Welcome back 2015

On behalf of the staff I would like to welcome all students and families back to an exciting school year. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all families who are joining the Aldavilla community for the first time.

I advised in the first week that we are on the threshold for creating a new class. At this point in time we will continue with the 11 class model; however we are still very close to exceeding the number of students required.

However all families need to be aware that the classes are still temporary at this stage and could change throughout the year if we have new students enrolling.

As previously indicated a final decision will be made and families advised on Wednesday 11 February.

A Term planner is being sent home to all families with dates of the various events that will be held this year. It would be great to see you join us at some or all of the events. We will commence this week with the Parliament badging ceremony and a visit from NRL team – West Tigers.

Our annual swimming carnival (11th Feb) is a great day for all students aged from 8 years (Year 2) onwards and includes competition and novelty events. A highlight on the day is the parent, student, staff relay. The staff are keen to avenge the defeats they suffered last year at the hands of both the Aldavilla parents and the timekeepers from Kempsey High.

Notes have been sent home please return with $5 by Monday 9th Feb to the office.

School Planning & Evaluation

The School Planning & Evaluation process will continue throughout Term 1 and when the final plan is completed it will be available for all parents. Information about the process will be provided in future newsletters and on the school website and App.

Our kitchen and garden program continues this year, but there have been delays to the start date.

Parent Interviews

Parent interviews will be held in Week 5 and parents will be given a choice of days and times to catch up with their child’s teacher(s).

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Community Partnerships

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas: We are a Parenting Ideas School so each fortnight we will publish a tip from parenting guru, Michael Grose and his team of experts. If any parents or carers would like any additional parenting fact sheets please phone or email. Parents and carers also have free access to the monthly magazine available for download. Follow this link www.parentingideas.com.au/Parents/Parenting-Magazine

Hats: The P & C provides each student with a school hat. These hats are worn for any outside activities throughout the day and they remain at school. Any student wishing to play down the back or in unshaded areas before school, also need to bring their own hat from home.

Aldavilla App: Installing the Aldavilla App on your smartphone is a great way to keep up to date with what is going on at school. Urgent notifications and messages will be pushed straight to the App as they arise. The calendar of events, Newsletters and photos will be regularly updated. Don’t forget to go to “settings” and change the Notification Group relevant to your child/ren for the new school year.

Username: community
Password: aldavillaps
School Assemblies: Each fortnight a class (Homebase) hosts a whole school Assembly in the school hall. At these Assemblies we celebrate the achievements of individual and groups of students across the school. All parents and carers are welcome to attend these Assemblies which are normally held at 12.15pm. Please sign in at the office first.

Lunch orders: Children ordering lunches should go to the canteen before school. Natalie, Megan or one of the wonderful volunteers will assist children to fill out the order with their name, Homebase (HB) and order. A student from each Homebase collects the orders for their class at the beginning of lunch. Menus can be obtained from the front office, canteen, school website or App. Specials will be advertised in the Newsletter, website and App.

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

Volunteers Wanted for the Kitchen Garden Program

The success of this unique and exciting program relies on the support of volunteers to work with small groups. There is nothing more satisfying than sharing a delicious meal created with fresh produce that you have grown from seed to harvest. Every week over 190 school children share in this experience as part of the Kitchen Garden Program at Aldavilla Primary School.

You don’t have to be a green thumb or master chef, you just have to love growing food, cooking, contributing to sustainability, or passing on knowledge to the children of our community.

If you would like to volunteer in the kitchen and/or garden, whether for one hour or more a fortnight, we would love to hear from you.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have contributed so much to our students learning – without you it just wouldn’t happen!

The Program runs as indicated on SAKG Timetable 2015. Please phone Aldavilla P S on 6563 1141 or Gaye Duffy on 0427 625 156.

The Department of Education now requires volunteers at schools to provide 100 points of identification if they haven’t volunteered before or during the last 6 months. Please see the office. Thanks

Welcome back to the Kitchen Garden Program for 2015. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break.

2014 was an exciting year for the kitchen garden with students enjoying a variety of fresh seasonal produce that they transformed into many delicious recipes. We look forward to another year of fun and excitement in the kitchen and garden.

Term 1 will see the garden classes for HB7 – 12 resuming on Monday 9th Feb (Week 3) as indicated in the SAKG Timetable 2015. Cooking classes will commence possibly on Monday 23rd February (Week 5) to be confirmed shortly.

SAKG TIMETABLE 2014

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Please note: If we do not have at least 5 adults (including the teacher), students will not be able to cook.
Year 1 classes will be held on Thursdays with HB6, 1 & 2 participating in two classes each term as indicated on the Stage 1 SAKG Plan for 2015 on page 3.

Kindergarten, HB3 & 4 will be participating in one class each term starting term 2 at this stage.

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A note will be sent home prior to cooking with more information and asking for volunteers to assist on the day. **Volunteers are required for this activity to go ahead.**

**Canteen News**

Welcome back everyone. We would like to firstly thank all our helpers that turned up last year, and hope to see your faces again this year. We are now calling out for helpers again.

Being in the canteen is so rewarding and a nice place to be. Whether you can commit to a weekly, fortnightly or even monthly roster, there is no pressure, it all helps. Pop past the canteen and see Nat or Meagan and once we have some names and availabilities we will work on a roster. Some minor changes will happen with the canteen price list so these changes will go out in the coming weeks.

Natalie Weismantel

**Wanted: Second hand school uniforms**

Donations to school of used school shirts/shorts/track pants/skorts for our second hand clothing pool would be much appreciated.
Week 2 Term 1 2015

Kel Wright
B.Bus. CPA
Kel Wright & Co
Certified Practising Accountants
Shop 5, 44 Forth Street
(PO Box 223)
Kempsey NSW 2440
Telephone: 6562 8699
Fax: 6563 1200

Moore Affordable Dog Grooming
Rebecca Moore
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River Street
Early Learning Centre
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Childcare for ages 0-5
269 River Street, Greenhill
0265 625772

Hermitage Dental
Kempsey
Dr. Bruce Coleman
Dr. Damien McIlroy
Dr. Eaan Brown
Dr. Lara Beattie
Seville Coy
Lindi Gill
10 Kemp Street
West Kempsey
65623252

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