Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

The Creative Life Festival – what a triumph!
Congratulations to our whole school community on an incredible Creative Life Festival which finished up last week with our special Art Exhibition. The festival is unique to our school and gives our children such rich and powerful learning experiences that they wouldn’t otherwise have. From daily lunchtime concerts, to a vast range of interesting workshops across the arts, English, science, technology and mathematics the children excelled. There are so many goals achieved through the festival, one of the most exciting being the high levels of engagement amongst all of our children. The work they produced both individually and collaboratively was outstanding. The art exhibition which featured work from every student in our school was a highlight and it was wonderful to have so many families join us for the opening. Our special thanks go to the P&C for their financial support of the festival, Belinda Targett, Brooke Lumsden, Peter Solness and Rafaella Mammucari who ran workshops and everyone who supported in other ways. The Creative Life Festival is a unique aspect of our school’s learning programs which we should be very proud of.

Staffing News
Over the last month I have been working to fill two of our vacant classroom teacher positions with permanent staff. Merit selection panels were formed and we worked through the process of advertising, interviewing and selecting two outstanding teachers. I am pleased to announce that the successful candidates were Mr Emlyn McLaughlin and Mrs Jodi Kovacs. Emlyn joins us from Bondi Beach Public School. Jodi has worked as part of our temporary staff at Daceyville this year and previously at Penshurst West PS.
Both Jodi and Emlyn join our permanent teaching staff with a range of experience and skills which make them an asset to our teaching team. I know you will join me in congratulating them both and welcoming them to our school. Special thanks go to Belinda Targett, Jon-Paul Barry, Melissa Keating and Serena Petriella who put an immense amount of work into representing the parent and staff groups as panel members.

2016 Teaching Staff
Each new year brings some changes in our teaching staff due to different class structures and staff taking leave. Our staff will remain fairly stable in 2016 with a few changes taking place:

- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jodi Kovacs and Mr Emlyn McLaughlin to our permanent teaching staff.
- Miss Brooke Rush, Mr Darren Hills, Miss Amie Bonanno, Miss Julia Smallwood and Miss Ella Godfrey continue as part of our long term temporary teaching team and will fill various class positions across the school.
- Mrs Brooke Smith will continue on maternity leave and work two days per week and Mrs Gemma O’Keeffe will be on full time maternity leave for all of 2015. Mrs Julie Masters will work part time (2 days per week) in 2016 co-teaching a class with Ms Sally Ann Mullane (3 days per week).
- Ms Harding will continue to work 4 days per week and will be teaching Year 1-6 release and support programs.
- Mrs Jenny Feller will be taking leave for all of 2016 leading up to her retirement at the end of next year. We wish her all the very best for an exciting future. Her Learning and Support position will be filled by our current experienced staff.

2016 Leadership Team
Our outstanding leadership team will continue their great work in 2015. Their roles will be as follows:

- Serena Petriella – Assistant Principal Stage 2/3 and Learning Support
- Belinda Head – Assistant Principal Stage 1
- Elizabeth Elfes – Assistant Principal Kindergarten

Forming 2016 Classes
As we will need to wait until the beginning of the 2016 school year to finalise enrolments and staffing, students will return to their 2015 classes on Thursday 28 January for a couple of days. I anticipate we will be ready to form classes on Wednesday 3 February, following the enrolment of our new Kindergarten children on Monday 1 February. While I appreciate children and parents are excited to join their new teacher and class as soon as possible, it is far better to wait a couple of days rather than settle children into classes and then have to make changes if our student numbers alter. I appreciate your patience and understanding with this matter.

2016 Enrolments
I am currently in the process of finalising our staffing and classes for 2016. At this stage we are waiting on some new families to confirm that their children will be attending Daceyville and as a result I am unable to finalise our class structures and staffing entitlements. Families can assist me in this process by:
- Asking other families who would like to apply for enrolment but have not yet done so, to contact us as a matter of urgency.
- Informing us if you are moving out of the area and your child will not be returning to Daceyville in 2016.
- Ensuring we have notification in writing if your child will be returning late at the beginning of the 2016 school so that we can hold a place for them.

School Development Days
Parents will be aware that schools have school development days on the last two days of Term 4 (December 17 and 18) and on the first day of Terms 1, 2 and 3. These days are non-teaching days and focus on teacher professional learning and school planning. This year, our Term 4 staff development days will cover professional learning related to quality literacy programs and curriculum development in science and history. We will also be engaged in whole school strategic planning, and development of 2016 personalised learning plans for students. At the beginning of 2016 staff will work extensively on all aspects of our student wellbeing programs. We look forward to sharing this with you early next year.

Semester 2 Student Reports
It has been fabulous to read each student’s semester 2 report as they have been prepared ready to send home to parents today. The report has been put together with careful consideration of your child’s performance, effort and progress throughout the semester. Progress judgements have been made by teachers based on work samples, formal assessments, observation, daily classwork and conversations with your child. It has been wonderful to read about the gains all of our students have made and the high levels of effort they have put into achieving their learning goals.

The report format has been designed to clearly outline the program of study your child has undertaken in each learning area and assess their level of achievement against expected achievement standards. It is never possible to capture every aspect of your child’s learning in one document and I encourage you to talk to your child’s teacher and look at examples of their work for more detail. As in semester 1, the assessment of achievement which is done on a five point scale uses the following levels - individual program, working towards, expected level, working above and working beyond. I ask that you read the descriptors for each level carefully in order to interpret your child’s report. The report also includes a section for children who are receiving learning assistance or enrichment. In addition, each report includes a student self-reflection section. I have very much enjoyed reading each child’s reflections on their own learning and have found them to be very insightful. Involving the children in the assessment and reporting process is very important and I encourage you to talk about their reflections as well as their achievements on the overall report.

We hope you find your child’s report informative and that it is a positive experience sharing in their achievements and looking at their future learning goals. Please feel welcome to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher if you would like to discuss their report in more detail. I also welcome any feedback on the report format and the school’s overall assessment and reporting practices.
Thank you, thank you, thank you
It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and community members to our thank you afternoon tea yesterday afternoon in the hall. The afternoon was an opportunity to thank everyone for their generosity and support of our school, students and staff in 2015. A school is so much more than the learning programs, classrooms, students and teachers. It is a community and we certainly could not have achieved all that we have this year without the incredible support of our parents and wider community. Some of these wonderful people and teams include:

- **The scripture and ethics teachers who volunteer their time every week throughout the year. Your contribution is invaluable.**
- **The BEAR tutors who have put so much energy and time into making this reading program a success.**
- **Our tireless garden/green team. This group of parents and friends have spent many Saturdays in the gardens and working to improve our school grounds.**
- **The many, many parents who have assisted in classrooms to support students and assist teachers with a multitude of tasks from book covering to resource making and assisting on excursions.**
- **The dedicated members of the P&C including the executive Belinda, Melissa, Cassandra, Kathleen and Dionne. Your efforts and activities are too many to list. Some of the main areas include fundraising, social activities, supporting school events such as the Big Band Bash, open days and working bees. We appreciate your efforts and could not have done it all without you.**
- **Our hard working canteen committee – Lorraine, Pauline, Sandra and the volunteers.**
- **The school banking team Jess, Trina, Melissa and Belinda – thank you for ensuring this program has been a success.**

Another school year ends...
This will be the last newsletter published for 2015. It has been a brilliant year for our students and school in so many ways. We thank you for supporting your child’s learning in whatever way you have been able to. 2016 will be an exciting year for Daceyville PS as we embrace our goals in teaching and learning and build upon the strong values of care, respect and lifelong learning. I have been delighted to lead the school this year and am very appreciative of the immense amount of support I have received from students, staff and parents. It is with a sense of optimism and pride that I ask you to celebrate our successes and look forward to a great future. I look forward to seeing many of you at our final end of year functions including the K-6 Presentation Day on Thursday 10 December. In the meantime I wish all of our families a safe and happy holiday break.

Nicole Molloy - Principal

IT with Ms Godfrey
Changes are happening all around us! In 1T, we have been doing some exciting learning in our Science unit “Spot the Difference”. We have been exploring and observing diverse materials change through the context of food. We recently looked at the difference between cooked and un-cooked spaghetti. 1T experimented with building towers using un-cooked spaghetti. We also used cooked spaghetti to create artworks that went along with a poem we read in class. 1T has many more exciting investigations to come this term!
2S Reflect on their Creative Life Festival Experiences

Last week all Daceyville students began the creative life festival at school to inspire happiness. First we had an assembly to open the festival. Michelle Martinez performed a great song. On Tuesday we had lunch in the hall as we watched many performances. Next Ms Smallwood watched our happy dance and gave us 8 out of 10. On Wednesday we spent the day with 2/3B and Mrs Elfes. We made some funny faces and we made cool juggling balls with Miss Smallwood. On Thursday we did clown faces and made colourful masks and shiny collars. Finally on Friday Ms Smallwood put all the tables at the back, so we could do yoga. We had inside lunch and we did some interesting art. I had a fabulous week. I wonder what we will do today and the rest of the week. Benjamin 2S

Last week Daceyville students did fun things for the creative life festival. First we went to the assembly hall and we saw Michelle Martinez sing. Next we read the book Mumu. After that on Wednesday and Thursday we made our super hero masks with colourful collars. I had a great week and I can't wait for this week. Isaac 2S

Last week all Daceyville students began the creative life festival at school to inspire happiness. First we had an assembly to start the festival where Michelle Martinez performed a song. On Tuesday we had a lunchtime assembly so we could watch lots of great performances. Next Miss Smallwood helped us do some special work. Then we made art with Mrs Elfes. After that Ms Smallwood showed us how to make juggling balls with rice & flour. Finally we designed happy faces and had recess. I had a fantastic week one I can’t wait for this week. Tuomo 2S

Creative Life Festival Wrap Up! Inspire Happiness

Thank you to our school community for embracing this year’s Creative Life Festival! Our students and staff enjoyed the broad experiences and opportunities offered. This year the Creative Life Festival ran for an extended period of 10 days and was a celebration of creative learning which involved the whole school and broader community. The festival was launched with a special opening and culminated with a whole school art exhibition. More than twenty creative professionals from the broader community along with our teachers and executive staff members worked with our students to extend their creative skills in all aspects of learning.

Happiness Toolkits

This year every student was given their own Happiness Toolkit which was an ongoing project that engaged them in a range of creative activities which make them happy. Each class also worked on a special literature unit related to the book ‘What’s Up MuMu’ and a variety of art and drama projects.

Teacher Workshops

Every student participated in a teacher led workshop. Students in Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in a workshop for a day focussed on aspects in visual arts, drama, science and technology. Our students in years three to six chose from an assortment of workshops including stop motion
animation, print making, visual arts, sewing, journalism, film making, photography, science and technology and dance. They spent two days working on their project and shared their work through performance and display.

Community Workshops
Community led workshops ran for two days across the school. The Kindergarten to Year 2 students participated in an interactive drama workshop led by actors from NIDA as well as a hip hop dance lesson. Our students in years three to six chose several workshops including photography, music production, hip hop dancing, creative mathematics, theatrical drama, hands on science, TV show screen writing, magazine writing and yoga. All of our students participated in at least two workshops over the two days. Most of the community workshop facilitators were well known and respected professionals in their fields offering our students specialised instruction and rich experiences.

Lunch Time Performances
Each lunch time our students assembled in the hall for a special performance. A range of performers from the broader community visited Daceyville including the HiLife Horns. As well as these sensational performers, many of our talented students performed for us including an exclusive performance by our talented staff playing musical instruments and dancing. This aspect of the festival was a wonderful way to bring our school community together to celebrate and experience artistic expression and performance.

Art Exhibition
The whole school participated in the culminating art exhibition which aimed to showcase the work of all of our students. The exhibition included individual and group art works using a broad array of media. We had wonderful attendance at the opening of the exhibition where our band, choir and dance group performed. It was a wonderful culmination to the festival.

Whole School News
The Year 6 farewell- Monday 14 December
Students (dressed in their best clothes) will be visiting Events Cinema, George Street to enjoy a movie at the Gold Class Cinema. Following the movie we will return to school where we will gather in the school hall for our graduation ceremony which will include:

- Student reflections shared with parents, peers, guests and staff
- Presentation of the graduation certificates
- Cutting of the Year 6 cake

Parents and guests are invited to join Miss Molloy and fellow staff members in the school hall from 6.00pm for a graduation supper. This will be a great opportunity to spend time with other parents before the students join us. Please note that this event is for our Year 6 students and their parents only. We ask that siblings do not attend.
K-2 and 3-6 School Picnics
On Tuesday 15 December, all students will enjoy the end of year picnic day. K-2 students will enjoy a fun day of activities at school including a performance and students in 3-6 will be spending a fun filled day at Bronte Park. Each picnic day will provide the students with an enjoyable and active end of year celebration with their friends and teachers. Please ensure all permission notes and money are returned to the school office no later than Friday 11 December.

Unpaid School Invoices
If students have unpaid fees for optional programs such as PSSA sport, swimming, tennis, band, choir and dance they will be unable to participate in these programs in 2016. If you have any problems, difficulties or questions regarding outstanding fees please contact the school to discuss the matter.

Library News
There are a large number of students with outstanding books to return. Please search high and low at home to ensure you bring every book back to school to return to the library. Our library books are a valuable resource which we spend a lot of money on and we can’t afford to lose them.

School Uniforms
Please remember that Daceyville is a proud uniform wearing school. Wearing full school uniform brings our students together and ensures they take pride in their school. Please assist us by making sure your child is currently wearing full summer uniform each day and sports uniform on Fridays. In particular please remember the following: black shoes (not sports shoes) are to be worn every day except Friday and tights, bike pants or leggings are not to be worn under the summer tunic. We also have a no hat, no play policy which involves wearing a school hat.

Important School Transport News - 2016 Opal card
From term one 2016, Transport NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme via a new online application process. If you currently have a travel pass you will automatically receive a School Opal card for 2016 unless you are currently in year 2. Parents, guardians and students will need to apply if the student:
- is starting school and has not had a pass before
- is in year 2 going into year 3 or year 6 going into year 7
If you would like more information, please contact the school office or go to the transport NSW website: transportnsw.info/school-students or call 131500

From the start of the school year 2016
School Bus Number Changes
Most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers. Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services. Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website. sydneybuses.info or visit transportnsw.info or call 131500.
Sport News

2016 Swimming Carnival
A note was sent home last week regarding our annual school swimming carnival which will be held in the second week of the 2016 school year. The details are:

Date: Thursday 4 February 2016
Venue: Des Renford Aquatic Centre, Maroubra
Who: All 2016 students from Years 3-6, plus any 2016 Year 2 students who turn 8 in 2016, will be able to compete in the races. We will be holding 50m competition races as well as non-competitive 25m races for children who are unable to swim 50m but still want to participate.
Cost: $12.00 (includes pool entry and transport). Students will be transported by bus.
Time: The carnival starts at 12pm. Students leave school at 11.15am and return to school by 3.10pm.

It is essential that permissions slips and payment be made by the end of term.

Important things to do this week
- Pay Term 4 sport and band fees.
- Return picnic note and money.
- Return swimming carnival note and money.

P&C News – End of Year Update
From Belinda Targett – P&C President 2015

2015 has been a highly successful year for the Daceyville P&C. I would like to thank all our parents who were involved in the class parent program this year. It has been a great communication tool in our school. Thank you to all parents who are using the system and to those who send emails. We had our final P&C meeting last Tuesday night and all agreed that this year has been very successful. I would like to thank the whole executive team for their hard work and am pleased to say that we have returned $24,500 back to the school for all the children to benefit. We donated $15,000 to technology upgrades and the introduction of ipads into the school. We also donated $5,000 to the annual creative life festival. At our final meeting we decided to donate $4,500 to help with our outdoor learning area, which has the sails up already but needs flooring and furniture so our children can enjoy a new learn experience. Thank you for all your continual support of our children and amazing school.

Uniform shop
Just a reminder that the second hand uniform shop is open Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning. When school returns in 2016, we will be open on Thursday, 28 January and Friday, 29 January in the morning for the first week only. Donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support this year and a big thank you to people who volunteered to help out with the second hand shop this year. We are low on some sizes so we greatly appreciate any donations to continue this wonderful service. If you are in year 6 we will gladly take any uniforms. The second hand shop has made over $1000 this year and all money has gone back into the school.

There is information in the office about Primary School Wear who provide our new uniforms. Stock is available and you can also be purchased online. If you buy any stock that does not have our emblem please let them know you are from Daceyville to ensure the commission is returned to the school.
Banking
This Thursday is the final day for school banking for 2015. Thank you to our school banking coordinators, it is a great program which we could not run without your help. This year the school has received over $1,000 in commission from the Commonwealth Bank school banking program. Thank you to the school banking co-ordinators for their time and support of this program.

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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Art Exhibition Highlights!
Community News

WILD STREET CAROLS

Sunday 13 December  BBQ at 5:30  Carols at 6:30
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