Principal's Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

It has been a busy and productive start to term 2 and it has been wonderful to see how well all of our students have settled back into school. This has at times been a challenge with the extreme weather we experienced in the first week of term and the severe hail storm which hit our school and surrounding areas on Saturday. The hail storm unfortunately did significant damage to our roof, causing flooding on the first floor of our main building. We are working closely with the department to rectify the damage and ensure the safety of all of our children and staff. We appreciate everyone’s patience while we work around the damaged areas. Thank you to Mr Casey for sending us some photos of the school – the first time ever that it looked like snow at Daceyville!

We hosted a very special Anzac Day ceremony last Thursday to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the landing of the Anzacs at Gallipoli and remember all of the men and women who have served our country in war and on peace-keeping missions. I was very proud of all of our school leaders who spoke thoughtfully about and personified the courage, mateship and selflessness that encapsulate the spirit of the Anzacs. Heartfelt thanks go to Warrant Officer Baker (Cassie, Nina and Ely’s mum) who was a special guest at our ceremony. She represented the Australian defence forces and gave a moving speech to the assembly which helped us all reflect on the important ideas and messages of Anzac Day. We appreciate the time she took in preparing for and attending the ceremony. The choir sang beautifully and our children created some lovely wreaths and artwork. Thanks also go to Melissa Darke and Belinda Targett for providing a delicious morning tea. Well done everyone!

Diary Dates

May

Tuesday 5
Bob McCarthy Cup
Rowland Park

Thursday 7
Crazy Hair Day

Tuesday 12

Wednesday 13

Thursday 14
NAPLAN Yr 3 and Yr 5

Friday 15
Zone Cross Country

Tuesday 19
9.30 am - Open Day

Friday 22
Sports Photos
12.30 – PSSA Round 2

Saturday 23
Working Bee

Tuesday 26
7pm – P&C Meeting

Friday 29
10.45 – K-6 Assembly
12.30 - PSSA Round 3
K-6 School Disco
Thank you to all of the parents who attended last night’s meeting regarding our 2015-2017 school plan. It was great to have so many interested families attend to share in the future directions of the school and exciting plans we have for the improvement of learning, teaching and wellbeing at Daceyville. We held a P&C meeting following the school plan presentation. The P&C certainly have many wonderful events planned in the coming terms. We are extremely grateful to the P&C who donated $15 000 to the school last night to support our technology strategy. This money will be used for the installation of wifi across the school, purchase of new computers and Ipad devices and various other things to enhance the use of technology for learning in every classroom. We are appreciative of all of the efforts the whole community have put into raising this money and donating to the school for an initiative which will benefit every child.

Term letters have been sent home to every class in the school. I encourage you to read them carefully and contact your child’s class teacher if you would like further information about the term 2 learning programs or would like to discuss your child’s progress.

We had some very exciting events at the end of last term. One of them was the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra. I was delighted to accompany our children and teachers on this excursion and very much enjoyed our time away. I was impressed throughout the three days with the teamwork and involvement of our students in all activities. They were engaged, articulate and highly involved in every activity. I was particularly impressed with the polite and respectful manner in which they interacted with all of the people we worked with in Canberra. Many of the guides commented on their exemplary behaviour and keen interest in all that was presented. Our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school. We have some photos and an article later in the newsletter about the trip. The excursion to Canberra was subsidised for each student under the federal rebate scheme which supports all Australian children to visit Canberra as part of their primary school learning and civics education. We are very grateful for this support.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 7 May
We have an exciting day planned for Thursday 7 May starting with the Mother’s Day stall followed by the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea for parents and friends and a crazy hair day for the children to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. As part of this day, Mr Chris will take part in the World’s Greatest Shave. Things to do on this day:

- Children are welcome to wear a ‘crazy’ or colourful hairstyle and bring along a gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation. All children will still wear full school uniform.
- Please ensure your child brings in $5-10 if they would like to purchase a gift from the Mother’s Day Stall. We ask that all families donate a gift to the stall by Monday.
- Parents and friends are invited to join us for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea straight after the Mother’s Day stall. The morning tea will be provided by the staff and we will be asking for donations to go to the Cancer Council.

Saturday 23 May – Working Bee at Daceyville
On Saturday 23 May we will be holding our first working bee for the year. We have lots of gardening and clean up work to complete in our school grounds and are looking forward to completing other jobs around the school. Every little bit of help makes a difference and we invite all of our families to spare some time to help out on the day. The working bee will run 8.30am – 12.30pm.

Friday 29 May – 2015 Disco
Keep this evening free as it will be our first disco for the year. Run by the P&C, this will be a exciting social event for all of our children. A note will be sent home with details about the event soon.
English Learning in KMO with Ms Mullane and Mrs O’Keeffe

This week KMO launched their term 2 English unit with an interesting design project. They were asked to find out what is possible with a piece of straw.

Our clever Kindergarten designers constructed kites, jewellery, a bag, a tail, hats, a wand, a periscope, a fishing rod and believe it or not a life size model of a cockroach!

“A Piece of Straw” by Junko Moromito portrays a Japanese folk story where a poor man, through acts of generosity and selflessness, builds his fortunes with a simple piece of straw. Over the next eight weeks KMO students will delve into a selection of quality picture books to explore the theme of endless possibility.

Stage 3 News – Our Canberra Trip

Stage 3 embarked on a fabulous trip to Canberra for 3 days last week. It was an early start on Tuesday morning but the students were all very excited to see our Nation’s Capital. The first day was a busy but fun filled day with a visit to the Earth Science Education Centre where Daceyville created our own earthquake. Followed by a visit to the National Gallery of Australia where our students were able to appreciate and discuss famous artworks with tour guides. We were able to pay our respects at The Australian War Memorial had a very special moment when two of our students were chosen to lay a wreath at the Pool of Remembrance. Before heading to our hotel we stopped at the Telstra Tower and admired the view of Canberra from 195.2 meters above the summit of Black Mountain. Day 2 was a very early start but very interesting and educational day. The students were able to interact, play various sports and see the training facilities at the Australian Institute of Sport. After visiting Old Parliament House and The Electoral office the students went to Parliament House and saw a live sitting in both The House Of Representatives and The Senate. The students took part in a role play of The House of Representatives and were fortunate to meet with our Federal Member – Matt Thistlethwaite. To end day 2, the students had a fabulous time after hours at The Questacon. Before heading back to Sydney on Day 3 of our excursion, we visited the National Museum of Australia and enjoyed seeing lots of Australia’s history and stories through time. Here are some of the student’s poems, songs, or recounts about their time in Canberra. We are grateful to the Australian Government who subsidised the cost of this valuable experience for our students.

Whole School News

Crazy Hair Day – Thursday 7 May
Students are invited to come to school in normal school uniform with a crazy hair do and bring a gold coin to raise funds for the Leukaemia Foundation. As part of this day Mr Chris will take part in the World’s Greatest Shave at 11.45am.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea – Thursday 7 May
Parents and Friends are invited to come along to Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea hosted by the staff at 11.00am on Thursday, 7 May in the special purpose room adjacent to the Community Hall. This is an annual Daceyville event to raise funds for the Cancer Council and a small donation would be appreciated.

Parent On-Line Payment (POP)
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school website by selecting $Make a payment$

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called ‘Other’. This is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. ‘Other’ can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $Make a payment$ you must enter:

- the student’s name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Supervision Before and After School - Reminder
Ensuring our students are well looked after and fully supervised at all times is of paramount importance to us. At the moment we have some concerns about supervision before and after school. I would ask that all parents support us with the following:

- Please ensure your child is not at school before 8.40am each morning. Supervision starts in the playground from this time. The supervision area is the asphalt area and not the grass or playground equipment.

- While we understand that families like to socialise and connect with each other in the afternoons after school and we encourage this, it is important that children are not left to play unsupervised. Please ensure your child is with you at all times once they have been dismissed by their teacher and not playing in the playground – particularly on the playground equipment. We also ask that the playground is clear by 3.20pm so that it is available for Currawong After Care service who hire the grounds.

- If your child walks home or catches the bus, please talk to them about leaving the grounds straight away at 3.10pm and not staying in the playground to play unsupervised.
Uniform Reminder and Winter Uniforms
We are always so proud of our students when they arrive at school each day in full school uniform. Wearing our full school uniform and looking neat and tidy sets an excellent tone in the school. It fosters pride in our school and individual appearance and helps ensure children are ready for focused learning. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in full uniform every day. A few reminders:

- Black school shoes need to be worn by all children Monday – Thursday.
- All children need to wear a Daceyville school hat. Other hats and caps are not permitted.
- Now that the weather is getting cooler, please make sure you child is wearing a Daceyville jumper.

Important things to do this week

- Bring in payment for Science Incursion - $4.00 if you have not already done so.
- Donations for Mother’s Day Stall.

K-6 Assembly: Weeks 3, 6 and 9 @ 10.45am in our hall. All very welcome!

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P&C News

Upcoming Events

Mother’s Day Stall
This year our P&C will be hosting the Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7 May in the hall. There will be gifts available to purchase from $2.00 - $10.00. We ask that each child donate a gift (up to $5.00) and place them in a plastic bag with the child’s name and class clearly written by Monday 4 May. Every morning there will be class baskets outside the hall to place your donations in. Please note that children who donate a gift get first option to purchase at the stall.

Some ideas for gifts are candles, toiletries, books, kitchenware, chocolates and photo frames. There will also be a raffle at the stall. Tickets are $1.00 each and will be sold on the day. Prizes will be drawn on Friday, 8 May at assembly.

Any parents available to help organise and wrap gifts on Monday 4 May or can help on the stall on Thursday 7 May can see Belinda Targett or Melissa Darke.

Thank you for all of your efforts in Term 1
Special thanks go to all of the parents and families who assisted with our term 1 events. We raised over $2000 at the election BBQ and with the Easter raffle and are very grateful to everyone for donating their time and easter eggs. Thank you to the Toohey family, Papa family, Targett family, Doubek family, Rigler family, Hatzis family, Carr family, Williamson family, Lu family, Thai family, He family, Douglas family, Eather family, Konecny family, Cartwright family, Bianchi family, Newport family, Russell family and Darke family who worked extremely hard running the election BBQ in March. Election Day Fundraising BBQ donations were received from the following people / companies:

- Our major contributor was Woolworths, Eastgardens
- Joe’s Meat Market, Eastgardens
- Coles, Eastgardens
- The Fuimaono Family
- The He Family
- The Targett Family
- The Darke Family

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
Daceyville Public School

Is your child starting school in 2016?

Come along to the

Daceyville Public School Open Day

Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 9.30am

Share in an information session presented by our Principal Ms Nicole Molloy and join us for a tour of our classrooms, library, canteen, hall, computer room, playgrounds, before and after school care and much more!

Learn about the many things which make our school so special.

- Innovative and engaging learning environments.
- Outstanding learning programs and enrichment opportunities.
- Achieving high levels of wellbeing for all of our students.
- Innovation in learning and our vision for the future.
- A welcoming and safe environment with a strong community atmosphere.

Everyone welcome!

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