Positive Behaviour for Learning
Congratulations to Charlotte W from HB 6 and Emily H from HB 11 (pictured below) for displaying Positive Behaviour and winning a $5.00 voucher from Dizzy Lizzy Country Store.

Staffing & Enrolments
Thank you for all of the accurate information that was provided by families at the end of last year. As a result we have 302 students currently enrolled at the school. They have been placed into classes from HB1 - HB12. Although they are quite fluid for the first few weeks of this Term, it is expected that these classes will remain as they are for the remainder of the year.

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Ground Improvements
As part of our recent maintenance spend, we were able to remove the broken retaining wall outside HB5 & 6. As a result we were subsequently able to extend the concrete pathway removing what had been a terrible bottleneck in the playground. This will create a safer walkway access through the playground. The work was carried out by contractors last week.

Coming Events for Term 1 2016
- 17.2.16 Macleay Swimming Carnival
- 18.2.16 Macleay Boys Cricket trials
- 19.2.16 HB12 Assembly 12.15pm Scripture commences for HB5, 6, 8 & 9
- 22.2.16 Parent/teacher Interviews commence
- 23.2.16 APS PSSA Cricket team v Frederickton P.S.
- 24.2.16 LNC PSSA Swimming
- 25.2.16 LNC PSSA Boys Cricket
- 01.3.16 Macleay Boys/Girls Soccer P & C AGM 6pm
- 03.3.16 LNC PSSA Tennis
- 04.3.16 HB11 Assembly LNC PSSA Basketball
- 07.3.16 North Coast Cricket
- 09.3.16 North Coast Swimming

Photos above and right:
Before and after shots of the new pathway

HB13 - Multi Purpose Technology Centre
At this stage we have changed the way we are using the computer lab, focusing on providing a wider variety of opportunities more closely linked to learning. This impacts on the way the lab has been used at lunchtimes, but broadens the activities students can participate in.

Over the next few weeks we will be finishing our projects using the Mindstorm lego, We-Do Lego and Bee-Bot robots. These items will be returned to Smithtown PS who kindly let us borrow their equipment as part of a MECS Agreement.

After we return the equipment, we will need to decide if we will purchase our own robotics lego.
A group of students have been using the websites “hour of code” and “blockly” to investigate coding. Some of these students have been trialling an Arduino programming kit with a Galileo micro computer.

The recent arrival of a school 3D printer will provide some additional directions for students to investigate throughout the year.

Please contact the school if you would like more information about any of the technology topics listed for exploration this year.

Parent – Teacher Interviews
These will be held in Week 5 & 6 of this term, starting from February 22. Each classroom teacher will be sending home booking sheets and has been allocated a day to get the bulk of their interviews done. The idea of the interviews is to provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet, discuss goals and aspirations for the child, update any specific information e.g. Health and gain an insight into how the classroom will be operating.

Each interview has a 15 minute period allocated. Whilst we need to stick to the time limit for this meeting, we understand that some parents may require more time to discuss specific issues. If that is the case please contact your classroom teacher or advise them in your interview that you would like a follow up or additional meeting.

Teachers are available at any time throughout the year for further interviews and have allocated days of the week where they have their RFF (relief from face to face teaching), or are often available before and after school. Please contact the office and we can organise a mutually convenient time.

David Munday
Principal

The Canteen is going GREEN!
The students have reacted positively to the changes at the Canteen and sales are booming. In order to supply a variety of fresh wholesome choices daily, WE REQUIRE VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY.
There are many different tasks that you can undertake: cooking and baking, cutting up fresh fruit and vegetables, making up snack cups and frozen goodies, picking produce from the gardens and even sourcing new recipes. The canteen is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm and you can work whenever you are able during these times.
Please come in to see Madonna at the canteen or phone 6563 1141 or email: madonnastokes@yahoo.com.au.

Community Partnerships
School Banking
School Banking Day is Wednesday. Students can drop bank books to the office on Monday, Tuesday or early Wednesday morning.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

In 2015 the school received over $200 in commission, which went towards valuable resources for our school.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas:
One way to help your child achieve at school is to work together with your child’s teacher. The parent-teacher partnership takes work from both sides to become a reality. Here are some ideas that will help. There’s no doubt that the best outcomes for kids happen when teachers and parents work together to support children’s learning. Here are 5 ways you can work with your child’s teacher to maximise your child’s chances of school success.

1. Know what your child’s teacher is trying to achieve
Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

2. Keep your expectations reasonable and positive
The trick is to keep your aspirations for your child in line with their ability and their interests.

3. Support your teacher’s expectations & activities at home
One practical way of supporting your child is to take a real interest in their home-based learning tasks and follow the guidelines laid out by teachers.

4. Send kids to school ready to learn and on time
Maximise your child’s chances of success by sending them to school in a good frame of mind, with plenty of sleep and a good breakfast. Also make sure they get to school on time. It’s estimated that many kids miss up to two weeks of school a year when they are routinely late by just five minutes a day.

5. Inform teachers of your child’s challenges and changes
Life’s not always smooth sailing for kids. Family circumstances can alter. Friends move away. Illness happens. These changes affect learning. Make sure you keep your child’s teacher up-to-date with significant changes or difficulties your child experiences, so he or she can accommodate their emotional and learning needs at school.

Kindergarten 2016

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

Kitchen Garden Program 2016
The Trading Table operates every Thursday afternoon located at the schools’ front gate.

HELPERS needed for Gardening classes from 1.50pm Monday to Thursday. Please see Ben or Gaye or just turn up.

Cooking and gardening has kicked off for 2016. Thank you to all the volunteers already helping out with their child’s classes. The Kitchen Garden Timetable has been sent home.

WANTED: A selection of toys, approx. 8 x 10cm in size: cattle (beef & dairy), bullocks & cart, native animals, old style truck, trees
Also wanted: dried coloured lentils or red kidney beans

FRUIT & VEG SENSE WORKSHOP “Eat it to Beat It” to be held on Friday March 11th from 9am to 10.30am in the train.
• Save time and money making healthy meals
• Learn clever ways to entice fussy eaters
• Get a free recipe book by attending

Scripture
Children in HB5, HB6, HB8 and HB9 will be participating in Scripture lessons every Friday. If you DO NOT want your child to participate in scripture, please send a note into the school office as soon as possible.

2016 Parliament
Congratulations to our Parliament leaders who were officially recognised at a badging ceremony held at the school on 5th February. Special Guest was Mr Mark Morrison, the 2016 Macleay Citizen of the Year.

Photo above: Parliament Badging Assembly 5th February, 2016

APS Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 10th February, Aldavilla PS held their annual swimming carnival. The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the increased participation from students across all age levels. It was fantastic to see so many students getting in and doing their best in a number of different races.

Congratulations to the following students who were age champions on the day:
Jnr Girls: Satrey Clancy, 11 Years Girls: Felina Lindner and Ella O’Neill (tied), Snr Girls: Ellie Barbour
Jnr Boys: Tom Powick, 11 Years Boys: Matt Powick, Snr Boys: Jake Worthing
23 students from Aldavilla PS will take part in the Macleay Swimming Carnival to be held in Kempsey on Wednesday 17th February. We wish these competitors the best of luck.

Photos in next issue of Aldavilla Announcer!

Parent Online Payments
We now have a new online payment portal linked to our school’s website to make it easier for parents/carers to pay for school related payments. The online payment portal is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

School related expenses such as Voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students, sport and creative art costs are just some of the expenses that can be paid via the secure online portal.

Click on “Make a Payment” and follow the prompts to make a payment via Visa or Mastercard.

An information sheet is attached to this newsletter. Any further queries, please contact the School Administration Manager.