Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

I am constantly reminded of how supportive our school community is and how much everyone does to help out. This was truly evident with our term 2 working bee last Saturday. Team Daceyville swung into action to prune, mulch, weed, cut up large branches, complete the task of hauling a massive pile of green waste onto the truck and generally give our school a good tidy up. Thank you to the many families who came along to help out. Your generosity in time and energy were very much appreciated and your efforts made an enormous difference to our school. Special thanks goes to former students Brent and Jess Newport and Amy-Lee Targett who joined us and the many current students who came to help. Thanks also go to Jo Newport for her coordination of the council truck and for arriving at 7.00am to meet the truck, Botany Bay Council for taking away the green waste and Belinda Targett for organising the drinks and lunch!

It was a pleasure to spend time with students in 4/5F this week as they shared their writing with me. As part of the study of ‘The Wizard of Oz’ they have been working on their descriptive writing. Their sentence structure, imagery and vocabulary was fabulous. All of our students have developed specific writing goals in consultation with their teachers and use these goals to reflect on their writing in class and to guide improvement. Cameron, Tess and Gabriela were impressive in the manner in which they were able to articulate and reflect on their goals. I also enjoyed in sharing in the improvements they have made. Here are some small samples:

The wind whistled far away. It was coming closer as it blew harder and harder and it was so strong it rippled the grass. Tess

The destructive force came yelling with a deafening roar. Suddenly she felt the house

Diary Dates

May
Friday 29
10.45 – K-6 Assembly
12.30 - PSSA Round 3
K-6 School Disco – 6pm

June
Friday 5
12.30 PSSA Round 4
Monday 8
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 12
12.30 PSSA Round 5

Friday 19
10.45 – K-6 Assembly
12.30 PSSA Round 6

Tuesday 23
Semester 1 Student Progress Reports sent home

Wednesday 24
Athletics Carnival
Rowland Park

Friday 26
Last Day of Term 2

July
Tuesday 14
First day of Term 3 for all students

Thursday 23
100 days of Kindergarten celebrations @ 12.30pm in the hall

Tuesday 28
P&C Meeting @ 7pm in the teacher resource room.

Tues 28 – Thurs 30
Book Fair in the hall

Wednesday 29
Education Week Open Day
On impact she knew it was a tornado because she could feel movement and she was being tossed around in the small cottage. Cameron

The wind wailed like a loud siren ripping the green grass off their string roots. Blowing, in full strength, the wind blew frost all over the dull, freezing farm. Gabriela

This week’s Principal’s Awards
It is my pleasure to award the following Principal’s awards this week:


2016 Enrolments
Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2016 and will be ready to start school? Or do you know of a child who would like to enrol in another grade at Daceyville next year? We are busy at the moment enrolling students for 2016. Following our open day last week we had over 30 enquiries in one week. As there will also be boundary changes for 2016 meaning our catchment area will be larger, we are likely to continue experiencing a significant increase in enrolments. This will in turn impact on the number of non-local places we have available. I encourage all families with children starting school next year to contact the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment paperwork and arrange an enrolment interview. Please also spread the word to other families interested in enrolling at our school that now is the time to work through this process.

Now is the time to complete an Application for Enrolment form. You can do this by doing one of the following:

- Picking up an application form from the school office.
- Emailing the school at Daceyville-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au to request a form.
- Downloading an Application to Enrol form from the school website at: http://www.daceyville-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
- Calling the office on 9349 1211 to share your contact details and request a form to be sent to you by mail.

Learning with Mrs Elfes
Each week Mrs Elfes is lucky enough to share some time with KR, KMO and K/1K studying personal development. We are always learning about how we grow and change and the ways we can make positive decisions in our lives. We have been looking at our school values and how we can be safe, show respect and display our desire to be lifelong learners when we are at school. Over the first part of the year we made our own big book for each of our classes that remind us of the great things at school that reflect our understanding of our school values. They look fantastic!
Whole School News
There have been a few concerning incidents around local schools recently with regards to unknown people approaching children. An unknown male approached children at South Coogee PS this week and there have been a few other concerning incidents in the local area. Thankfully nothing serious has happened each time. However, it’s a time reminder to talk to your children about safety while out in the community, ensure they have an understanding of stranger danger and know what to do if they are approached by an unknown adult. At school we use the ‘No, Go, Tell’ strategy which is easy to remember. Say NO to the person, GO – move away as quickly as possible, TELL a trusted adult immediately. We will reinforce all of our normal safety procedures at school.

Kindergarten News
Playing our part to build a national picture of child health
What is the AEDC?
In early 2015, our school, along with thousands of others across the country will begin preparations for the third Australian Early Development Census (AEDC). The AEDC measures five key areas of development in children during their first year of full-time school to build a national picture of health and wellbeing. Since 2009, the census results have helped communities, schools and governments plan services and target support for children and families. Teachers are trained to assess each child and answer questions. Children don’t need to be present so no class time is missed, and parents/carers don’t need to supply schools with any new information for the census. Teachers’ individual assessments are then analysed by the AEDC and reported as anonymous groups of children in the final report. In other communities across the country, census results have helped communities to plan new playgrounds and parental services; schools are seeing improved student performance through new literacy programmes; and governments are using the results as evidence to develop better policies for children. Teachers have also noticed practical benefits in the classroom. Some said in previous years that completing the assessments made them more aware of the needs of individual children and the class as a whole. Others reported that the census results are useful in planning for transitions to school and for developing class programmes. Participation in the AEDC is voluntary. Parents/carers don’t need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census. To find out more about the census and how communities are using the data to help children and families visit http://www.aedc.gov.au/

Sport News
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

- 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!**

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**P&C News**

**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 has been sent home with details and can also be found on our website.

**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 ensure your orders are returned no later than this Thursday 28 May. Please note that the system is different in 2015 to previous years. All boxes of chocolates need to be pre-ordered using the note which was sent home. Boxes will not automatically be given to all families.

Working hard at the working bee on Saturday. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped out our school. We are very grateful.

**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