Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Our school is buzzing with activity at the moment! Some highlights of the week as I’ve walked around the school have included:

- The wonderful success of our Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) program which began for the year last week. We have had such a positive response with parents and community members volunteering their time to tutor our students that we have 16 students on the program and 18 tutors. This is a wonderful effort and investment of time on the part of our volunteers to provide our students with quality reading support to supplement their class learning programs. We are very grateful;

- The stellar effort of our rugby league teams who competed in the Bob McCarthy cup on Rowland Park yesterday. The children were outstanding in their efforts and were great school representatives for our school. Special thanks go to Mr Hills for coordinating and training the teams and Gemma (Jacob’s mum) for her very generous donation of team uniforms which were used on the day and will be kept for future use. We will include a full report and photos in next week’s newsletter;

- The hard work of our teaching staff who not only work tirelessly to plan and teach engaging lessons throughout the day but also spend a great deal of time before and after school focusing on their own professional learning. Current activities include explicit teaching of comprehension, using technology as a purposeful learning tool, quality assessment and implementation of the new Australian curriculum;

- The involvement of so many parents in school activities and planning. From the school planning forum, to supporting learning programs and preparing for the Mother’s Day Stall it has been brilliant to have so much parent and community involvement.

Mrs Kovacs and I had the pleasure of spending the morning last week at Mount Sinai College in Maroubra. The college is a K-6 primary school which has been recognised as an Apple Distinguished school for their work in integrating technology into teaching and learning. We visited classrooms to observe lessons, talked to staff about their learning programs and enjoyed talking to the students who shared their work and ways in which they use iPad technology to support their learning. It was a very inspiring morning which gave us lots of ideas and information to incorporate into the technology plan we have here at Daceyville. This plan is of course being supported by the generous donation of $15,000 from our school P&C which was given to the school last week. We will keep you up to date with our progress. Thank you to the P&C for this generous donation.

Diary Dates

May
Thursday 7
Crazy Hair Day
9.00 am Mother’s Day Stall

11.00 am Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea
11.45 am World’s Greatest Shave

Friday 8
10.45 – K-6 Assembly
12.30 – PSSA Round 1

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
updated on our progress in this area. Following is an excerpt from Mount Sinai College about our visit:

Mount Sinai was delighted to welcome the Principal of Daceyville Public School, Nicole Molloy and the technology lead teacher, Jodi Kovacs. Both have past connections with Mount Sinai. Nicole’s mother Sandra was the founding Principal of Mount Sinai and Jodi was a founding student of the College. The purpose of their visit was to learn about Mount Sinai’s exceptional 1:1 iPad program.

A number of teachers and students explained work that was being done across the school. The experience that was provided was really rich and informative and looked closely at digital capability that is available to transform learning and enhance capability. Students also shared work that they had done on ANZAC day (a challenge based learning task), movies that they had made using iMovie relating to natural disasters, science journals created using Book Creator, work they had completed on the Gold Rushes using Comic Book, Puppet Pals movies for literature studies, learning spelling words using Spelling City, the many used of Pic Collage and use of Stile and Scribble Press to record learning. The visitors left impressed and inspired. It was a great experience for all involved.

2015-2017 School Plan

Our 2015-2017 school plan is now on our school website and has been endorsed by Sue Shelley, our director, NSW Public Schools. The school plan articulates the school’s long term vision for improvement and ensuring we are providing an outstanding educational experience for all of our students. It is organised around three core strategic directions which are informed by our school vision. I am currently working closely with our leadership team, staff and colleagues from the schools who form part of our community of schools to implement the projects which support the achievement of our strategic directions. I encourage you to have a close look at the plan and I am happy to answer questions or discuss it further with any parent who is interested or would like to contribute to our plans.
**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday 7 May**
We have an exciting day planned for tomorrow 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:

- 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.
- 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 an exciting social event for all of our children. A note will be sent home with details about the event soon.

**ANZAC Reflections from 5/6H**
Anzac Day means different things to different people. Not only is it a time to remember those who landed on the beaches at Gallipoli at dawn on April 25, 1915 but it is a time to remember and reflect on all those affected by war and conflict.

Often when we think of war, we think of the soldiers on battlefields as those affected by the hostilities. But there are so many more who we should remember. The families and friends at home who lived without knowing what was happening to their loved ones and the children who grew up without knowing parents also experienced the hardship of war.

Students in 5/6H put themselves ‘into the shoes’ of a soldier and into the ‘hearts’ of loved ones left at home. We took on the persona of a soldier and wrote letters home to the ones we dearly missed.

**Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey**

1 May, 1915

Dear Mum and Dad,

I would like to say I miss you. If this is my last day, please don’t be sad. I will not forget what you have done for me. You were good at taking care of me.

I will never forget how much you loved me. I am very proud for what I have done for my country.

At first I was very scared because I was so far away from you. But because of you, I am feeling brave and feel right about what I have been sent to do.

Please plant this seed (inside the envelope) in my memory.

I love you.

Love always,

Jame (written by Jame)
**Gallipoli Peninsula, Turkey**

23 May, 1915

Dear Mum, Dad and little sisters,

This letter is written by your second eldest daughter, Lisa.

War is very scary. Many people around me are dead or dying. Brother Bob, sister Lily and I are fine. Unfortunately, big brother Mike got hit by a bullet in his leg. He can’t walk yet so he has to stay in the tent all day.

Each day there are more and more soldiers getting hurt. As nurses, Lily and I are very busy. There are hundreds of wounded soldiers in the tent we are stationed at. I have trouble resting at night because I think of the men and the gun fire is too loud.

Thank you for sending us some food and clothes. The food here is very bad and so many soldiers are ill. We wear dirty clothes every day and most men don’t even clean themselves.

It is very hard here and we miss you a lot.

I hope the war will end soon. Don’t worry about us, we will safely return.

Best wishes, Lisa (written by Lucy)

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**Gallipoli Peninsula**

Friday 28th of May, 1915

Mrs Brown
21 Milton Street
Bankstown, Sydney

Dear beloved mother,

I hope this letter finds you well. As I write this, we are getting ready to charge out from our trenches. Fighting from down here is incredibly difficult.

It rained yesterday and everyone here is dripping with filth and we are buried up to our knees with mud. The harsh conditions do not mean we get to have a break fighting. In fact, we have to fight even harder since the Turks will also be suffering because of the rain. I guess that the rain will hinder our progress as well, but it’s always better to be optimistic!

Every single wave of troops that have been sent over the top so far has been absolutely butchered by the Turks. This doesn’t leave me very optimistic at all.

This will probably be the last letter you will ever get from me. Don’t be disheartened though. Remember that your son has represented his country bravely and proudly.

Give love to the family back home for me. No one knows exactly when this horrible war will end. But don’t lose hope that it will, mum. All things come to an end eventually. So stay strong and make sure everyone else at home does as well. The worst thing that could happen is that you lose hope.

Your forever loving son,

Ernest (written by Dylan)
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.

Sport News – PSSA Round 1
The first round of PSSA Netball and Soccer will commence this Friday, 8 May at 12.30 pm.

Netball Draw Round 1 – Daceyville vs Chifley at Heffron Netball Courts
Soccer Draw Round 1 - Daceyville A Team – Bye,  Daceyville B Team vs Gardeners Rd – Heffron Park Pool 2

Important things to do this week
- Bring in a gold coin for the Crazy Hair Day on Thursday.
- Bring in some money to purchase gifts at the 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 have asked 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 on them. Class baskets have been placed outside the hall for donations. Please note that the 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.

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

Learn Music on the keyboard at
Daceyville Public School

Great songs! Musical activities! Cool music knowledge!

Convenient at-school venue
Small group - 45 min weekly lesson
Competitive rate - $27 per session
(GST incl. Please do not forward payment to the school office.)
Instrument not required initially
Music material provided

To enrol, please call 9411 3122