Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Our Opera House Stars!
I was delighted to accompany the senior students in our choir to perform at the Sydney Opera House on Monday night as part of the NSW Public Schools Expanding Horizons concert. This concert involved 1000 children from public schools across NSW and our sister schools in China. It was a special collaboration between the two countries and it was wonderful to have Daceyville represented. It was an incredibly high calibre concert and a brilliant experience for our students. Well done Angela, Dylan, Angelina, Julia, Troy, Natalia, Cassie, Nina, Lucy, Morgan, Bailey, Jasmine, Praise, Erandi and Hilary - you did us very proud. The singing was sensational and you were outstanding ambassadors for our school. Special thanks go to Mrs Elfes and Miss Rohan for working so hard to prepare the choir for the event. Thanks also go to Ms Renate for making our red scarves!

Thank you!
We had another successful working bee on Saturday and huge thanks go to the parents, children and staff members who came along to assist with making our school grounds look fabulous. Special thanks go to Jo Newport for her coordination of the Botany Bay council truck. I would also like to thank the many parents who assisted with wrapping gifts and prizes for the band bash yesterday and Saturday, coordinated by Belinda Targett and Melissa Darke. We really appreciate everyone’s efforts in preparation for our Big Band Bash which is coming up soon. Don’t forget to read about the Big Band Bash updates later in the newsletter.

Diary Dates

August
Friday 21
10.45 – K-6 Assembly
Zone Athletics Day 2

Thursday 27
Big Band Bash

Friday 28
12.30 PSSA Round 11

September

Wednesday 2
Father’s 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
Choir with Mrs Elfes, Ms Molloy and Miss Rohan

After many weeks of preparation and practice 15 of our senior choir students were finally able to showcase their talents as a part of a choir of 500 students at the Expanding Horizons concert at the Opera House on Monday. This concert is a wonderful initiative of the NSW Department of Education that allows students from Sydney and some sister schools in China to join together to showcase the musical talents of our students. It was an extraordinary experience for our students and a great privilege to be amongst the chosen participants.

In between the afternoon rehearsal and the evening concert we wandered around our beautiful city and enjoy its magnificent harbour. This was a wonderful opportunity to relax with our friends before the big event! We had to perform five songs as part of the three hour concert, all of which were greeted with enthusiastic applause. In between our performances we were treated to a variety of performances from dance groups, bands and choirs from both Sydney and China. All performances were amazing!

Our students looked very smart in their Opera House uniforms and they represented our school proudly with outstanding behaviour over a very long and tiring day. The opportunity to perform in one of Australia’s greatest venues, the iconic Opera House, is a memory that we will all cherish.

Big Band Bash Update – Thursday 27 August

It is now only a week 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 23 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. Please be reminded about the following information which was sent out earlier in the week:

**Cake Stall – Cake donations**

Don’t forget we will also need as many families as possible to bake delicious cakes and slices the week after next for the cake stall. These can be brought to school on Wednesday 26 August or on the day on the Band Bash.

**Raffle – Let’s sell lots of tickets**

The raffle prizes this year are fabulous and this is a key fundraiser as part of the event. Please assist by selling as many tickets as possible. More tickets can be collected from the school office.

**Volunteers**

As the band bash is such a huge event, we need as many parent volunteers as possible to assist with set up, running stalls on the day and packing up. Please fill in the volunteer form sent home recently if you are able to assist and return it to your child’s class teacher or to the office.
Student BBQ Orders – Orders close next Monday 25 August
If your child would like to order a sausage on a roll and a drink for lunch on the day of the Band Bash, please submit the order no later than Monday 25 August. Notes for BBQ orders were sent home last week. Additional notes are available at the office.

Sport News – Zone Athletics Day 2
The second day of the zone athletics carnival is on this coming Friday. Best wishes to the team representing our school. A reminder of the details:

Venue: ES Marks Oval, Moore Park.
Dates: Friday 21 August 2015.
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.

PSSA
There will be no PSSA Sport this week due to Day 2 of the Zone Athletics carnival.

Important things to do this week
- Pay Term 3 sport and band fees.
- Return Big Band Bash BBQ lunch order.
- Return Big Band Bash raffle tickets and money.
- Send in Big Band Bash donations.
- Return Intensive Swimming program note and money.

K-6 Assembly: Week 4, 6 and 9 @ 10.45am in our hall. All very welcome!
Please note that there has been a change to the assembly schedule previously advertised. 3/4H will not be presenting on Friday 21 August due to the zone athletics carnival. They will present later in the year.

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P&C News
School Banking
There will be no school banking on Big Band Bash day, Thursday, 27 August.

Community News
St Michael’s Parish Fete

St Michael’s Parish Fete
Sun 20 Sept
29 Banks Ave
Daceyville
10am to 2pm
BIG BAND BASH

OUR SUPPORTERS
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