Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

I was absolutely delighted to be able to spend time with the students of 2S this week sharing in the research work they have done on animals. Not only were they able to share lots of interesting information but I was very impressed with the presentation of their work. They all deservedly received a principal’s award. Read more in their class spotlight later in the newsletter. Well done 2S!

Each week we have students excelling at Daceyville. I was immensely proud to accompany Troy from 4/5F to a special award ceremony at the University of Technology yesterday. Called the ‘Deadly Kids Doing Well’ awards, the ceremony celebrates the hard work and achievements of our Aboriginal students in public schools. Troy is a proud Aboriginal boy who received his award for overall improvement, a positive attitude and outstanding citizenship qualities.

Momentum and excitement are building for our Creative Life Festival to be held later this term. The festival was a huge success enjoyed by all over the last two years and gave our children fabulous learning experiences. Read more about it on the next page and we will look forward to sharing further information about the event as we prepare for it.

Thank you for your patience in recent weeks as we have had a great deal of building work completed around the school. This has disrupted access points
and meant areas of the school have fencing erected. It has all been worth the disruption however as some major school upgrades have been completed. The following projects are complete or underway

Whole school technology cabling upgrade, installation of Wifi, upgrade to the computer room.

- Major energy efficiency project comprising installation of solar panels, replacement of all lighting, tinting of our windows, installation of a new air-conditioning control system and installation of water saving devices.
- Stage 1 of a major air conditioning upgrade at the eastern end of the building involving replacement of units and electrics throughout.
- Replacement of basketball backboards and rings on the basketball court.
- Installation of new display boards around the school.
- Commencement of the outdoor learning area project with installation of shade sails adjacent to the Creativity Centre.

I am thrilled to let you know that I have negotiated a refurbishment of student toilets with the Department of Education this week. If all goes well, this work to significantly improve these facilities will occur during the summer holidays.

2016 Enrolment Intentions

We are currently in the process of finalising enrolments for the 2016 school year. Enrolment numbers affect staffing and resource allocations to the school and planning for 2016. While next year seems some way off, this planning has already commenced which is why the school needs a clear picture of the number of students we will have enrolled next year. It is important that all families let us know if you are not intending to re-enrol at Daceyville in 2016. This can be done by completing the form at the end of this newsletter. This form does not need to be completed for year 6 students moving on to high school.

Will you be returning to school after 28 January 2015? Occasionally families return for the new school year after the official start date, particularly if you have travelled overseas. In order for us to hold a place for your child at the school next year we need confirmation in writing of your return date and contact details while you are away. This can also be indicated on the attached form at the end of the newsletter.

2016 Enrolments – Reminder

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2016 and will be ready to start school? Or do you know of a child who would like to enrol in another grade at Daceyville next year? If so, now is the time to complete an Application for Enrolment form. You can do this by doing one of the following:

- Picking up an application form from the school office.
- Emailing the school at Daceyville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to request a form.
- Downloading an Application to Enrol form from the school website at: http://www.daceyville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- Calling the office on 9349 1211 to share your contact details and request a form to be sent to you by mail.

This week’s Principal’s Awards

It is my pleasure to announce the following awards: Act of Kindness Award – Omer T in 5/6H  Outstanding Effort – Ava S in 2S  Positive Approach to School Life – Joshua P in KR  Outstanding Achievement – Jame J in 5/6H
Creative Life Festival
Inspiring Happiness

This term Daceyville is proud to announce the return of our Creative Life festival! The festival is a celebration of creative learning at Daceyville Public School and aims to involve the whole school community.

This year the festival will run over two weeks in November from the 16 to the 27 of November. All students will be involved in small group, whole class, stage and whole school workshops, lessons, and performances. Opportunities for creative learning will range from explicit skills lessons, workshops, demonstrations, and performance work with teachers, community members, working artists and professional workers in a range of creative endeavours such as the arts, science and design.

As a culmination to the festival, we will be holding a whole school art exhibition in the hall with an official opening on Friday 27 November. Each student will have art work displayed and individual art works will be for sale. The money raised will be used to improve the Daceyville Creativity Centre and Outdoor Learning Area where students will continue to learn and celebrate creative skills.

We are inviting community members with expertise in the areas of the arts, science, mathematics or design to take part in the festival. If are interested in volunteering your time to support our workshops please contact Serena Petriella on (02) 9349 1211 or email to Daceyville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. More information will be included in the school newsletter and notes will be sent home leading up to the event. We are so excited about this event returning to Daceyville!

2S with Mrs Smith and Miss Smallwood

2S has been working extremely hard throughout the year and they just recently completed a homework project on their favourite animal. Students had to research where their animal lives, what it eats, what it looks like and any interesting facts about their animal. Students were asked to present this information in any creative form. From Powerpoint presentations, bound books and posters, students were able to showcase their knowledge on their animal. We were immensely proud of all their hard work and effort in presenting their fantastic reports so we wanted to share it with the whole Daceyville community. Well done 2S!
5/6H with Miss Head

Between building possum boxes, hatching chickens and observing Grey Headed Flying Foxes at Centennial Park, there has been a hive of activity and learning in 5/6H.

**Possum Boxes**

The inspiration to build the possum boxes came to us during a lunch break. The 3-6 students were happily sitting down, eating their lunch when all of a sudden, a possum ran through the middle of the playground. He was not scared of us at all and judging by his size, had eaten quite a bit of lunch himself. As a class, we decided that we needed to build a home for our new school friend. Project ‘Build a Possum House’ began. Two houses are still under construction and we hope to have them operational by mid-term 4. We think the boxes will be a great place for our possum friend, some of our younger students wanted to move into them too!

**Our Chicks**

Just as we were packing away our jigsaws and hammers, a new adventure began. Seventeen eggs (ready to hatch) arrived at school. For three weeks, we cuddled, fed, played with and observed growth changes of our chicks. Students took on the role of ‘Zoologists’ and thoroughly enjoyed teaching students and teachers everything they knew about chickens. Each chick had its unique personality and we all found it very hard to say good bye to them. Luckily, a couple of Daceyville kids volunteered to be ‘chick parents’ and adopted the chicks.

**The Flying Fox Project**

The Flying Fox program started with a video conference with staff working at Taronga Zoo. We were supposed to meet the only Grey Headed Flying Fox at Taronga Zoo (Ralph) but unfortunately he was recovering from an operation. Luckily, we got to meet several other animals that depend on the flying fox. After a series of class activities, we set off to Centennial Park to work with Environmental Educators and get to meet flying foxes in person. Throughout the day, we observed and recorded behavioural patterns of the flying fox community residing around Lachlan Swamp, listened to a presentation about flying foxes, planted Banksia seeds into ‘handmade biodegradable pots’ and drew sketches of flying fox taxidermies. Needless to say, it was a very busy term. Check out our school website for more photos.
Kindergarten and Stage 1 News

Stage One Excursion to Randwick Community Sustainability Hub

On Tuesday 13 October our Stage One students had an exciting day at Randwick Community Sustainability Hub discovering interesting facts about water and the importance of caring for the environment. We were able to make the best of the unpredictable weather by taking advantage of the protected learning areas where we were involved in lots of exciting activities. We participated in a play about the water cycle, learnt about water and discussed the importance of not wasting water. Some of us even got to perform in a special orchestra using instruments that were made using water.

It was very interesting looking at the specially designed sustainable garden that was filled with clever ideas on how to use water as efficiently as possible to grow beautiful vegetables and flowers. There was even a special fish pond where they had little Perch swimming. Eventually they will be big enough to eat! The nutrient rich water from the pond was used to fertilise the gardens. We loved wandering through the gardens and seeing all the clever ideas. Everyone had a very interesting and informative day.

K-2 AusKick Program

During term 4 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be participating in an AFL Auskick program. In a fun and safe environment, students will experience skill practice, activities and modified games. This program, which complements our Physical Education program, allows students to learn and play at their own skill level so that each participant experiences success. The program will be led by qualified and experienced coaches from AFL NSW/ACT. The coaches will be assisted by class teachers.

**Dates:** Friday 16 October 2015 to Friday 20 November 2015  
**Times:** 9:30am – 10:15am  
**Venue:** Rowland Park  
**Cost:** The cost of the program is $24.00 which covers 6 coaching sessions. In addition to this, each participating student will receive a fabulous backpack full of AFL goodies.

A note was sent home last term with all of these details. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school with $24.00 as soon as possible.

*Ms Sally Ann Mullane - AFL Coordinator*
Stage 3 News

2017 Selective High School Applications

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2017

Application is required by 16 November 2015 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2017. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications will be available from 13 October to 16 November 2015. Please contact Miss Head or Ms Molloy if you have any questions.

Sport News

Reminder - Intensive Swimming Program

A reminder that the K-6 Intensive Swimming program commences on Monday, 19 October – Friday, 30 October. The program operates daily lessons over 10 consecutive school days and is taught by qualified swimming instructors.

Dates: Every day from Monday October 19 to Friday October 30, 2015.
Times: Students will depart from school at 10.15am and return at 12.30pm.
Travel: Travel will be by bus hired by the school.
Venue: Botany Aquatic Centre, Botany
Dress: Come to school with your swimming costume under your uniform.

Bring in a small bag: - underwear to change into after swimming - towel
- goggles - plastic bag for wet things - a rash vest is recommended

Teachers: Ms Bonanno and Ms Smallwood

PSSA

Round 7 of PSSA AFL and Softball will be this Friday, 16 October at 10.00 am.

- AFL Draw Round 7 – Daceyville vs Rainbow Street at Heffron Park, Jersey Road.
- Softball Draw Round 7 - Rainbow St vs Daceyville at Nagle Park

- K-6 Assembly: Week 3, 6 and 9 @ 1.00pm in our hall. All very welcome!

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Important things to do this week

- Pay Term 4 sport and band fees.
- Complete Partners in Learning parent survey online.
2016 Enrolment Intentions

Student Name: ________________________  2015 Class _________

Please complete any of the relevant sections below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

**Students Not Returning to Daceyville in 2016**

☐ My child will not be returning to Daceyville Public School in 2016

Reason my child will be transferring to another school: ___________________________________________
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School which my child will be transferring to in 2016: _____________________________________________

**Students Returning Late to Daceyville in 2016**

Please note that the first day back for students in years 1-6 is Thursday 28 January 2016

☐ My child will be returning late to Daceyville Public School in 2016 and I would like a place to be held for the 2016 school year.

Reason my child will be returning late for the 2016 school year: ___________________________________________
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Date my child will be returning to Daceyville ___________________________________________________

Best contact number for my family from January 28, 2016 _______________________________________

Parent Signature: _____________________________________________

Name: ______________________________________________________

Date: _______________________________________________________

P&C News

October P&C Meeting
Please note that the next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 October @ 7.00pm in the teacher resource room. All parents are welcome.

Canteen Volunteers Needed
Our hard working canteen manager Lorraine has requested volunteer assistance in the canteen. Help is needed especially on our busiest days which are Thursday and Friday in the mornings. Any time you can volunteer will be appreciated, even if it is only once a month. Please let Lorraine in the canteen or the school office know if you are able to assist.

Uniform Shop
A reminder the opening hours for the P&C second hand uniform shop are:
   Monday 3.00pm – 3.30pm
   Wednesday 8.15am -9.15am

Daceyville Breakfast Club – Tuesdays at 8.40am in the hall
Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and is important for optimal learning?
Commencing next Tuesday 20 October we will have a breakfast club in the hall at 8.40am. The club will be coordinated by Jon-Paul Barry and the staff at Kingsford Church of Christ. They will provide the food and organise set up and serving. All children at our school are welcome. We would love some extra parent help with the club so please let us know if you are able to assist.

Community News