Class Organisation & Staffing for 2015
The school is currently collecting any final information required to form classes and appoint staff for the 2015 school year.

At this point in time we are quite close to establishing a new classroom. We need our numbers to be as accurate as possible. Can you please advise the school if you have any additional information about anyone who is considering enrolling local or in-zone students at our school.

It is also the time of year that we ask parents for any additional information that they might have to help us form the classes next year. If you do have some feedback that might benefit your child, please give that information to your child’s classroom teacher.

Best wishes to our dance group who are travelling to Sydney this week to perform at the Schools Spectacular.

This year there will be no walkathon fundraiser for the P&C. However the school will still go to the beach to celebrate the end of a great year. The P&C will provide the picnic lunch. This year we are planning to go to Hat Head. If you can help can you contact Nikki Barbour.

2014-15 Fundraising Directions
We are currently collecting ideas to direct our fundraising towards. If you have any suggestions about ideas/equipment that the school and P&C could contribute towards, please let either Nikki Barbour or the school office know.

Several ideas under consideration are:
- replacement of the ageing computers in HB1-4 and the library
- Café blinds for the train deck
- Additional shaded playground seating for the front area of the school

We have also had both Rosie and Serenity receive significant awards over the last few weeks – their stories appear in this edition of the newsletter.

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**Coming Events for Term 4 2014**

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We need a canteen helper for Friday 28th November and Friday 5th December to assist Natalie in the canteen. Unfortunately if no help is forthcoming the canteen may have to be closed.

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Rotary Citizen of the Year
On Tuesday 18th November, Rosie J received the Rotary Club of West Kempsey’s Citizen of the Year Award. Congratulations Rosie!
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2015-2017 Aldavilla School Plan
A letter outlining the new school planning process was sent home last week.

Thank you to the parents/carers who returned the yellow reply slip indicating how they wish to participate in the process. Please return the reply slip ASAP if not already sent in. The 2014 evaluation survey will be emailed in the coming weeks.

The public meeting to discuss the future directions of our school is being held this evening at 5.30pm in the school staff room and all are welcome.

Parenting Ideas by Michael Grose
Discipline is one of the most important parts of parenting. It’s about keeping kids safe, making them social and enhancing their chances of success. It’s also about getting more cooperation from kids. Discipline is easy if you have easy kids or they are in an easy stage of development.

But getting cooperation from kids who are challenging, going through a ‘difficult’ stage or who have difficult temperaments is a real discipline challenge for many parents.

Get it right and family-life is a breeze. Don’t have a plan and parenting can be a constant struggle.

Well-behaved kids:
Effective parents use a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviours and change behaviour when it’s less than perfect.

They also use strategies that are in line with modern teaching and child care methods … so smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in.

Keep the following five principles in mind as you teach your kids to behave well:

1. **Avoid the first impulse when kids misbehave.**
   Most children’s misbehaviour has a pay-off, so it’s important to change yourself, if you are going to change your children’s misbehaviour.

2. **The more time you spend teaching kids to behave well the less time you’ll spend responding to poor behaviour.**

3. **Kids want good A-grade attention from parents.**
   If they don’t get it they will settle for B-grade every time. Make sure you spend 1-on-1 time with kids each day, and get better at catching them doing the right thing.

4. **When you get tired you revert to your lowest level of parenting technique,** so if that means yelling to get cooperation then that’s what you’ll do. The key is to practise better techniques when you aren’t stressed, so that when you do get tired your responses will be better.

5. **Effective parents have a big repertoire of strategies to use when kids misbehave,** rather than rely on one or two techniques to improve behaviour. Build your repertoire of tools and language to promote better behaviour and get cooperation from kids.

Judy Wright
Community Partnerships Officer
Judith.wright7@det.nsw.edu.au

North Coast Aboriginal Education Award
Congratulations to Serenity C who received a North Coast Aboriginal Education Award for her outstanding achievements in Sport. Well done Serenity!

This is our last fortnight of cooking "Christmas Banquet". If you can assist in the cooking classes over the next two weeks, your help would be much appreciated!

The Year 6 students have purchased a Pizza Oven as their parting gift for the school. It would be great if we could get some volunteers to help assemble the pizza oven so the Year 6 students have an opportunity to use the pizza oven before they move on to high school. The large pizza oven comes in three sections that will require some lifting, assembling and rendering to finish off the project ready for use. If you can assist, please call Gaye on 0427 625 156.

Photo above: Lachlan B and Riley D selling fresh produce from our garden
News from the Chicken Coop
We have had an interesting few weeks since the last newsletter. Mr West and Mrs Weismantel brought some fertile chicken eggs in to put under our clucky hen. Then we marked the fertile eggs so we could tell them apart from the newly laid eggs. We carefully placed the 10 eggs under our clucky hen on the 12th November and we estimate that, if all goes well, the eggs should start to hatch by the 3rd December.

Each day we collect the newly laid eggs separating them from the fertile eggs as sometimes they are laid in the nest of our clucky hen. One day the clucky hen was sitting on the non fertile eggs in the nest next to hers so we had to remove all non fertile eggs so she would go back on her original nest. So there have been a few minor hiccups. The latest being that on Thursday we noticed that there were only 9 fertile eggs instead of 10. So that's another mystery as there was no sign of it at all.

Hopefully the next week will go smoothly and we will have some good news to report for the next newsletter. That's all the news for now from The Aldavilla chicken minders: Joel, Nic, Jye, Bayden, Tom, Dylan, Yaaron, Ryley, Jason, Declan and James

Canteen News
Corn on the cob is a great healthy option for your child. Fresh is best but a small can of corn kernels is an alternative, look for low salt varieties.

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today’s cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence? Find out more: www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/does-cartoon-violence-make-kids-more-aggressive

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Community News

River Street Early Learning Centre would like to invite you to our Christmas Celebration and open day on 13th December 2014 from 10.30 am -12.30pm. Festivities include a jumping castle, face painting, spray tattoos, popcorn, slushy machines and much, much more. Please come along, check out our facilities and enjoy the fun! For more info, contact Katherine Wilson on 6562 5772

Bunnings Christmas Family Night
4th December 6pm-8pm
FREE event, bookings are essential for catering purposes and the various activities planned. There will be Christmas crafts, a Santa letter writing station with mailbox to send your letters to the North Pole, Christmas carols performed by Kempsey Silver Band, your free picture with Santa, Jumping castle, face painting and much more.

Riverside Carols
6th December at Riverside Park. Free entry. Markets 4-8pm Concert 7-9pm Raffles, 100s club, local artists & dancers, Kempsey District Silver Band, Gymnastics display, Santa!

Skeleton Costumes Needed! If you have a spare skeleton costume we could borrow, please send in to the school office in a plastic bag with your name on it.