Welcome Back
Welcome back to Surrey Downs R-7 School and the new school year. A special welcome to our new students and their families who are joining our school community. This year we have started with our planned 10 classes, with 219 students in total.

This year we welcome four new staff members to our team:
- Natasha Meachin will be the Primary Special class teacher and joins us from Modbury Special School. She has already visited the class on several occasions at the end of 2014 is excited to have won this role.
- Julie Giles joins us from Redwood Park Primary and will working as an SSO within some Early Years classes.
- Cathy Pannell (yes another Cathy!!) has previously supported children at Banksia Park Primary and will be working within a number of classrooms here at Surrey Downs.
- Carmen Zejfert is an SSO who joins us from Houghton. She will also be working within several Early Years classes.

We also welcome back some familiar teachers and SSOs who have won contract positions for 2015. Congratulations to Krystal Pryor (working in Room 15 on Mondays and Room 11 on Fridays), Mel Davies (working in Room 6), Kylie Thompson (Finance Officer) and Classroom support staff: Kylie Faul, Noeline Frappell, Janet Jones, Cynthia Didcote and Sue Wilson.

We also welcome back Di Scott from her Canadian exchange and know that she will have many exciting experiences and adventures to share with us.
We are thrilled to have such a strong team of teachers and SSOs at Surrey Downs in 2015.

Attendance
Thank you to the parents who have helped their child start the new year well by being on time. Being at school every day and on time is critical to academic achievement and social success. I really want to emphasise how important it is for your child to be at school and ready to start their day when the bell goes at 8.50am. If children arrive at school after the 8.50am bell they need to go to the front office and sign in before going to their class.

Police Clearance Update
The Screening Unit’s application forms will change on 3 February 2015.
Earlier versions of the forms will also not be accepted by the Screening Unit after this time.
If you took a form at the end of the year but have not submitted it yet, you will need to come to the office after the 3rd of February to collect the new form.
This term’s volunteer training will be held on Thursday February 26th at 9am. As the volunteer training requirements have changed, ALL volunteers will be required to complete a new training session this year.

Acquaintance night
Please keep Tuesday 10th February free as this is our Acquaintance Night when parents can meet staff and have a look at the many areas of the school that your children work in. More information will be sent home shortly.

Cathy McAuley