Principal's Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Last week’s Big Band Bash event could only be described as an absolute triumph for our whole school community! The event was a huge success. We welcomed 1200 students from schools across Sydney who performed with their bands and enjoyed the festivities. The quality of the music, carnival atmosphere, cooperation and hard work of everyone involved were true highlights of the day. The event has many goals which include bringing the community together, providing school bands with a performance opportunity and fundraising for our school. All of these goals were well and truly achieved and we are delighted to announce that we raised $14,400. This is an amazing effort. These funds will go directly back into the purchase of resources for the classrooms and special projects to improve our learning environments.

Of course, these events do not happen without an immense amount of hard work. I was overwhelmed by the incredible effort that was put in for many months leading up to the event and on the day by all of our school staff and many, many parents. The spirit of cooperation and strong work ethic of all members of our school community who constantly go above and beyond to ensure our school can be the best it can be, is unique and special. There were so many parents who put in many months of preparation and worked incredibly hard on the day, that it is impossible for me to thank you all individually, so please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of our whole staff and students. Special thanks go to the family members of teachers who gave up their time to assist on the day and of course to the Royal Australian Navy Band who are special supporters of the event. Their performance was brilliant! Thanks also go to Miss Renate for sharing her famous Big Band Bash waffle recipe which you will find later in the newsletter.
Big Band Bash Moments!

Parent Teacher Interviews – Week 9
Parents and carers are encouraged to meet with their child’s teacher in week 9 to celebrate achievements, share student progress and review your child’s learning goals. This is an important part of the learning and reporting process at Daceyville. Students are involved in the interview by sharing their successes and setting new goals with their teacher and parents or carers. The interviews serve as a valuable tool for reflection and making steps towards improved learning outcomes. Notes have been sent home and we encourage you to return your form with preferences for interview times as soon as possible. Your class teacher will send home a note confirming your interview time.

Energy Efficiency Project and Technology Upgrade
You will have seen a significant amount of work happening around the school in the last two weeks. Our school is part of a Department of Education energy efficiency project which involves installation of solar panels, replacement of all lights in the school with LED lights, water efficiency work, modifications to our air conditioning system, window tinting and work to reduce our electricity network charges. The aim is to significantly increase the school’s energy and water efficiency as well as reduce our utility bills. Thank you for your patience as all 389 lights in the school are replaced. Work on a major technology upgrade also commenced this week. This includes a cabling upgrade, installation of a new communications cabinet, installation of Wifi throughout the school and an upgrade to the computer room to put an additional 12 computers in there. We are very excited about this work. Thank you to Mrs Kovacs for her hard work in coordinating it.
**Teacher Professional Learning – Positive Education**

Our teachers are always working exceptionally hard on furthering their own learning and expertise through professional learning and sharing sessions. At times we work with colleagues in our community of schools to do this. Recently our school hosted a workshop in conjunction with the teachers from Rainbow Street and Banksmeadow Public Schools. Our focus was on applications of positive psychology in the classroom and strengths based thinking as a tool to enhance student learning. We had a guest speaker from the Positivity Institute who updated our knowledge of positive psychology and its application in education and worked with us to explore ideas for taking a strengths based approach within the classroom. I will look forward to sharing some of these ideas at some parent workshops next term. In the meantime, have a look at the following links:

*This is a very interesting TED talk delivered by Rita Pierson*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en](https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion?language=en)

*Have a look at the Positivity Institute website for some interesting information related to positive psychology:*


*Have a look at this website to explore strengths based thinking:*

[https://www.viacharacter.org/www/](https://www.viacharacter.org/www/)

**Linking Up with Other Schools to Enhance our Teaching Practice**

At Daceyville we are always working hard to ensure our teaching strategies and learning approaches are informed by current research and reflect best practice. A strategy to ensure we are delivering the very best learning experiences for your children is to connect with other schools and share in their work and professional learning. Recently a team of teachers (Ms Molloy, Miss Petriella, Miss Head and Ms French) had the opportunity to visit several schools in South West Sydney. We visited Sackville Street PS, Hoxton Park PS and Carramar PS where we visited classrooms and talked with teachers and leaders in those schools about their work. Our focus was on looking at assessment and tracking of student progress, self-directed, authentic goal setting and feedback to students and innovative classroom environments. The visits were very inspiring, challenged our thinking and clarified some of the directions we are taking at Daceyville. We extend our thanks to Yvonne Hughes who is a Department curriculum advisor for organising the visits. I will look forward to sharing some of the ideas with the school community soon.

**Playgroup Session for new 2016 Kindergarten students**

**Thursday 10 September  9.15am – 11.15am**

All children and their families who are starting Kindergarten at Daceyville in 2016 are warmly welcome to join us in the school hall next Thursday 10 September for a playgroup session. This will be an opportunity to meet staff, other parents and share in morning tea while your child plays with other children starting school next year. This session is the next event in our series of transition to school activities. We encourage all families to join us.
Project Based Learning with Ms Head and Mrs Kovacs

As part of our Term 3 science unit, Stage 3 students are working with The Observatory Hill Environment Education Centre, Education Specialists at Taronga Zoo and Park Rangers at Centennial Park on the ‘Flying Fox Project’. This is an environmental education program that involves students working scientifically and technologically to investigate a local endangered species, the Grey-headed flying fox, and design a solution to help conserve it. The species has declined by over 30% since 1989 and thousands have died recently from extreme heat events. The species is listed by the EPA as ‘vulnerable to extinction’ and protected under federal laws. Students have been learning about the species, including common myths and misconceptions, and designing a solution (possibly using information and communication systems) to help raise awareness about the species and conserve them.

The project has three main components:
- Science lessons and activities to introduce the students to the project
- A video conference with a Flying Fox expert from Taronga Zoo (Wednesday 26 August at Daceyville PS).
- A school excursion with an environmental educator at Centennial Park (Thursday 3rd September) to help develop student’s proposal and action plans
- A follow-up showcase of participating school’s proposals and actions.

Aboriginal Education with Dave Harrington

We are so fortunate at our school to have parents of our students who have a broad range of skills and expertise. We are always very grateful when they are able to work with our students and staff to share this expertise. Dave Harrington (Daisy’s Dad) has been very generous with his time and worked with our students recently sharing his knowledge of Aboriginal culture. He worked with our after school art club earlier in the term and a group of Stage 3 students during education week on a range of different things. With Dave’s help they explored a variety of different Aboriginal cultural artefacts and learnt about their traditional use. They learnt the traditional methods for making ochre paint and string. The children even had the opportunity to do some spear throwing. They absolutely loved it and learnt at great deal. It is this kind of authentic learning which is so powerful. Dave has offered to work with us on developing our whole school Aboriginal strategy as part of our 2015-2017 school plan. We are very appreciate of his time and help.
Library News – An Illuminated Evening in the Library

**Wednesday 2 September**

**6pm – 7pm**

Library after Dark - 'light up our torches. Carefully up the dark stairs, turn the corner, creep along the gloomy corridor. What will we see?'

Storytelling of the Bookweek 2015 shortlisted books by the Daceyville teachers celebrating 'Books light up our world'.

**Where:** Daceyville P S Library  
**When:** 6-7pm, Wednesday 2 September, 2015  
**Bring:** a torch (if you can) and your listening ears

Sport News

**Congratulations to our Athletics Stars!**

We are extremely proud of our six Daceyville students who proudly represented our school and the Botany Bay zone at the Sydney East athletics carnival held at Homebush yesterday. Billy S, Angela, TJ, Billy A, Vu, Omer and Morgan were our largest ever representative team and had fabulous success on the track and field. Well done to Vu who finished 5th in the 100m finals, Morgan who placed 9th in the 11 years long jump, Angela who placed 4th in the senior shot put, Billy who placed 6th in the junior 800m and the senior relay team who placed 4th in the heat. Well done to our outstanding team and their coach Mr Hills. They are now officially our Daceyville sports superstars!

**PSSA**

Round 12 of PSSA Netball and Soccer will be this Friday, 4 September at 12.30 pm.

- **Netball Draw Round 12** – Rainbow Street vs Daceyville at Heffron Netball Courts
- **Soccer Draw Round 12** - Daceyville A Team vs Maroubra Junction Green, Daceyville B Team vs Matraville – Coral Sea Park

Important things to do this week

- Pay Term 3 sport and band fees.
- Return Intensive Swimming program note and money.

P&C News

**Father’s Day Stall**

Thank you to the parents who organised, wrapped and coordinated the Father’s Day stall today under the leadership of Melissa Darke. We are grateful for your time and know all of our Dads will love their presents.

There are still some presents available for purchase. These will be sold outside the hall tomorrow morning at 8.45am. Come along and buy some gifts for fathers and grandfathers!

**K-6 Assembly:** Friday 11 September @ 10.45am KR Hosting!
The Daceyville Public Speaking Competition

In preparation for the Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Comp all K-6 students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of public speaking activities and competitions. Please see the flowchart below-

Class competition: All K-6 students to present a prepared and impromptu speech (Weeks 1-9)

Timing
EARLY STAGE 1 (Kindergarten) 1 minute prepared speech.
STAGE 1 (Year 1 and 2) 2 minute prepared speech + 1 minute impromptu.
STAGE 2 (Year 3 and 4) 3 minute prepared speech + 1½ minute impromptu.
STAGE 3 (Year 5 and 6) 4 minute prepared speech + 2 minute impromptu.

Stage competition: Students from each class will be selected to participate in the Daceyville Public Speaking Competition.

Selected participants
EARLY STAGE 1 (Kindergarten) KMO- 2 students, KR- 2 students and K/1K- 2 students
STAGE 1 (Year 1 and 2) K/1K- 2 students, 1M- 2 students, 1T- 2 students 2S- 2 students 2/3B- 2 students
STAGE 2 (Year 3 and 4)- 2/3B- 2 students, 3/4H- 2 students and 4/5F- 2 students
STAGE 3 (Year 5 and 6)- 4/5F- 2 students, 5/6K- 2 students and 5/6H- 2 students

Program for the day (to be held in school hall) Please note, these times are a guide and may vary

Tuesday 8th September
12pm- Stage 1 prepared speeches
12.30pm- Stage 2 prepared speeches / Stage 1 to prepare impromptu speech (5 min preparation)
1pm Stage 1 to present impromptu speeches/Stage 2 to prepare impromptu speech (5 min preparation)
1.15pm Stage 2 to present prepared speeches
1.30pm FINISH

Program for the day (to be held in school hall) Please note, these times are a guide and may vary

Wednesday 9th September
9.30am- Stage 3 prepared speeches
10.00am- Early Stage 1 prepared speeches / Stage 3 to prepare impromptu speech (5 min preparation)
10.15am Stage 3 to present impromptu speeches
10.30am FINISH
Stage winners to be announced during Friday Assembly

Greater Southern Sydney Primary Schools Comp: One representative from each stage will progress to the next level of competition to be held on Tuesday 20th October (Term 4) at TBC. We are sure you’ll agree this is a fantastic opportunity for our students. If you have any questions/queries please see your child’s class teacher.
Ms Renate’s Big Band Bash Waffle Recipe

INGREDIENTS

- 200 g very soft unsalted butter
- 3 eggs
- 1 heaped tablespoon of sugar
- 30 ml vanilla essence
- 350 g self-raising flour
- 100 g cornflour
- 370 ml milk

Place 200 g soft unsalted butter, 3 eggs, 1 heaped tablespoon of sugar and 30 ml vanilla essence into a mixing bowl. Mix together until the ingredients are combined and smooth.

Add 350 g self-raising flour, 100 g cornflour and 370 ml milk. Mix by hand or with an electric mixer together until a smooth batter forms.

For a crispy waffle set your waffle maker on the highest setting and preheat. Spray once both sides of the waffle maker with spray oil.

Pour one soup ladle of batter in the middle of the waffle iron. Close and wait until the green light comes on. This takes about 3 minutes.

The batter yields about 12 waffles.
Daceyville Public School

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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
Monkey Mania
Numberworks
Powerhouse Museum
PSW (Primary Schoolwear)
Questacon
Shopwings
Skater HQ, Entertainment Quarter
Skyzone
South Sydney Junior Rugby League Club
Sydney Aquatic Centre, Homebush
Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym
Sydney Tramway Museum
Western Plains Zoo
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