

DIARY DATES

WEEK 4 SCIENCE WEEK

Friday 17th August
FOOTSTEPS DANCE
ROOM 12 ASSEMBLY
@2.30PM

WEEK 5 BOOK WEEK

Wednesday 22nd August
SCHOOL TOUR
@ 9AM

&
CHOIR EXCURSION
MAGIC MILLIONS
Thursday 23rd August
VOLUNTEERS TRAINING
@ 9AM

Friday 24th August
BOOK WEEK PARADE

WEEK 6
Tuesday 28th August
GROUNDS MTG
@9AM
Wednesday 29th August
UNIFORM MTG
@ 2.30PM
Thursday 30th August
ROOM 21 ASSEMBLY
@ 2.30PM

FRIDAY
31ST AUGUST
PUPIL FREE
DAY

MONDAY
3RD SEPTEMBER
SCHOOL
CLOSURE

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back for Term 3 and what is shaping up to be one of our busiest terms. We have a number of whole school events this Term including Book Week, Science Week, the Colour Explosion Fun Run, the Festival of Music, Music night, the Father's Day Stall, a Pupil Free Day and also a School Closure Day. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and Skoolbag app to stay up to date with all of these event and more.

Asbestos work

On Saturday 11th August we will be having some asbestos work undertaken to repair a damaged panel in one of our buildings. As a result, the site will be closed to all staff, students and community members whilst this work is being undertaken.

STEMworks Update

I am excited to announce that we are nearing the completion of our STEMworks upgrade and the work is beginning to wind down. We are expecting practical completion this week and are just waiting on the official handover from the DPTI and the arrival of our new furniture to allow us to begin moving back in to the building. I would like to express my thanks to our builders from McMahons and our architects from Tectvs for all of the hard work and support throughout the process.

Volunteers Needed for School Banking

We are very fortunate at SDR7 to have dedicated volunteers to support many school programs. At the end of this year our school banking volunteers will be finishing up with us and we are looking for volunteers to coordinate the continuation of this program. If you are interested in helping us out with the school banking program, please let Janet know in the front office and we can organize some training in how to run the program. Without volunteers to run this program we may not be able to continue to offer school banking in 2019.

Fund my Neighbourhood Project

We are pleased to announce that work on our Fund my Neighbourhood project to upgrade the oval irrigation system and develop a nature playground is progressing and over the next two to three weeks we will begin site surveys of the areas that are going to be redeveloped. We are working with Wax Design on this project and should begin to see work commence throughout this Term and next.

2019 Enrolments

Do you have a child at home or know of a child who is due to start school in 2019? If so, please contact Janet in the front office to join one of our Principal's tours or begin the enrolment process, as we are already taking enrolment enquiries and beginning our planning processes for 2019.

Regards

Russell Barwell

Principal



Save the date...



Please join us to celebrate
**Surrey Downs R- 7 School's
50th Birthday**

When: Friday 26th October 2018, 4.00-7.30pm
At Surrey Downs R-7 School

**Stalls – Sideshows - Food & Drinks – Art Gallery-
Silent Auction – Entertainment - Time Capsule**

All money raised from this event will help build our
Nature Play Space

- Class teachers will be sending home notes in the coming weeks requesting support from families to help set up and run class stalls and sideshows at our 50th Birthday Celebration. We appreciate your support to make this a great community event and to celebrate our wonderful school.
- If you have a small business, or know someone who does, you have the opportunity to rent a stall at our 50th Birthday event! Keep an eye out for more information regarding how you can be involved.

Pastoral Support Worker News

Hi, my name is Lorena. I'm originally from Mexico, my husband and I moved to Adelaide 12 years ago. We have two beautiful teenage daughters.

I love reading, watching movies and spending time with my family. I have over 8 years of experience working with children and their families as a volunteer and in a professional capacity.

I'm currently studying a Bachelor Degree of Social Science (Youth Work). I'm involved in Breakfast Club and I'm planning to provide exciting activities for the children to connect and build relationships with each other; Parent Morning Teas and more.

I'm currently looking for volunteers to help cover some books at the school's library on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. We can meet in the staff room at 2:15pm, grab a cup of tea or coffee and head to the library for some hard work ☺. If you are willing to help and are available just give me a ring at the school.

My regular days at school are: Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.

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I'm very pleased to be the new Pastoral Care Worker at Surrey Downs R-7 School and to be supporting the wellbeing of students, staff, and families.

I'm looking forward to an awesome Term 3!!!!

Banksia Park Transition Visit

On Thursday the 2nd of August the year sixes and sevens went to Banksia Park International High School for a transition visit, it was very different as there were many different classes that the high school students have to take. When we first got there we had a meeting with the principal, then the year sixes were split into one group and the year sevens were split into another group. After that we went on a tour of the school. Most of us found it interesting because it was a lot bigger than our school.

During the tour Mr Fowler (the assistant principal) showed us around the school, we went through the Home Economics, Wood Works and Tech Studies. We also saw some of the old students that used to go to Surrey Downs Primary School.

After the tour we had a music lesson with Mr Louden. In the music lesson we did a drumming pattern and we needed to try to learn the pattern on our knees for the activity. Not all of us succeeded but in the end we all had fun.

At first I was a bit nervous about going to high school because it is a lot bigger than our school and there are a lot more people at the high school, but after the transition I feel a lot better about going to high school. By Josh
When I thought about going to high school I was really nervous but then when Mr. Fowler showed us around the school I was more comfortable going to the school. By Haylie

When we were having the tour around Banksia High School I was very nervous and there were a lot of classes, I think that when I do start high school in the future I will still be very nervous but I will mainly be excited. By Jezelle

In the picture Mr Louden is showing us some music activities.



Stem Focus – Term 3 and Beyond

Over the year our Stem focus and independent learning initiatives have changed and have been adapted to develop a deeper inquiry focus. As we move through the processes we are learning that we have to ask deeper questions, know how to note take, include relevant questions and stick to our plan.

Abby, Kayla and Sienna had seen on the internet a design using crayons. Their question was is it as easy as it appeared. Along the way they were faced with some challenges such as which glue to use. They had to make some modifications but it worked.



Some are recording their findings by using Powerpoint, designing posters, creating and designing constructions. Jasha is making 3 bridges as she wants to know which materials are best for the design she has chosen. Her first one will be built with popsticks and hot glue, her second with paper and sticky tape and her third is going to be made using sticks and masking tape. This is the design she has chosen. After making each design using the materials listed Jasha will test her 3 designs by using different weights to test their strength

