Welcome Back
We have had a smooth start to the term despite the very wet and wild weather we have experienced of late. Hopefully the warmer weather is on its way!

The Rio Olympics will be a topic of interest and study across the school during the next few weeks, and we will be cheering on our Aussie athletes competing in either the Olympics or Paralympics!! Aussie, Aussie, Aussie!!

Exciting Canteen Information
The canteen is looking to find a special name to give it a higher profile in our school community. Some canteens, for example, are called things like “Carrington Café” or “Lola’s Lunches”. We think the students and families at Surrey Downs could come up with a super name for our canteen, so we have decided to run a competition! All you have to do is come up with the winning name and make sure you complete the tear off slip and have it in to the Front Office by Wednesday the 17th August. Kid’s Council will narrow down the entries and pick their top 6 and then all students in the school will have the opportunity to vote for their favourite. The winner will receive a free lunch of their choice from the canteen and the new name will be printed at the top of the BRAND NEW MENU, coming out in week 5 with some delicious new treats, meals and snacks. At the week 4 assembly the competition winner will be announced AND we will be sharing the new menu, along with some yummy tastings to promote some of the new menu items.

Jane and her team in the canteen are keen to brighten up the canteen area and would love some posters and pictures promoting the healthy and tasty menu choices. They will also be introducing some special hot soup days and hot drink specials that you will be able to purchase and enjoy alfresco style, adjacent to the canteen servery. Watch this space for ongoing news and specials from our hard working canteen crew!!

Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations
The Habit of Mind (HOM) focus for weeks 3 and 4 of Term 4 is “Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations”. An important thing to remember for this HOM is that we must make the most of one of the best resources we always have on hand - our own life lessons. In order to use our life lessons wisely we must actively think about both our mistakes and our successes in different situations. To counter the tendency of students to see each new lesson as an isolated activity, lacking meaning and unconnected to what they learned yesterday, teachers often begin by setting a context. They might launch a new topic from the previous lesson, start with a relevant story, or reference a current event or news item. It helps children make connections between what they already know from their own experiences or studies and the new material they are about to learn.

You can assist your child/ren’s development of this HOM by tapping into your child’s memory bank. When deciding how to handle a situation, sit down with your child and try filling in the blanks:

- This situation sounds like/reminds me of....
- What I really don’t want to happen again....
- What I would like to happen again....
NAPLAN Online – Getting Ready for 2017
The Australian Government is committed to delivering NAPLAN online from 2017, with all schools across the nation transitioning over a 2 to 3 year period. This change will provide each child with a more personalized learning experience and a better assessment. It also means that the results will be returned to you and your child’s teachers within a few weeks, rather than several months.

Our school will be participating in a trial of the new online system in August, 2016. This trial is not a ‘test’ of content; it is a test of how the new online system will work in a real-life classroom environment. You may hear this trial referred to as the NAPLAN Online Readiness Trial.

As part of the trial, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake 2 online readiness tests. Each test will take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is important that we participate in this trial before the system is officially in use in 2017 to enable familiarisation with the system in a classroom setting. Participation will allow us to confirm that every school is ready and that our teachers are confident that their students will be able to participate fully.

This trial will help our site to be well prepared to complete NAPLAN online in 2017 and provide feedback into final changes at a statewide level.

Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser
Only a few boxes left to sell, so please come and see us at the front office if you are able to sell any more chocolates.

Information for Families Enrolling in a Government Preschool
Children who turn 4 before 1 May are eligible to start preschool at the beginning of the year before they start school. If you would like your child to attend a government preschool you can be assured of a place. We will try to enrol your child in the preschool of your choice, but we can't guarantee this will be in your local, or preferred, preschool.

Children are able to access a government funded preschool for 1 year. If you are uncertain about the best time for your child to attend preschool, or feel your child may benefit from delaying starting preschool until the following year, please talk to us at the Kindy.

For all enquiries and to enroll your preschooler, please contact Michelle Slatter at Surrey Downs Kindy, 78 Illyarrie Ave, Surrey Downs, 8251 2493.

Staff Profile – John Wherry
What’s your role here at Surrey Downs?
Teaching a year 6 Class and Union Representative for the school.

What do you most love about your job?
Making a difference to the students I work with and teaching Maths.

How long have you been a teacher?
Over 30 years.

What did you do before you became a teacher?
A student at a teacher’s college.

Tell us a bit about yourself and your family.
Married to Deb who works for the SACE Board. I have two children. Thomas 22 years old, works for the ABS in Canberra and a daughter, Casey, 19 years old, studies at Adelaide University.

What are your favorite things to do outside of school?
I like to ride my motorbike, eat chocolate doughnuts, play squash, tennis and volleyball.

Tell us something we might not know about you.
I like to play the guitar and trumpet, but not very well. I also like building, welding, carpentry and airbrushing.

Training and Development
Over the holiday period many of our staff have been updating their teaching skills and knowledge by attending training and development. 2 of our teachers went to a full day session that gave very practical ideas for implementing the Jolly Phonics program into the school. The training was very interesting and gave an insight into teaching spelling and grammar in a hands on manner.

Other staff attended the NAPLAN Online training. This training gave staff the opportunity to learn about the Online version of NAPLAN that will be rolled out across Australia in 2017 for all Year 3, 5 & 7 students. Many practical issues were discussed.

KID’S DISCOS Friday 19th August
1. Years Reception to Year 4
   - 5pm to 6.30pm (flyer sent home 3/8/16)
2. Years 4 to 7
   - 7pm to 8.30pm (flyer sent home 3/8/16)

Parents are invited to join Barb in the staffroom for coffee and dessert.

Canteen Naming Competition
Student ……………………………..
Room ………
Canteen Name ____________________
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Entries to Front Office by Wednesday 17th August
Book Week and Grandparents Morning 2016

Book Week this year is taking place from Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} August until Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August. This is an annual event which highlights the importance of reading, joy of stories and creativity of Australian authors. Each year there is a different theme. This year the theme is:

\textit{Australia: Story Country.}

We are inviting all children and staff to dress-up as anything Australian for a parade in the gym, on Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August at 9am. Some ideas include Australian animals, bush ranger, sports people, swaggie, early settler. Please do not go to great expense for costumes though!

We would like to take this opportunity to make Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} August a Grandparents Morning as well. We invite all Grandparents to come along and join in the fun. Grandparents are invited to share a book with their grandchild. Books will be available in class or you can bring your own. All Grandparents are also invited to a morning tea on that day at approximately 10.30am.

Parents, family and friends are all invited to our special parade. Hope to see you there.

Karen Meddle
Teacher Librarian

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Room 8 for being the first class to complete the challenge.
Hi All

A big thank you to the members of the Kid’s Council for organising an awesome Vegemite Drive at the end of term 2. Thank you everyone for your amazing generosity. Between us all we managed to collect 133 jars of vegemite to donate to Kickstart For Kids.

Kickstart For Kids currently delivers breakfasts and lunches to 230 schools in the north, south and western areas of Adelaide and regional schools in SA. This results in around 35,000 breakfasts provided per week. The food they offer is also used for emergency lunches allowing schools to make sandwiches as needed. Kickstart For Kids also organizes for emergency sandwiches to be assembled in the kitchens of Western Hospital by their volunteers. They make up to 6,000 sandwiches per week.

Our own Breakfast Club here at Surrey Downs receives a weekly order from Kickstart for Kids. When we found out they were running low on Vegemite it seemed only right for us to work out a way we could support this amazing group. I sent them a picture of your kind donations. This is has been posted on their face book page. If you’d like more information you can check them out on http://kickstartforkids.com.au or check out their face book page “Kickstart For Kids”.

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a $20 note. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this $20?" Hands started going up.
He said, "I am going to give this $20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up.

Then he asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air.

"Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air.

"My friends," he said. "No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth $20. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. You are special - Don't ever forget it!

Barb Page
PCW 😊

Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something. – Author Unknown