



Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Staff are in the process of finalising the Student Reports. These reports will be available for collection at the Three Way Conference on 29th June. Many schools are using three-way conferencing to report to and share information with parents. This reporting procedure, in which the student is very actively involved in the learning and reporting process, is a fundamental shift away from the one-way transference of information from teacher to parents, and is consistent with the characteristics of Twenty First Century schools.

Three-way conferences take the form of a conversation between the student, their parents and their teacher. The approach gives students an opportunity to share with their parents their growth as a learner. They accept accountability and responsibility for their progress and achievement, and demonstrate a growing understanding of their development as independent learners. All three parties - student, parents and the teacher - sit together and talk about the student's learning, with the student taking an equal role.

The three-way conferences are designed to achieve one or more of the following goals:

- to help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- to teach students the process of reflection and self-evaluation
- to facilitate the development of students' organisational and oral communication skills and to increase their self-confidence
- to encourage students, parents, and teachers to engage in open and honest dialogue
- to encourage students to accept personal responsibility for their learning to increase parent understanding of their child's learning through improving attendance at and satisfaction with the reporting process.

We are looking forward to meeting with you at our Three Way Conferences later this Term.

Mandy O'Mara



Dates to Remember.

Please add them to your calendar.

Friday 10th June

Swimming Program ends

Monday 13th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 15th June

Hoop time

Celebration of Learning

Monday 20th June

Whole School Walk-a-thon

Wednesday 29th June

3 Way Conference

Thursday 23rd June

Open afternoon

Friday 1st July

Last day of Term 2

Whole School Footy Colours Day.

Special Lunch

Whole School Assembly 1:30

2:00 PM finish

Special Thanks...

A big thank you to:

- Lisa Sarpa who assisted with the planning and organisation of the Family Fun Night.
- Joel Riddle for his excellent organisation of the Swimming Program.
- Deborah, Amy and Fareana for the commitment in coordinating our Student banking.

SCHOOL VALUES

Relationships

Excellence

Acceptance

Collaboration

Honesty



RECOMMENDED WEB SITES...

<http://www.intrepica.com.au/>
<http://readingeggs.com.au/>
<http://www.studyladder.com.au/>

SCHOOL BANKING

Please ensure you send your child's Bankbook every Monday.

KINDA KINDER

Kinda Kinder will continue every Tuesday this term. It is a free play group experience to enhance developmental skills for children aged 0 to 5 years old. Kinda Kinder is offered in partnership with Victoria University.



It has been wonderful to see the huge number of people in attendance.

A great opportunity for parents and children to socialise in a friendly and warm environment!

School Web-Site.

As you may know our school has a website – www.truganinasouthps.vic.edu.au Our website enables us to communicate in a meaningful, timely and economical way with our school community. Our website and hosting has been provided for free by **sponsor-ed** and websites of comparable quality cost in excess of \$7000.

There are two major benefits of our site. Firstly, we control it. We have access to the back end of the site and we can upload and change all the content, forms, notices and photos at will. This means our website is a very dynamic, constantly changing, up-to-date source of information for all things happening at the school.

Secondly, our website now has the ability to generate sponsorship funds if enough people visit a site. It's a lot like the newspaper world. The more people that see the advertisers message, the more money the publisher can earn.

The fundraising dollars we can earn is tied directly to the number of pageviews our website receives and the sponsors we have on our site. The school has total control over which sponsors are represented on our site.

What's a pageview? It's simply a way of measuring how many times our website is viewed by our community.

We need you to make the school's website your homepage on as many computers as possible, at home, school and work! It's very easy to do, visit our website, go to the top right hand corner and click the orange 'Make this my Homepage' button.

Aside from the fundraising, our new website has many wonderful and useful features including:

- 3 day weather forecast
- Dynamic Event Calendar so you can see what's coming up
- Google – search the school website or search the web
- Subscribe to our newsletter and read it online
- Constantly changing news and articles about your school

We hope you support our school's website and if you have any ideas or feedback on the content that you would like to see on the site please let us know.

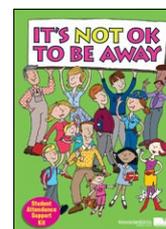
Please remember to make our school's website your homepage!

WALK-A-THON

Students in the 3-6 Learning Community have organized a Walk-a-thon to raise money to display our values.

Please support our school and sponsor your children.

Sponsor-ship forms will be coming home early next week.



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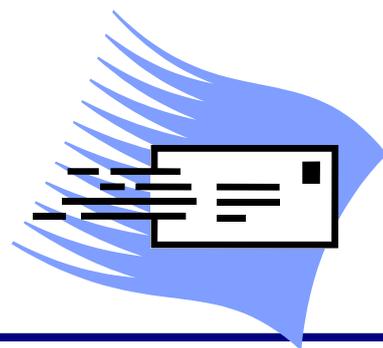
Subscribe to the Mailing List

Our school's website now has a new feature where you can register your email address and name and each time our latest newsletter is uploaded onto our website you will receive an alert via email advising you.

We put the newsletter on the website for you to read and it saves the school time, money and paper because we don't need to print it.

If you would like to subscribe to receive our newsletter alerts, please visit our website www.truganinasouthps.vic.edu.au and under the **Newsletter/News/About us tab/button** you will find the **Subscribe to the Mailing List** option. Please click on that and enter your email address. You will immediately be sent a verification email and in the email there is a link. Once you click that link, it will take you to a page where you need to enter your first name and surname.

After you have completed these steps, you will now be able to receive the alerts each time we upload our latest newsletter available on our website, also whilst you are there, please feel free to look around at all the other interesting and important information we have on there such as notices, forms, photos, the weather forecast, Google search, event calendar, latest school news and much more.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the last fortnight, swimming has been a major focus! Our Preps have been fantastic and have really showed how independent they really can be. A big thank you to Joel for all his organization and commitment to running a successful program.

On Friday we had some visitors from a primary school from the Barwon Region. The visitors were very impressed with our students and the individual learning that is taking place in each Learning Community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our staff and students for the amazing work that they are doing. Last Thursday we had representatives from Bunnings come out to visit children in the 3-6 Community. Bunnings kindly donated \$400 worth of plants for our frog bog, and then assisted our students in planting them. Our frog bog is starting to look amazing and this is all thanks to our students being able to develop community links. The students working on the Values have begun working on their Walkathon fundraiser. The students have planned the course, organised prizes and designed sponsorship books. Please keep an eye out for those books, as all the money we receive from this fundraiser will go towards being able to display our Values outside through some sort of artwork.

Our Prep Community have been learning about staying healthy. This week they participated in activities that allowed them to cook healthy food options. The children were very engaged and found the products delicious! They will now work towards preparing a Healthy recipe book to sell to the community.

Some of the students in the 1/2 Community will be attending an excursion to Ecolinc s in Bacchus Marsh on Thursday 16th June. This excursion is aimed at developing children's understandings of living things, with a particular focus on plants and animals found in the wetlands. The 1/2 Community will share their findings of living things in our community through presentations and our school newsletter.

I would also like to remind you all that Thursday 23rd June is our Term 2 Open Afternoon. All families are invited to their child's classroom to see the wonderful work they have been doing. We look forward to seeing you all.

Tracy Peters

COFFEE & CHAT

Come and join us for Coffee & Chat every Monday morning after assembly. .



Thank-you to the families that have been collecting McCains Bar Codes. Please Keep them coming. Remember you get 1000 House Points per Bar Code!!!