Welcome to 2016
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our existing families and especially to our new families who are commencing at Aldavilla this year. We will have one of the largest Kindergarten intakes with over 50 students expected to start this year.

Our canteen has been re-painted, developed a new menu and has a new supervisor, Madonna Stokes. Please contact the office if you can volunteer for part of the day or if you would like to volunteer for a set day each week.

We have several new staff, with Mr Toby O’Brien joining us this year and many familiar faces continuing at Aldavilla PS. This year parent interviews will be held in Weeks 5&6 – from 22 February – 4 March. Each class will send home information about these interviews. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions or if you have additional information that they will require before those interviews.

Kitchen & Garden lessons kick off next week and as always there is plenty of fun to be had by anyone who can volunteer; remember that this invitation is for all of our school community. You do not need to have children at the school to join in, we always welcome extended family members and friends, however there are some forms and proof of ID which needs to be completed prior to volunteering.

Our goal this year is to continue our focus on reading comprehension, numeracy and supporting each and every individual student. To communicate with parents and the community we will be using our newsletter, website and the school app and investigating how we might utilise social media to enhance the information we can provide.

Positive Behaviour for Learning:
Dizzy Lizzy country Store will be donating a weekly prize of a $5.00 voucher to be spent at the store again this year. Each week one lucky student will be drawn out to receive a voucher for displaying Positive Behaviour. Thank you to Elizabeth for this donation.

School Assemblies: Each fortnight a class (Homebase) hosts a whole school Assembly in the school hall. At these Assemblies we celebrate the achievements of individuals 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.

APS Swimming carnival – Wednesday 10th February
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 10th February, 2016 at the Kempsey McElhone Pool.

The carnival will commence at 9.30am and transport will be by bus. The cost is $5 per student which includes bus and pool entry.

Children in Years 3 to 6 as well as Year 2 children who will turn 8 this year (born in 2008) will participate in the swimming carnival. Parents are encouraged to attend and support their children while they participate in swimming and novelty events.

An Information and Consent note has been issued to your child/ren if eligible to participate in the carnival.
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. A selection of fact sheets can be found in the office foyer.

Hats: The P & C provides each student with a school hat on enrolment. These hats are worn for any outside activities throughout the day and they remain at school. Replacement hats can be purchased for $15. Students wishing to play in unshaded areas before school also need to bring their own hat from home.

Uniforms: School uniforms can be purchased from the canteen between 8.30 – 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays. Orders can be left at the office or canteen outside these times. Order forms are available from the school website, app, office and canteen.

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 banking with the Commonwealth Bank:
School Banking is a fun, interactive and engaging way for young Australians to learn about money and develop good savings habits.

Jessica will continue to volunteer as our banking coordinator and banking day will remain on Wednesday. More information will be included in the next newsletter about prizes for 2016.

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

Kitchen Garden Program 2016
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.

Please consider volunteering in our Kitchen Garden Program.

Week 3:

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Cheers, Gaye Dufty

How does your garden grow?
Beautiful fresh produce from the garden in 2015

Photos above: HB4 Cooking class Term 4
The Canteen is going GREEN!
With a new look mural and a refresh inside, the Canteen is up and running for 2016.
In line with the whole school approach to living well and being healthy, there are some new items on the menu and a few of the old favourites have been revamped, using premium quality ingredients. Weekly Specials will also be available. A copy of the new Menu is included with this newsletter.

There will be a price increase for some items, eg. the popular CHICKEN NUGGETS have been replaced with a much larger size product made from better quality chicken. We will be striving to source healthy produce through local suppliers and would love to hear from any within the school community.

Providing fresh food with lots of variety requires lots of preparation and we are seeking volunteers. Please come in and even if you can only spare an hour, your help will be greatly appreciated. The students love to see a familiar face and you may have a favourite recipe you’d like to share.

Care of Students Who Become Unwell at School
Students who become unwell at school are best transferred to the care of a parent or caregiver. The aim of care provided at school for such students is to make them comfortable in the interim. If your child is not well, please keep them at home. Remember to notify the school office or your child’s teacher by a telephone call or note if absent from school.

Farewell Year 6 2015
We extend a fond farewell to our Year 6 Class of 2015 who were farewelled at a Graduation Dinner last December. We wish you all the best for your high school years.

COMMUNITY NEWS
Kempsey Saints Football Club
U6’s free Introductory Training Sessions, Wed 10th, 17 & 24th February. 3.30pm at St Joseph’s school oval.
2016 Rego Day Saturdays 13th & 20th Feb 10am-1pm
and Wednesdays 17 & 24th Feb 4pm-6pm.

Kempsey Family Support – Bringing Up Great Kids
Free 6 week program begins 10th Feb 10am to 12.30pm.
Phone 6563 1588

UPPER MACLEAY YOWIES SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATION 2016
We are looking for any interested players, and hope to form teams for all age groups. Children as young as 4 can play – they must turn 5 in 2016. We are seeking players for senior Mens and Womens teams - those that turn 15 by 1st of May can play for the senior teams.

Registration day will be at the Willawarrin Oval this Saturday 6th Feb, from 12:30pm until 3:30 pm. Please come along and register so that we can start to formulate our teams. Training begins mid-March, the competition runs from mid April until the end of August.

Please ring Deb Kibble, (Junior Team Co-ordinator) on 65671172, or 0434111362 any time for enquiries.