Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

Our Swimming Stars
Congratulations to all of our students in Years 2-6 who participated in a highly successful swimming carnival last week. I was impressed with how many students were involved and swam so well. The spirit of participation, teamwork and cooperation amongst children, teachers and parents was impressive and a lot of fun was had by all. In true Daceyville style, the teacher, student, parent relay was a highlight with the staff team emerging victorious this year against some strong competition from some determined parent and student teams. We were especially impressed with the number of parents who volunteered to swim, making up two full teams and displaying true parent dedication and competitive spirit! Well done to Mr Hills, Ms Harding, Miss Smallwood and Mr McLaughlin for their strong swimming effort! Special thanks go to Mr Hills and Ms Harding for their expert organisation of the carnival. The zone representative team will be announced shortly.

As I visit classrooms and spend time in the playground each day, it’s great to see our students settling in so well and working so hard. I would urge all parents to join us for the parent information evening next Tuesday 16 February to meet class teachers and to talk about learning programs and class organisation for the year. Parents are also invited to our leadership assembly next Monday afternoon at 2.30pm in the hall where we will present the house captain and school representative council badges. Class term letters are being sent home today with the newsletter. These letters outline the learning programs and overall organisation for your child’s class. I encourage you to read these carefully and talk to your child about their learning. Don’t hesitate to talk to your child’s class teacher if you have any questions or information about your child which you would like to share.

Diary Dates

February
Wednesday 10
Choir Commences - 8.15am
Thursday 11
School Banking commences
Friday 12
K-6 Assembly @ 1 pm
Monday 15
Student leadership assembly at 2.30pm in the hall.
Tuesday 16
Parent Information Evening @ 5.30pm
Friday 19
PSSA sports competition commences
Friday 26
Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) training @ 1.30pm

March
Friday 4
K-6 Assembly @ 1 pm
Tuesday 8
NAPLAN Information Night @ 7pm
Thursday 10
Harmony Day Celebrations
Tuesday 15
School Photos
Wed 16 – Fri 18
Stage 3 Excursion Point Wollstoncroft Sport & Recreation Camp
Thursday 24
Easter Hat Parade @ 12.15pm
Friday 25 – Mon 28
Easter Long Weekend
Public Holidays

April
Thursday 7
Anzac Day Assembly @ 10am
It was great to see so many parents at the P&C Annual General Meeting yesterday evening. Congratulations to the following parents who were elected as members of the 2015 P&C Executive:

- **President**: Belinda Targett
- **Vice President**: Vacant
- **Secretary**: Samantha Rigler
- **Treasurer**: Melissa Darke

I look forward to working with this dedicated group of parents and all other parents who are keen to support the school in 2016 in any capacity you are able to.

**This week’s Principal’s Awards**

- **Act of Kindness Award** – Frances C in 5/6H for consistently helping and showing kindness to others.
- **Positive Approach to School Life** – Isaac C in KE for a positive approach to all learning.
- **Outstanding Effort** – Santiago A in 1/2H for working very hard in reading.
- **Outstanding Achievement** – Wesley W in 3/4M for working hard and thinking critically in Mathematics.

**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 the 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>6.00pm</td>
<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.
Parking Around the School
Please be reminded that it is important that all parents and friends abide by the parking restrictions and regulations around the school. These regulations are in place for safety reasons and when motorists do not abide by them it puts the safety of our students and families at risk. We especially ask that you do not stop in the ‘No Parking’ zones along Joffre Crescent or near the main school gates, even for a short while.

Term 1 Invoices – Textbook, Resource and Excursion Fees
Term 1 invoices for textbook, resource and excursion fees were sent last week. 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.

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

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.

Stage 3 News
A highlight of the calendar this term for students in years 5 and 6 is the 3 day excursion to the Point Wollstoncroft Sport and Recreation Camp. This is an exciting excursion where children are able to participate in a vast array of interesting activities and learn a great deal at the same time. Notes were sent home last week with all students outlining the details. It is important that we finalise bookings very soon, so please ensure you return the permission note with payment as soon as possible.
Performing Arts News – Band
Senior Band starts this week. Rehearsals will be held on Thursday afternoons at 2.10pm in the Creativity Centre. Notes were sent home to these students today.

Junior Band will start next week. New students received their notes today indicating their instrument and further information about the program organisation.

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>
<td>Nicole Molloy, Elizabeth Elifes, Julia Smallwood</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 are every Wednesday 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 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](http://sydneybuses.info) or visit transportnsw.info or call 131500.
Highlights from the 2016 Swimming Carnival!
Important things to do this week

- Return payment for textbooks and resources as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you require assistance.

K-6 Assembly: Weeks 3, 6 and 9 @ 1.00pm in our hall. All very welcome!

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P&C News

Annual General Meeting and February Meeting
Thank you to the parents who joined us last night for the Annual General Meeting and the February General Meeting. It was great to have so much support. Congratulations to our new executive Belinda Targett (President), Samantha Rigler (Secretary) and Melissa Darke (Treasurer). The two vice-president positions are vacant so if anyone is interested please don’t hesitate to come and have a chat with us.

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](http://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.