Special congratulations go to all of the students who represented Daceyville at the zone swimming carnival yesterday. All of our students were wonderful ambassadors for our school, swam well and showed wonderful sportsmanship. We were very proud of them. Thanks go to Mr Hills and Ms Jo for their coordination of the team. We will have a more detailed report in next week’s newsletter.

Our first grant for 2016!

We are always looking for creative ways to supplement our school resources and bring additional funding into the school. I am delighted to announce that we have been successful in gaining a significant grant for the school. Through the support of Dymocks Children’s Charities and Sydney Airport our school has been given a $10 000 library and book regeneration grant. The grant allows us to order $10 000 worth of books to replenish our library collection and provide additional books for our classroom reading programs. We are very grateful to the supporting charities. This is a significant amount of money and will make a real difference to our resources, helping us promote a love of reading amongst our students. We’ll share more photos when the books arrive!

Upcoming Events to Prepare for...

- I encourage all interested parents to come along to the NAPLAN information night on Monday 7 March at 6.30pm in 5/6H’s classroom.
- Read the information about our successful Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) program and join us for the training session this Friday 26 February.
- Begin thinking about our Harmony Day celebrations on March 10. We are planning a delicious multicultural lunch and would love all families to share.

This week’s Principal’s Awards

Act of Kindness Award – Ralph E in 1/2H for being very kind to his teachers & friends.
Positive Approach to School Life – Bailee S in KG for always being positive and happy.
Outstanding Effort – Tatiyana Z in 2S for always trying her best and working hard.
Outstanding Achievement – Alicia O in 5/6H for wonderful work in English and Maths
3/4M with Mrs Masters and Ms Mullane

Our new class group has undertaken a range of learning experiences aimed at connecting people with one another.

Portrait painting has provided us with a great opportunity to consider each other’s unique characteristics and personality traits. Students referred to a photograph of themselves to build a painted image that expresses their individuality. Painting techniques have been implemented and used skillfully and creatively. The encouragement and recognition students have received from their peers has been admirable. Painting has proved to be a great bonding experience for 3/4 M.

1/2H with Ms Head

We are super keen learners in 1/2H. We love working together in our literacy and Maths groups. They say a picture tells a thousand words, check out some of the great stuff we have been up to....
High School Applications for Year 6 Students and Open Nights

This week 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 BEAR form and return it the front office by Thursday 25 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.
Stage 3 Camp (Repeat)
A highlight of the calendar this term for students in years 5 and 6 is the 3 day camp to Point Wollstonecroft. 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. **It is important that we finalise bookings very soon, so please ensure you return the permission note with payment as soon as possible.**

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.

Head Lice
Please be advised that we have had several reported cases of head lice within the school. Please check your child’s hair for nits/lice tonight using the methods recommended in information from NSW Health [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx).

If you find any eggs or lice please commence treatment as recommended. Further information on head lice is available on the NSW Health website (details above) or through the Department’s website at [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/headlice/index.php).
Performing Arts News – Band

We had a fabulous start to the band program last week. Congratulations to all of our band students for your enthusiasm and commitment. Don’t forget when your tutorials and ensemble rehearsals are and make sure you come prepared.

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Sports News

Congratulations go to Billy S in year 5 who represented South Sydney at the Oztag state cup in Coffs Harbour. His team made the grand final and lost by one try. The boys played 8 games in 3 days and won all but the final. We are very proud of Billy’s exceptional sporting achievements.

The 2nd round of PSSA AFL and Softball will be this Friday 26 February @ 9.30am

**AFL Draw Round 2** – Maroubra vs Daceyville at Heffron  
**Softball Draw Round 2** - Daceyville vs Rainbow St 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.

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

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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.

Class Parent Register
The P&C are looking to finalise the class parent register by the end of this week. Thank you to all parents who have signed up. We encourage as many parents as possible to sign up. The form is at the end of the newsletter and can be returned to the school office.

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.

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The Community Gardening & Grounds Green Team
Volunteer Expression of Interest

Name: __________________________________________ Child: ___________________________

Best Contact No: __________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________

Signature: _____________________________________________________
Daceyville Breakfast Club – Tuesdays at 8.40am in the hall

Did you know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and is important for optimal learning?

Every Tuesday morning we have a breakfast club in the hall at 8.40am. The club is coordinated by Jon-Paul Barry, Jeff and the staff at Kingsford Church of Christ. They provide the food and organise set up and serving. All children at our school are welcome.

How can you help support this very important initiative?

- We would love some extra parent help with the club so please let us know if you are able to assist or come along on Tuesday mornings. Everyone is welcome.
- Donations of long life juice and fresh fruit are very much appreciated. If you are able to donate fresh fruit please drop it in to the office by Monday afternoon so the breakfast team know what purchases need to be made for the next morning.

Extra Curricular and After School Opportunities

Irish Dancing Classes

Dwyer Whelan Academy of Irish Dance is excited to be offering Irish Dancing classes again here at the school. Classes will be held every Wednesday from 4pm – 5pm for only $14 per class. You can enter into Irish Dancing Competitions and do exams, or just come along to get fit and have some fun. Boys and girls are welcome. 😊

Join our team – we’re hiring!

August 9 is Census night and the Australian Bureau of Statistics is looking for 2,500 motivated and community minded Area Supervisors to join our team across Australia.

Area Supervisors:
- Are temporary casual jobs, with flexible working hours
- Will recruit, train and lead a small team of field staff to help deliver the 2016 Census
- Will earn $34.76 per hour (inclusive of 25% loading).

Applications open 1 February 2016. Apply online at abs.gov.au/careers
Make a difference in your community and help shape its future.
Parent & Carer Contact List

Dear Parents & Carers,

The P&C would like to assist families to become more connected by offering parents and carers to join a communal ‘Parent & Carer Contact List’ for your child’s class and year. The list will be managed by a volunteer class parent. The list will be emailed out to all families who participate.

This list will enable families to organise catch ups outside of school, school holidays get-togethers, birthday parties and parent/carer night outs etc. You will also be sent reminders regarding your child’s class, school and P&C events via emails from the nominated class parent for your child’s class.

If you are interested in participating, please provide your details for the contact list below and return the form to your child’s class teacher or the school office Friday 26th February.

__________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: __________________________ Year: ______ Class: ________

Parent(s) / Carer (s) Names: __________________________

Contact details:

Mobile Ph: __________________________ Home Ph: __________________________

Email: __________________________

Additional Information: (i.e. sibling - Jack 4/SH)

__________________________________________________________

Please indicate below if you would like to volunteer to be a class parent/carer to manage the ‘Parent & Carer Contact List’ for your child’s class.

Yes [ ]

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Melissa Darke or Belinda Targett of the P&C. Alternatively, please leave your name & contact number at the school office and Melissa or Belinda will contact you directly.