Principal’s Message
Ms Nicole Molloy

There is a productive buzz and wonderful focus on learning all around our school. Special thanks go to all of our staff for the hard work they have put into the planning of the programs and the care they have taken in ensuring every child settles well into their 2016 class. It was wonderful to see so many parents joining us last night for the parent information evening. It was great to talk to you and have your support.

Thank you to the parents who have paid their term 1 textbook and resource fees as well as sports and performing arts fees. All classes will be using their books soon and will have access to the online programs Mathletics, Reading Eggs and Spellodrome. We will send home reminder notes to families who have not yet made these payments at the end of the week and urge you to finalise these invoices as soon as possible. Please do not hesitate to come into the office to arrange a payment plan if this is something that would help you. Please remember that outstanding sports fees from 2015 need to be paid before your child is able to participate in a fee paying sport this year.

There are a range of fabulous events and initiatives outlined later in the newsletter which I encourage you to read about and become involved in where you can. They include:

- **The Being Excited About Reading Volunteer Program**
- **The Community Gardening and Grounds Green Team**
- **Saturday Working Bee on 5 March**
- **NAPLAN Information Evening**

**This week’s Principal’s Awards**

- **Act of Kindness Award** – Royenne B in 3/4E for always showing kindness to others.
- **Positive Approach to School Life** – Matthew G in 5/6K for a positive approach to all aspects of school life.
- **Outstanding Effort** – Isabella H in KM for working hard in class.
- **Outstanding Achievement** – Cooper P in 1R for outstanding work in choir.
Congratulations to our Student Leaders

Congratulations to the 34 students who were inducted as our 2016 student leaders at the leadership assembly we held on Monday. These children are fulfilling the roles of school captains and leaders, house captains and student representative council members. At the assembly our year six leaders read the pledge on behalf of all of the students ensuring their commitment to upholding our values of respect, safety and lifelong learning. It was an honour to present their badges. I am looking forward to working closely with this great group of children.

Whole School Information

Special Religious Education

There is a note accompanying today’s newsletter requesting confirmation of the class you would like your child to attend each Tuesday afternoon for Special Religious Education. We ask that all students return this note as soon as possible and no later than next Monday.

High School Applications for Year 6 Students and Open Nights

We will be sending home expressions of interest for Year 6 students to apply for high school placements. We encourage you to attend the information sessions at our local high schools to find out more about the schools.

The open days/nights for our local high schools are as follows:

**South Sydney High School** – Saturday 12 March at 11am – 1pm
**Randwick Boys High School** – Tuesday 8 March at 6.30pm
**Randwick Girls High School** – Tuesday 8 March at 6.30pm
Being Excited About Reading - Community Reading Tutor Program

Over the last three years we have implemented a highly successful program called Being Excited About Reading (B.E.A.R. Program). We are now ready to implement B.E.A.R for 2016. This program seeks parents and community members to donate some time each week to work with individual children and support them to develop their reading skills. The aim is to increase students’ reading accuracy and sight words within a 10 week time frame. The program is open to parents, grandparents, friends and community members – the more help the better! Things to know about the program:

- **Volunteers will work with one child at a time. All of the resources and support are provided for you.**
- **Times are open to whenever volunteers are available. You may like to volunteer time in the morning, during the day or in the afternoon. You may volunteer as little or as much time as you are able. Ideally you will be able to work with students for several sessions per week. However, if you are only able to come along once per week, this is fine too.**
- **Volunteers will be fully trained by school staff in how to deliver the tutor session. This will include useful tips on how to assist children when reading, games and drill exercises. While this will be extremely useful for this program, it will also be invaluable in assisting you to work with your own children at home.**
- **A dedicated tutor room is provided, where each child will have their own work pack to use.**
- **Staff will be on hand to provide support and assistance where needed.**

**What do you need to participate in this exciting project?**

All that is needed is some time and enthusiasm! No special skills are required. Parent support to work with students on an individual level makes such a difference to the learning development of our students.

If you are interested and able to donate some time please complete the attached form and return it the front office by **Friday 19 February, 2016**. The training session will be conducted on **Friday 26 February at 1.30pm in Mrs Elfes’ classroom**. If you are unable to attend this session but would still like to be involved in the program we can arrange an additional training time.

**NAPLAN Information Night – 7 March @ 6.30pm**

All parents are invited to an important NAPLAN information evening on **Monday 7 March** in 5/6H’s classroom. On the evening we will be running an information session as follows:

The National Assessment Program (Literacy and Numeracy) will be conducted for all students in Years 3 and 5 this term.

**At the meeting we will share information about the following things:**

- An explanation about how the assessment works and its purpose;
- How we are preparing our students for success in these assessments;
- Sharing of resources which can be used at home by parents to assist in preparation.

The information session will be useful for all interested parents. We especially encourage all parents in years 3 & 5 to come along. Parents of students in year 2 & 4 will also find the session useful.

**Safety and Security - Visitor Sign-in**

It is important for a few reasons that we are aware and have a record of all adults on the school site during school hours. Please remember that all parents visiting the school during school hours must remember to sign in at the school office.
Reminder - Parent On-Line Payment (POP)
Just a reminder that all payments to the school can be made online via our secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of our school website by selecting $ Make a payment.

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.

Performing Arts News – Band
Congratulations to all of our students who have commenced in the Junior and Senior Bands this week. We are looking forward to a great year of music making. Invoices for band membership fees and instrument hire were sent home this week. Please ensure these are paid promptly. A reminder about rehearsal times is below. It is very important that your child comes equipped with their instrument and music on their tutorial and rehearsal day as we have conductors and tutors who come in especially to teach these lessons.

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<td>Junior Band</td>
<td>Fridays @ 8.10am in the Creativity Centre (please be there by 8.05am ready to start)</td>
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<td>Thursdays @ 2.10pm in the Creativity Centre</td>
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<td>Junior Flutes</td>
<td>Thursday 2.10pm &amp; 2.40pm with Ms Smallwood</td>
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<td>Junior Saxophone</td>
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<td>Monday 1.10pm with Mr Sam</td>
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Performing Arts News - Choir
Our choir program began last week with an enthusiastic group of children who sounded brilliant. They had their first performance on Monday at the leadership assembly where they did a great job. The choir is still open to new students. The details are as follows:

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<td>Students in years 1-6</td>
<td>Nicole Molloy, Elizabeth Elfes, Julia Smallwood</td>
<td>Wednesdays 8.15am-9.05am</td>
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There is a $20.00 choir membership payable by all students in the choir. Come along and join us for a great year of music.
Sport News

Friday Sport 3-6

Notes have been sent home for PSSA AFL and PSSA Softball teams. Please ensure all notes and money are returned by Thursday this week and that you have read and signed the player code of conduct. All sport will begin on Friday 19 February and will be held in the morning during term 1. Congratulations go to Isaac D in 5/6H who trialled for the Zone Basketball team and Chev D who trialled for the Zone AFL team this week. They were both successful in progressing to the next round of trials. Great work Isaac and Chev, we are very proud.

The 1st round of PSSA AFL and Softball will be this Friday 19 February @ 9.30am
AFL Draw Round 1 – Daceyville vs Rainbow St at Heffron
Softball Draw Round 1 - Daceyville vs Botany at Snape Park

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.
- Return your permission note for the Rouse Hill excursion – Years 1 and 2
- Return notes for PSSA sport and zone swimming carnival
- Return the Permission to Publish and Special Religious Education notes.

K-6 Assembly: Weeks 3, 6 and 10 @ 1.00pm in our hall. All very welcome!

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<td>Week 6 – Friday 4 March</td>
<td>1B and 1R with Miss Rush and Miss Bonanno</td>
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<td>Week 9 – Friday 1 April</td>
<td>KE with Mrs Elfes</td>
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P&C and Community News

March P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 March @ 7.00pm in the Teacher Resource Room.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform shop will be open Wednesday and Thursday - 8.45am-9.30am until further notice. Donations of uniforms are greatly appreciated.

School Banking

School banking has started for the year every Thursday, 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.

Working Bee – Saturday 5 March 8.30am – 12.30pm

We are lucky to have such large grounds at Daceyville but this also means they need a lot of love and attention.

Please come along to our working bee on Saturday 5 March ready to help with gardening, pruning and general clean up to make our school look great. Even if you can only spare a short amount of time we will be very grateful. There will be a delicious pizza lunch afterwards for all of the workers!
The Community Gardening & Grounds Green Team

Our school is very unique in the area in that it has enormous grounds and gardens which benefit all of our students. It does however provide us with the challenge of keeping them well maintained within the resources and time we have. Some of our very kind parents have volunteered to establish a community gardening and grounds team to spend time in the school on a regular basis assisting us with the upkeep of the grounds and gardens. Thanks go to Michael Casey who has agreed to coordinate this team. If you have some time and would like to be part of this initiative, please fill in the form below. You will then be contacted with further details.

The Community Gardening & Grounds Green Team
Volunteer Expression of Interest

Name: __________________________________________ Child: __________________________

Best Contact No: _________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________________________________

Signature: ____________________________________________________

Extra Curricular and After School Opportunities

Cost: Free
Nutritious Morning Tea provided

Come to Playgroup

Stay connected and be part of a strong supported network
Meet other families

Location
Daceyville Public School
Banks Avenue entrance
Monday Time: 9.30 am - 11:00 am
For Information Contact:
Kristy - 9666 5047 or
Daceyville Public School

* Share your experiences and information.
* Get ideas for activities to do at home
* Off-street parking allowed
South Sydney Mustangs are looking for Players, Coaches, Trainers, Managers and Sponsors for Ages 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 for the 2016 Season.

Come to our 2016 Registration Day and have some fun on the Giant Slide and Maze with free BBQ. On Wednesday 24 February from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Rowland Park Banks Ave Daceyville.

Training on Tuesday and Thursdays 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm at Rowland Park Banks Ave Daceyville
We are flexible with training so please ring Phil Jenkinson – Secretary 0407 151 627 or John Maxwell – President 0413 869 515
Being Excited About Reading
Community Reading Tutor Program

Name | Phone / email address | Relationship to school eg mother of Johnny Smith in 1/2B or community member

Training Session – Please Tick

☐ Yes - I am able to attend the training session on Friday 26 February at 1:30pm.

☐ No - I am unable to attend the training session on Friday 26 February at 1:30pm but would still like to volunteer for the program.

Please indicate days and times when you may be available for tutoring and how many students you would like to see:

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