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# Truganina Times



Start of Term Notice ~ Wednesday 31st January 2018

## Welcome back!

On behalf of the Staff and the School Council President Mrs Marilyn Jefferies we would like to extend a very warm welcome to each member of our college community as we start the super exciting 2018 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 extra-curricular activities, including but not limited to; enrichment programs, instrumental music lessons, outdoor education programs - including school camps and access to Fit kicks.

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

It is really important for all students to reach 300 nights of reading over the school year.

From day one of the school year a book has come home with each student. Please ensure your children are reading and that this reading is being recorded every night.

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.

Over coming days 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.

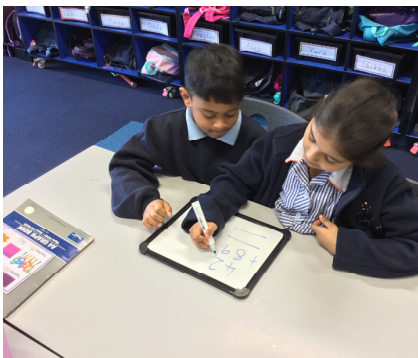
Other methods families could use to contact the staff are to call the office on 9368 9800 and make an appointment. For quick matters a brief chat with the class teachers for primary or year level coordinators or home room teachers for the secondary students at pick up or drop off times may assist.

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 3 Area. Mrs O'Brien will work closely with the Principal Class Team and Families to ensure the best outcomes for each and every student.

Principal Class Officers for 2018 in class order are:

Ms Sarah Dalton - Foundation Area,  
Mr Steven Trotter - Year 1 and 2 Area,  
Mrs Nicole O'Brien - Year 3 Area,  
Ms Justine Ryan - Year 4-6 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 fourth 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 2018, we have recruited strongly and overcoming newsletters will provide a full staff list and tell you a little more about each new staff member.

In February 2018, 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 2018 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.

**It is absolutely crucial that all students attend school every day on time (Foundation students to follow the Wednesday schedule for the first five weeks).**

**All students must be in their classes at 8.35, ready to learn.**

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

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## Foundation and Year 1 Students

All Foundation and Year 1 students should have a spare change of clothes packed in their bag throughout the school year in case of any accidents.

We thank all students and families for their cooperation with this request.

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## 2018 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 31st January	Foundation Assessment Days <b>See classroom teacher for schedule</b>
Wednesday 7th February	Foundation Assessment Days <b>See classroom teacher for schedule</b>
Friday 9th February	Welcome To Foundation 2pm
Tuesday 12th February - Friday 16th February	Year 6 Residential Program
Wednesday 14th February	Foundation Assessment Days <b>See classroom teacher for schedule</b>
Monday 19th February	School Council Meeting 5pm
Wednesday 21st February	Foundation Assessment Days <b>See classroom teacher for schedule</b>
Wednesday 21st February - Friday 23rd February	Year 7 Community Camp
Wednesday 28th February	Foundation Assessment Days <b>See classroom teacher for schedule</b>
Wednesday 28th February	School Photos Years 1-9
Thursday 1st March	Foundation Only School Photos
Tuesday 6th March	Return of Immunisation Card
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday <b>No School</b>
Tuesday 13th March	Year 7 Immunisation
Thursday 29th March	End of term 1 <b>2.30pm finish</b>
Monday 16th April	Start of term 2 <b>8.35am start</b>