I gave each student in our school a special challenge this week – to do something kind for someone else and to be able to talk about it at the end of the week. At Daceyville we consistently foster our core values of safety, respect and lifelong learning. Inherent in these values is showing kindness to others. I hope your children have been showing kindness at home and in the community as well as at school. We will celebrate some of their stories next week. Have a look at the feature by 4/5F and Ms French this week about the play leaders program. This program is just one example of how our older students show care and kindness to others and help to make our school a caring environment.

Communication and Notes
We are always working to ensure we have good communication between home and school. We understand that sometimes the amount of information being sent home can be overwhelming. I would encourage you to do two important things:

- **Subscribe to receive all of our newsletters and notes via ENews.** This can be done by going to the newsletter and notes tab on our website. This will ensure you receive everything directly to your email account. You can also download the ENews app to your smartphone or tablet to access our correspondence this way.

- **We have now uploaded all newsletters and notes for the year directly to our website so you can go back and look for a note if you need it.** Go to the newsletters and notes tab. On the left hand side you will see a range of categories for each stage in the school as well as specific programs such as sport, dance etc. Click on these tabs to find and download the notes you need.

**Upcoming Events to Prepare for…**

- I encourage all interested parents to come along to the NAPLAN information night next Wednesday at 7.00pm in the hall.
- Read the information about our successful Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) program and join us for the training session on 12 March.
- Begin thinking about our Harmony Day celebrations on March 19. We are planning a delicious multicultural lunch and would love all families to share.

**This week’s Principal’s Awards**

- **Act of Kindness Award** – Maria F in 5/6K for consistently helping others.
- **Positive Approach to School Life** – Toby W in KMO for a positive approach to all learning.
- **Outstanding Effort** – Ella P in K/1K for working very hard in reading.
- **Outstanding Achievement** – Michael S in 4/5F for working hard in English and Maths
2S with Mrs Smith and Ms Smallwood

In mathematics 2S have been gathering data, displaying their findings in a graph then interpreting their results. Students rolled a dice 20 times and recorded what number appeared using tally markings. Students then used this data to make a column graph. We then discussed the frequency of each number based on our graphs. If you need data represented or interpreted please see 2S for their exceptional graphing skills.

4/5F with Ms French – Play Leaders in Action!

Students in 4/5F have been helping to keep our school playground a happy and safe place to be by volunteering as playground PLAY LEADERS. Play Leaders are there to help other students on the playground with minor issues or concerns. This might be by helping students to take turns on the play equipment, helping younger students find a friend to play with or an activity to do, talking to students when they look sad or lonely, or by reminding students of our school values of safety, fairness and respect. Our Play Leaders work in pairs and can be identified by their fluorescent vests. They are usually stationed at the playground equipment, sports storeroom, soccer pitch and canteen line. They can also be found inside the school working as HALL MONITORS. Our Hall Monitors have the task of checking that students who come inside during breaks have permission from a teacher. Hall Monitors also spend time tidying up our shared spaces, placing bags on hooks and collecting lost property. Our Play Leader program has been so successful that we have now invited students from other primary classes to join our team. Our new members will begin working this week.

Whole School News

NAPLAN Information Night – 4 March @ 7.00pm – Amended Date

All parents are invited to an important NAPLAN information evening next Wednesday 4 March at 7pm in our school hall. On the evening we will be running an information session as follows:

The National Assessment Program (Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted for all students in Years 3 and 5 this term.

At the meeting we will share information about the following things:

- An explanation about how the assessment works and its purpose;
- How we are preparing our students for success in these assessments;
- Sharing of resources which can be used at home by parents to assist in preparation.

The information session will be useful for all interested parents. We especially encourage all parents in years 3 & 5 to come along. Parents of students in year 2 & 4 will also find the session useful.
School Photos
A note and envelope was sent home on Monday with all students regarding our school photographs which will be taken on the following dates.

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To ensure smooth running on the day, please ensure all orders are either done online or returned to the school in the attached envelope by **Friday, 13 March 2015**. A copy of the note can be found on the school website.

Family photos are only for siblings attending Daceyville Public School. Family photo envelopes are available at the school office.

Being Excited About Reading - Community Reading Tutor Program

Over the last three years we have implemented a highly successful program called **Being Excited About Reading** (B.E.A.R. Program). We are now ready to implement B.E.A.R for 2015. This program seeks parents and community members to donate some time each week to work with individual children and support them to develop their reading skills. The aim is to increase students’ reading accuracy and sight words within a 10 week time frame. The program is open to parents, grandparents, friends and community members – the more help the better! Things to know about the program:

- **Volunteers will work with one child at a time.** All of the resources and support are provided for you.
- **Times are open to whenever volunteers are available.** You may like to volunteer time in the morning, during the day or in the afternoon. You may volunteer as little or as much time as you are able. Ideally you will be able to work with students for several sessions per week. However, if you are only able to come along once per week, this is fine too.
- **Volunteers will be fully trained by school staff in how to deliver the tutor session.** This will include useful tips on how to assist children when reading, games and drill exercises. While this will be extremely useful for this program, it will also be invaluable in assisting you to work with your own children at home.
- **A dedicated tutor room is provided, where each child will have their own work pack to use.**
- **Staff will be on hand to provide support and assistance where needed.**

**What do you need to participate in this exciting project?**
All that is needed is some time and enthusiasm! No special skills are required. Parent support to work with students on an individual level makes such a difference to the learning development of our students.

If you are interested and able to donate some time please complete the attached form and return it the front office by **Wednesday 11 March**. The training session will be conducted on **Thursday 12 March at 1.45pm**. If you are unable to attend this session but would still like to be involved in the program we can arrange an additional training time.

Lost Property
A reminder to parents, please ensure your child’s clothing, lunch box, bag and drink bottle are labelled clearly. A lost property bin is located outside the canteen.

Safety and Security - Visitor Sign-in
It is important for few reasons that we are aware and have a record of all adults on the school site during school hours. Please remember that all parents visiting the school during school hours must remember to sign in at the school office.
Stage 3 News

Canberra Excursion (Repeat)
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 were sent home last week 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.

High School Applications for Year 6 Students and Open Nights
It is now time for parents of Year 6 students to begin the process of completing and submitting applications for high school placement in 2015. Please note the following information:

- Expression of interest application forms were sent home with all Year 6 students on Monday of this week.
- Each form will indicate your designated local high school based on your address. You will have the option to apply for your local high school, apply for a non-local placement or indicate that you do not require a placement for your child in a NSW government school in 2015. A form needs to be returned for every child regardless of the option you select.
- If you need advice about your options or about applying for a non-local placement, do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to Ms Head or Ms Molloy. We are happy to assist and advise.
- All forms need to be returned to your child’s class teacher NO LATER than Friday 13 March to ensure the school has enough time to process them before we are required to submit them to the high schools. We ask that you complete the forms as early as possible so that we are able to contact you if there are any omissions or errors.

The open nights for our local high schools are as follows:

South Sydney High School - Tuesday 3 March at 6.00pm in the school hall.

Randwick Boys High School – Tuesday 10 March at 5pm – 7pm

Randwick Girls High School – Tuesday 3 March at 6.30pm in the multi-purpose centre

News from Randwick Boys High School Principal Wayne Duncombe
I know it is still early in the year, but the GATS coordinator has already received a lot of information about the school’s gifted and talented students’ program for 2016. As a result, some key dates have been posted on our website earlier than usual. The testing date has not yet been advertised as we are awaiting confirmation from our independent assessment company. In 2016, we will operate our academically selected Gifted and Talented Class in Years 7, 8 and 9. Applications will open on May 25 and close on June 30. An information evening will be held on May 26.

Our program has a number of attractive features including:

- The entry “gatekeeper” is the test conducted by an independent assessor.
- All students who are selected from the test results are interviewed and present a portfolio of work at the interview.
- We spend considerable effort looking at the dynamic of the class; we do not want to create a “hothouse”, but we do want to create an engaging and highly stimulating academic learning environment.
- The class is capped at 20 students in all classes for Years 7-8 and in core classes for Years 9 and 10.

If you are interested in the program, please consult the school website: www.randwickb.schools.nsw.edu.au. Questions may be directed to the GATS Coordinator, Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning, Ms Anna Edwards on 9399-3122 or by email to randwickb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Sport News
Congratulations to Chev in year 5 who was successful in making through to the next round at the Eastern Suburbs Rugby League trials on Monday. We are very proud of you and thrilled to have a Daceyville representative in the team.

Congratulations also to Alex in 1M and his Oztag team – U7’s ‘Little Wommies’ who have made it through to the Grand Final this week.

Good luck to our Daceyville swimming team who are representing our school at the zone carnival this Thursday.
Performing Arts News - Choir

It is great to have such an enthusiastic and talented choir this year with 67 members. This week all choristers received a song book and CD recording of the songs so that they can practice at home. The repertoire we are currently working on includes:

- *Doo Doo Canon*
- *Welcome to All People*
- *Lollipop*
- *Stand Together*

Make sure your child is practising the songs at home for our upcoming performances. We will be performing as a special feature at the Harmony Day assembly on Tuesday 19 March and may even have a surprise performance before then!

We are still welcoming new members. Collect a note and pay your membership fee at the office if you would like to join. Rehearsals are at 8.15am on Wednesday mornings.

Whole School Opera Australia Performance - Cinderella

On Wednesday 4th March we are having an amazing treat. The opera is coming to Daceyville! Opera is a dramatic art form in which the actors sing or speak their parts to the accompaniment of instruments. Performers from Opera Australia will be presenting the fairy tale classic, Rossini’s “Cinderella”. It is especially adapted for children and sung in English. It is designed to capture the feeling of grand opera with just four cast members and a simplified set.

This is an integral part of our 2015 music program and it is mandatory for all children to attend. The teachers will be looking at the storyline and music from this performance in class. **If your child has not already paid $7.00 to attend, please send the money along to your class teacher in an envelope with your child’s name on it. This amount was on the term 1 invoice sent home in week 2.**

Last year we all thoroughly enjoyed the performance by Opera Australia and are really looking forward to “Cinderella”.

Important things to do this week

- Return payment for textbooks and resources as classes commenced using textbooks from Monday 23 February. Please contact the school office if you require assistance.
- Return permission notes and money for Years 3-6 Term 1 sport.

K-6 Assembly: Weeks 3, 6 and 9 @ 1.00pm in our hall. All very welcome!

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P&C News

Second Hand Uniform Shop Opening Times

The Second Hand Uniform shop will now be open on:

- **Monday afternoons from 3.00 pm – 3.30 pm**
- **Wednesday mornings from 8.15 am – 9.15am**

School Banking

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

Daceyville Parents and Citizens’ Association

There are many opportunities to help the P&C through involvement in our events and activities. All enquiries can be sent to daceyvillepandc@gmail.com

President - Belinda Targett  
Vice Presidents – Dionne Cullen and Kathleen Gray
Secretary - Cassandra Bartley  
Treasurer – Melissa Darke

Extra Curricular and After School Opportunities

GUITAR LESSONS BY CONTOGEOERGE

- Lessons resume on Thursday Feb 12 at 8:15
- 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
Daceyville Public School

Being Excited About Reading

Community Reading Tutor Program

Name: _____________________________________________

Phone Number: ______________________________________

Training Session – Please Tick

☐ Yes - I am able to attend the training session on Thursday 12 March at 1.45pm.

☐ No - I am unable to attend the training session on Thursday 12 March but would still like to volunteer for the program.

Please indicate days and times when you may be available for tutoring:

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