Welcome back for week 2 of the school year. Each new year is an exciting time and is naturally full of new possibilities, new challenges and new adventures. It is a time when we can reflect with renewed energy on what is possible, embrace new plans and build on our past successes. I have been thrilled to see our whole school community doing this with vigour over the last week! Our school has been buzzing with activity as we settle into the year. On Monday we welcomed 63 new Kindergarten students to our school. They have embraced school life with enthusiasm and are settling in extremely well. Special thanks go to our Kindergarten team – Elizabeth Elfes, Melissa Keating, Ella Godfrey, Sue Pollak, Renate Dunham and Jo Newport who have done a brilliant job ensuring our new children have had a positive start to school life at Daceyville. I also thank our new parents for your support and warmly welcome you to the school.

Meet our 2016 School Leaders
Congratulations to the outstanding Year 6 students who were elected as our 2016 school captains and leaders at the end of last year. We welcome the following students to our leadership team:

Maria F – School Captain
Hilary L – Leader
Gabriella W– Leader
Lyssa T – Leader

Omer T – School Captain
Bailey T – Leader
Morgan W– Leader
Nathan J – Leader

These students are extremely deserving of their positions and have started well in their roles this week when they welcomed and supported our new Kindergarten students. Over the next couple of weeks we will feature some profiles on our leaders to get to know them better. Now that classes are formed we will be electing the Student Representative Council. We will also introduce the elected house captains next week. We will hold a special leadership assembly on Monday 15 February at 2.30pm in the school hall to acknowledge our leaders, house captains and SRC representatives. All parents and friends are welcome.
Staffing and Classes

I thank you for your patience over the last week while we have confirmed our enrolments and staffing for 2016. We have formed 12 classes K-6 and students in all stages joined their new class and teacher on Tuesday. A list of the classes and teachers is at the end of the newsletter. Staff worked through a detailed process to allocate children to new classes and take many things into consideration to best meet the needs of every student. I understand that some families may become anxious about class placements for a variety of reasons including multi-age classes, adjusting to new teachers, being in different classes to friends and being in different parts of the school. If you have any concerns we are happy to talk to you. I encourage you to chat to your child’s class teacher in the first instance. To assist with the transition, ensure you are positive with your child and allow for a settling in period.

Kindergarten News

The drop off and pick up arrangements for all Kindergarten students are as follows:

This week – drop your child off and pick them up from their classroom.

Next week – drop your child off in the playground near the hall where they will join their class lines when the bell rings. Parents are welcome to stay with their child in the playground in the mornings or are able to leave them in the care of the supervising teacher from 8.40am. We ask that you say goodbye to your child in the playground when the bell rings and do not accompany the class into the building. This makes it easier for your child to settle into the class routine. School bags can be left near the class lines. Please do not bring them into the building before the bell.

The pick-up area for Kindergarten is the silver seats near the fig tree on the Joffre Crescent side of the school at 3.10pm. Students will exit via the doors near the Kindergarten classrooms. All children are to stay with their teacher until a parent picks them up. Students attending Currawong aftercare will be picked up by Currawong staff.

Whole School Information

Parent Information Evening – Tuesday 16 February

All parents and caregivers are invited to our beginning of year information evening to be held on Tuesday 16 February 2016. This evening is an opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher, hear about learning programs they have planned for this year and talk about any organisational details you need to be aware of. I will also begin the evening with a short presentation in the hall to introduce you to staff and outline some of the school’s priorities for 2016. While the evening is designed to be for parents only, we do understand that you may have to bring your children along if you have no other care for them at the time. There will be some supervision in the main hall upstairs for these children. We ask that they bring along a book to read or quiet game. No supervision will be provided in the playground and we ask that any children attending remain with you or in building during the presentations.

The organisation for the evening and agenda will be as follows:

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<td>Principal’s welcome in the hall for all parents</td>
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<td>Class information session with your child’s class teacher in their classroom – session 1</td>
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Please note that the second session will be a repeat of the first information session so that parents with children in more than one class have the opportunity to attend both sessions. Parents are welcome to attend either information session.
Newsletter and Communication
We constantly aim as a school to provide comprehensive communication to parents regarding organisation, events, activities, learning programs and policies within the school. We aim to ensure our newsletter is as comprehensive as possible and is available to all families on Wednesday each week. I urge all families to subscribe to have our newsletter, notes and other correspondence emailed to you. This can be done by going to our school website and clicking on the ‘Notes and Newsletters’ tab. Donna and Gabrielle in the office are happy to assist in signing you up if need be so pop in and have a chat to them. School ENews is the service that we use for digital correspondence. By searching ‘School ENews’ in the app store you can download an app onto your smart phone or Ipad which allows easy access to any document or message we send out and sends notifications when the newsletter is available. This year we will also be using our school Facebook page regularly for communication.

Term 1 Invoices – Textbook, Resource and Excursion Fees
Term 1 invoices for textbook, resource and excursion fees were sent home today with this newsletter. Payments can be made in one of three ways:

1. Send your payment in as soon as possible in a labelled envelope with your child.
2. Pay in person at the office.
3. Pay online on our website.

We appreciate prompt payment of these invoices. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or need to organise a payment plan.

Supervision Before and After School
The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.40am each morning. No child is permitted to be at school before this time. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. Currawong Children’s Service run an excellent before school care program in our main building from 7.00am each morning if you need to drop your children early. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.10pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Again there is no teacher supervision after school (that’s when we hold our staff, learning support and professional learning meetings!). Currawong’s after care service runs from 3.10pm until 6.00pm.

Anaphylaxis Reminder – Please ensure NO nuts or nut products are brought to school
If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the anaphylaxis procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know.


All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. This is potentially a life threatening condition. Please do not send any of the following foods for your own children, whilst they are at school:

- Peanuts and other nuts including cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia, brazil nuts
- Peanut Butter or Nutella
- Muesli bars containing nuts or any other foods containing nuts.

Swimming Carnival
The Annual Swimming Carnival will be held this Thursday 4 February 2016 at Des Renford Aquatic Centre Maroubra beginning at 12.00pm. All students who are in Years 3-6 in 2016 as well as Year 2 students who will turn eight years of age this year received details about the carnival at the end of last year. No students will be able to attend the carnival without a permission note and money.
Performing Arts News – Band and Dance
We are still making arrangements for the 2016 band and dance programs and will send home information about these programs shortly. Senior Band will commence next week (week 3) and Junior Band will commence in week 4. Please keep an eye out for the notes.

Performing Arts News - Choir
It is now time to launch our choir program for 2016. Daceyville PS has a long tradition of strong choir programs which we are planning to continue and build upon this year. In 2016 choir details are as follows:

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<td>Students in years 1-6</td>
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The aim of our program will be to ensure choir sessions are engaging and interesting as well as providing students with the musical training required to be a member of this type of ensemble. The choir is open to all students regardless of ability – enthusiasm and motivation will be enough! Students who are part of the band program are more than welcome to join the choir as well. Our performance program is planned so that it gives the students a range of opportunities to perform both at school functions and in the wider community. **Students who make a commitment to the choir need to be aware that they do so for the entire year.** It is disruptive to the ensembles if members are coming in and out at different times in the year.

There is a $20.00 choir membership payable by all students in the choir. This is a one off payment which will be used to buy resources and equipment for the choir. We ask that you return the permission note sent home today and membership fee as soon as possible to secure a place in the choir for your child. We are looking to form a large and dynamic choir in 2016 and would like to encourage as many children as possible to join the ensemble. It is a great way to become a member of our successful Daceyville musical community. Please ensure the permission note is returned by Friday 12 February.

**Rehearsals will begin next Wednesday 10 February at 8.15am in the hall.**

Key Dates
Each week we ask you to keep an eye on the calendar on the front page of the newsletter. Here are some key dates for this term:

- **Thursday 4 February @ 12.00pm** – Annual Swimming Carnival @ Des Renford Aquatic Centre
- **Tuesday 9 February @ 7.00pm** – Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting. All parents are welcome.
- **Thursday 11 February** – **School Banking Commences**
- **Monday 15 February @ 2.30pm** – Leadership Assembly in the hall. At this assembly we will present the house captains and Student Representative Council badges as well as acknowledge our school leaders who were elected at the end of last year.
- **Tuesday 16 February @ 5.30pm** – **Meet the Teacher evening.** We will commence in the hall so that I can speak briefly to everyone and then parents will have the opportunity to spend time in their child’s classroom with their teacher. The evening will present information about 2016 organisation and learning programs. It will be a great opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher.
- **Friday 19 February @ 9.15am** – Whole school sports programs including PSSA competition sport commence.
- **Wednesday 8 March @ 7.00pm** – NAPLAN Information Evening
- **Tuesday 15 March** – Annual school photos will be taken. Notes to order photos will be distributed soon.
School Bus Number Changes – 392 is now 662
Most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers. Please note these changes do not impact the level of service provided to your school or the route taken by these services. The only change is to the three-digit route number of these services. Detailed information regarding these changes is available on the Sydney Buses website. sydneybuses.info or visit transportnsw.info or call 131500.

P&C News
P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C AGM will be held on Tuesday 9 February at 7.00pm in the Teacher Resource Room. At this meeting the new committee for 2016 will be elected. If you are interested in or would like to nominate somebody for any of the five executive positions please fill in the nomination form at the end of this newsletter and return it to the school office by Monday 8 February at 3pm. The positions to be filled are president, vice president (two positions), secretary and treasurer. If you would like more information about any of the positions please contact the school and we will be happy to talk to you about it. All new parents are welcome to nominate. Only current financial P&C members will be eligible to vote at the meeting. The AGM will be followed by the first general meeting for the year.

Second Hand Uniform Shop
The second hand uniform shop will be open Wednesday and Thursday - 8.45am-9.15am until further notice. Donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated.

School Banking
School banking starts again on Thursday 11 February so bring in your deposits and hand them in during class. If you would like to sign your child up for school banking please collect an application form from the office.

Extra Curricular and After School Opportunities

**GUITAR LESSONS BY CONTOGEOGE**
When and Where: Thursday mornings at 8:15 - 8:55am in room 12.
How much? Lessons are paid for either weekly or by the term.
Guitars? For purchase of guitars & bags, we suggest you buy direct from ebay or Sunburst music (www.sunburst.com.au) located on Coogee Bay Rd, Coogee. Alternatively, you can visit Allans Music on Botany Rd, Alexandria. We sell picks & other assorted paraphernalia.
Contact? cathymacmusic@gmail.com

**KEYBOARD LESSONS**
If you are interested in Keyboard lessons at school, please contact VIP Music on 9411 3122 or fill in the flyer at the office.
Welcome to our 2016 Kindergarten children

Our new Kindergarten children have settled in extremely well this week with the support of their parents, teachers, siblings and our outstanding senior students. We are delighted to have the children and their families join us!
Daceyville PS Staff 2016

School Executive
- Nicole Molloy – Principal
- Serena Petriella – Assistant Principal (Learning Support & Stages 2-3)
- Belinda Head – Assistant Principal (Stage 1)
- Elizabeth Elfes – Assistant Principal (Kindergarten)
- Rhonda Rush – Assistant Principal (Hearing)

Class Teachers
- Elizabeth Elfes – KE
- Ella Godfrey – KG
- Melissa Keating – KM
- Amie Bonanno – 1B
- Brooke Rush – 1R
- Belinda Head – 1/2H
- Julia Smallwood – 2S
- Jane French – 2/3F
- Emlyn McLaughlin – 3/4E
- Julie Masters & Sally Ann Mullane – 3/4M
- Darren Hills – 5/6H
- Jodi Kovacs – 5/6K

Support Staff
- Liz Bowring – Teacher Librarian
- Themelina Trikilis – Reading Recovery and EAL/D
- Isobel Harding – Release from Face to Face Program (Music)
- Serena Petriella – Learning Support and Teacher Quality
- Sue Pollak – Learning Support & EAL/D
- Dianne Corston – Release from Face to Face Program
- Naomi Conaty – School Counsellor

Administrative Staff
- Donna Irvine – School Admin Manager
- Gabrielle Jackson – School Admin Officer
- Renate Dunham – School Admin Officer
- Chris Hill – General Assistant
- Lorraine Dowell – Canteen Manager
2016 Nomination for P&C Executive Position
To be returned by Monday 8 February 3.00pm at the school office.

Name: _________________________________ Contact Number: _________________

Please list your children’s names: ____________________________________________

Please note that you can nominate for more than one position but only be elected to one position.

One or both sections can filled in below.

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I would like to nominate myself ___________________________ (name) for the following position(s):

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Name: _________________________________

Signed: _____________________________ Date: ____________