Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

I am always very proud of the incredible community spirit we have at Daceyville. This spirit was very apparent around our school last Thursday as we hosted several events in one morning. Congratulations to the P&C who organised and ran a very successful Mother’s Day stall. A huge amount of work went into organising and wrapping the gifts which looked fabulous. There was a huge team of parents who spent a lot of time wrapping and selling the gifts. Every child had the opportunity to purchase a special gift and we hope you all enjoyed some special celebrations with your mums on Sunday. Special thanks also go to the families who donated gifts. We also hosted two special fundraising events last Thursday. Thank you to everyone who baked for and attended the Biggest Morning Tea. We raised $411.00 for the Cancer Council. Huge thanks go to Mr Chris who participated in the World’s Greatest Shave with an audience of lots of kids! Thanks to his efforts we raised $286.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Well done!

2016 Enrolments and Open Day next week
We are busy at the moment taking Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Next Tuesday 19 May we will be conducting our term 2 open day for 2016 students and their families. Any other families of prospective students in other year levels considering enrolling are also welcome to attend. There is a flyer at the end of the newsletter with more details. Please spread the word and encourage people to come along if you know of anyone else interested. The school choir will be performing at 9.20am. Parents of children in the choir are welcome to come along and hear them sing.

Do you have a younger child starting school next year? We ask that all families currently at Daceyville who have a child starting next year contact the office to complete your enrolment paperwork and arrange an enrolment interview. We have had an increase in enrolment enquiries and want to be sure all of our current families have their enrolments for Kindergarten in 2016 confirmed as soon as possible.
Big Science Fun with K/1K

Last week we went to watch the Big Science Big Fun Program in the hall. We really liked all the experiments we watched. Our favourite was the flying the toilet paper because it was so funny watching the toilet paper fly! We also liked it when the lights got turned off and it was dark. It was dark so we could see the different coloured lights. We learnt that when you combine a red light, green light and blue light together you see white. Jointly written by K1/K

Whole School News

Working Bee – Saturday 23 May 8.30am – 12.30pm

HELP! We always need help working on our school grounds and buildings to have them looking as good as possible. This includes the gardens, clean-up of our playground areas and other tasks around the school. We encourage as many families as possible to come along to our working bee on Saturday 23 May from 8.30am to 12.30pm. Any amount of time you are able to give would be fabulous – from an hour to more than that. Please keep the morning free and come along to help in ensuring our school looks fabulous! We will focus on the gardens and grounds from pruning to weeding and some general clean up. Please bring along any gardening equipment you think may be useful. The working bee will finish at 12.30pm when we will enjoy some lunch together.

Help! Let’s all label our clothes with names

With the cold weather now upon us our children are looking great in their winter uniforms. Winter does however, bring the challenge of tracking down jumpers and jackets when they are taken off at school. It is very frustrating when expensive clothing is lost or we are unable to return jackets to the owners as they do not have names on them. Let’s work together as a whole school to do the following:

- Label every piece of your child’s school uniform clearly with their name – especially hats and jackets.
- Remind your child about the importance of putting their clothing in their bag if they take it off.
- If you purchase a second hand item please ensure you label it with your child’s name.
- If your child comes home with an item of clothing which does not belong to them, please return it to school with a note so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.

The school’s lost property area is in the corridor near the canteen. If your child has lost an item of clothing please check this area.
Parent On-Line Payment (Repeat)
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.

Scholastic Book Clubs
We are excited to announce the start of Scholastic Book Clubs at Daceyville. We are always looking for ways to encourage the children to read at home and at school. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success at school. A note will be sent home with each child giving details of how the book club works. All transactions will be done online and the orders will be delivered to school. Our school coordinator will be Ms Renate.

Accessing the Premier's Reading Challenge from home
I’ve had a few parents ask me how to logon to the PRC from home. Here are the steps:

- In Google (or your other favourite search engine) Search PRC NSW.
- Select login. Your child will need to enter their DET user name and password. Most children know these. The user name is as follows: given name.family name (make sure it is all lower case).
- Select student reading records. Here you can enter the title of the book that the child has read. Don’t worry about the id number. As soon as you enter the title, a suggestion list appears. Click on the correct book title, and then click add.
- If you click on booklists you can see all the available books on the PRC NSW for your child’s age.

It is also possible to search the PRC NSW through the Student Portal.

- In Google (or your other favourite search engine) Search Det Portal NSW
- Choose to Login.
- You will be in the student portal welcome page. Once conditions are accepted the student can access their portal page, with the PRC NSW as one of their learning links. This way they are already logged in.

Happy reading! Mrs Bowring – Teacher Librarian
Year 4 OC Applications
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. Offers for opportunity class placement will be made on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on Wednesday 22 July 2015. Apply on the internet and submit your application online. You will need to have an email address (not the student’s email address), access to the internet and a printer. Detailed instructions on how to apply online are available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacementApplications must be submitted NO LATER than this Friday 15 May.

Performing Arts News
SAVE THE DATE!
We are excited to announce that this year’s Daceyville Big Band Bash will be on Thursday 27 August. We will be proud to welcome the Royal Australian Navy Band as guest performers and look forward to hosting schools from across Sydney. Keep the date free so that you can be part of this special Daceyville community event!

Sport News
Zone Cross Country
The zone Cross Country carnival is on this Friday 15 May at Heffron Park. Our school team has been selected and notes have been sent home. All team members need to ensure their notes are returned no later than Thursday. We wish all of our students the best of luck.

PSSA - There will be no PSSA Sport this Friday due the Zone Cross Country Carnival.

Congratulations to Angelo P in year 2 and his football team who were featured at the South Sydney Rabbitohs game recently. They proudly represented their club. What a great experience!

Important things to do this week
- Put the working bee date (Saturday 23 May) in your diary to come along and help out our school.
- Make sure you check your child’s K-6 Assembly: Weeks 3, 6 and 9 @ 10.45am in our hall. All very welcome!

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P&C News

Thank You

Thank you to our parents for their generous donations and for wrapping and selling gifts at the Mother’s Day stall. A special thank you to Sandra for donating the beautiful handmade gift tags. It was a great success and we raised over $1600. This is a great start for our fundraising this term which will be followed up by our disco and chocolate drive.

At the last P&C Meeting it was agreed that a $15,000 donation be made to the school for technology. Our fundraising this term will go towards the Creative Life festival.

Upcoming Events

The Daceyville Disco will be on Friday, 29 May at 6pm. It will be run by the P&C and will be an exciting social event for all of our children. A note will be sent home with details about the event soon.

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

Our students in action at the Bob McCarthy Cup last week – they proudly represented our school!
Daceyville Public School

Is your child starting school in 2016?

Come along to the
Daceyville Public School Open Day
Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 9.15am

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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