End of Term Highlights

What a fabulous term we have had, and how quickly it has flown. The beginning of term saw us still enjoying the sunshine but we certainly know Winter has arrived during the last few weeks. Brrrrr!

There are many highlights this term but a few that immediately come to mind were:

* Book Cup
* Our Senior Choir achieved an ‘A’ for their assessment
* Red Cross Pillow Case project
* SASASA Netball, Soccer and boys Football/District Cross Country, Soccer and Athletics
* Life Ed Van
* Smart Start banking sessions
* NAPLAN
* Excursions to Heritage Farm, Variety events, Adelaide Zoo and Incursions, including the Jon Madin Music workshops
* The Biggest Morning Tea……..

…..just to name a few. Many more exciting events and rigorous learning programs are in store in Term 3. Please enjoy a relaxing and refreshing holiday break ☺

FUNDRAISING - Election Day BBQ and Bunnings BBQ

I want to acknowledge the very hardworking and dedicated Fundraising Committee for all their planning and hard work. As well as the time and energy they put into sourcing donations, and their never ending cheerfulness and dedication. During the last two weeks of term we had the opportunity to continue to raise funds for improving and updating our outdoor play areas. The two BBQs we provided, at Bunnings Modbury and our school based Election BBQ, raised a combined total profit of over $2000!

This is a huge accomplishment for such a small school and our heartfelt thanks go to all of our school community who helped in some way; serving at the BBQs, donating a myriad of goods, purchasing from the BBQ and cake stall and promoting our school by encouraging community members to participate.

Special thanks and appreciation to the following people and companies for their help and generosity in support of our BBQs:

To Murray Valley Beef Producers, Coles St Agnes, the Golding family (Golding’s Gully Market), Bunnings Modbury and Rachel Horrex, our sincere thanks for your support and very generous donations of produce, ensuring our outlay was minimal and our profit exceptional! Thank you so much!

Special thanks also go to all those community members who so generously donated eggs for the BBQ and/or delicious treats for the Bake Stall. You are way too many to mention individually, but please know your support is very much appreciated.
Staff Profile – Cathy Pannell

What’s your role here at Surrey Downs?
I am an SSO working mainly with students in JP and Primary Special Classes. I also work with students in room 8.

What do you most love about your job?
The children – seeing them achieve something that they have been trying to do for a long time. For example, a child in JP Special who has no speech saying his first word … it was so exciting!

How long have you been an SSO?
I have been an SSO for 18 months.

What did you do before you became an SSO?
I have been an SSO for 18 months.

Tell us a bit about yourself and your family.
I have 5 children – 2 girls and 3 boys, ranging in age from 9 to 21 years. I married my high school sweetheart. I live in the hills with my family and lots of animals.

What are your favorite things to do outside of school?
I enjoy travelling, scrapbooking and reading. I love watching my boys play cricket all summer! This is my favorite sport.

Tell us something we might not know about you.
I don’t like gardening!!

Some Great Student Work from Room 18
Room 18 practised using their spelling words in paragraphs – here is an example of a paragraph from a Year 6 student:

I don’t like gardening!!

By Sivani

Staffing
The current leadership arrangements will continue until the end of Term 3. This means that Suzi Jarrett will continue to provide Music/Health NIT for the Junior Primary classes and Karen Meddle will remain in the Library, team teaching units of work in Geography and History across all year levels.

Spare Clothing
We would appreciate any donations of clothing, particularly underwear and socks, in all sizes. The Winter months and the wet and muddy conditions result in daily ‘accidents’ and students often require a complete change of clothes.

Habits of Mind
Room 21 wrote terrific narratives highlighting the fortnightly Habit of Mind focus for homework – here is an example:

Everyone cheered as the school bell rang, all the students were running out of the classrooms jumping up and down. Bob, Tom and Riley were the last ones out of school because everyone pushed straight through them. Bob, Tom and Riley were best friends and every day after school they went to their secret hideout. Their hideout was in a park area near Tom’s house and is in a huge bush. Today they were bringing popcorn into the hideout to eat as a snack while they played Connect 4. In the hideout they have a mat covering up all the dirt and an old couch in the middle of the mat. Today their homework was to write ¾ of a page to explain what Striving with Accuracy is. Tom tried really hard to write about it but it was just too hard. Riley tried really hard to write about it but it was just too hard. Riley came over to Tom and tried to help him but Tom just got angry and pushed him away. Riley started crying and ran home along with Bob. Tom was in the hideout still trying to write the ¾ of a page, all he needed to do was try and not give up. Tom walked out of the bush and went to Riley’s house. Tom knocked on his door and he opened it. Tom said, “I’m very sorry for pushing you, I was just angry.” Riley let Tom inside and they ate some chocolate chip cookies that were really big.
A Local Historian came to Visit Room 11

We learnt about life in the olden days.

We learnt how to make butter. It was hard work but tasted great!
Fundraising Election Day BBQ
**Book Cup 2016 Champions**

I was in the Champions team for the Book Cup competition. My teammates were Kyle, Brandon S, Gaohan, myself and Isabella as the reserve. Our round was after recess. The social team had done really well with 20/25. I was really nervous and I could tell that everyone one else was too. We had elected Gaohan to be our scribe or writer. The first book was Meet Nellie which we weren’t bad at. I immediately realised that our lot of questions were harder than the socials. We had raced through the first four books with the top score of 13. The final book seemed like it was taking forever. Then the final nerve-racking moment had come when they announced the winning scores. The board was turned away so only the score keeper could see. The room had turned so silent, you could literally hear a book drop. With a bit of difficulty, the large board was turned around. I looked straight at the board looking at our scores and then my throat released a scream that it had been holding since we got up to our seats. We had the top score of 17/25. The main quizmaster began thanking people who had helped in setting up Book Cup and then proceeded with the presentation. She handed me the trophy and our team posed in front of the banners saying ‘Book Cup 2016’. Overall, I think that Book Cup 2016 had been an amazing experience and I would probably do it again next year.

By Sivani.

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On Tuesday 5th Surrey Downs participated in the Book Cup competition at Tea Tree Gully Primary School. The people involved were Ryan, Zac, Victoria, Amber, Gaohn, Sivani, Kiel, Branden, Isabella and I. Book Cup is a competition where you read five books and answer questions based on the books. The questions are made by the Teacher Librarians from all the schools. We left school at about 8:50am and arrived at Tea Tree Gully Primary school around 9am. Zac’s mum and Ms Meddle helped with the transport. When we walked in we saw the mats where we had to sit while we waited for the competition to start. The Social team which was Zac, Victoria, Amber, Ryan and I were up first and in total we received a score 20 out of 25 which was pretty good….and we won! The runner up was Golden Grove Primary School on 14 points which was still a good score. We had a recess break and then the Champion team was up next which was Gaohn, Branden, Sivani, Kiel and Isabella. Throughout the questions the points were close and Surrey Downs was one point ahead with St Agnes in second. Our team ended up winning on a score of 17 with St Agnes on 14. We were very excited when we received the trophies and we headed back to school. We want to thank Ms Meddle for all her hand work in training us.

By Adam – Room 21

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**Student Extra Curricular Achievement**

Alana Grech underwent her Australian Teachers of Dance Classical Ballet Assessment with Jane Grech Dance Centre last week. All students must work very hard to reach a standard where they can undertake Classical Ballet examinations. Alana is to be congratulated for her efforts in reaching that standard! Congratulations Alana and all the very best with your results!!
Life Education Van

[Images of children and educational activities related to the Life Education Van, including a skeleton diagram and interaction with educators]
A Smile
A Smile costs nothing, but gives much.
It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.
It takes a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it,
And none is so poor, but that he can be made rich by it.
A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the counter sign of friendship.
It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad,
And it is nature’s best antidote for trouble.
Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen,
For it is something that is of no value to anyone, until it is given away.
Some people are too tired to give you a smile; give them one of yours,
As none needs a smile so much as the one who has no more to give.

Tuesday and Thursday Lunchtime Library Fun.

Many students have been telling me about the exciting adventures they are looking forward to in the school holidays. Some are going interstate, some staying at home, some visiting friends and relatives.

I have family down from Queensland and we are all looking forward to the final State of Origin telecast in week 1. (My apologies to the N.S.Ws in our community. 😊) But, most exciting of all, I am especially looking forward to serious Granny time with my first grandchild born on July 3rd.

Wherever you are this holiday I wish you a safe, refreshing and happy time together as family. Children are a precious gift. Enjoy building memories together.

Barb Page 😊
Pastoral Care Worker

I will be away on an annual conference in week 1 of term 3, so I look forward to seeing you all in Week 2.