Principal's Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Great Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition
Special congratulations go to Dylan N, Clio C, Zara M and Mariah K who represented Daceyville at the Greater Southern Sydney Public Speaking Competition yesterday. These outstanding students worked hard and were selected through our school based competition to represent the school. They put in a great deal of time preparing and were stellar public speakers on the day against tough competition from many other schools. We are especially delighted to announce that Dylan was the overall winner in the Stage 3 section after presenting a unique prepared speech and delivering an outstanding impromptu speech on the topic ‘If I could change the world, what would I do?’ His speech on the plight of refugees was insightful and well put together, making him a deserving winner. Dylan will now move on to the next round of the competition. We are very proud to have such wonderful students representing our school. They will each receive a special principal’s award this week.

Partners in Learning Survey
As you would be aware, we are currently conducting a survey to hear parent feedback about your child’s engagement in learning and your satisfaction with the school. This feedback is crucial to informing future school directions and decision making. We have a target of 50 responses to ensure our results are representative of community opinion. We currently have 41 responses. Please help us reach our target by going to the following link:
1. Login in: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com
2. Your School’s Parent Username = parent16950
3. Your School’s Parent Password = Dac7413

Help us reach or exceed our target before the survey closes this Friday 23 October.
K/1K with Mrs Keating

Last term in K/1K we had Miss V in our class and we did lots of great learning! We also made a short movie on the ipad called ‘Chicken Little’. It was hard work to remember our lines but we enjoyed it lots. We can’t wait to make another one! We have also enjoyed learning with the ipads especially during literacy time.

Meeting up with our year 4/5 buddies has also been lots of fun! During this time we have learnt how to play some literacy and numeracy games, used the computers together and completed art activities together. Last Friday we used chalk to make funny little monsters.

We welcomed some cute little tadpoles to the class this term! We just can’t wait to learn about them and watch them grow! Here are a few of our favourite photos

Whole School News

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.
Our school needs you! Working Bee –
Saturday 14 November 8.00am – 12.00pm
Our term 4 working bee will be held on Saturday 14 November. We encourage all families to join us on the day, even for a short while so that we can work together as a community to have our school looking great leading up to the 2016 Creative Life Festival and end of year events. Tasks to complete around the school will include:

- Gardening – mulching, pruning trees and plants, weeding, cleaning out gardens.
- General clean up around the school including disposal of green waste.
- Cleaning chairs

Cool drinks and a celebratory pizza lunch will be provided for all hard working participants!

Stage 3 News
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.

Nominations and the election processes for 2015 student leadership positions are now underway.

School life provides many opportunities for young people to develop and demonstrate leadership skills. This includes representation in school governance. Formal student leadership and student representation programs provide important benefits for individual students and schools. Student leaders have the potential to positively influence the school environment and the behaviour of their fellow students. They thus become advocates for positive change in the school community. The principles which we at Daceyville Public School advocate are that:

- All students have the potential to develop leadership skills.
- Students will be encouraged to apply leadership skills to initiatives that strengthen the school community and the communities in which they live.
- Leadership programs build students’ confidence so that their views are recognised by staff and so that they can have an influence on what happens in the school.

Please see the timetable below for important dates and events.

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<td>Students wishing to nominate for 2015 leadership positions will meet with Ms Head to discuss the role and the process for nominating and being elected. Students will then discuss the process with their parents.</td>
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<td>Nomination forms to be returned to Ms Molloy by Wednesday 28 October, 2015. 28 October – 10 November – Students to prepare and practise their speeches.</td>
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<td>Leadership speeches presented These speeches will be presented in a assembly on Tuesday 10 November at 9.30am. This will be held in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us for this assembly. Elections for the leaders will be held following the presentation of the speeches. Students in Years 2-6 will vote.</td>
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<td>School Leaders are announced at Presentation Day on Thursday 10 December at 9.30am.</td>
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This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 5 students. We look forward to guiding and supporting our students through this process. If you have any questions, please contact Ms Head or Ms Molloy.
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!

Sport News
PSSA

Round 8 of PSSA AFL and Softball will be this Friday, 23 October at 10.00 am.

- AFL Draw Round 8 – Daceyville vs Matraville at Heffron Park, Jersey Road.
- Softball Draw Round 8 - Gardeners Rd vs Daceyville at Snape 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.
- Final payment for Milson Island camp.
**Important Term 4 Events**

Please take note of the following important term 4 events and put them in your diary. We would love to have as many parents and friends involved as possible.

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<td>Intensive Swimming Scheme</td>
<td>Monday 19 October – Friday 30 October</td>
<td>Botany Aquatic Centre</td>
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<td>Milson Island Camp</td>
<td>Wednesday 4 November – Friday 6 November</td>
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<td>Leadership Assembly for 2016 Captains &amp; Leaders’ Positions</td>
<td>Thursday 10 November – 9.30am</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td>Year 5 students nominating for 2016 leadership positions. All parents are welcome.</td>
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<td>Creative Life Festival</td>
<td>Monday 16 November – Friday 27 November</td>
<td>Various venues at school</td>
<td>All students K-6</td>
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<td>End of Year Art Exhibition</td>
<td>Friday 27 November 6pm – 8pm</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td>All students K-6, parents and community members</td>
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<td>Community Thank you afternoon tea</td>
<td>Tuesday 8 December 1.30pm</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td>All parents and community members who have supported our school in 2015</td>
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<td>K-6 Annual Presentation Day</td>
<td>Thursday 10 December 9.30am</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
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<td>Year 6 Farewell</td>
<td>Monday 14 December from 6.00pm</td>
<td>Movies and school hall</td>
<td>Year 6 students and their parents.</td>
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<td>K-6 Picnic Day</td>
<td>Tuesday 15 December – all day</td>
<td>K-2 – fun day at school 3-6 Picnic Day at Bronte Park</td>
<td>All students K-6</td>
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<td>Last Day of School for all students</td>
<td>Year 6 Farewell and walk out at 2.45pm</td>
<td>School Hall</td>
<td>All students K-6 . Parents welcome at 2.45pm</td>
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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:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

School which my child will be transferring to in 2016:

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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:

________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

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.

Partners in Learning Survey – closes Friday 23 October
This term our school will also be conducting the Partners in Learning parent survey. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school's support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 6 and 23 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary, however, we would appreciate as many responses as possible. Let’s aim to have at least 50 responses! More would be even better as this will ensure feedback collected from the survey is representative of the whole school community. You can access the survey by entering the following URL, username and password.

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Community News

Digital Life

Parent Workshop

"Is media multitasking an important modern-day skill or a disruptive and damaging habit?"

A special opportunity for you to come and learn about Distraction, Multitasking, & Time Management and how it can affect your child.

Tuesday 27th October 2015

6pm - 7pm

Randwick Public School Hall

Please reserve a seat through email – helen.terata@det.nsw.edu.au
Cost $5 per family at the door
Places limited.

Host Robyn Treyvaud is an internationally recognised expert in online safety and digital citizenship. She returns to Randwick Public School for this special discussion workshop.

- Explore case studies
- Find out what the professionals say
- Take home practical tools, tips and tricks students can use to stay focused

"...questions about technology’s distracting potential are especially relevant in the context of parenting because we want to make sure we’re doing our part to support effective habits."

Image and quotes from commonsensemedia.org