



Bulletin

14 December 2011

Dear Parents and Community Members,

What a success our End of Year Concert was. We have had lots of positive feedback from the community and the children enjoyed performing.

End of Year parties will be held on Friday 16th December between 12:00-12:50. All families are invited to attend. All students have been asked to pre-order lunch. If you have not done this please do so by tomorrow. **There will be no burgers for sale on the day.**

Have you "Liked" us on Facebook?

You can now "Like" us on Facebook. Parents and guardians can now receive updates of activities and events via facebook. This is another way to stay informed about what is happening at school. Find us on face book Truganina South Primary School- "Like" us and you will receive all future updates.

Truganina South Primary School 2011

We will be providing all families with the opportunity to purchase a disc of photos to remember our very first year. Each disc will cost \$5:00. We have started to upload photos to the disc and currently have in excess of 5000 photos- so this is a worth while purchase. Every child in the school will be represented on the disc. If you are interested in purchasing a disc please send money and an order form to the office by Friday. No late orders will be accepted.

End of Year Reports

All student reports will be sent home with the students on Monday 19th December.

Student Placements 2012

All students will visit their new communities and meet their new teachers on the last day of school. Parents will be informed of placements on that day.

Office Closure

All payments must be finalised by Monday 19th December. Please be advised the office will be unable to accept payments for 2011 after this date. We thank you for your support in this.

.As the year comes to an end many some families move on. If you are intending to move over the holidays and know that your children will not be attending Truganina South Primary School in 2012 please complete the slip below and return it to school ASAP.

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My child/children

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Will not be attending Truganina South Primary School in 2012. Please forward all relevant files and details to Primary School.

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Dates to Remember.

Please add them to your calendar.

Thursday 15th December
Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 16th December
Learning Community Parties

Monday 19th December
Student Reports sent home

Thursday 22nd December
Last day of Term 4
Whole School Assembly
12:40 Finish

Wednesday 25 January
Book sell day

Friday 3 February
All students commence school



ON BEHALF OF ALL STAFF AT TRUGANINA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL I WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, ASAFE HOLIDAY AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.



Keeping Kids Off the Summer Slide



Something is waiting for many children each summer and their parents don't even know it's out there. It's called the "summer slide," and it describes what happens when young minds sit idle for six weeks.

As parents approach the summer break, many are thinking about the family holiday, trips to the pool, how to keep children engaged in activities at home, the abrupt changes to everyone's schedule—and how to juggle it all. What they might not be focusing on is how much educational ground their children could lose during the six week break from school, particularly when it comes to reading.

Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward. According to the authors of a report from the National Summer Learning Association: "A conservative estimate of lost instructional time is approximately two months or roughly 22 percent of the school year.... It's common for teachers to spend at least a month re-teaching material that students have forgotten over the summer. That month of re-teaching eliminates a month that could have been spent on teaching new information and skills."

Often, it is the students who can least afford to lose the reading gains they've achieved during the school year who fall the furthest behind, and the loss is not only in reading but also in maths. The summertime loss of mathematics skills equates to 2.6 months of previous learning.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

The summer slide is not urban legend – the loss of knowledge is reality. The good news is that there are things parents can do to turn the loss into a gain.

Within the report envelopes that will be sent home next week you will find a list of homework tasks your children need to complete over the holidays. At Truganina South Primary School we want our students to keep learning over the break and come back to school in February ready to learn new skills and information!



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Dear Melissa, Cori and Lisa

Thank you to you and your students for all the wonderful letters we received seeking assistance for your sister school in Indonesia. You have very talented students and the letters were a delight to read.

At Kmart we have a community program in place which aims to assist the local community surrounding each of our stores. We were so touched by your efforts that we have enclosed \$200 in Kmart gift cards for you and your students to purchase educational and sports items.

Thank you again for your letters and we hope you enjoy the festive season. We will be sure to let Santa know all your students have been very good!

Kindest regards,

Laura Silluzio
Kmart Corporate Affairs

Merry
Christmas

