Volunteer Training

I would like to thank the large number of volunteers, first time and recurrent, that attended last week’s volunteer training. Although a little long with the updated Reporting Abuse and Neglect section, the session was a huge success with some very useful discussions. This training is current for three years of volunteer service and, as stated in an earlier newsletter, all volunteers will need to complete the training at some time this year.

Volunteers play an extremely vital role in our site and we want them to have the most up to date information so that they are well equipped to work with all of our students.

Volunteer training is held every term with the dates and times advertised on the term planner and in the newsletter. This year we will also offer an evening training for those volunteers that are unable to make a daytime session.

Please remember that all volunteers on site must hold a current DCSI Relevant History Screening. Please see the front office if you are interested in volunteering and require the relevant paperwork.

How was school today?

Every day after school parents ask “So how was school today?” and every day many of you get an answer like “fine” or “good” which doesn’t tell you a whole lot.

So I thought I would provide some more engaging questions to ask about school. They should at least provide complete sentence answers, and some might lead to interesting conversations, hilarious answers and a few insights into how your children think and feel about their time at school.

1. Where is the coolest place at the school?
2. Tell me a weird word that you heard today. (Or something weird that someone said.)
3. If I called your teacher tonight what would they tell me about you?
4. How did you help somebody today?
5. How did somebody help you today?
6. Tell me one thing that you learned today.
7. Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before?
8. Who is the funniest person in your class? Why is he/she so funny?
9. If you got to be the teacher tomorrow what would you do?
10. If you could switch seats with anyone in the class who would you trade with?
11. Tell me something good that happened today.
12. What do you think you should do/learn more of at school?
13. What do you think you should do/learn less of at school?
14. Tell me something good that happened today.

Sometimes we just need to figure out the right kinds of questions to ask children. But if you want to know what is going on in their lives, and how you can help them, you need to continue to ask…and ask…and ask…!

Cathy McAuley 😊
Playgrounds
This is just a reminder that all playgrounds are out of bounds in the morning before school starts. This includes toddlers and children being supervised by parents. Please make sure that children remain off of these areas.

School Banking Account Opening Day
Surrey Downs R-7 School is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmite token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The reward items available during 2015 are:

- ET DVD, released Term 1
- Planet Handball, released Term 1
- Invisible Ink Martian Pen, released Term 2
- Intergalactic Rocket, released Term 2
- Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System, released Term 3
- Cosmic Light Beam Torch, released Term 3
- Outer Space Savers Money Box, released Term 4
- Lunar Light Band, released Term 4

School Banking day is Wednesday. Each week you need to bring your money inside your prepared Dollarmite deposit book and place it in your grey School Banking classroom satchel.

The Commonwealth Bank will be holding an account opening day at 8.15-9.30 am and 2.30-3.30pm on Tuesday May 12th in front of the school office.

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity.

Younger siblings are welcome to join too. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch, by calling 13 22 21, or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer.

After School Supervision
We have a number of children, and their families, that enjoy using our school facilities for a play after school each day. Whilst we are happy for this to occur, please be aware that children requiring supervision need to be on the hard play surface at the front of the school as this is the only space with a Yard Duty teacher present. Please be aware that Yard Duty supervision finishes at 3.15pm and any children left in this area, without adult supervision, at that time will be sent to the front office. Children playing in any other area of the school remain the responsibility of a supervising adult, including those requiring first aid.

CANTEEN SPECIALS

**WEEK 7** - Homemade Pizza
+ Frozen Mony
$4.30

**WEEK 8** - Homemade Spaghetti
+ Frozen Mony
$4.50

**PLEASE NOTE** THAT A NEW CANTEEN PRICE LIST (EFFECTIVE AS OF 9/3/15) IS INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW PRICE CHANGES SO PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE CHECKED THE NEW PRICES CARERFULLY BEFORE ORDERING.
Room 4 Art

This week in Art we read the book Mix It Up! By Henre Tullet. We read about mixing the colours, guessed what would happen then mixed them ourselves. The students were very surprised.
When You thought I wasn't Looking

- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you feed a stray cat and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you make my favourite cake for me and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you give your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don’t.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn’t feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it’s alright to cry.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking, I learned most of life’s lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.
- When you thought I wasn’t looking I looked at you and wanted to say, ‘Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn’t looking.’

Harmony Day (21 March) celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. At Surrey Downs R – 7 School we will be celebrating Harmony Day on Friday 20th March. To begin the day we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. So, if you are able to come along to school at 8.30am, get your gold coins ready. Come and enjoy yummy pancakes whilst contributing to a worthwhile cause in our community. Penny Pancake will be visiting us during the Pancake Breakfast.

The money we raise at the Breakfast will go directly to local Uniting Care organisations to help provide practical support to South Australians in need. Those without a home, people living with disabilities, vulnerable children and adults, older people and families in crisis.

Barb Page
CPSW 😊

Never get tired of doing little things for others, sometimes those little things occupy the biggest parts of their hearts. - Unknown