Welcome to Term 2, 2015!
It’s going to be a busy term, as you can see by the Coming Events calendar (opposite). Already the term begins with a wrap up of some of the sporting events students have participated in:

North Coast Soccer
Last Friday, Serenity C, Nic H and Bohdi P travelled to Grafton to compete in the North Coast girls and boys soccer trials. They all performed very well and Serenity was successful in gaining selection in the North Coast team. Serenity will now travel to Camden in June to compete in the NSW PSSA State Championships.

Well done to all of you and congratulations to Serenity. Mrs Morrison

Macleay Netball Trials
On Wednesday 22nd April, Olivia P, Serenity C, Shakira S and Hayley T attended the Macleay Netball Trials in Kempsey. Congratulations for having a red hot go, with all girls trialling extremely well on a very hot day and narrowly missing selection in the Lower North Coast team. Miss Matthes

Rugby League
On Thursday 23rd April the Schubert 7’s Rugby League Gala Day was held at Verge St Kempsey. Aldavilla PS entered a team in the Year 5/6 boys tackle, Year 5/6 girls Oz Tag and Year 3/4 boys tackle (non-competitive). All 3 teams played very well on the day and improved as the day went on. Well done to the Year 5/6 Boys team who made it through to the final of their division where they were defeated by Kempsey East. The boys drew one game and won 3 on their way through to the final which was a great effort.

The behaviour and sportsmanship shown by all Aldavilla PS students was fantastic and I would like to thank them for their efforts throughout the day. Mr Fuller

2015 BOOKFAIR - Please come and join us!
We are having a BOOKFAIR from 4th May until 11th May, 2015. Viewing days will be 4th and 5th May during school time. Children will be able to purchase from 8.30am – 8.55am on 6th, 8th and 11th May and 1.15pm until 1.45pm at lunch time on 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th May. There will be no purchases after Monday 11th May. Eftpos or credit card facilities are not available.

MOTHERS DAY STALL
Aldavilla P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Friday 8th May 2015 at the school between 9am and 11am. Gifts will be available for students to purchase and are priced between $1 and $10.

P & C AGM
A reminder that the P & C AGM will be held on Tuesday, 28th April at 6pm in the school library. Pizza and soft drink will be provided and a movie playing to entertain the kids. Everyone is invited, even if you don’t want a position on the P & C, please feel welcome to attend!

Family Occupation & Education Index (FOEI) and Family Contact Information Update
Could you please take the time to review the printouts that were sent out at the end of last term. Please return
Community Partnerships

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas

Lost in concentration: Electronic devices such as tablets and mobile phones are ever present. They are heaps of fun, the source of so much knowledge and a great way to stay in touch with others. The flip side is that their hypnotic effect is powerful so that frequently all our concentration is directed at them rather than our kids.

There are five BIG opportunities available to you as a parent if you choose to be in the moment when you have children.

1. Build their language

Recently, I saw a mother walking side by side with a young toddler playing a simple language game. She would make a sound with her mouth and her young son would mimic her. This is language building at its most natural and finest, and wouldn’t have happened if this mother was on the mobile phone rather than being present with her child. Whether you are with a toddler, primary aged child or a teen the language building opportunities are endless. You just have to focus on the one you are with and let things happen naturally.

2. Teach your children about their world

Most children are naturally curious and will ask lots of questions. “Why do dogs bark?” “Why is the sun round?” “Where do babies come from?” Yes, some are simple, some are hard to answer and some you are just not ready for. But it’s through these simple interactions that you become your child’s first and most important teacher.

3. Impact their thinking

Influential British educator Charles Des Forges says, “If you want to influence your child’s thinking then you need to talk to him. If parents want more influence then they need to talk more to their children.” According to Des Forges it’s through the conversations that parents have with their children that they impact the way they think, as well as influence their values. Nothing kills personal conversation with a child or young person like a mobile device.

4. Build relationships

Relationships are built through common interest, good intent and respectful behaviour. I can think of no better reason for being in the moment with your child than the opportunity it presents to build some common interest and rapport. It’s reassuring to know that you’ve made plenty of deposits of goodwill to draw on, particularly in the tricky teenage years.

5. Build memories for you

As a parent of adult children I now treasure the memories of times I was fortunate to have spent with them as young children. It’s strange how these memories resurface at the most unexpected time. Recently, I was in a supermarket and I remembered the time when I enthusiastically asked my youngest, who was three at the time, to get the box of cereal with the big red K. Off she went feeling all important and returned with a triumphant smile armed with a box of dog food.

“Thanks darling. Nearly!” was my reply desperate not to quell the enthusiasm to help that only a three year old can have. The key to positively influencing your kids, building strong relationships and building enough fond memories to last a lifetime is to make sure that your mind is where your body is and be fully present when you are with your kids.

ANZAC Day

It was fantastic to see all the students attend the ANZAC Day March on Saturday. Aldavilla PS was very well represented. A big thank you to Mrs Jan Heffeman (Granny) for making our poppies. They looked great. Also a thank you to Ms Giorgi, Mrs Anderson, Mr Fuller, Miss McNamara, Miss Matthes, Mrs James, Miss Katie, Miss Clarke and Mrs Dufty for marching with the students. Thank you also to our parents/carers and P & C representatives who marched proudly with the students.

Easter Raffle winners

The winners of our P & C Easter Raffle were:

Ann Harman 1st prize
Mel Fraser 2nd prize
Kahlia B 3rd prize

Easter Hat Parade winners

HB 1 Tyler AHB2 Raymond C
HB3 Wella SHB4 Ewan S
HB6 Arielle KHB7 Ava J
HB8 Winter BHB9 Conner B
HB10 Callum JHB11 Teesha S
HB12 Joel B

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

Above: APS students at our school ANZAC Service.
Below: Proudly marching at the Commemorative Service held in Kempsey on Anzac Day.

Photo (right):
Ella O & Kiara S

Easter Hat Parade winners
Welcome Back Kitchen Garden Program - Term 2  
PIZZA & PASTA

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. 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 200 school children share in this experience as part of the Kitchen Garden Program at Aldavilla Primary School. Volunteers are vital for this program to run successfully so if you know of anyone interested in helping in the kitchen and/or garden please ask them to pop into the office and collect and complete the necessary paperwork required to volunteer in schools.

Just a reminder to make sure you have checked with the office before coming to cooking or garden classes that you have completed all necessary requirements - "Working with Children Check Declaration Form" along with the "100 Point Proof of Identity."

The Department of Education now requires volunteers at schools to provide 100 points of identification if they haven't volunteered before or during the past 6 months. If you have already supplied required documents please check at office that it is current. Please bring your proof of identity for the 100 point ID, prior to your volunteer day if possible, to complete all documentation requirements to allow volunteer work within the school.

We are hoping to see everyone back with their respective classes for a lot of fun.

Kempsey Show
Aldavilla Primary School supported the show society this year with a contribution of some of our wonderful kitchen garden photographs, artificial grass for the shelving and our school fencelip to enhance the Kempsey Show’s Produce Section display. Our school also entered many of the produce sections with vegetables and herbs from our school garden.

The results were as follows:
- 4 Capsicum – 2nd Prize
- 3 Different Varieties of Chillies – 1st Prize
- Schools Collection of up to 6 vegies – 1st Prize
- 4 Carrots – 1st Prize
- 6 different vegetables grown locally – 1st Prize
- Collection of Kitchen Herbs – 1st Prize
- 6 Escallop – 2nd Prize
- 3 onions with Tops – 1st Prize
- Champion sash

2015 SELECTION PROCEDURES RELATING TO YEAR 5 OPPORTUNITY CLASS PLACEMENT IN 2016.
Government schools use a range of strategies to meet the educational needs of gifted and talented students. One strategy is opportunity class placement which provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students. All applications must be made online by going to the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement
Online applications open on Monday 27th April and close on Friday 15th May 2015. For further information regarding Opportunity Class Placement, please contact the Principal.

Stewart House Donation Drive Friday 8th May 2015
Your donation supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools across NSW and the ACT. Please place your donation in the envelope attached and complete entry details on the back of the envelope to be in the running for a $4000 LED miniature torches are available for sale in the school office for $3 each. All proceeds raised go to Stewart House.

Years 5 & 6 Excursion to Canberra AND Year 3 & 4 Excursion to GABC
All places have been filled on both excursions. We are however compiling a waiting list if you want your child to go on the waiting list, $50 cash deposit and permission note can still be paid to the school office. Please continue making regular payments. Final payment for the Great Aussie Bush Camp excursion is due by Friday 29th May, 2015.

Canteen Roster for Term 1

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Community News

Frederickton Golf Club Sub Junior Program
All boys and girls invited to come and learn to play golf. $25 annual membership. Learn to Play Wednesdays 4-5pm. Junior 6 Hole Competition - Saturdays 8.30am to 11.30am.

Understanding and Supporting Children with Anxiety
Free workshop 29th April 9am to 3pm at Macleay Coast Christian Outreach Centre. Phone 6651 2366 or email Bronwyn.monaghan@northcott.com.au to register

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