**Principal’s Message**

*Ms Nicole Molloy*

**Celebrating Education Week 2015**

There has been a real buzz around our school over the last week as we enjoyed celebrating education week. It has been a time to positively reflect on the values and qualities which make our school and the broader public education system so good. It was fabulous to have so many parents and grandparents join us last Wednesday to spend time in our classrooms sharing in the learning and achievement of our children. Congratulations to all of the students who performed in our dance, Preludes, choir and band ensembles as part of the education week assembly. You did a stellar job.

We had a delightful morning tea on Friday as a culmination to education week which involved our volunteer BEAR tutors, parents and year 1 children who are part of this program. BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) is a unique program which involves over 20 parents and community members who work with our students several times each week to support their reading development. The students on the program are making wonderful progress thanks to this support and we even had two children graduate from the program on Friday. We are extremely grateful to our tutors whose efforts are well above and beyond that enjoyed by schools elsewhere.

**Working Bee – Saturday 15 August 7.30am – 11.00am**

Our term 3 working bee will be held on Saturday 15 August. We encourage all families to join us on the day, even for a short while so that we can work together as a community to have our school looking great. Tasks to complete around the school will include:

- **Gardening** – mulching, pruning trees and plants, weeding, cleaning out gardens.
- **General clean up** around the school including disposal of green waste.

Our school is generously supported by the City of Botany Bay Council who provide us with a green waste truck free of charge to take away our green waste. By working together to fill this up, we will save the school a great deal of money.

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**Diary Dates**

**August**

- **Friday 7**
  - Zone Athletics Carnival Day 1
  - 10.45 – K-6 Assembly – KMO hosting
- **Monday 10**
  - Dance Ensemble rehearsal at Souths Juniors
- **Tuesday 11**
  - Dance Ensemble Performance @ Bondi Showcase
- **Thursday 13**
  - School Open Day and Tours – 9.15am
  - P&C Meeting @ 7pm in the teacher resource room.
- **Friday 14**
  - 12.30 PSSA Round 10
- **Saturday 15**
  - Working Bee 7.30am - 11.00 am
- **Monday 17**
  - Senior Choir Performance at Sydney Opera House
- **Friday 21**
  - 10.45 – K-6 Assembly
  - Zone Athletics Day 2
- **Thursday 27**
  - Big Band Bash
- **Friday 28**
  - 12.30 PSSA Round 11

**September**

- **Thursday 3**
  - Fathers Day Stall
- **Friday 4**
  - 12.30 PSSA Round 12
- **Thursday 10**
  - Playgroup for Kindy 2016
  - 9.30am
- **Friday 11**
  - 10.45 – K-6 Assembly
  - 12.30 PSSA Round 13
- **Friday 18**
  - 12.30 PSSA Round 14
  - Last day of Term 3
University of Sydney Reading Project

We are always seeking out innovative strategies to ensure high levels of academic progress for all of our students. Earlier this year we put in an application to work with the Department of Education’s educational services team and the University of Sydney on a targeted reading program to support our students. We were successful in being allocated a place on the program which commenced this week. The project involves 18 pre-service students in their final year of education at the university working individually with 18 of our students throughout the term. Each of our children involved in the project will have access to individualised reading instruction twice a week with their university tutor, under the guidance of Miss Petriella and Mrs Elfes. When all of our additional teachers arrived on Tuesday our staff doubled in one go! The pre-service teachers did a brilliant job getting to know our students, assessing their skills and developing programs for their development in reading. Our children were delighted to be involved and warmly welcomed their tutors to our school. We look forward to working hard on this project throughout the term and mapping the students’ progress. We will then look at a long term sustainability strategy for this kind of intensive learning support, similar to the BEAR (Being Excited About Reading) program. Government funds allocated to us under the Resource Allocation Model are being utilised to ensure the success of the program. We extend our sincere thanks to the University of Sydney and the Department of Education’s educational services team for this opportunity. You can see from photographs that our children where thoroughly engaged in the program.

2016 Enrolments and Open Day

We are busy at the moment finalising Kindergarten enrolments for 2016. Next Thursday 13 August we will be conducting our term 3 open day and school tours for 2016 students and their families. Any other families of prospective students in other year levels, or families considering enrolling at Daceyville 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. I am required to submit our anticipated enrolment numbers for 2016 to the Department of Education very soon. This information impacts on our staffing and resource allocation for 2016 so it is important that the information is as accurate as possible. Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2015 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? If so, now is the time to complete an Application for Enrolment form. You can do this by:

- 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 enrolment form from our website at: http://www.daceyville-p.schooless.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.
Big Band Bash Update – Thursday 27 August
It is now only three weeks until our annual Big Band Bash. The Band Bash is an important community event for our school and is in its 25th year! We are delighted to have bands and students from 22 different schools attending this year. Of course it is a fabulous day for our own children and families too. Such a huge event only happens with the support of everyone in our community. Thank you to the many parents who have already helped out either through sending in donations or organising stalls for the day. We now need everyone to help if you can. Here are the ways in which you can donate your time and support:

- Continue to send in donations for the white elephant stall, lollies for the lolly bags and trinkets for the lucky dip stall.
- Fill in the volunteer form accompanying this newsletter. We need as many volunteers as possible on the day for set up, running stalls and pack up.
- Bake or purchase a cake or other delicious goodies to be brought in on Wednesday 26 August or on the day of the band bash for the cake stall.
- Sell as many raffle tickets as possible when we send them home on Monday of next week.
- Collect some flyers from the office for distribution in your street and surrounding areas to promote the day.

This week’s Principal’s Awards
It is my pleasure to announce the following awards: Act of Kindness Award – Jasmine A in 5/6H Outstanding Effort – Will E in 5/6H Positive Approach to School Life – Ashley M in 2S Outstanding Achievement – Khloe L in KMO

Public Education Week 2015
Thank you to the many parents, grandparents and friends who joined us in our classrooms on Monday as part of our education week celebrations. We loved having you visit and help us with our learning!
Creating a Bush Tucker Garden with KMO

Have you seen Daceyville’s new Bush Tucker Garden?
If you enter or leave the school by the Banks Avenue entrance you may have noticed some new planting around the base of Daceyville’s young Jacaranda tree. After a week of learning about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people use plants for food, the students in KMO planted a variety of seedlings indigenous to our local area. Once established, each plant will produce edible berries, nectar or seeds. In the not to distant future we hope to conduct bush tucker tasting from our very own garden.

Our Education Week Performing Arts Stars

Huge congratulations go to the band, dance ensemble, choir and the Preludes who all performed brilliantly at last week’s education week assembly. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent and hard work put in by our performing arts groups and their teachers. We look forward to their upcoming performances. Special thanks go to Mr Woodhouse, Miss Smallwood, Miss Rush, Miss Bonanno and Mrs Elfes for their hard work with these groups.
1M with Mrs Masters

1M are loving all our learning but especially our visual arts related to our literacy activities. After reading ‘The echidna and the shade tree’ we worked hard to make our own echidnas that are on display outside our classroom. We are also enjoying a literature study on ‘Sebastian Lives in a Hat’. We are in the process of learning to draw and paint wombats.

Whole School News

Reminder - Parent On-Line Payment (POP)

Just a reminder that all payments to the school can be made online via our 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.

Library News

Book Fair and Raffle – Fun! Fun! Fun!

What a lot of fun we had with the Book Fair during Education Week! Once again Scholastic Publishers provided us with a wonderful and exciting range of books. Our pop up store is always a great hit with the children. Thanks to your purchases I was able to select $1700 worth of books for the Library. A big thank you to parents who donated books to the classrooms. Acknowledgements will be placed inside the books before they are delivered to the classrooms. The winners of our raffle prize of a treasure chest with $110 worth of books are Annabella and Sienna in KR, who were delighted to select their prizes from the Book Fair. A huge thank you to Belinda Targett, Jo Newport and Jennifer Papa who were there for every minute to run the fair, and to the other wonderful parents who helped this year. Please note that orders have been placed for any books that could not be supplied on the day. They will be distributed to the children as soon as they arrive at school.  Mrs Bowring

Performing Arts News

**CHOIR OPERA HOUSE CONCERT – Monday 17 August 2015**

The opera house concert is now not long away for students in years 3-6. A note will be sent home this week to all students with further details regarding the rehearsal day and concert. Don’t forget to purchase your tickets if you have not already done so.

Sport News

All students selected to represent our school at the zone athletics carnival have received their notes. Please remember to return the permission note and money as soon as possible. A reminder of the details:

**Venue:** ES Marks Oval, Moore Park.

**Dates:** Friday 7 and Friday 21 August 2015. (Your child may not need to attend both days – Please check the program).

**Transport:** Bus

**Times:** Students need to be at school by 8.15am, and will return by 3.10, traffic permitting. The carnival starts at 9.30 and will aim to finish by 2.45.

**Cost:** $24.00 for student competing both days, to cover bus fare and competition entry fee.

$16.00 for student competing one day, to cover bus fare and competition entry fee.

PSSA

There will be no PSSA sport this week due to the Zone Athletics carnival.

Important things to do this week

- Remember to bring back your chocolate drive money.
- Return your Zone athletics carnival permission note.
- Pay Term 3 sport and band fees.
- Stage 2 students to return their deposit and note for Milson Island.

**K-6 Assembly: Week 4, 6 and 9 @ 10.45am in our hall. All very welcome!**

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P&C News

**July and August P&C Meeting - Repeat**

Unfortunately we have realised that there was further clash with school events and the rescheduled P&C meeting. We will now have a combined July and August meeting on **Thursday 13 August at 7.00pm**. Thank you for your patience with the changes. All parents are welcome.

School Banking

School banking is every Thursday till the end of term.

Chocolate Drive

Thank you to the Daceyville community for supporting the 2015 chocolate drive. We still have a few boxes outstanding and would like to finalise the drive by **Friday, 7 August**. On Friday at assembly we will be awarding a class prize and some individual student prizes for the most chocolates sold. There is a poster outside the office giving the class totals so far.
Is your child starting school in 2016?

Come along to the
Daceyville Public School Open Day

Thursday 13 August 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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BIG BAND BASH

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND PARENTS WHO HAVE SO GENEROUSLY DONATED TO THE BIG BAND BASH

- Australian Reptile Park
- Bunnings - Mascot
- Captain Cook Cruises
- City Extra, Circular Quay
- Des Renford Aquatic Centre
- Directions in Music
- Dubbo Gaol
- Ella Rouge - Eastgardens
- Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Harlequin
- Maroubra Seals Sports and Community Club Ltd
- Numberworks
- Powerhouse Museum
- PSW (Primary Schoolwear)
- Questacon
- Shopwings
- Skater HQ, Entertainment Quarter
- South Sydney Junior Rugby League Club
- Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush
- Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
- Sydney Tramway Museum
- Western Plains Zoo
- Woolworths