Dear Parents and Students,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you back to Daceyville Public School for the 2016 school year. I trust that you had an enjoyable school holiday period and are ready for what promises to be an exciting and productive year ahead. It has been fabulous to catch up with you all over the last few days and welcome all of our students back. A very special welcome goes to the new students who have joined us this year, including our Kindergarten students who are visiting for Best Start appointments this week and will officially start school next Monday.

As discussed at the end of last year, all children in Years 1-6 returned to their 2015 classes today, in most cases with their 2015 teacher. This arrangement is in place to enable us to confirm enrolments and ensure the 2016 class organisation caters for the exact number of students we have in the school. This organisation is difficult to finalise until all students have returned and all new enrolments have been completed. While I am appreciative that children are eager to begin with their new classes and teachers (so are the teachers I might add), it is far better to wait a couple of days to ensure everything is in place rather than rush into forming new classes with the possibility of then having to make changes. We have had a significant increase in enrolments this year and will be forming an additional class which has altered staffing and class placement plans. The children will move into their permanent 2016 classes on Tuesday 2 February. We appreciate your patience and understanding while we complete this process.

2016 Teaching Staff

Each new year brings some changes in our teaching staff due to different class structures and staff taking leave. Our staff will remain fairly stable in 2016 with a few changes taking place:

- We are delighted to welcome Mrs Jodi Kovacs and Mr Emlyn McLauglin to our permanent teaching staff.
- Miss Brooke Rush, Mr Darren Hills, Miss Amie Bonanno, Miss Julia Smallwood and Miss Ella Godfrey continue as part of our long term temporary teaching team and will fill various class positions across the school.
- Mrs Brooke Smith and Mrs Gemma O’Keeffe will be on full time leave for all of 2016. Mrs Julie Masters will work part time (2 days per week) in 2016 co-teaching a class with Ms Sally Ann Mullane (3 days per week).
- Ms Harding will continue to work 4 days per week and will be teaching Year 1-6 release and support programs.
- Mrs Jacqui Badger will return this year to teach the Kindergarten release program one day per week.
- Mrs Jenny Feller will be taking leave for all of 2016 leading up to her retirement at the end of next year. We wish her all the very best for an exciting future. Her Learning and Support position will be filled by our current experienced staff. We also welcome Mrs Sue Pollack to our staff for two days per week as one of our learning support and English as an Additional Language teachers.
2016 Leadership Team

Our outstanding leadership team will continue their great work in 2016. Their roles will be as follows:

- Serena Petriella – Assistant Principal Stage 2/3 and Learning Support
- Belinda Head – Assistant Principal Stage 1
- Elizabeth Elfes – Assistant Principal Kindergarten

2016 Swimming Carnival

The Annual Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday 4 February 2016 at Des Renford Aquatic Centre Maroubra commencing at 12pm. All students who will be in Years 3-6 in 2016 as well as Year 2 students who turn eight years of age this year have received details about the carnival. If you have not done so already, please return the permission note and payment no later than Monday. Parents and friends are very welcome to join us at the pool on the day to cheer your children on. We are also looking for parents to swim in the parent team for the famous Daceyville Parent/Teacher/Student relay race which traditionally takes place at the end of each carnival. The staff have been in training and are looking forward to it with excitement so we need a parent team to provide some competition!!

Books and Classroom Equipment

Notes will be sent home next week with Term 1 invoices detailing costs for the year. Each teacher will also send home a term letter which outlines their learning programs for the term and lists any equipment children may require in the classroom.

There will be a more detailed newsletter sent home next week with all of the relevant dates and information for Term 1. It is already shaping up to be a busy and exciting term.

Many thanks for your support as we settle into the new school year. As I mentioned, I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

Ms Nicole Molloy
Principal
28 January 2016