Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

It was a pleasure to welcome so many new families to our school yesterday for our first 2016 Kindergarten Open Day. Our prospective students and their parents were treated to a performance by the choir and a viewing of the famous Daceyville ‘Happy’ movie before they headed off on tours around the school led by our stage 3 students. Special congratulations go to Dylan N, Ethan U, Jasmine A, Praise B, Ashley M, Maria F, Lachlan K, Jasmine H, Angela N, Dylan N, Steven V, Erandi K, Oleva M, Morgan W and Zac R. You were articulate, passionate and engaging ambassadors for our school and we are very proud of you.

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. We have some non-local places available, however they are filling quickly.

Local Catchment Area Boundary Changes
Owing to significant housing development in the eastern suburbs area and a consequent increase of enrolments at all schools, the Department of Education and Communities has been undertaking an extensive demographic analysis of the area and will be putting changes in place to the boundaries which determine the catchment area for each school in 2016. This is likely to mean an increase in the area for our school. Our Director, NSW Public Schools, Mrs Sue Shelley will be attending our P&C meeting next Tuesday evening at 7.00pm to talk to our school community about this. Please come along if you would like more information.

Working Bee – this Saturday 23 May 8.30am – 12.30pm
We are lucky to have such large grounds at Daceyville but this also means they need a lot of love and attention. Please come along to our working bee this Saturday ready to help with mulching, pruning and general clean up to make our school look great. Even if you can only spare a short amount of time we will be very grateful.
This past week 5/6K linked our maths and art lessons and had lots of fun drawing 3D cities. We learnt about the properties of prisms and pyramids and combined them with a drawing lesson. The students had a list of 3D shapes they had to incorporate into their city and then use the art techniques of shading and shadowing. This was voted the most fun maths lesson this term. Here are some of the things students in 5/6K had to say about their learning.

- **This term I have loved making 3D cities, the reason why I like it was that I have not been able to draw 3D shapes ever and I have learnt to make lots of shapes. My city was not the best but I did good for a beginner.**
- **It was fun how we were drawing our 3D cities because our class got to experience doing other 3D shapes and the 3D city was really creative and I learned the shadows and lots more.**
- **It was a creative task and we could make anything from rocket ships to cities. We had to shade our 3D shapes and make shadows for them.**
- **I like 5/6K because I get to do a fun activity and draw some 3D shape towers.**

**Stage 3 Enrichment with Miss Petriella**

A group of talented Stage 3 students have begun working on an enrichment program every Monday to extend their creative and critical thinking skills. Here’s an update on their work!

**Mouse Aviation 101**

Welcome from the Daceyville Aviation Team. We are a specialist group of students who are in the business of designing and constructing expert aircraft for your not so average subjects. Our first project was both challenging and motivating. We needed to design and construct an aircraft made from paper only for our new subjects. The aircraft needed to keep our subject safe and travel at least 1.5 metres.

We began our projects by learning the basic principles of aviation. We quickly learnt how important sharp edges and smooth lines are as well as creative ideas. There were ups and downs. Good research and testing helped modify our designs and gain better results. The final testing day was emotional for all of us. The worked hard and hoped our subjects would be safe and our aircrafts successful. Overall we came through with flying colours with only a few injuries and no subjects lost. We are looking forward to our next project!
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.

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 and catalogue has been sent home to all students giving details of how the book club works. All transactions will be done online and the orders will be delivered to school. Term 2 closing date is 25 May 2015. Our school coordinator will be Ms Renate.

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!
The Preludes with Ms Harding

The Preludes are a special group of children who are participating in a band preparation program this year. They work together on Thursday afternoons with Ms Harding and are a fun, keen bunch of budding musicians who are excitedly learning the skills needed to listen and play music together. We have been exploring our wonderful new percussion instruments, making up our own rhythms and last week we even started playing the Boomwhackers. They are very colourful, make great sounds and are very cool to play. Ask a Prelude for more information! We have been learning the importance of the quiet pause before the music begins, that a crotchet lasts for one beat, a minim for two and a semibreve lasts for four beats. That there is so much to remember. Today Anson of 2/3B said he wished that the Preludes happened every day. I think we all wish that too! Looking forward to our next wonderful lesson Preludes!

K-6 Music Groups – Thursday Afternoons

Our school has music groups. They are learning the basic concepts of beat, pitch, rhythm, dynamics and duration and even to read music which is a whole other language in itself. They are responding to music through dance, percussion and are composing their own music pieces. Many of our students are also learning the recorder, the Preludes group is in action and the band is working in the hall with Mr Woodhouse and Ms Smallwood. It’s a fabulous and engaging afternoon for our children which they are very much enjoying.

Sport News

Sport Photos

Sporting group photographs will be taken on Friday, 22 May 2015 at 9:10am. Students in the following groups are required to be in full sports uniform for these photos:

- PSSA Netball, Softball, Soccer & AFL
- Friday Tennis Group
- Bob McCarthy Cup Rugby League Team
- Zone & District Athletics, Swimming & Cross Country
Bob McCarthy Cup
On Tuesday 5 May, Daceyville sent junior boys, senior boys and senior girls teams to compete at the Bob McCarthy Cup a Rugby League seven-a-side gala day held at Rowland Park. Our three teams participated in three round games and a playoff match throughout the day. It was an extremely fun day whereby all the students involved displayed exemplary behaviour, positive attitudes and great teamwork. Thank you to all the parents who came to support our teams. A very special thank you goes to Gemma Smith who donated shorts and socks to our school for our students to wear at the gala day.

Zone Cross Country
Last Friday, Daceyville sent twenty-nine competitors to run at the Zone Cross Country Carnival, held at Heffron Park. Our students displayed tireless effort in completing the 2km and 3km courses. Everybody gave their best and did themselves and the school proud. A special congratulations goes to Billy Sultan who placed second in the 8/9 Years Boys race. We wish him all the best at the Sydney East Carnival at Miranda on Thursday 11 June.

Premier’s Sporting Challenge
Just a reminder, we are undertaking the Premier’s Sporting Challenge for the next ten weeks. The NSW Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge aims to engage young people in sport and physical activity and encourages them to lead healthy, active lifestyles. The Premier’s Primary School Sport Challenge involves primary school classes participating in a 10 week sport and physical activity challenge. Classes may accumulate time spent in a broad range of sports and recreational pursuits during lunchtime, in school sport programs, class time, after school or in weekend physical activity. Morning fitness activities, run by Mr Hills and our Year 6 PSC Leaders, will resume on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings before school. So try to get to school earlier to increase your minutes. They will begin at 8:45am.

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 return your Disco note and order form for our school disco on 29 May.
- Remember to bring back your chocolate drive order form. All money raised from this initiative supports the school.

K-6 Assembly: Weeks 6 and 9 @ 10.45am in our hall. All very welcome!
P&C News

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

Chocolate Drive Fundraiser
Thank you to all of the families who have already returned their chocolate drive orders. Remember, this is an important fundraiser for our school so please get your orders in as soon as possible.

Fundraising Opportunities for our School

The ANZ Mortgage Introducer Program
If you are shopping around for a home loan or thinking of switching your home loan provider and are considering ANZ (Eastgardens), did you know that just by mentioning that ‘Daceyville Public School’ referred you to Haroula Kioroglou at ANZ Eastgardens (or providing a referral form) when you make your first enquiry, ANZ will provide a commission of 0.3% of the total loan amount to our school as part of the ANZ Mortgage Introducer Program.

This is a great way to raise funds for our school. ANZ referral forms are available from the school office. If you would like further information, please email daceyvillepandc@gmail.com

Rebel Active
Daceyville Public School joined the Rebel Support Your Sport program last year, the program has since been rebranded and is now called ‘Rebel Active’. When you make any purchase at Rebel and you register as a Rebel Active member, simply by nominating to support Daceyville Public School, the school will receive 5% from all member purchases* and this will be used to purchase sporting equipment for our school. Rebel Active information brochures are available in the school office. The P&C have Rebel Active cards available at school, if you would like one, please see Melissa Darke or Belinda Targett or to arrange one to be left at the school office for you, please email daceyvillepandc@gmail.com  *T&C’s apply

May P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May at 7.00pm in the teacher resource room. At this meeting we will welcome special guest Mrs Sue Shelley, Director NSW Public Schools to talk to our community about the proposed changes to our enrolment catchment. Please come along and join us.

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
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