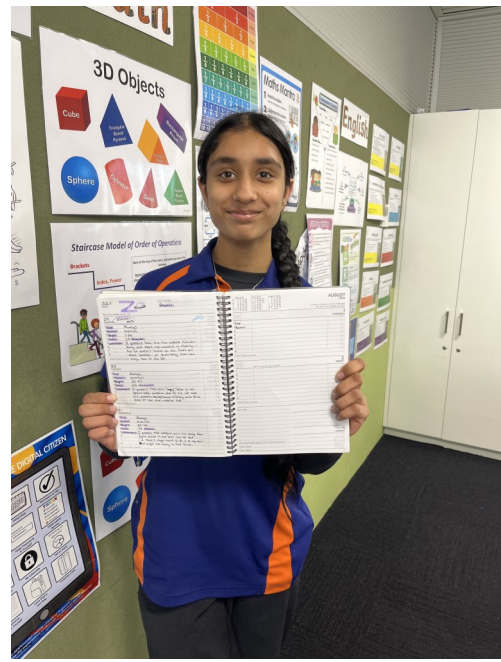
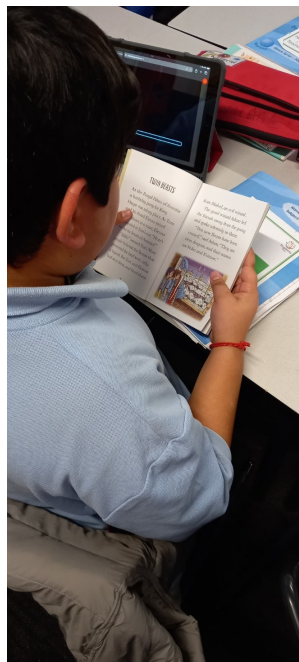
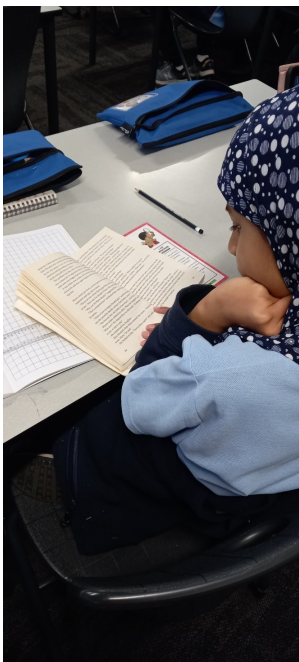
300 Nights of Reading

At Truganina College, all students are expected to achieve **300 Nights of Reading!**

We are celebrating students who are demonstrating *excellence* in their 300 Nights of Reading routines at home and at school. Routines teach organizational skills to manage homework.

Congratulations to the following students who established excellent routines in their daily reading in the past three (3) weeks of school.

If you see yourself in the photographs below, please visit the main administration office to receive a reward.



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

2024 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Thursday 8th August	Australian Maths Competition Selected students in Years 5 & 6
Thursday 8th August	Year 9 Outdoor Ed - Planting of Native Grasses & Shrubs Selected students in Year 9
Monday 12th August	Year 8 Boys and Girls Basketball Selected students in Year 8
Monday 12th August	Year 6 Regional Hockey Selected students in Year 6
Monday 12th August	Regional Hockey Training Selected Students
Monday 12th August to Friday 16th August	Year 6 Swimming Program Students in Year 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F
Wednesday 14th August to Friday 16th August	Year 9 Camp Selected students in Year 9
Saturday 17th August to Friday 23rd August	Children's Book Week
Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August	Year 6 Swimming Program Students in Year 6G, 6H, 6I
Tuesday 20th August	Fire Rescue Victoria - Foundation Fire Ed Incursion Students in Foundation
Monday 2nd September to Wednesday 4th September	Year 7 Camp - Roses Gap Selected students in Year 7
Tuesday 3rd September	Foundation Animal Land Children's Fam Students in Foundation 00A, 00B, 00C, 00D
Tuesday 3rd September	Year 4 IMAX Excursion Students in Year 4D, 4E, 4F, 4I, 4J
Wednesday 4th September	Foundation Animal Land Children's Fam Students in Foundation 00E, 00F, 00G, 00H
Wednesday 4th September	Year 4 IMAX Excursion Students in Year 4A, 4B, 4C, 4G, 4H
Thursday 5th September	Curriculum Day - PPD for staff No students on this day
Tuesday 10th September	African Drumming Incursion Students in Year 2
Wednesday 18th September	Family Maths Evening Students/Families in Foundation to Year 1, Years 6 to 9
Friday 20th September	Last Day of Term 3 Students finish at 2.30pm
Monday 7th October	First Day of Term 4 Students start at 8.35am
Monday 4th November	Curriculum Day No students on this day
Thursday 7th November	Susan McLean Incursion Students in Year 7 & 8

Extra Curricular Learning Experience

Family Maths Evenings

Years 4 & 5 Family Maths Evening

Last term we hosted a Family Maths Evening for students and families in years 4 and 5! It was amazing to see so many excited students sharing their numeracy skills with their families. We had a total of 108 families attend the evening and we can't wait to hear how you continue to use the challenging games at home.



A massive shout out to Miss Kaur and her class 4G and Miss Hashim and her class 5A who had the most families attend! Both classes have received a stack of board games for their classrooms!

Congratulations to the individual winners. We hope you are enjoying your board games.

Foundation and Year 1 & Years 6-9 Family Maths Evening

This term we have two exciting events coming up. On Wednesday September the 18th we will be hosting two Family Maths Evenings. One for students in Foundation and Year 1, another for students in Years 6-9.

The Lead Numeracy team has developed six engaging and challenging Maths activities for you to complete. You will receive a sticker at the conclusion of each activity and are encouraged to collect all 6 stickers to go in the draw to win a COLLECTION OF BOARD GAMES!

All the activities that you participate in during the evening are activities you can replicate at home to help support your child's numeracy skills.

Foundation and Year 1 students will be in buildings 1, 2 and 3. Years 6-9 will be in the gym. There will be class prizes for the Home Groups who have the most families who attend. Look out for a planner note that will have more information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to seeing you in week 10!



Lauren Gibson
Learning & Wellbeing Excellence Leader
Lead Numeracy

Year 5 Numeracy

Learning Intention:

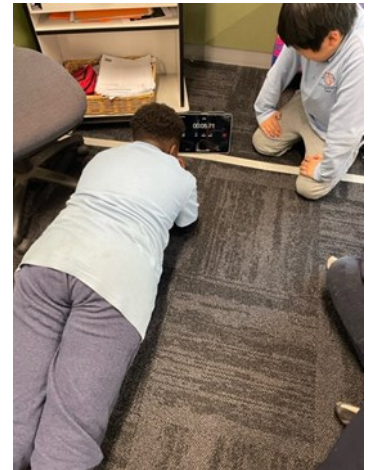
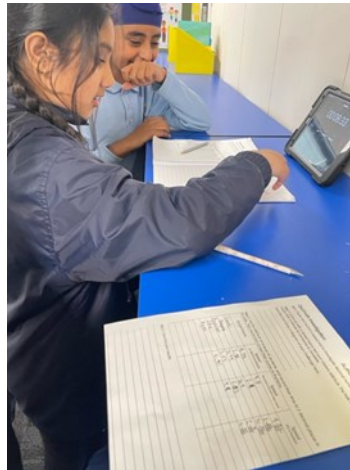
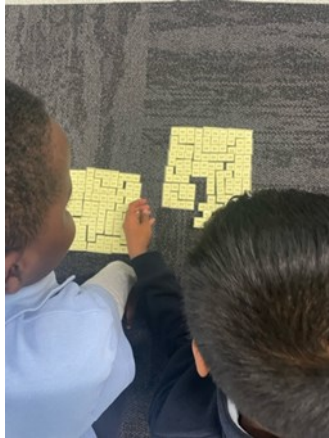
We are learning to compare decimals.

Success Criteria:

I will be successful when I can:

- Compare decimal numbers up to hundredths.
- Use the vocabulary of place value: tenths and hundredths.
- Work collaboratively and responsibly with my peers.

In Term 3, students in Year 5 learnt about decimals. Students participated in various fun learning experiences to read, compare and order decimals. In 5A, students created challenges for their classmates. Collaboratively, they recorded the timings of the different attempts made by their peers to complete those challenges. Then they compared the timings and decided on the fastest time and longest time taken.



"We loved creating and completing the challenges with our friends! Everyone was so engaged and focused on the challenge. We recorded and talked about who was the winner by comparing their timings. It was so much fun." Ajit Dhillon 5A



Rose Hashim
Year 5 Classroom teacher
Learning Specialist - Literacy



Truganina College

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Foundation 2025

Do you have a child eligible to attend school in 2025?

Was your child born between 01/05/2019 – 30/04/2020?

If you do, now is the time to enrol for Foundation 2025.

On site Transition will start in late Term 3 for enrolled future students.

Please collect an Enrolment Pack from the front office and return it completed this term. Our Enrolments Team can be contacted via phone or email (listed below)



For more information, please contact the
Enrolments Team on 03 9368 9800 (Option 3),
email: enrolments@truganinap9.vic.edu.au
or visit our website:

<https://truganinap9.vic.edu.au/community-engagement/enrolments/>

Community Engagement Father's Day Stall Parent Helpers Needed

We are seeking 10 parent helpers for our upcoming Father's Day Stall on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th August 2024.

Volunteers will be helping students with their gifts and handling money.

All volunteers must have a current Working with Children's Check.

Please contact the Front Office on 9368 9800 to register your interest.



News from the Library!

International Day of Friendship was held on Tuesday 30th July.

The 30th of July is International Day of Friendship and was proclaimed by the United Nations in 2011 to recognise the importance of friendship in creating peace and harmony throughout the world. Research has demonstrated that social connection is important for good mental health, and in honour of Friendship Day, we encourage you to connect with your loved ones, friends, or community.



National Science Week will be held from 10th – 18th August.



The school theme for National Science Week in 2024 is *Species Survival - More than just sustainability*. The theme aims to highlight the importance of science and innovation in ensuring the survival and thriving of different species in an ever-changing world.

Author Talks – Marc McBride

Marc McBride visited the Year 4 students on Tuesday 30th July. During the workshop, he painted a dragon using ideas from the audience and we were able to keep the drawing which will be displayed in the library. Every student created a piece of artwork of their own. Below are illustrations of Marc's work.



News from the Library!

Lunchtime @ the library

At lunchtime, the senior students were deeply focused on a competitive game of chess. Their concentration is impressive!



Book Week 2024

The library will have a number of fun activities running during lunchtime of Week 6, the 19th - 23rd of August, including a Book Week Quiz, colouring, bookmarks, activity sheets, scavenger hunt and a giant crossword. Want to celebrate Book Week at home? Here are some ideas?!

Book Club give-away



Across Australia, schools are celebrating the CBCA's Children's Book Week this month and the power of reading stories. This is a golden opportunity to promote reading to the broader community and increase the literacy skills of Australian children.

We would love to give away a class set of 20 Library Day packs (each pack contains a copy of *Hooray, Hooray, It's Library Day!* and a library bag) so you can share the power and joy of reading in your school.



To enter, simply email escholastic@scholastic.com.au and let us know which book in your school's diverse and inclusive collection is your favourite and why.

Emily Vuksic
Library Manager

Children's Book Week Is Coming!



Reading is Magic is the theme for this year's Book Week. At our College, Book Week will run in Week 6 (Monday 19th to Friday 23rd August). We have many exciting events planned and are looking forward to celebrating our love of reading together!

Throughout Book Week teachers will be planning exciting, literacy-based learning experiences for students to engage in. 'Celebrity readers' will appear in classrooms across the College to read and share their favourite stories. In class, students will share their favourite books and the magical moments in the books. Classes will create a display in their learning spaces to showcase the books they have read and shared throughout the week. This year we will also introduce Drop Everything and Read (DEAR). When the college hears a magical sound, students and staff must stop what they are doing and read for 10mins!

Throughout the term, author visits have been organised at school so all students can learn and be inspired by their creativity and writing. Each year, the Children's Book Council Australia (CBCA) nominates a shortlist of the best books around Australia and these will be available for students to read and borrow. The Book of the Year will also be announced on Friday 18th August at 12:00pm as well as the winners in each category!

Other activities that have been organised in our the Community Library:

Lunchtime Activities:

- Book Character Scavenger Hunt (Mon, Wed & Fri F-6)
- Colouring sheets/Bookmarks (Tues & Thurs F-6)
- Photo booth/frame (during lunchtime all week)
- Book Week Quiz (4-6)
- Giant Crossword (7-9)

Competitions:

- F - 2 Drawing Competition
- 3 - 6 - Writing Competition
- 7 - 9 Comic Strip Competition

More information about the Community Library activities and competitions can be found in this newsletter.

Friday 23rd August will be our biggest celebration of all with a Dress-Up Day! Students and staff will dress up as a character from one of their favourite books or stories. Winners will also be announced for the best-dressed in each class and the best classroom reading display. Keep an eye out for further updates and information about our exciting Book Week events.



Rose Hashim
Learning Specialist
Lead Literacy Team

Reading is Magic

Staff Profiles

Get to know Shamama Hussain – Year 1 Classroom Teacher

What is your role in the College? I am a Year 1 PLC leader and classroom teacher.

What is your favourite colour? My favourite colours are green and blue.

What is your favourite number and why? All the numbers are my favourite as all of them carry different values.

What is your favourite book and why? One of my favourite authors is Roald Dahl and I love reading all his books.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is Thai food.

What do you like most about teaching and learning? Teaching is my passion, because it provides me such a pleasure to see students' learn and grow every single day. The smile of accomplishment on their face always make my day.



Get to know Rosa Morda - Classroom and Spanish Teacher

What is your role in the College? I am a classroom teacher and Spanish Teacher in Years 5 & 6.

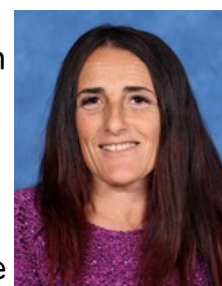
What is your favourite colour? My favourite colour is blue.

What is your favourite number and why? My favourite number is 30. It is my favourite Collingwood football player Darcy Moore's guernsey number.

What is your favourite book and why? My favourite book is *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow My Life* by Sofia Loren.

What is your favourite food? My favourite food is Lasagna.

What do you like most about teaching and learning? What I like most about Teaching and Learning are teaching students from diverse nationalities. I enjoy the interaction and helping students develop and grow. I like learning from students, building rapport with them and helping them move forward with skills, they will use for the rest of their lives. Teaching is awesome, everyday is different and you learn something new everyday.



Attendance & Token

reward shop



Groups of 10 Tokens can be exchanged for a range of prizes. The more tokens, the better the prizes



Yellow/White Attendance Chips will be given daily

5 Yellow/White Chips can be exchanged for 1 Blue Chip

5 Blue Chips can be exchanged for 1 Green Chip

Blue and Green Chips can be exchanged for awesome prizes



Opening Times

Foundation - Thursday Recess

Year 1 - Thursday Lunch

Year 2 - Friday Recess

Year 3 - Friday Lunch

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LAST WEEK AT BIG



Fiction Week Fun Recap!

Fiction Week was a blast! We started with Minion Craft, creating adorable yellow friends. Pizza Making let everyone get creative with their toppings, making delicious masterpieces. Sword Making brought out our inner warriors, with participants designing their own fantasy blades. The Pirate Ship Craft wrapped up the week, setting sail on imaginative adventures

ANIME WEEK

This week has been filled with anime excitement! Everyone's friendly neighborhood Spider-Man made an appearance with our crafty creations. Aadi, our amazing Junior Leader, hosted a thrilling anime drawing competition! We've also explored the world of Gacha and challenged our brains with an anime quiz. Plus, we've unleashed their inner anime characters through drawing! We're thrilled to announce the establishment of our Safety and Budget Committees, led by our incredible Junior Leaders. Their dedication to both the school and Big Childcare values is inspiring! Keep an eye out for your child's amazing artwork!

Cheers,
Lio | Manager Big Childcare Truganina

THIS WEEK AT BIG



Winter Holiday Care!

Get ready for the most thrilling holiday adventure your kids have ever experienced! Big Holidaycare is back and better than ever, promising non-stop fun and excitement for your little adventurers. From themed days to exciting outings, our holiday program is jam-packed with activities that will ignite their imagination and create memories that last a lifetime. Don't miss out on the fun – book your spot now online at bigholidaycare.com and let the adventure begin!



Curriculum Days 2024

The Curriculum Days for 2024 approved by
School Council:

Thursday 5th September
Monday 4th November



Lunch Orders Cancellations

If you need to cancel your child's lunch order, this needs to be done by 10am on the day of delivery. Cancellations after this time will be processed.



Congratulations Word Challenge winners!

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 'sa' in them:

Udham Singh from 1A

Aazeen Wahand from 1I

Mohid Chaudry from 2I

Well done to all of our winners!





I have read my newsletter 😊

Student Name _____

Teacher Name _____

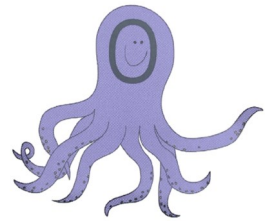
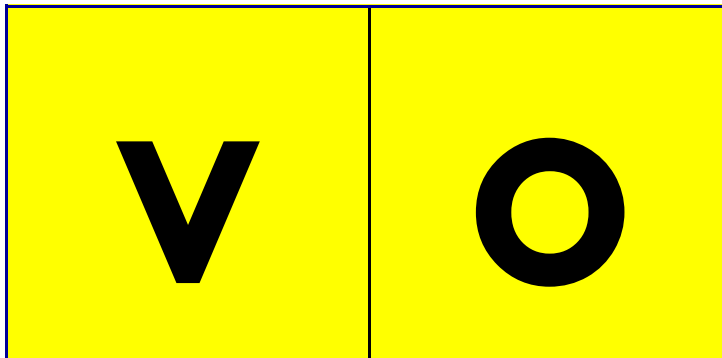
Parent Name _____

CHALLENGE!!

How many words can you make that have 'vo' 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 'vo' in them for your chance to win a prize!!

Slips must be returned by Thursday 15th August.

Winners announced Friday 16th August.

Go For It!