

Newsletter 6 ~ Wednesday 18th April 2018

Principal's Report

Striving For Success!!

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school to each member of our college community as we start the super exciting Term 2. This term will be full of great learning and wonderful extracurricular activities, including but not limited to; enrichment programs, student success club, Australian Maths Competition, the International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS), instrumental music lessons and access to Fit Kicks.

We are also really looking forward to the National Assessment program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) assessments which will take place for Years 3,5,7 and 9 on Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th of May, 2018. More information about NAPLAN is provided later in the newsletter.

Sadia Toqeer, our Community Engagement in Learning Leading Teacher hosted a fabulous information session to our Year 5 & 7 families. This session outlined our assessment program inclusive of Fountas and Pinnell, PAT-Maths, PAT-Reading and the NAPLAN process. Families took away additional information and examples of questions to work on with their children. Below are some photographs of families interacting with one another, asking, "How did you get your answer?", "Tell me about your thinking..." and "Where is the evidence to support your answer?"



Principal's Report (cont.)

More information can be found on our school website under the Parents >>>

Community Engagement Tab.

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.

If you would like to see you child's class teacher appointments can be made with the class teacher or through the school office or if you would like to see the Principal Class for your child's area appointments can also be made via the school office.

Assistant Principals

Foundation	Sarah Dalton
Year 1 and 2	Steven Trotter
Year 3	Nicole O'Brien
Year 4, 5 and 6	Justine Ryan
Year 7, 8 and 9	Helene Refuerzo

School Council

The role of School Council as outlined in the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 is one of helping to set the long term future for the school and maintaining oversight of the school's operation. The Principal is responsible for the management of the school and acts as the Executive Officer of Council.

The Truganina College School Council is a wonderfully supportive group who work diligently to assist the school to work towards achieving the best learning outcomes for our students.

I would like to take this opportunity, as our 2017 office bearers complete their term, to thank them for their outstanding service. A sincere thank you to our retiring President Marilyn Jefferies, Vice President Jagruti Dave and Treasurer Sahar Amjad.

The outgoing office bearers completed their roles with professionalism and a genuine commitment to improving student learning outcomes.

I would like to make particular mention of retiring School Council President Marilyn Jefferies. Marilyn was the inaugural School Council President and has completed three years of outstanding service. Marilyn's positive influence on Council and her high level understanding of the educational requirements of our College have been extremely supportive. A sincere thank you Marilyn.

Principal's Report (cont.)

It is now with great pleasure that I introduce the 2018 office bearers-

President - Jagruti Dave

Vice President - Doreen Nareen

Treasurer - Marilyn Jefferies

On behalf of the college community I would like to congratulate Jagruti, Doreen and Marilyn.

Our strong School Council will continue to strive along with the community and staff to achieve the College Purpose statement. *We are a school community with high expectations. We are collaborative and inclusive of all. We deliver a 21st century guaranteed and viable curriculum that results in outstanding student achievement.*

Update from the Department of Education & Training regarding Student Accident Insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools by students, staff and visitors.

School communities are reminded that the Department of Education and Training does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to look into their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents or guardians on the purchase of individual student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department of Education & Training does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include but is not limited to; mobile phones, ipads, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff and visitors should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

At School - On Time, In Uniform, Well rested and Ready to Learn

It is really important that all students are at school on time and ready to learn. It has been my great pleasure to be on duty at the front of the school over recent weeks. Most students are at school just before 8.35am which is great. It is important that all students from Year Foundation right through to Year Nine move to class quickly and start reading. Reading has such a positive impact on the long term educational outcomes of students. The morning reading routine is a crucial part of the school curriculum. Families, I cannot stress more strongly how vital it is for your children to be at school on time. The only time children should stay home is if they are unwell. School is too important for days to be missed.

Enjoy the week.

Jenny Crowle

Principal

2018 Truganina College Events Calendar

Date	Event
Tuesday 24th April	School Banking
Wednesday 25th April	Anzac Day Public Holiday No School
Monday 30 th April	School Council Meeting 5.00pm
Tuesday 1st May	School Banking
Wednesday 9th –11th May	Mother's Day Stall Times and year levels to be confirmed
Monday 14 th May	School Council Meeting 5.00pm
Tuesday 15 ^h May	NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 , 7 and 9
Tuesday 15th May	School Banking
Wednesday 16th May	NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 , 7 and 9
Thursday 17th May	NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 , 7 and 9
Tuesday 22nd May	School Banking
Thursday 24th May	<u>Curriculum Day</u> - Professional Learning for staff No school for students
Friday 25th May	<u>Curriculum Day</u> - Professional Learning for staff No school for students
Monday 11th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday No School
Friday 29th June	End of term 2 2.30pm finish

Naplan Update

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year in May.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

Reading

Writing

Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)

Numeracy.

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are already learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure that students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN, you are encouraged to make a time to speak with their teacher.

NAPLAN tests are constructed to give students an opportunity to demonstrate skills they have learned over time through the school curriculum, and NAPLAN test days should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day.

	Tuesday 15 May 2018	Wednesday 16 May 2018	Thursday 17 May 2018
Year 3	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>45 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>45 minutes</i>
Year 5	Language conventions <i>40 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>
Year 7	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>
Year 9	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i> Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>60 minutes</i>

Nicole O'Brien

Director of Teaching and Learning Excellence

Call For Parent Helpers!!

The Foundation team are looking for parent helpers to start as soon as possible.

We need reading helpers **everyday 8:50 – 9:50AM** to read with the Foundation students in their classrooms.

We need helpers on **Thursdays and Fridays** to assist with making resources that will be used in all Foundation classrooms.

If you are available to read with our students **any day**, or available to help create our resources on Thursdays and Fridays **please speak to your classroom teacher or RSVP to the front office.**

Thank you,

Parent helpers required for Mother's Day Stall

Truganina College is holding a Mother's Day Stall on Wednesday 9th May till Friday 11th May. All funds raised from the stall will go towards fundraising for our next playground.

In order for this stall to take place, a number of parent helpers are required on both days to run the stall. Without the help of parents or members of the community, the stall won't be able to take place.



If you are interested in helping out on Wednesday 9th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, please contact the Administration Office on 9368 9800.

CSEF: Camps, Sports and

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors; excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. These are all part of a healthy curriculum.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students.
- \$225 for secondary school students.

The CSEF funding does not cover school levies. School levies must be paid by all families. See office staff if you need assistance or have any questions.

How to apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form, complete the form and we'll take a copy of your Health Care Card.

More information

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

Clare Najdovski
Finance Manager
