Welcome to our final newsletter for 2014. The staff wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe, happy vacation to our students and their families.

2015 Classes
At this stage we are right on the brink of forming a 12th class. Thank you to all of the families that have updated their information for next year.

We are currently in the situation where the class formation period when we return may be very flexible. If we don’t have the students this year we will form 11 classes, however this may change in the first few weeks of the year and enable us to form 12 classes. We will provide additional updates through the remainder of this year.

Positive Awards System
Congratulations to the following students who have progressed through our positive awards system and have been recognised by their peers and teachers for a great effort.

| HB1 | Ben P | Zara J |
| HB2 | Tayla-Mae L-S | Lara M |
| HB3 | Nevaeh B | Jeremy B |
| HB4 | Dominic J | Riley M |
| HB5 | Helen W | Charlie T |
| HB6 | Tia R | Lachlan W |
| HB7 | Kala B | James A |
| HB8 | Bailey McE | Max W |
| HB9 | Amber P | Fergus H |
| HB10 | Mia F | Kelsey K |
| HB11 | Elijah K | Declan D |
| HB12 | Miss Matthes: | Georgie B, Charlotte B |
| Mrs Foulkes: | Heidi L, Kurt G |
| Bronze Awards: | Jye C |


Coming Events for Term 4 2014

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4C's Award Winners
“Together we learn and achieve in a caring, cooperative, courteous and committed environment”

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Week 10 Term 4, 2014 9th December, 2014
Cooking in the kitchen with Year 1 and Year 2

News from the Chicken Coop
We had an exciting week this week. On Monday we went to see how the clucky hen was going and could hear baby chicks cheeping. They were slowly pecking their way out of their shells. By Tuesday morning 6 little chicks were hatched and there were 3 more to go. By Wednesday we had 8 healthy little chicks and a proud mother hen looking after them. Only one egg didn’t hatch because it was rotten. Mr West and Ben made a wire barrier so the mother hen and chicks could have a section of the cage to themselves. So far they are going well.

It was really exciting to have chicks hatch and have a mother to look after them. It makes our school seem very productive. That’s all the news for now from The Aldavilla Chicken Minders: Joel, Nic, Jye, Declan, Ryley, Bayden, Jason, Dylan, Tom, Yaaron, Tyler, James

Aldavilla’s Got Talent
Congratulations to all of the students who performed in AGT 2014. It was a great display of talent in the areas of drama, dance and singing. All students did their best and thank you to the 2013 winner Rosie Jeffrey who performed a self-choreographed dance.

1st Place- Kirra H, Emily H, Felina L, Kaitlan S- dance  
2nd Place- Kirra D, Ruby W, Emily M, Kelsey K, Haylee T, Shakira S- drama  
3rd Place- Teesha S

Community Partnerships
Parenting ideas by Michael Grose  
Help children show some kindness and gratitude this festive season
The festive season provides the opportunity to develop a sense of other in your children and teach them some social graces. It can be tricky for parents during the end of year festive and holiday season to guide children down a giving, let alone spiritual path. So much attention is placed on receiving that it can be difficult to develop a sense of ‘other’ in children. It helps to be proactive and put rituals of generosity in place, which will inevitably become part of your family’s traditions.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking:

1. Develop an action of gratitude: Discuss with children the people who have been helpful, kind or gone out of their way for them during the year. Then they can write a note, make a gift or cook something that they can give to those people to say thank you.

2. Make a family commitment of giving: Pick a cause that’s close to your family’s heart and make a commitment to do something or give something on a regular basis throughout the coming year.

3. Involve kids in personal giving: If gifts are shared as part of your tradition then do your best to involve children in the giving process. Discuss the choice of gifts: “So what do you think your cousin would like? Even better, get your kids to accompany you on a shopping trip, if you dare.

4. Have a clean out: Approaching the festive season provides a great opportunity for kids to spring clean their toy, clothes and technology cupboards. Not only does this make room for the new, (and perhaps unfairly lift their expectations), but it provides the chance for children to pass on unwanted items to siblings, friends or others who would probably appreciate and use them more than they would.

5. Give them a social script: Children usually operate on a script learnt from their parents. If you want them to be thankful for their gifts then give them the lines they should use. Be prepared for some gentle parental cueing if in all the festive excitement they forget to say thanks.

As 2014 draws to a close I would like to offer best wishes to all families for a wonderful holiday season and a New Year of health & happiness

Judy Wright, Community Partnerships Officer  
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Photo left: Felina L, Kirra H Kaitlin S, Emily H

Hat Head Beach Excursion – Friday 12th December
URGENT: Permission Notes and Money to be returned by Thursday. Please note there will be NO SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL on Friday
Schools Spectacular
Recently, 10 girls, Miss Giorgi and Miss McNamara went to Sydney for the 31\textsuperscript{st} Schools Spectacular. We all had a wonderful experience working with some amazing choreographers and singers to help create our segment. We went down on the train to Sydney on the 25\textsuperscript{th} November and returned to Kempsey on the 30\textsuperscript{th} November. We made some great friends who rehearsed and performed with us. We did four live performances at the QANTAS Credit Union Arena. During the Friday break, we were lucky enough to go to Madam Tussaud's Wax Museum.

We would like to thank Miss Giorgi and Miss McNamara for taking us, doing our hair and makeup and for giving us the opportunity to participate in this wonderful experience.

By Summer H and Rosie J

The last fortnight of cooking for 2014 saw students preparing a wonderful Christmas Banquet, thanks to Woolworths who have been most generous and donated all the ingredients for this festive occasion. Students prepared Tabouli, Potato & Leek Bake, Mango & Avocado Salad, Christmas Style Coleslaw (recipes on website) to serve with the delicious roast chicken for the main meal.

A selection of sweet treats such as Mini Christmas Puddings, Shortbread, White Christmas and Chocolate Spiders were served for dessert.

Thanks again to Woolworths for supporting our awesome kitchen garden program.

Canteen Closures
The canteen will be closed on Friday 12\textsuperscript{th} Dec for the Hat Head Beach day and Tuesday 16\textsuperscript{th} Dec for stocktaking.

Yr 6 Gift - Woodfired Pizza Oven
A big thank you to the Powick family for their wonderful help with the construction of the pizza oven base. On Friday 28th November, David and Danny Powick poured the concrete benchtop for the pizza oven. We are hoping it will be completed in time for the Year 6 students to cook some yummy woodfired pizza’s before they head off to high school.

Photo Above: Three generations of the Powick family helping out with the construction of the Year 6 gift - a woodfired pizza

Riverside Carols
On Saturday 6th December, 40 students performed ‘Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer’ at the Riverside Carols. The students performed well and their behaviour was exceptional. Thank you to the parents and carers for bringing the students along, despite the rainy weather.
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