Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Our Swimming Stars
Congratulations to all of our students in Years 2-6 who participated in a highly successful swimming carnival last week. I was impressed with how many students were involved and swam so well. The spirit of participation, teamwork and cooperation amongst children, teachers and parents was impressive and a lot of fun was had by all. In true Daceyville style, the teacher, student, parent relay was a highlight with the parent teams emerging victorious this year against some strong competition from a determined teacher team. Well done to Mr Hills, Ms Head, Mrs Bowring, Mrs Kovacs and Ms Harding for their strong swimming effort! Special congratulations also go to our two parent teams who displayed true parent dedication and competitive spirit. Special thanks go to Ms Head for her expert organisation of the carnival. The zone representative team will be announced shortly.

As I visit classrooms and spend time in the playground each day, it’s great to see our students settling in so well and working so hard. I would urge all parents to join us for the parent information evening next Tuesday 17 February to meet class teachers and to talk about learning programs and class organisation for the year. Parents are also invited to our leadership assembly next Monday afternoon at 2.30pm in the hall where we will present the house captain and school representative council badges. This assembly will also feature the first performance for the year for our school choir who met for their first rehearsal this morning. We have a fabulous 2015 choir and are still welcoming children who are interested in joining.

I was delighted to have the opportunity to travel to Riverwood on Monday to present the research work we have been doing over the last two years on positive psychology with a range of senior Department of Education personnel. They showed real interest in the work we have been doing with our community of schools (Rainbow St PS, Gardeners Road PS and Banksmeadow PS) and I was proud to highlight the work we are doing at Daceyville at this level. At the end of last year we completed a whole day training session with our staff on the positive psychology approach in schools which is becoming known as positive education. I would encourage you to watch this YouTube link presented by Shawn Achor who is a respected academic at Harvard talking about the difference a positive psychology mindset can make in our lives generally and especially in education. I look forward to sharing more of this work with interested parents soon. Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxY_kBvq1M
It was great to see so many parents at the P&C Annual General Meeting yesterday evening. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected as members of the 2015 P&C Executive:

- President: Belinda Targett
- Vice President: Dionne Cullen
- Vice President: Kathleen Gray
- Secretary: Cassandra Bartley
- Treasurer: Melissa Darke

I look forward to working with this dedicated group of parents and all other parents who are keen to support the school in 2015 in any capacity you are able to.

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>5.30pm</td>
<td>Principal’s welcome in the hall for all parents</td>
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<td>6.00pm</td>
<td>Class information session with your child’s class teacher in their classroom – session 1</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.

Parking Around the School

Please be reminded that it is important that all parents and friends abide by the parking restrictions and regulations around the school. These regulations are in place for safety reasons and when motorists do not abide by them it puts the safety of our students and families at risk. We especially ask that you do not stop in the ‘No Parking’ zones along Joffre Crescent or near the main school gates, even for a short while.

Lost Property

One of our parents has lost a gold chain with a heart and letters on it in the playground. This item has great sentimental value and if anyone has found it could you please hand it in to the school office.

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 any 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 were sent home last 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 use this service if needed. 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.

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

Stage 3 News
A highlight of the calendar this term for students in years 5 and 6 is the 3 day excursion to Canberra. This is an exciting excursion where children are able to participate in a vast array of interesting activities and learn a great deal at the same time. Notes will be sent home this week with all students outlining the details. It is important that we finalise bookings very soon, so please ensure you return the permission note with payment as soon as possible.

Performing Arts News – Band
We are currently reviewing our band program for 2015 to strengthen it and ensure it is engaging for all children involved. We will be restructuring the program and looking at some changes in staff. For this reason it is taking slightly longer to send information out to parents. We are taking a little more time to ensure we have a quality program. Notes will be sent out early next week.

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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<th>Coordinating Teachers</th>
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<td>Students in years 1-6</td>
<td>Nicole Molloy and Elizabeth Elfes</td>
<td>Wednesdays 8.15am-9.05am</td>
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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.

**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:

- **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.

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Swimming Fun!

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School Banking

Account Opening Day

Daceyville is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. Some rewards are:

- Handball
- Scented Pencils
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox
- Swimming Bag
- Projector Cup
- Sea Streamers

Daceyville School Banking day is Thursday, commencing on Thursday, 19 February.

We will be holding an account opening day on

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

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. Alternatively, you can open an account at any branch; by calling 13 22 21 or online if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer. 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 CONTOGEOGE**

- 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: cathamacmusic@gmail.com - Cathy & Molly Contogeorge
# Daceyville Public School Canteen List

**Effective - 2015**

## Drinks
- Small water: 1.50
- Large water: 1.80
- Small juice: 1.50
- Large juice: 1.80
- Milk (flavoured): 1.80
- Up & Go: 1.50

## Lunch Time Only
- Slush Puppy: 2.00

## Recess Only
### Wed & Fri
#### Summer
- Small milkshake: 1.00
- Large milkshake: 2.00
#### Winter (Tues & Thurs)
- Hot chocolate: 1.00
- Sushi (wed only Lunchtime): 3.00
- Tuna: 3.00
- Teriyaki chicken: 3.00
- Vegetable: 3.00

## Frozen Items
### Lunch only
- Jelly stick: 0.20
- Fruit tube: 0.50
- Icy pole: 1.00
- Vanilla cup: 1.00
- Billabong: 1.50
- Frozen yoghurt: 1.50
- Ice cream: 0.80

## Toasties
- Cheese: 2.00
- Ham + Cheese: 2.60
- Ham + Cheese + Tomato: 2.80
- Cheese + Tomato: 2.20

## Wraps
- Ham + salad: 3.00
- Ham + cheese: 2.60
- Egg, lettuce + mayo: 2.30
- Chicken strip, lettuce + mayo: 3.00

## Snacks
- Le snacks: 0.90
- Sultanas: 0.50
- Jumpies: 0.80
- Jellies: 0.20 - 0.50
- Popcorn: 0.20 - 1.00
- Ropes: 0.50
- Roll up: 0.50

## Sandwiches
- Vegemite: 1.30
- Spaghetti: 1.50
- Baked beans: 1.50
- Tasty cheese: 1.70
- Cheese: 1.50
- Egg: 1.70
- Tuna: 1.80
- Ham: 1.80
- Chicken: 2.20
- Salad: 2.50

## Extras on sandwiches
- Salad: 0.90
- Pickle: 0.20
- Sauce: 0.20
- Mayo: 0.20
- Lettuce: 0.30
- Cucumber: 0.30
- Tomato: 0.40
- Cheese: 0.50
- Tasty cheese: 0.70
- Ham: 0.80

## Hot Food
- Party pie: 0.90
- Sausage roll sm.: 0.90
- Sausage roll lg: 1.80
- Meat pie: 2.00
- Chicken nuggets: 0.50
- Chicken wedges: 0.90
- Yummy dummy: 0.90
- Chicken strips: 1.10
- Plain/sweet chilli: 0.50
- Dino nuggets: 0.50
- Spaghetti: 2.50
- Bolognaise: 2.50
- Lasagne: 2.50
- Potato Bake: 2.50
- Fried Rice: 2.50
- Macaroni cheese: 2.50
- Garlic bread: 0.50
- Cheese Melt: 0.50
- Tomato/BBQ Sauce: 0.20
- Noodles: 2.00
- Chicken & Corn Rolls: 1.50
- Potato Wedges 50c per bag

## Thurs & Fri only
- Chicken strip: 3.00
- Wrap/Roll: 3.00
- Hamburger: 3.00
- Chicken burger: 3.00
- Pizza: 2.50
- Chicken strips: 1.10
- Garlic bread: 0.50
- Fillet of Fish: 3.00
- Vegetable Burgers: 3.00