DACE 2015 offered 360 amazing original artworks and photographs, 53 of which were sold, resulting in $34,000 of art sales in just one weekend. What a success and what a fantastic connection the Derinya community has towards this art show!

Guest artist Jenny Croom put up a stunning display of her unique artwork in a riot of rainbow colours and as a new initiative, Jenny also spent Sunday at the show as our ‘artist in residence’, painting up a storm and chatting to interested visitors. Additionally, to celebrate our 40th year, we displayed artwork and biographies from 10 previous guest artists, which allowed our visitors to go on a visual journey through the gallery, learning about guest artists of the past.

So, what was your art connection? Did you visit the gallery ‘just to look’ or to make a purchase to support Derinya? Did you find that one particular artwork that just ‘spoke’ to you? Was it the colours in the artwork or did the piece evoke a memory? Were you able to chat to the artist to find out the story behind the piece and did this story build your connection to it? Were you amazed by the techniques or the effort which went into the work or did that artwork simply give you a feeling of ‘joy’. Whatever it was, as a buyer or visitor, you made a connection!

Of course, none of this would have been possible without such a strong connection from the Derinya community who helped put it all together: the dedication of the teams, who selected new and known artists for the show, liaising and collating their information, all culminating in the hanging and arranging of our beautiful art and craft gallery. A huge thank you to our data entry team, whose ‘behind the scenes’ busy workers supported all of us in so, so many ways. A special thank you to the teams who helped to hang the work and who turned a basketball stadium into a beautiful gallery, and to the graphics team for their lovely and professionally executed work on everything print. Thank you also to our Guest Judges, Gerry Knight (Peninsula artist and former guest artist), Deb Child (Head of Art Frankston High) and Kim Wootton (Head of Art Mentone Grammar) and to all the artists and crafts people who brought in such outstanding work. And of course, thanks to all the many Derinya volunteers who helped receive, sell, run and dismantle the gallery when the show was over.

So, whatever role you played in DACE 2015, visitor, buyer, artist, volunteer, committee member, you made your art connection and a connection to the fantastic Derinya community, which in turn supports our children, and which after all, is what DACE is all about.
DACE has now completed an amazing 40 year journey from very humble beginnings to become a well renowned art exhibition on the Victorian Arts Calendar. Along the way it has grown in capacity and built an amazing belief in our community which makes Derinya the wonderful school we all love.

DACE is an exemplar of best practice in community building in every way and you should all be justly proud of your fine collective efforts over the years.

I am often stunned to hear others talk about how lucky Derinya is and I believe that nothing could be further from the truth. Luck has little to do with our excellence but your team work, friendship, humility and hard work certainly guarantee success and I sincerely thank, the DACE team, staff, wider community, sponsors and our beautiful children for your superb efforts in 2015.

An amazing effort also by Ric Daikin, our most humble convenor!! Sensational work Ric. And yes that Gala Dinner was pretty amazing also!! Who knows what next year has in store for us?
FOR THE 40TH YEAR IN A ROW, WE’VE DONE IT AGAIN!

BY RIC DAKIN
ON BEHALF OF THE 2015 DACE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the 2015 DACE Committee, a massive THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the 40th Derinya Art & Craft Exhibition such a successful event.

Forty continuous years must put us in elite company for an art show and what a significant achievement for a state primary school. Over forty years, what a lot of funds must have been raised to help the kids of Derinya enjoy a fantastic education! How many volunteer positions must have been filled thereby cementing friendships and helping to create such a great sense of community.

DACE is a huge event to organise and run, and it would not be the great success that it is without the incredible amount of work put in by our committee members, our school community, our school staff, our DACE partners, our sponsors, our artists and importantly those doing the hard yards at home supporting our efforts.

To the DACE committee, thank you for all your hard work, support and enthusiasm – it was easy chairing the 2015 Committee knowing there were such capable people achieving great things with a minimum of fuss.

We do have cause to reflect on and celebrate what a fantastic event DACE is in the life of Derinya Primary School. There is no doubt that our three “reasons for being” were achieved.

1. A fantastic and significant cultural event for Derinya Primary School and our wider community. We had over 700 people at the Opening Night Gala, with many hundreds of people coming through the doors each day over the weekend.

2. A great fund-raiser for our school. Thanks to the support of our community, we raised around $53,000. That’s about what the new Japanese room cost - how good is that!

3. A great community builder with teachers, parents and kids all involved. “Tick” - over 250 volunteer positions filled on the DACE roster!

“Things don’t just happen. Somebody has to make them happen.” To all the Derinya, staff, students and parents, past and present, who have contributed so much, thank you. 40 years on, we do have an Art and Craft Exhibition that we can all be very proud of.
DACE 2015 OPENING NIGHT
DACE 2015
THE GALLERY
IN SNAPS
A special congratulations to all the DACE 2015 award winners. What an amazing show.

The line up of winners are:

**BEST IN SHOW DACE 2015**
Wayne Foenander – ‘Big Ship’

**PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD**
Iain Van der Wolde – ‘A Great Day, Dawn, Bruny Island’

**BEST TRADITIONAL**
Elena Kolutusha ‘Gifts of the Redland’

**BEST MODERN**
Julie Webster – ‘Lara’

**BEST MIXED/OTHER**
Libby Schreiber ‘When Size Matters’

**SMALL WORKS AWARD**
Kylie Sirett – ‘Kitchen Classics’

**HIGHLY COMMENDED**
Anne McGillivray, Nick Walker, Glenn Hoyle, Warrick Hills, Pierre-Humbert, Jennie Alderton, Yanni Rigos

**BEST CRAFT GLASS/CERAMIC**
Roberta Easton ‘Glass Vase’

**BAY CITY HOLDEN AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN ART**
Maureen Whitaker

**BIGGIN & SCOTT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN CRAFT & BEST SCULPTURE**
Andrew Bryant ‘Centred’

**BEST TIMBER CRAFT AWARD**
Richard Amy ‘Coffee Table’

**BEST TEXTILE**
Susan Swenser

**BEST JEWELLERY AWARD**
Lisa Hass

**BENDIGO BANK AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN JEWELLERY**
Craig Swindells, Affinitive Design

**SOME OF THE DACE AWARD WINNERS**
A FEW OF OUR AWARD WINNING ARTISTS
BEAUTIFUL TREASURES JEWELLERY & CRAFT
Revealing the treasures that are the hand made products of artisans whose vision, creativity and skills have manifested into a piece of art either functional or ornamental is inspiring.

So it was to my delight (with a dash of being daunted) that I raised my hand to create the team that would bring the work of Artisans from around the state & beyond to fill the spaces of DACE 2015.

A new team brings new makers to the table. We found ceramist Melanie Pec whose colourful ceramic vessels captured everyone’s imagination and walked through the doors at a pace quicker than we could keep up with. Victoria Pierre-Humbert’s gorgeous and austere Black Crow, Andrew Bryant’s amazing sculpture ‘Cantered’ awarded the Best Sculpture, to the playful and colourful capes of Natasha Dunstan bought for kids and worn by the adults! What a display of skills and creativity.

Cotton, glass, wood, steel, wax, resin, wool, stitched, moulded, welded, blown, rolled, knitted, beaded, fired, thrown.

What an amazing journey I shared with my team and which without Rhonda Kennedy it wouldn’t have happened. So thank you Rhonda. You were my right hand woman and your time skills and passion were invaluable. Thank you Carla Charlton for your relaxed manner and Janelle Hogan, thrown in at the last minute and saved us from the paper work.

Thank you Derinya, thank you Jenny Roth, thank you Ric Dakin for steering this enormous ship to amazing shores. Thank you to all that are involved however big or small, all our children and the community at large. It was the largest transformation of space I had seen in a while and the most temporary and oh how rewarding!

BY ANTONELLA RIPANI
RUBY TARTS, DELISH TITBITS TO TO EAT

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**Art, Sculpture, Facebook & Devonshire Tea**

**Fun Facts & Figures of DACE 2015**

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<th>Revenue Raised (Profit)</th>
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<td>$53,000. What a great year</td>
<td>40+ hot beverages &amp; 172 hot meals</td>
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<td>- 360 art works</td>
<td>- 8 milkshakes &amp; spiders</td>
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<td>- 2878 craft items</td>
<td>- 62 devonshire teas</td>
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<td>- 1855 jewellery pieces</td>
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**On Sale**

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<td>- 53 artworks sold</td>
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<td>- 552 craft pieces sold</td>
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<td>- 89 sculptures sold</td>
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<td>- 756 pieces of jewellery</td>
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**SOLD**

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<td>- Craft, Carl Smith, $650</td>
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<td>- Jewellery, Jennie Alderton $350</td>
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**Through the Door**

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<td>- Jennie Alderton $2,732</td>
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<th>Reached Via Facebook</th>
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**Consumed**

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<td>- Opening Night - 18 cases of bubbly, 10 cases of red and 12 cases of white</td>
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<td>- 33 cases of wine sold over weekend</td>
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**Raffle**

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<td>- Morgan Janssen, 65 SOLD 48 Raffle tickets to win an iPad Mini - well done!</td>
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<td>- First prize Michele Guille</td>
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Some special thanks to our artists, the committee & our sponsors are shown below.

**One Final Special Thank You To Our Guest Artists & Judges**

JENNY CROOM
PAUL KELLY
JENNIE ALDERTON

GERRY KNIGHT
DEB CHILD
KIM WOOTTON

**Enjoy the figurative delights of the DACE Exhibition.**

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