Welcome to Term 3, we have lots of exciting opportunities for students this term culminating in the Spring Spectacular Fete. The information included below is an outline of the timeline for preparing for the fete. We are still looking for volunteers to make the day and afternoon as enjoyable as possible. A full information package about your child’s class stall and the way you can help will be sent home to all families next Tuesday.

**Aldavilla Spring Spectacular Fete**

Save the Date: Thursday 18/09/14

Week 4: Order Showbags
Week 6: Order Fete Vouchers
Week 8: Order Fete Vouchers
Week 10: Spring Spectacular Fete!

Next Fete Planning Meeting: Monday 04/08/14 at 5.30pm in the Staffroom.
All Welcome

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NAIDOC at APS
Aldavilla PS celebrated NAIDOC in the last week of Term 2. Students thoroughly enjoyed the Celebration with special events organised throughout the day. Special thanks to Aunty Esther, Aunty Gladys and Michelle Meehan for their assistance on the day.

Some of the highlights in photos:

**Crunch & Sip**
Mandarins are a convenient fruit to bring for Crunch & Sip. They are juicy but can be less messy than other juicy fruits. They are easy to peel and the segments are easy to separate – perfect for kids! Make the most of the limited mandarin season in late autumn and winter.
Community Partnerships


Articles can be found on the following subjects –
- children with autism
- separation anxiety – including teenagers
- dispelling the myth that teens don’t need parents
- kids who catastrophise
- helping kids be calm

Aldavilla App – An update was made available in the school holidays. Please go to the App Store or Google Playstore to update to the latest version of our App.

Username: community
Password: aldavilla63

Kindergarten Parent & Carer Survey Feedback –
Thank you to those parents who participated in the recent survey. It is a great way to have your say and help us with our planning for future years.
The survey gave us great feedback about communication between school and home which we will take on board in the future. Most parents were happy with the amount of orientation and pre kindy activities, however 87.50% of parents would have liked the option of dropping their child off for these days. All comments in the survey are being looked at by the planning team and we appreciate this constructive feedback.

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

State Cross Country
On Friday 18th July, Serenity C travelled to Homebush to compete in the State PSSA Cross Country Championships.

It is a fantastic effort to reach such a high level and Serenity was able to place 49th in the 11yr Girls event.

Well done Serenity!

Hi everyone, welcome back to Term 3.

We will be kicking off the cooking and gardening in next Week and the recipes for the first fortnight's cooking class. We will be making pizza's primarily with a salad as well.

Volunteers for both the cooking classes and gardening are always wanted, so if you can possibly spare some time, we would love to hear from you.

Photo:
Gus S preparing healthy lunches

Photo below L to R:
Declan D, Kelsey K, Ruby W and Ben L working in the garden

Photo below: Nicholas M caring for the chickens

Aldavilla Athletics Carnival
On Wednesday 25th June, students from K-6 at Aldavilla PS travelled to Services Club Park for our school athletics carnival. The day was a fantastic success with students trying their best in the various events they entered.

Willi were the champion house for 2014. Congratulations to the following students who were crowned age champions for the day:

Emily M (Jnr Girl), Jayden K (Jnr Boy), Serenity C (11yr Girl), Bohdi P (11yr Boy), Summer H (Snr Girl) and Sam D and Isaiah T (tie for Snr Boy champion).

50 students from Aldavilla PS will now compete at the Macleay Athletics Carnival on Friday 25th July. We wish these students all the best.

Canteen Chatterbox
Thank you to the parents/carers who come in each week to help out in our school canteen. Volunteers are still required for Term 3, so if you can possibly give some time to lend a helping hand, it would be much appreciated.

Canteen Roster Term 3

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Premier’s Debating Challenge
On Friday 18th July, the Aldavilla Debating Team participated in two debates via video conference as part of the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The team includes: Heidi L, Lucinda W, Oscar S, Isaiah T, Rosie J and Olivia P. The first debate was against Boambee PS. The topic was: ‘That parents should only allow their children to watch TV on weekends’. The topic for the second debate was: ‘That junk food ads should only be allowed after 9pm.’ The opposing team for that debate was Macksville PS. The topics are secret until a sealed envelope is opened one hour prior to the debate. This gives the children just one hour to independently prepare their case, quite a challenge! Congratulations to the team. They won both debates! Their next debate is Wednesday 23rd July.

Mrs Foulkes

Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition
On Monday 23rd June, four students represented Aldavilla PS at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. They were: Teesha S, Maya W (Years 3/4), Olivia P and Lucinda W (Year 5/6). This competition aims to heighten the awareness of multicultural issues among NSW primary school students. At the same time, it fosters an interest in public speaking, improves confidence and helps students to develop speech-witting skills. Contestants present both a prepared speech and an impromptu speech. For the prepared speech the girls selected the challenging topics: The True Meaning of Australia Day, Racism is Bullying, How Kids Can Make a Difference and Asylum Seekers. They really enjoyed the experience, learnt a great deal and received very positive feedback from the adjudicator. Congratulations!

Drum roll …
Maya Wicks won her division! She will represent Aldavilla PS at the regional final in Coffs Harbour in August.

A special thank you to Danae and the Wicks family for helping out with transport. Your support was greatly appreciated. All the best Maya 😊
Mrs Foulkes

Lake Ainsworth Excursion Years 5 & 6

Monday 11th August to Friday 15th August.

Total cost $300 includes $50 deposit – to be paid by Friday, 25th July.

All Medical & Special Dietary Needs information forms must be returned by Wednesday 30th July.

Times:
Departing time: 6.30am Monday 11th August.
Students MUST be at school no later than 6.15am.

Returning time approx. 6pm on Friday 15th August. A school SMS will be sent at 3.45pm on Friday advising of the approximate time of arrival.

A detailed information note (Note 4) has been sent home to all parent/carers – please ensure you read it carefully as it contains a complete list of everything you need to know, including a detailed packing list.

COMMUNITY NEWS:

DO YOU HAVE A SCHOOL-AGE CHILD 7-11 YEARS OF AGE?

Would you like to earn a $50 Coles Myer gift card for participating in a research study from the comfort of your own home?

If you are interested in participating in this study, you and your child will be asked to complete some questionnaires and a psychological assessment using a home computer with internet access. These questionnaires and the assessment will take between 60-90 minutes to complete (approximately 20-30 minutes for your child, and 40-60 minutes for you). You will have 4 weeks to complete the online questionnaires and assessments.

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO STUTTERS 7-11 YEARS OF AGE?

Would you like to earn a $75 Coles Myer gift card for participating in a research study from the comfort of your own home?

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