Welcome back for week 2 of the school year. Each new year is an exciting time and is naturally full of new possibilities, new challenges and new adventures. It is a time when we can reflect with renewed energy on what is possible, embrace new plans and build on our past successes. I have been thrilled to see our whole school community doing this with vigour over the last week! Our school has been buzzing with activity as we settle into the year.

On Monday we welcomed 52 new Kindergarten students to our school. They have embraced school life with enthusiasm and are settling in extremely well. Special thanks go to our Kindergarten team - Sally Ann Mullan, Brooke Rush, Melissa Keating, Gemma O’Keeffe, Elizabeth Elves, Serena Petriella and Renate Dunham who have done a brilliant job ensuring our new children have had a positive start to school life at Daceyville. I also thank our new parents for your support and warmly welcome you to the school.

Meet our 2015 School Leaders

Congratulations to the outstanding groups of Year 6 students who were elected as our 2015 school captains and leaders at the end of last year. We welcome the following students to our leadership team:

- Angela N – School Captain
- Jasmine H – Leader
- Erandi K – Leader
- Praise B – Leader
- Dylan N – School Captain
- Steven V – Leader
- Ethan U – Leader
- Olevar D – Leader

These students are extremely deserving of their positions and have started well in their roles this week when they welcomed and supported our new Kindergarten students. Over the next couple of weeks we will feature some profiles on our leaders to get to know them better. Now that classes are formed we will be electing the Student Representative Council. We will also introduce the elected house captains next week. We will hold a special leadership assembly on Monday 16 February at 2.30pm in the school hall to acknowledge our leaders, house captains and SRC representatives. All parents and friends are welcome.
Staffing and Classes

I thank you for your patience over the last week while we have confirmed our enrolments and staffing for 2015. We have formed 11 classes K-6 and students in all stages joined their new class and teacher on Monday. A list of the classes and teachers is at the end of the newsletter. Staff work through a detailed process to allocate children to new classes and take many things into consideration to best meet the needs of every student. I understand that some families may become anxious about class placements for a variety of reasons including multi-age classes, adjusting to new teachers, being in different classes to friends and being in different parts of the school. If you have any concerns we are happy to talk to you. I encourage you to chat to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. To assist with the transition, ensure you are positive with your child and allow for a settling in period.

Kindergarten News

The drop off and pick up arrangements for all Kindergarten students are as follows:

This week – drop your child off and pick them up from their classroom.

Next week – drop your child off in the playground near the hall where they will join their class lines when the bell rings. Parents are welcome to stay with their child in the playground in the mornings or are able to leave them in the care of the supervising teacher from 8.40am. We ask that you say goodbye to your child in the playground when the bell rings and do not accompany the class into the building. This makes it easier for your child to settle into the class routine. School bags can be left near the class lines. Please do not bring them into the building before the bell.

The pick-up area for Kindergarten is the silver seats near the fig tree on the Joffre Crescent side of the school at 3.00pm. Students will exit via the doors near the Kindergarten classrooms. All children are to stay with their teacher until a parent picks them up. Students attending Currawong aftercare will be picked up by Currawong staff.

Whole School Information

Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 17 February

All parents and caregivers are invited to our beginning of year information evening to be held on Tuesday 17 February, 2015. This evening is an opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher, hear about learning programs they have planned for this year and talk about any organisational details you need to be aware of. I will also begin the evening with a short presentation in the hall to introduce you to staff and outline some of the school’s priorities for 2015. While the evening is designed to be for parents only, we do understand that you may have to bring your children along if you have no other care for them at the time. There will be some supervision in the main hall upstairs for these children. We ask that they bring along a book to read or quiet game. No supervision will be provided in the playground and we ask that any children attending remain with you or in building during the presentations.

The organisation for the evening and agenda will be as follows:

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<td>Principal’s welcome in the hall for all parents</td>
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Please note that the second session will be a repeat of the first information session so that parents with children in more than one class have the opportunity to attend both sessions. Parents are welcome to attend either information session.
Newsletter and Communication
We constantly aim as a school to provide comprehensive communication to parents regarding organisation, events, activities, learning programs and policies within the school. We aim to ensure our newsletter is as comprehensive as possible and is available to all families on Wednesday each week. I urge all families to subscribe to have our newsletter, notes and other correspondence emailed to you. Donna and Gabrielle in the office are happy to assist in signing you up if need be so pop in and have a chat to them. School ENews is the service that we use for digital correspondence. By searching ‘School ENews’ in the app store you can download an app onto your smart phone or Ipad which allows easy access to anything document or message we send out and sends notifications when the newsletter is available. This year we will also be using our school Facebook page regularly for communication.

Term 1 Textbook and Resource Fees
Term 1 textbook and resource fees will be sent home this week. Please ensure you send your payment in as soon as possible in a labelled envelope with your child or alternatively you can pay at the office. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or need to organise a payment plan.

Supervision Before and After School
The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.40am each morning. No child is permitted to be at school before this time. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. Currawong Children’s Service run an excellent before school care program in our main building from 7.00am each morning if you need to drop your children early. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.10pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Again there is no teacher supervision after school (that’s when we hold our staff, learning support and professional learning meetings!). Currawong’s after care service runs from 3.10pm until 6.00pm.

Anaphylaxis Reminder – Please ensure NO nuts or nut products are brought to school
If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the anaphylaxis procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.


All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. This is potentially a life threatening condition. I ask your cooperation in not sending any of the following foods for your own children, whilst they are at school:
- Peanuts and other nuts including cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia, brazil nuts
- Peanut Butter or Nutella
- Muesli bars containing nuts or any other foods containing nuts.

Swimming Carnival
The Annual Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 5 February 2015 at Des Renford Aquatic Centre Maroubra beginning at 12.00pm. All students who are in Years 3-6 in 2015 as well as Year 2 students who will turn eight years of age this year received details about the carnival at the end of last year. No students will be able to attend the carnival without a permission note and money.

Performing Arts News – Band and Dance
We are still making arrangements for the 2015 band and dance programs and will send home information about these programs shortly.
Performing Arts News - Choir

It is now time to launch our choir program for 2015. Daceyville PS has a long tradition of strong choir programs which we are planning to continue and build upon this year. In 2015 choir details are as follows:

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The aim of our program will be to ensure choir sessions are engaging and interesting as well as providing students with the musical training required to be a member of this type of ensemble. The choir is open to all students regardless of ability – enthusiasm and motivation will be enough! Students who are part of the band program are more than welcome to join the choir as well. We also plan to expand our performance program this year giving the students more opportunities to perform both at school functions and in the wider community.

Students who make a commitment to the choir need to be aware that they do so for the entire year. It is disruptive to the ensembles if members are coming in and out at different times in the year. There is a $10.00 choir membership payable by all students in the choir. This is a one off payment which will be used to buy resources and equipment for the choirs. We ask that you return the permission note and membership fee as soon as possible to secure a place in the choir for your child. We are looking to form a large and dynamic choir in 2015 and would like to encourage as many children as possible to join the ensemble. It is a great way to become a member of our successful Daceyville musical community. Please ensure the permission note is returned by Friday 20 February.

The first rehearsal is Wednesday 11 February at 8.15am in the school hall.

Key Dates
Each week we ask you to keep an eye on the calendar on the front page of the newsletter. Here are some key dates for this term:

- Thursday 5 February @ 12.00pm – Annual Swimming Carnival @ Des Renford Aquatic Centre
- Tuesday 10 February @ 7.00pm – Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting. All parents are welcome.
- Monday 16 February @ 2.30pm – Leadership Assembly in the hall. At this assembly we will present the house captains and Student Representative Council badges as well as acknowledge our school leaders who were elected at the end of last year.
- Tuesday 17 February @ 5.30pm – Meet the Teacher evening. We will commence in the hall so that I can speak briefly to everyone and then parents will have the opportunity to spend time in their child’s classroom with their teacher. The evening will present information about 2015 organisation and learning programs. It will be a great opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher.
- Thursday 19 February – School Banking Commences
- Friday 20 February @ 9.15am – Whole school sports programs including PSSA competition sport commence.
- Wednesday 3 March @ 7.00pm – NAPLAN Information Evening
- Monday 16 March – Annual school photos will be taken. Notes to order photos will be distributed soon.
P&C News

P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 10 February at 7.00pm in the Teacher Resource Room. At this meeting the new committee for 2015 will be elected. If you are interested in or would like to nominate somebody for any of the five executive positions please fill in the nomination form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office by Monday 9 February at 3pm. The positions to be filled are president, vice president (two positions), secretary and treasurer. If you would like more information about any of the positions please contact the school and we will be happy to talk to you about it. All new parents are welcome to nominate. Only current financial P&C members will be eligible to vote at the meeting. As the purpose of this meeting is only the AGM, it will not be a long meeting.

School Banking
School banking starts again on Thursday 19 February so bring in your deposits and hand them in during class. For families who would like to start an account for your children there will be two sign up sessions on

- Thursday 5 February (tomorrow) 8.45am – 10.00am in the hall
- Thursday 12 February (tomorrow) 8.45am – 10.00am in the hall

If you have any questions come along to these sign up sessions, ask at the office or contact Jessica Douglas 0439168995. Make sure you bring some identification with you.

Extra Curricular and After School Opportunities

GUITAR LESSONS BY CONTOGEOERGE
- Lessons resume on Thursday Feb 12 at 8:15 am.
- The lessons are held in the BEAR room at the end of the ground floor corridor near KMO. If your child is interested, we'll be taking enrolments there on Thursday the 12th February.
- We'll also be including singing in the program.
- The cost is $12 per lesson payable at the beginning of the lesson.
- If you'd prefer to pay by the term, we accept cash, bank transfer or cheque.

For information re: purchase of guitars & other paraphernalia, email: cathymacmusic@gmail.com
- Cathy & Molly Contogeorge

Good Luck to our former Year 6 Students
We wish all of our former year 6 students good luck as they begin high school. We know you will all be highly successful in your future endeavours. Please keep in touch and let us know about your successes. We had a delightful evening at the end of last year with these students and their families as we reflected on their school years at Daceyville and wished them all the best for the future.
Welcome to our 2015 Kindergarten children

Our new Kindergarten children have settled in extremely well this week with the support of their parents, teachers, siblings and our outstanding senior students. We are delighted to have the children and their families join us!
### Daceyville PS Staff 2015

#### School Executive
- Nicole Molloy – Principal
- Serena Petriella – Assistant Principal (Learning & Support)
- Belinda Head – Assistant Principal (Stage 2 and 3)
- Gemma O’Keeffe – Assistant Principal (Kindergarten)
- Elizabeth Elfes – Assistant Principal (Stage 1)
- Rhonda Rush – Assistant Principal (Hearing)

#### Class Teachers
- Sally Ann Mullane & – KMO
- Gemma O’Keeffe
- Brooke Rush – KR
- Melissa Keating – K/1K
- Julie Masters – 1 M
- Themelina Trikilis – 1T
- Brooke Smith & Julia Smallwood – 2S
- Amie Bonanno – 2/3B
- Darren Hills – 3/4H
- Jane French – 4/5F
- Belinda Head – 5/6H
- Jodi Kovacs – 5/6K

#### Support Staff
- Liz Bowring – Teacher Librarian
- Elizabeth Elfes – Reading Recovery, ESL & Release from Face to Face
- Isobel Harding – Release from Face to Face and Learning Support
- Serena Petriella – Learning Support and ESL
- Julia Smallwood – Release from Face to Face and ESL
- Judi May – School Counsellor (Mon)

#### School Learning Support Officers
- Renate Dunham
- Gay Richardson

#### Administrative Staff
- Donna Irvine – School Admin Manager
- Gabrielle Jackson – School Admin Officer
- Renate Dunham – School Admin Officer
- Chris Hill – General Assistant
- Lorraine Dowell – Canteen Manager

2015 Nomination for P&C Executive Position
To be returned by Monday 9 February 3.00pm at the school office.

Name: _____________________________________ Contact Number: ____________

Please list your children’s names: _________________________________________

Please note that you can nominate for more than one position but only be elected to one position.

One or both sections can filled in below.

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I would like to nominate myself _____________________ (name) for the following position(s):

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Name: ____________________________
Signed: __________________________ Date: ___________