In putting together this week’s newsletter it is obvious just how much is happening around our school at the moment. The school is buzzing with a myriad of events and activities including preparation for the Creative Life Festival and K-6 Art Exhibition and great learning in every classroom. Our teachers are working hard at the same time to assess the learning and progress of every child and are writing the end of year progress reports. We have had several successful events in the last couple of weeks including the intensive swimming scheme and the 2016 Kindergarten orientation program. We have enjoyed welcoming all of our new Kindergarten children and their families to our school. The children settled into the classrooms beautifully while their parents joined us for an information session in the hall. Special thanks go to Dylan N, Angela N and Toby F who were outstanding representatives for our school and shared their thoughts with our new families. They were articulate and enthusiastic beyond their years and reminded me again of why I am so proud of our students. The choir’s performance was also outstanding and impressed all of our new families to no end!

Yesterday we sent home an important brochure about our 2015 Creative Life Festival. Now in its third year, this event is unique to our school and will be launched with an opening assembly on Monday 16 November at 9.30am. I urge you to read all of the information carefully. We would love you to be involved in the festival in any way possible. Don’t forget to:

- Read through all of the festival events carefully and plan to visit the school to join in the creative learning.
- Visit our Facebook page @ https://www.facebook.com/Daceyvilleps/?fref=ts
- View a video about the festival @ www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6lFp_hQz34

Very special thanks go to the P&C Association who made a very generous donation of $5000 to support the 2015 Creative Life Festival at last week’s meeting. This support of our innovative learning programs is forward thinking and very much appreciated.
5/6K with Mrs Kovacs

It’s Electrifying

5/6K are enjoying lessons in our Science Unit related to electricity. We have researched the history of the battery, investigated several battery operated devices and tested how circuits and switches work. We had a fun hands-on day with a ‘real electrician’, Mr Blackburn (Mrs Kovacs’ dad). Mr Blackburn taught us about parallel and series circuits and showed us how short circuits occur. He also demonstrated how we can add a motor and buzzer instead of a globe into the circuit. We all had lots of fun testing our hypothesis about how different circuits work. Next week, an award winning scientist will be working with a group of students on a science project.

Flying Foxes

Last term we had a great day out when we went to Centennial Park to visit the Grey-Headed Flying Fox. This excursion was a great way to extend on what we had already been learning about in class and after our video conference with Taronga Zoo. 5/6K observed the flying foxes and their behavioural patterns in their ‘camp’ at Lachlan Swamp, listened to a presentation about flying foxes, made their own pots for a Banksia seed to grow in and sketched a flying fox. The Environmental Officer was very impressed with our depth of knowledge.

More fun…

This term we have also had fun creating iMovies and trailers using fractured fairy tales as our theme. We are currently busy preparing for the Creative Life Festival and working on art works which inspire happiness.

Swimming with Mrs Smith, Ms Smallwood, Mr Hills & Miss Bonanno

Over the last two weeks 43 of our students went down to Botany pool to participate in the intensive swimming program. Our students learnt a number of swimming skills and techniques and learnt about how to be safe in and around water. All students braved the cold temperatures and are now looking forward to showing off their improved swimming techniques off in the summer. It was a fantastic program that catered for all swimming abilities. A big thank you to Ms Bonanno for organising this fantastic program and another big thank you to Mr Hills, Mrs Smith and Ms Smallwood for splashing about with the students.
Whole School News

The Creative Life Festival is fast approaching! The theme for this year is **Inspire Happiness**. Some of our workshops on offer include ceramic work, yoga and dance, hip hop, photography, drumming, writing, illustrating and much more! Our community is invited to our **Curious Worlds to Inspire Happiness** Exhibition that will open on Friday 27 November. Make sure to return your note and money this week.

**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](http://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
PSSA
Round 10 of PSSA AFL and Softball will be this Friday, 6 November at 10.00 am.
- **AFL Draw Round 10** – Daceyville vs Maroubra Bay 2, Heffron Park, Jersey Road.
- **Softball Draw Round 10** - Botany PS vs Daceyville at Booralee
- **K-6 Assembly**: Week 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.
- Return note and pay for Creative Life Festival

P&C News
P&C Afternoon Tea
The P&C will be holding an afternoon tea on Monday, 9 November at 2:00 pm in the side room of the hall to reflect on the year’s events and have a catch up. For further information please contact Belinda Targett on 0412 611 469.

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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