Aldavilla P&C have been busy organising a “Spring Sectacular” Fete for 18th September 2014. This event will combine a Fete, student performances, community performances and GREAT FUN!

Each class will have a stall or activity to run during the day and into the evening, a complete list is still under development and we hope to advise you in the next edition of the P&C Publisher.

We would like to ask for your assistance in your child's class stall, or some contribution to it - not all stalls will require the donation of items to sell, some items will be purchased by the P&C, and some stalls will only require your time. A timetable will be devised and we will be asking if parents could indicate when they will be able to help so we can ALL have a fun night! The more help we have, the shorter the time we will need to ask form each helper!

On the day, students will have a slightly earlier than usual lunch break, and will then start setting up their stalls with the intention for the kids to be able to access the stalls from around 1pm. The Fete will then open to the general public until 4pm.

More information will be available from the school closer to the date in relation to arrangements for children who need to wait at school between 3 & 4pm for their parents/carers.

Your P&C would love some feedback on what to target for fundraising in 2014.

What else would you like to see in your newsletter?? Please submit your suggestions or ask a question; compuaccount@bigpond.com
Please, more volunteer helpers are needed in the Canteen! Even if you can help out once a term, please let us know... every hand helps!!

$4.50 LUNCH SPECIAL

Week 6 & 7 Chicken Stroganoff & Rice

Week 8 & 9 Savoury Mince, Mash & Dinner Roll

Size 6 & 8 Jumpers are back in stock at the warehouse - they are expected to arrive just before the holidays or the first week back in term 3.

Natalie has also arranged some good quality size 6 and 8 fleece pants given black pants are hard to come by.... limited stock so make sure you contact Natalie in the Canteen to get yours!
P&C Meetings

We understand that it is difficult for parents to attend a meeting every month and it is often difficult to coordinate a time that suits everyone. Over the remainder of the year the P&C is going to trial some new meeting structures in order to maximise the attendance of interested parents and staff at the meetings.

There were three P&C meetings booked in for Term 3 on the following dates; 21st July, 18th August and 8th September. The new plan is to hold one general meeting per term and ask that as many parents as possible attend that meeting at the school. The first general meeting will be held on Monday 18th August approximately halfway through the term at 6:30 pm in the school library/staffroom. The general meeting each term will have the agenda and minutes placed in the school App, P&C newsletter and on the school website. We anticipate with a planned agenda, that the meeting should be finished by 8:00pm each term.

The P&C executive will meet on several occasions throughout each term to progress all of the issues discussed at the general meetings and follow up on all of the events that are being planned for the remainder of the year. These meetings will be held in the weeks commencing 21st July, 18th August and 8th September.

When required the P&C executive will also host meetings for specific events e.g. Several fete meetings are planned for Term 3. The issues discussed at these meetings will only be related to the specific topic. The fete meeting dates will all be confirmed in a separate letter to all families about the plans for this years’ exciting Spring Spectacular.

The P&C executive will continue to work with the school executive to resolve any outstanding issues and make plans for future events and fundraisers. We have provided the contact email addresses for all of the members of the P&C executive for parents to raise any issues that they would like addressed at the general meetings. We are hoping that these new processes might increase the communication between the P&C executive, parents who are unable to attend the meetings and achieve better outcomes for the entire whole school community.

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Good Kids

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.

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.

What else does the P&C do?

Each year the P&C have the opportunity to contribute to a number of roles and positions within the school.

School planning and evaluation team.
This occurs over a number of meetings, usually towards the end of the year. The P&C usually has 2 representatives on this panel. This years representatives are Nikki Barbour and Melissa Thornton.

Non-Local and Out of Zone Enrolment Committee
There are a number of meetings held throughout the year as required and then a major meeting early in Term 3 to confirm offers for 2014. Natalie Weismantel and Nikki Barbour are the current representatives.

School Teams - Literacy & Numeracy, Aboriginal Education and Student Engagement
These teams all require parent representatives and some of the members come from the P&C - if you would like to be involved please contact the office.
These teams meet about once per term and feed information into the school planning team.

**Merit Selection**

With some teacher vacancies there is an open advertisement process that takes place, it requires a P&C representative - currently our P&C representative is Belinda Fowler.

**Community**

Give Me Five for Kids is a fundraising initiative supported by over 40 radio & TV stations across regional Australia. For almost 20 years, the month of June has been dedicated to raising much needed funds for local community hospitals as well as sick children and their families when they need it most. Over the years millions of dollars have been raised to pay for invaluable medical equipment and provide support for families with sick children in your community, but it’s not nearly enough. So please dig deep and donate now and help support our sick local kids!

http://www.giveme5forkids.com.au

Local schools and students are invited to plant a tree for Planet Ark’s National Tree Day— Australia’s largest tree-planting and nature care event on Friday 25 July 2014. Participation in National Tree Day is fun, community-focused and helps address important environmental issues like the loss of habitat for native wildlife, soil salinity and erosion, as well as being great for individual and community health.

Kempsey Shire Council in partnership with Macleay Landcare is giving local schools the opportunity to participate and beautify their school grounds by offering each school a total of 50 tube stock plants. Each plant is endemic to the Macleay Valley area and comes with a tree guard, support canes and weed matting.

Registrations are now open for the Head to Head Walk Run - to be held Sunday 17th August 2014.

www.headtoheadwalkrun.org.au