**Welcome to Term 2**

Welcome back after the warm April break. The weather has certainly changed now, though and the heavy winds earlier this week resulted in bringing down one of the panels on our new fence! Please ensure all students’ clothes are clearly named and think about donating unwanted clothing items to the school’s spare clothes supply. We have already had to provide several changes of clothes after (accidental???) slips in the mud.

If you have changed address or contact details during the holiday break could you please advise the Front Office staff as soon as possible, so our records can be updated.

**Staffing**

The Principal Consultancy position that Cathy McAuley was temporarily placed in last term was not permanently filled during term 1. Due to this, Cathy’s position in the Regional Office was rolled over until the end of term 3. During this time I will be in the Principal’s role and Jodie Pryce will continue in the Assistant Principal’s role. Suzi Jarratt will take the JP Music NIT role and Karen Meddle will be Teacher Librarian.

This term we welcome Terry Allen to our school, who will be teaching in a support role on Thursdays and Fridays.

**NAPLAN**

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the development and central management of the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

This week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 participated in tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritized for improvement. Please remember that NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school’s assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year.

Below are some reflections from a few students after participating in NAPLAN:

*“Sometimes it was difficult but it challenges me. I was ready because I’d practised.” Abby Room 8*

*“I found parts of it hard and some of it easy.” Dima Room 8*

*“I found some parts hard and some easy but I felt confident doing it.” Mikayla Room 8*

*“I did my best and tried hard to finish it.” Jackson Room 8*

“It was kind of difficult but I enjoyed the challenge of working out the answers”. Mitch Room 21

*“After doing the first test I wasn’t quite so nervous.” Sienna Room 8*

*“It’s challenging but a bit boring.” Hannah Room 8*

*“I was nervous at first but it was actually quite fun.” Oliver Room 11*

**New Students**

We welcome 2 new students this term; Aiden R in room 6 and his sister Paige R in Room 11. We are excited to welcome them into the Surrey Downs Community.

Please take the time to say hello to them 🌠

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*Entertainment Books are be available from the Front Office for $65. A percentage of the sales go to the School.*
Surrey Downs R-7 School has a very dedicated and hard working group of parents who plan, organise, run and promote several events throughout the year. We have been very lucky to secure a Bunnings BBQ fundraiser later this term thanks to Rachel Horrex, who has a son Trent, in room 21! Although midweek, it is still a great opportunity to not only raise some funds and feed the hungry shoppers, but it provides us with a chance to promote our school. Surrey Downs School is tucked away and it is surprising how many people in our local and nearby communities are not aware of it. We need to at least maintain our current enrolments in order to maintain our current staff and classes. Any opportunity to get the word out there into the wider community about our fantastic school is an opportunity too good to pass up. If you would be happy to help cook and serve on the day (Wednesday 29th June) please pop in to the front office and add your name to the roster. Even an hour would be great!

If you would be willing to help out on the election day we would be most grateful. We will be running two BBQs and selling cool drinks, so ideally need at least 4 volunteers at any time. If you are able to spend an hour or so helping out before or after you come to vote please call in to the front office and add your name to the roster. Alternatively you may like to work on the Bake Sale for an hour.

**Egg Donations**

When holding previous fundraisers on election days we have had an amazingly generous family who donated free eggs as they had access to large quantities of free range eggs. This donation ensured we made an excellent profit. Unfortunately, as this contact no longer has enough happy, laying chooks, we will be seeking donations of eggs from our school community. Please consider donating a dozen, or even a half dozen eggs, to keep our expenditure down and our profits up! Let Janet know in the office if you would be willing to donate.

**ELECTION DAY BBQ AND BAKE SALE**

Only three days after the Bunnings Fundraiser we have yet another opportunity to promote our school at the polling booths here at Surrey Downs, as the community members flock in to cast their vote at the recently called Federal Election. We will be starting early and catching the very first voters as we fire up the BBQ and serve mouth watering egg and bacon sandwiches. Hopefully the enticing smell, plus the onsite coffee van we have organized, will bring in some money whilst feeding the hungry voters! Later in the day we will add sausages and onions to the menu, providing a welcome snack as the voters wait in line. We will also hold a Bake Sale and are hopeful that members of our school community will donate some goodies to sell to the voters. Please ensure all ingredients are listed if you are able to donate and put an approximate cost on your item to save the volunteer’s time on the day.

**MOTHER’S DAY**

Thank to everyone who supported our Mother’s Day stall this year. At our recent Fundraising Committee meeting we shared feedback from the volunteers, students and staff. Overall, the gifts didn’t ‘excite’ the children and many chose to spend money at the canteen rather than on another gift. We have decided to change the companies we buy from and provide a greater range of choices including pot plants, candles, pamper packs, lip gloss, etc. We will also involve students in the selection of the gifts and add what they find appealing. Closer to Father’s Day the children will be invited to pore over the catalogues and make some selections that will add to the committee’s choices.

**CADBURY CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

This week you should have received a note about our annual Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. This remains a popular event and our thanks go to the many families who request several boxes and sell the goodies in their workplace. Please complete the tear off slip and return to school by next Friday so that we can order your preferred boxes. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

**LATER IN THE YEAR…..**

Other events to look forward to as the year progresses include: student disco, Bingo evening (not of the Bogan kind!!), winter warmer sausage sizzle, family portraits and end of year raffle! If you have contacts for donations or prizes please let us know so we can start sourcing goodies for our Bingo Fun Night!
On the 15th of April, some members of the senior choir woke up early to participate in the ANZAC Appeal breakfast. Those students were Emily, Kyna, Elijah, Amber, Schylah and Madi from Mr Wherry’s class and Jasmine, Lilly and Victoria from Miss Hurst’s class. We woke up and individually drove to a bus stop at St Agnes Primary School at 6:00am. This is where we took a bus ride to the Adelaide Convention Centre. We went with a lot of other schools including Banksia Park, Keithcot Farm, Rose Park and St Agnes. When we got there we had to sit down and the staff offered us drinks before we went on stage to sing. After a few speeches we were called onto the stage. The songs we sang were Que Sera, For Love of Country, Wartime Medley and Song of Australia.

We were all really excited because 7 News was there! Several of us also sang solos. They were Jasmine, Victoria, Emily, Madi and Schylah. Miss Hurst conducted the choir. After our performance, we were served up a really nice breakfast which was so delicious. First we got muesli with berries and yoghurt which some of us ate before we performed. Some of us even got to share extra ones of these plus ours! Then we got served scrambled eggs, toasted muffins, cooked mushrooms, bacon, cooked tomato, hot chocolate and orange juice. After we finished our breakfast, we walked outside and drove back to school to start the day. We had to stop at most of the other schools first and we got back to school at about 10am.

Overall we really enjoyed going to the ANZAC Day Breakfast and we had so much fun singing for all those special people at the ANZAC Appeal.

By Jasmine, Lilly and Victoria – Room 21

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the students and families who participated in this performance. Your dedication to attend the rehearsal on the afternoon we arrived back from camp, and wake up extremely early on the last day of term shows how dedicated and supportive the students and families are at Surrey Downs. It was a unique opportunity for these students and a memorable event. Thank you also to Di Scott for sharing the experience. And I agree with the students – the breakfast was delicious!
~ Kendall Hurst
**Listening with understanding and empathy:**

Drew and Daisy are on the playground swinging. Jemima comes over to ask for a turn. Daisy says “No! We’re swinging now!” Drew doesn’t say anything. A few minutes later, Jemima again approaches the swings, and asks for a turn. Daisy shouts “Go away, we’re swinging!” Jemima eyes fill with tears. Josie walks over, puts her arm around Jemima and says, “I know how you feel. Let’s go play on the monkey bars, and we can swing later!” That is empathy in action.

“We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.” – Epictetus

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“Empathy is seeing with the eyes of another, listening with the ears of another and feeling with the heart of another.” – Alfred Adler

“If you can learn a simple trick, Scout, you’ll get along a lot better with all kinds of folks. You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view, until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it.” – Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird (1962)

**Note for your diary....**

**Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea** is Cancer Council Australia’s most popular fundraising event and the largest, most successful event of its kind in Australia. Last year, with your help they raised an amazing $11.9 million to help beat cancer. This year they’re hoping to get more people involved and raise over $13 million, to fund research, prevention and support services for those affected by cancer. This is such a fun and rewarding way to support Cancer Council Australia and help save lives. More than a million people will be sipping their way through morning teas at work, school, home and in the community.

Surrey Downs R-7 School is once again supporting Cancer Council Australia by hosting a Biggest Morning tea. Our event will be held in the staff room in **Week 6 on Friday 10th June from 10.00am to 12.00pm**. Make a date in your diary and invite a friend to attend.

**Barb Page**

CPSW 😊
Day 1
From the 11th to 13th of April room 18 and 21 had school camp! We had to rock up at school by 8:40. The bus drive took about 1 hour and 40 minutes or so. We were staying at the Adare House in Victor Harbour. The first thing we did was set up and have a talk about camp and activities. There are three activity groups whose tribe names were Goin’ Fishin’, Floppy Whales and Swaggy Whales. The three tribes made chants to scare the other teams off and to encourage their own tribes. Next we had the welcome talk from the staff. We went upstairs to our dorms. After we settled into our dorms we started to walk to the beach for the Beach Games. The beach games were followed by afternoon tea and then a whole heap of excitement was had during the Water Obstacle activities. Once they had ended we ate dinner and walked into Victor Harbor for Mini Golf. Then we walked back to Adare House and after numerous poor attempts at going to sleep the day eventually ended.
Day 2
We started off the day with breakfast and a dorm check. The three tribes either did the Flying Kiwi, Kayaking, Survivor Challenge or the Amazing Race. My favourite for this day was kayaking because I like water activities, also we were able to play a cool game of kayak dodgeball. After we ate morning tea, (Which was amazing!) we walked into Victor Harbor and then to Granite Island to take photos. The view was absolutely beautiful. Once photos were taken we walked back into Victor Harbor and split into groups and went shopping. I think everyone found the lolly shop! Afterwards all the groups met back at the playground meeting point and the teachers took photos of everyone standing on this cool rope structure. Next we all walked back to Adare House and ate dinner. It was very tasty! Then we looked at all of the photos taken that day, had showers and went to bed exhausted but happy that it had been such a great day.

Day 3
We all woke up on the last day and had to clean our dorms. After cleaning our dorms we dragged our bags downstairs which we all found a bit tiring. Not having Mum to do the packing and cleaning for us seemed to make everything more difficult. After devouring the delicious breakfast we were introduced to our final activities for the day. The three tribes took part in either in kayaking, the flying kiwi, The Amazing Race or the Survivor Challenge. The main favourites out of the activities were kayaking and The Flying Kiwi. After the activities we had lunch which was awesome because it was pizza! Sadly after lunch we had to board the bus to leave. Overall it was a great camp for 2016, and an experience we won’t forget!

Special thanks to: Damien (Mr Winkworth), Barb, Miss Di, Kylie, Miss Pryce, Mr Wherry, Mrs Hurst, Adare Staff and of course all of the parents who sent us on camp! Camp wouldn’t have been as good as it was without you! You Guys Rock!
FUNDRAISING EVENT

WHERE:  Surrey Downs Kindergarten

WHEN:  Saturday 14/5/16  8am-4pm
       & Sunday 15/5/16  8am-2pm

WHAT:  Huge Garage Sale
        Sausage Sizzle
        Bake Sale
        Raffles

**All funds raised are being donated to the Leukamia Foundation on behalf of my sister in law who sadly lost her battle to this disease in March 2016.**
We will be featuring a staff member in our Newsletter to introduce some of our new staff and share some information about our longer serving staff members. We hope this gives you an insight into the wonderful staff at Surrey Downs and some of the history of their teaching journeys.

Karen Meddle

What role do you have at Surrey Downs?
Teacher in Reception (Room 5) and Teacher Librarian

How long have you been teaching?
22 Years

Where did you train to be a teacher?
London in the U.K.

What are your favourite things about teaching?
The joy of a child learning to read.
The funny things that children say.
Helping children be all they can be.

What are your favourite things to do outside of school?
I like exploring South Australia. I enjoy spending time with my family. I like going for walks along Semaphore Foreshore.

Thank you for sharing some information about yourself. We are so pleased to have you as a member of our staff. Your hard work is evident in the programs that you deliver to the students at Surrey Downs.

Terrific Kid Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving the 'Terrific Kid Award' for last term: