Surrey Downs Disco

What a fabulous night for students who attended the Disco on Friday 19th August. The night began with the Junior Primary students dancing their shoes off in the gym to the hip and happening tunes of DJ Jon. The disco ball was spinning and the smoke machine was working hard. The time flew by and once the JP students were picked up, the hard working volunteers caught their breath and then the upper Primary students came rolling in, with big smiles and plenty of energy. The dancing and singing continued with many giggles and smiles on the faces of the students. Every child that attended really enjoyed their time at the disco and were keen to dance and have fun with their friends. It was great to see some staff members also came to dance and have a good time as well.

Whilst the students were dancing their feet off, the class parents and Barb had organised coffee and dessert in the staffroom. It was great to see so many parents taking a chance to have a chat and escape the loud music, enjoying some yummy food and delicious coffee. Thank you to all class parents for donating the food and working alongside Barb to make parents feel welcome.

Thank you also to all the wonderful fundraising team that worked so hard to make the night happen. The students enjoyed the delicious pizza and other yummy food available. The glow sticks and lucky dips were a big hit. Thank you to all the parents who came along to share in this special event. Watching the children smile and sing and have a great time with friends made the night very special.

The night was a huge success and the fundraising committee did such a brilliant job.

Bingo Night

Another exciting event is coming up soon thanks again to the hard working Fundraising committee, a Bingo Night. This fun filled event is bingo with a difference – games, amazing prizes to be won and plenty of fun to be had. Please come and book your table of 10 or come to the front office and place your name down on a table for the night. The fundraising committee has worked exceptionally hard to secure some amazing prizes, including portable BBQ, meat trays, baked goods, haircuts, dinner vouchers and plenty of other special things. Come along and enjoy the fun – it will be a brilliant night.

Classes for 2017

As we begin the process of looking at classes for 2017, can we please ask any families who are leaving our school to complete the tear off slip at the bottom of the page. This will support our class placement process 2017.

My child/ren

Names: __________________________________________ will not be attending Surrey Downs in 2017.

Signed ____________________________ Date: __ / __ / __
Safety on the Roads Around Surrey Downs R-7 School
Please be reminded of the importance of adhering to the road rules in and around the school.
Please be reminded of the speed limits when students are present – some parents have expressed concern at the speed some motorists are using as they drop their children at school.
We would also like to remind all parents and caregivers of the parking restrictions at different times around our school.
Please do not enter the staff/DECD employees’ car park at the front of the school. This is an unsafe practice and students use this area as they are entering and exiting the school.
We also ask that you note the parking signs that are evident around the school.
Please do not park over the very clear yellow lines. These rules are in place to keep all of our school community safe.
The local council has spent time reviewing our parking conditions and the parking inspectors are making random patrols in the area.

Book Week Parade/Grandparents Morning
Surrey Downs celebrated Book Week this year with a parade and grandparents morning. This was incredibly well attended by many families. The gym was jammed packed full of family members and community members for the parade. Children had dressed for the theme of Australia – Story country, or as a book character. It was fantastic to see the Surrey Downs kindy at the parade and how brave were the children to walk in the parade in front of so many people? Each class had their turn in the lime light – what fantastic costumes; from cockatoos to bushrangers, princesses to army men, all with huge smiles and plenty of enthusiasm.

Thank you to all the parents who put in time and effort organising costumes. The effort really pays off when you see the happiness of the children on the day.
The Grandparents/Special friends then went on to see the children working in their classroom. There were many positive comments from the Grandparents praising the children’s excellent behaviour and the efforts of the classroom teachers.
Grandparents and Special Friends then enjoyed a rest in the gym and a lovely cup of tea and some delicious goodies. Thank you to all parents who donated food for the morning tea. It truly was an amazing spread of treats. These whole school community events are special moment in a school year when the true strength of Surrey Downs shines. A small school with a big heart.

Contact Details
Please ensure if you have any changes to your contact details, you update them at the Front Office.
It is important to keep them up to date so we are able to contact you if your child becomes ill or their teacher needs to contact you for any reason.

Storage Shed
A huge thank you to Stratco who have donated a storage shed for Sandylands. The shed will be erected in the secure play area as soon as drainage issues have been rectified. The shed will provide a safe storage solutions for the outdoor equipment used in the sandpit. Sonia Blackwell worked incredibly hard to secure the donation for storage shed – thank you Sonia.

Future Purchases
The fundraising committee continues to work hard to raise funds for our school. Some of the purchases on the horizon include new outdoor equipment for Sandylands and a weather proof covered area outside of the year 6/7 block and OSHC. So, please support the Fundraising committee in any way that you are able so these worthwhile projects can go ahead.

Staff Profile – Cynthia Didcote
What role do you have at Surrey Downs?
SSO in JP Special and supporting students in other classes.
How long have you been at Surrey Downs?
I have been here for 5 years. I have been working for the department for 30 years.
What are your favorite things about working in a school?
I really love interacting with the children, their progress. When the light turns on it’s amazing.
What is your favorite food?
I like chocolate, hot chips and chicken.
What are your favorite things to do outside of school?
Outside of school I like going fishing because we have a boat. I also like sewing when I’m in the mood.
One thing you might not know about me?
I live in Ardrossan and spend weekdays with family in Adelaide and I am Miss Di’s sister!

REMINDER – OSHC IS OPEN ON THE PUPIL FREE DAY- DRESS-UP DAY
Please also return your OSHC Vacation Care Survey forms as soon as possible.

Donations Needed – Can You Help?
We are in urgent need of larger sized clothing for our spare clothes cupboard.
In particular long pants.

If you can help please deliver to the Front Office.
Thank You
A Day in the Life of Room 5

Roll and Calendar

Fitness

Maths

Brain Break

Jolly Phonics

Lunch

Free Time
ICAS COMPETITIONS

Surrey Downs has had some excellent results so far this year. Eight students took part in the Digital Technologies Competition and Riley, Matthew, and Oscar received certificates of participation. Sam received a Merit, Austin and Sienna D received Credits and Charlotte and Liana achieved Distinctions. For Science, Dima, Hudson, Charlotte and Sam received certificates of participation. Liana and Austin received Credits and Haemil achieved a Distinction. For Spelling, Charlotte, Austin and Elijah received certificates of participation. Zac received a Merit, Sienna Z received a Credit and Dima achieved a Distinction. For Writing Competition for the first time this year. Shaylee received a certificate of participation, Austin received a Merit, Charlotte and Dima received Credits and Liana achieved a High Distinction.