Principal's Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Library After Dark
We enjoyed a unique event last week as we celebrated Book Week with a night time library event. It was great to welcome over 70 of our students and their parents up to the library at night to share in some wonderful storytelling. The library was lit up beautifully with lamps and fairy lights thanks to the hard work of Mrs Bowring and the assistance of one of our dads, Peter Solness. It was brilliant to see so many children keen to enjoy the magic of the library and storytelling – after dark! Well done to Miss Smallwood, Miss Godfrey, Mr Hills, Miss Petriella and Miss Head who all did a wonderful job sharing some of their favourite stories. Special thanks go to Mrs Bowring for organising the event and the many families who supported it with such enthusiasm.

Congratulations to our amazing non-teaching staff!
Last week was a special week where we recognised the work of our Daceyville non-teaching staff. This outstanding team do an exceptional job in ensuring our school runs smoothly, the many tasks beyond the classroom are completed efficiently and all of our children, parents and staff are looked after with the utmost care. Known as the School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) our team go well above and beyond the call of duty each and every day. We are very grateful for their hard work. Special thanks go to:
- Mrs Donna Irvine – School Administration Manager
- Ms Gabrielle Jackson – School Administration Officer
- Ms Renate Dunham – School Learning Support & Administration Officer
- Mrs Jo Newport – School Learning Support Officer
- Mr Chris Hill – Maintenance Manager

Public Speaking
Public speaking is a specialised skill which is often daunting even to the most confident of adults. It was wonderful to see so many of our students stand up and deliver both prepared and impromptu speeches at this week’s whole school public speaking finals. We will announce the stage representatives who will progress to the next round at the end of the week and feature them in our next newsletter. Have a look at the photos later in the newsletter.
Parent- Teacher Interviews
Thank you to the many parents who have taken the time to meet with our teachers throughout this week to review their child’s learning progress and set goals for the remainder of the year. This is an important part of the assessment and reporting process. This partnership between home and school is also crucial in maximising the learning of every student at our school.

Staffing for Term 4
All of our hard working teachers have access to a range of leave entitlements. Several of our teachers will be taking leave in term 4 and will be very competently replaced by some of our outstanding temporary and casual teachers who are well known to the students. This is always carefully planned to ensure the learning and wellbeing of all children is not disrupted.

- Miss Trikilis will be continuing her leave in Term 4. Miss Godfrey will continue to teach 1T until the end of the year.
- Ms Mullane will be taking leave for the first four weeks of Term 4. KMO will be taught by Miss Laurendet who has worked in our school over the last 12 months.
- Mrs Bowring will be taking leave in week 5 for 3 weeks. Her library lessons will be taught by Miss Laurendet.

This week’s Principal's Awards
It is my pleasure to announce the following awards: Act of Kindness Award – Hilary L in 4/5F Outstanding Effort – Cyril S in 5/6H Positive Approach to School Life – Jamin D in 1T Outstanding Achievement – Cooper P in KMO

Thank you!
As this is the last newsletter for this term I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to our whole school community for your support over this term. It has been a highly successful term on many levels. I am so proud of the learning achievements of our students, appreciative of the outstanding efforts of our staff and incredibly grateful for the immense community support provided by our parents and families. Our school is going from strength to strength and we are excited by all that the future holds. Well done team!

Public Speaking Stars
Congratulations to all of our brilliant public speakers on their prepared and impromptu speeches in the whole school finals. There were some very interesting topics and excellent speeches. Special thanks go to Miss Head and the senior students for their organisation of the event.
Library After Dark – Celebrating Book Week!

What a wonderful experience for more than 70 children who celebrated both Book Week and the International Year of Light by coming to our story telling last Wednesday night! With torches gripped firmly in their hands, the children ventured up the dark stairs, then torches were switched off to appreciate 3/4H’s lantern display along the corridor. Around the corner there were coloured lights before entering the specially lit library. The excitement was infectious. Children and parents filled every possible space. Ms Godfrey and Ms Smallwood launched the night’s reading. Ms French read at a third station in the upstairs hall. Ms Petriella, Ms Head, Ms Kovacs, Mr Hills and Ms Molloy all took turns reading stories from the 2015 Book Week Short list and from their personal favourites. Listening was amazing. A special thanks to parent Peter Solness who loaned us some special lights for the night. Then it was home to bed for one and all, and all declared it a great success.

Kindergarten and Stage 1 News
During term 4 Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be participating in an AFL Auskick program. In a fun and safe environment, students will experience skill practice, activities and modified games. This program, which complements our Physical Education program, allows students to learn and play at their own skill level so that each participant experiences success. The program will be led by qualified and experienced coaches from AFL NSW/ACT. The coaches will be assisted by class teachers.

Dates: Friday 16 October 2015 to Friday 20 November 2015
Times: 9:30am – 10:15am
Venue: Rowland Park
Cost: The cost of the program is $24.00 which covers 6 coaching sessions. In addition to this, each participating student will receive a fabulous backpack full of AFL goodies.

A note was sent home last week with all of these details. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school with $24.00 as soon as possible.

Ms Sally Ann Mullane - AFL Coordinator

Summer Uniform
A reminder that students will be returning to school on Tuesday 6 October in summer uniform.
K-6 Assembly: Friday 11 September @ 10.45am KR Hosting! The Choir will also be performing. All parents, relatives and friends are welcome.

Sport News

PSSA

Round 13 of PSSA Netball and Soccer will be this Friday, 11 September at 12.30 pm.

- Netball Draw Round 13 – Matraville Soldiers Settlement vs Daceyville at Heffron Netball Courts
- Soccer Draw Round 13 - Daceyville A Team vs Botany, Coral Sea Park, Daceyville B Team – BYE

Important things to do this week

- Pay Term 3 sport and band fees.
- Return Intensive Swimming program note and money.
- Return K-2 AFL Auskick note and money.

P&C News

Big Band Bash Raffle

Congratulations to the following winners of the Big Band Bash Raffle.

1st – Bailey, 4/5F  2nd – Gede, KMO  3rd – Alexander B –K/1K  4th – Dawnie, 1M
5th – Cooper, KMO  6th – Nicolas C, 1M  7th Fiona, Currawong  8th – Nicolas K, K/1K
9th – Toby, KR  10th – Keiran, Currawong

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on the first day of Term 4, Tuesday, 6 October and Wednesday, 7 October at 8.15am – 9.15 am. We have some summer uniforms in stock. Thank you

Father’s Day Stall

Thank you to the parents who organised, wrapped and coordinated the Father’s Day stall under the leadership of Melissa Darke. We are very grateful for your support.

Community News

Missing Dog

One of our students has posted this flyer in the Daceyville area, please keep a look out for Mace and phone the owner if you see him.