Alstonville High School Newsletter

Developing future citizens and leaders of the community – life long learning!

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Alstonville High School

Our community values integrity in all aspects of life

Values
We value and support:
• A positive, healthy and safe learning environment
• Respectful attitudes and actions
• Diversity
• Pursuit of personal excellence
• Service to community
• Team work
• Quality learning and teaching
• Initiative, leadership and self-discipline

Learning
We aspire to be:
• Life-long learners
• Creative and critical thinkers
• Effective communicators
• Skilled in literacy and numeracy
• Independent and organised
• Competent and innovative with technology
• Environmentally, socially and culturally informed
• Caring and compassionate

Educational Idea for the week – student reflection
Research indicates that whenever individuals engage with structured reflection it can improve engagement and performance with an area of learning and/or application of learning. When we think about what structured reflection requires us to do it is pretty evident why this is the case.

Structured reflection requires us to try and define what it is that we are trying to achieve. When we do this we are in fact establishing a goal. Once we have determined what it is that we wish to achieve then the next logical step is to define what this looks like in its best form. I often ask students to try and define what quality learning means and what it might look like in a particular class or subject area. This can make for a very interesting conversation. The next logical step is for students to consider what they can do to contribute to the quality learning process.

Once students have engaged with this kind of reflection then this gives them a framework or a process to build on each day, or at least at regular intervals. There is a lot to be said for students spending five or ten minutes of an afternoon or evening going back over their schedule for the day and reflecting on how they contributed to their quality learning. I encourage them to ask questions like:

• Were they prepared for their lessons – did they do the preparation, did they have the necessary equipment, did they talk about areas where they were uncertain with other students, parents or the teacher, did they ask good questions in class?
• What might they look to improve on next time?
• How might what they did during the day relate to life out of school – what is the bigger picture? If they can’t work this out, who can they discuss this with?

The other consideration for students is to ask them to write down these questions and some of their thoughts or convert some of these questions and ideas into pictures or diagrams – make a visual summary or record. We are more likely to follow through with ideas if we make a visual record of our ideas and plans. One of the appealing aspects of this kind of reflective process is that it is also a way for students to position themselves to take ownership and responsibility for their learning. The short term goals should be able to link to our students’ dreams or hopes for the future.

Parking safety at the front of the school
The front of our school can be a very crowded and busy place, particularly at the start and end of the school day (and even more so when it is raining). We also have limited parking. It is very important that we all work together to ensure the safety of everyone using this area, particularly our students. Recently
there have been some changes to the signage and parking conditions on the street. It is very important that anyone using this area is aware of what the various signs mean. Ballina Shire Council has provided some information about parking for Alstonville High School which follows with this newsletter. There are heavy fines for parking in the wrong places.

Students can also be dropped off on Coral Street and make their way to the school via the walkway. They can also be dropped off at the top of Cawley Close and walk down the pathway that runs between the units. There is also a path to the school from the end of Main Street past PJ Oval and through the school farm. Students can bring rain jackets or umbrellas to school to use during rainy weather.

The P&C is holding discussions with Ballina Shire Council to explore the possibility of improving facilities at the front of the school.

Future directions for the use of technology at Alstonville High School – a forum about the possibility of moving to a Bring Your Own Device model

We would like to invite interested parents to attend a forum at Alstonville High School to start at 4.45pm on Tuesday 19th August to discuss the possibility of us moving to a Bring Your Own Device policy for all students. The forum will be held in the school hall and tea and coffee will be provided. To help with organisation we would appreciate if anyone wishing to attend could indicate by completing a quick online registration form that can be accessed by using the following hyperlink: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ST36J2Q

New Lockers

We have ordered more new lockers and they will be in the school soon. Those families who have already indicated they want to use one of the new lockers will be contacted and then we will make the rest of the new lockers available for other families.

Movie night: The Hundred Foot Journey

This will be held on Sunday 17th August at 6:30pm at the Ballina Fair Cinema. AREA is hosting a movie night to help raise to support Bruce Fleming’s ongoing employment at Alstonville High School. Tickets are $20 and this price includes wine or juice and snacks before the show. All money raised goes towards funding Bruce Fleming’s work at Alstonville High School. Tickets are available from Alstonville High School, Alstonville Anglican Church, Alstonville Baptist Fellowship, Alstonville Uniting Church or Wollongbar Crossroads Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to our soccer players

Congratulations must go to our girls and boys soccer teams for some recent stellar performances. The girls recently took out the regional title and are waiting to find out who they will be playing for the next round. At the end of last term our boys team won in extra time against Homebush Boys High School making it to the top eight in the state. Next week they play Lambton in Alstonville in hopes of going forward to the next round. Congratulations to both of these teams!

Year 10 to 11 Information Night

Last Thursday we held our Year 10 to 11 Information Night. This was a great night and well attended with over 700 parents and students. If you missed this night and you have a child going into Year 11 in 2015 please feel free to contact the school for information.

School fees and Invoices

As families may be aware at the end of last year we started to use a new financial management system. We are trialling the introduction of this system for the whole state and there have been some technical issues that we have needed to work through.

Invoicing for school contributions and elective fees is one area where we have not yet achieved a satisfactory product. As a result we have not sent out invoices.

We still require the income from school contributions and elective fees so that we can continue to purchase the resources we need to deliver quality learning experiences to our students. Many families have paid contributions and elective fees. At the end of this newsletter is a reminder about the various contributions and elective fees and we would encourage all families to make the appropriate payments to the school whilst we work to achieve a better invoicing system. Parents may also phone the school to pay with a credit card or use the slip provided with details and send into school with your child.

Thank you for your support of our students.

David Silcock
Principal

Sport News

Apologies Re: Alstonville High School Athletics Carnival Newsletter Article

We would like to submit a correction for an error in the last Alstonville High School Newsletter Issue 9 (Dated 18th June, 2014). The reporting of the Annual Athletics Carnival failed to acclaim Year 10 student Ben Hudson as the 15yrs Boys Age Champion. Apologies to Ben Hudson and Liam Corney of Year 9, who was mistakenly reported as the 15yrs Boys Age Champion.

We would also like to commend Year 8 student Jordan Coughran who achieved a new record in the 13years Boys High Jump of 1.57m (old record Joey Fittock 1.55, 2009). Apologies to all 3 boys for the mistakes.
Football
Alstonville High Schools Open Boys Football Team recently defeated Coffs Harbour High School to finish as North Coast Champions in 2014. Congratulations to the following boys who will be awarded with certificates at the upcoming whole school assembly:

  Michael Blackler, Mitch Braby, Reece Bramley, Jason Campbell, Mark Eason, Zak Iliffe, Sam Kerry, Cody Lawrence, Kael Little, Mitchell Pearce, Jack Scarlett, Liam Stevenson, Liam Stewart, Zamin Tselepy and Anthony Wright

Waterpolo
Congratulations to two of our athletes Jade Cusack yr10 and Daniel Sawyer yr9, who recently competed at the Pan Pacific Games in New Zealand and attended a regional tour of Rotorua from 4th to 14th July 2014. Both students enjoyed the experience and should be proud of their efforts. Jade is a member of the NSWCHS 15yrs team that finished 7th out of 28 teams and Daniel Sawyer is a member of the NSWCHS 15yrs boys team that finished 8th out of 28 teams. Well done!

North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships
The North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships were held at Kempsey Racecourse on Friday 6th June, 2014. Year 9 student Gabrielle Stanek won the 15 Years Girls race in a sprint finish and six of our students made the North Coast team and will compete at the NSWCHS Cross Country Championships on Friday 18th July at Eastern Creek Raceway:

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Congratulations to the following students who made the long drive to Kempsey to compete at the NSWCHS North Coast Regional Cross Country Championships:

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NSW All-Schools Cross Country Championships
Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the NSW All-Schools Cross Country Championships. These championships were held in cold conditions at Eastern Creek Raceway on Friday 18th July. All our students ran well in the face of big fields and strong competition.
Gymnastics
Congratulations to Sarah Alcorn of year 9 for being selected in the North Coast Open Girls Gymnastics team. This is the third year in a row that Sarah has been successful in her selection into the North Coast Gymnastics team. Sarah will continue to train hard before travelling to compete at the NSWCHS State Gymnastics Championships held at Glendale from the 4th to the 6th of August.

Northern Rivers Zone Athletics
The Northern Rivers Zone Athletics Carnival was held at Riverview Park, South Lismore on Friday, 20th June. The weather was fine and the track was dry, perfect conditions for an Athletics Carnival. The Alstonville High School Athletics team with 55 students had 32 qualify for the Northern Coast Regional Athletics Carnival that will be held at the Coffs Harbour International Sports Stadium on Friday, 1st August 2014.

Alstonville High also had two age champions, with Anna Margraf 13yrs Girls Age Champion and Gabrielle Stanek 15yrs Girls Age Champion.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to support the team and drive students and also to all the students who represented the school with great results and behaviour. Congratulations and good luck to the following students representing the Northern Rivers Zone at the North Coast Regional Athletics Championships:

**Girls**

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*Paul Francis / Sports Organiser*

**Wollongbar TAFE Awards of Excellence 2014**
As mentioned in our previous Parent Newsletter at the end of Term 2, we were extremely proud of four of our TAFE/TVET students in Year 12 on receiving Awards of Excellence in their chosen TAFE area against all local high school students. As well as Tarra-Lee Nankervis (School Based Apprentice of the Year for Beauty Therapy), we had three other award recipients on the night. Jamira Kelly-TVET Student of the Year for Aviation Flight Operations, Tamika Webster-TVET Student of the Year for Automotive Mechanical and Zac Bennett School Based Apprentice of the Year for Electrotechnology. Congratulations on your outstanding achievements in vocational learning. Our apologies that due to a lack of TAFE to school communication before the awards event meant that a school representative missed out on attending on the night to support our students.

*Jamira Kelly         Tamika Webster         Zac Bennett*

*Karen Horne / Careers Adviser*

**Careers News**
1) Commencing next Monday 28th July, I will be completing post school Year 12 Careers Chats during weeks 3 - 5. Two students per period will be scheduled to come to my office (generally during study periods to minimise class disruptions). A copy of the timetable will be issued during English lessons on Monday. This term we will also have SCU, UNE and Griffith University visiting. So keep an eye out in the Daily Bulletin for dates and times.

2) New FREE and informative resource for parents and students to access - a School Careers website for lots of Careers information - Unis, VET, Work Experience, Resumes, Finding a job, Youth Allowance and much more: Visit [www.alstonvillehighcareers.com](http://www.alstonvillehighcareers.com)

3) TAFE/TVET applications have arrived and will be due back to Ms Horne by Week 9 to allow time to be signed and sent to TAFE. Forms can be handed in as soon as they are completed to avoid missing out on the end of term deadline. I have a copy of all students Board of Studies numbers which I can add after they reach me. Students need to complete/sign relevant sections. Parents should also sign the Parent section for government school students.

*Karen Horne / Careers Adviser*
Alstonville High School
Vision Support Fundraiser – Casual Day
Thursday 31st July 2014

NAIDOC Assembly Term 2
P&C, Canteen & Uniform News

Our next P&C meeting is this Wednesday 23rd July at 7pm in the staff common room. Please come along and find out what is happening in your child’s school.

The P&C requires a new Treasurer.

If you are able to help please contact Annette McGrath on 66291678

Canteen and Uniform News

The winter months are upon us and we are short of volunteers. Can you help? If you can spare a day or a few hours, please ring Robynne on 66281797

Uniform Shop

❖ Hours open 8-10am Monday Wednesday and Friday for general uniform and stationery needs

Year 10 Graduation Polo Shirt.
Receipts are now available in the canteen.

Bucket Hats now in stock $6.00

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast BBQ

This year our farewell Breakfast will be on Friday 19th September.

We desperately need year 11 families to help us with organising this event. Donations of fruit and flowers would be gratefully received.

All enquiries to Wendy Hoven 66285265
The event your students cannot afford to miss!

The 10th annual Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) is the most comprehensive and longest running event of its kind in Australia. Students from years 10, 11 and 12 are invited to meet one-on-one and discuss their study, career and employment options with representatives from around 110 exhibitors.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 July 2014
Exhibition Building, Ballina Showgrounds
11am – 4pm

Free wellbeing sessions:
> Universities from around Australia and Overseas
> Representatives from all faculties at UNSW, UOW and UNITEC
> Australian Education Providers
> TAFE institutes
> Defence Forces
> Government Agencies
> Taxation services
> Trade and Apprenticeships
> Registered Educational Pathways
> Private career colleges
> Post graduate course info

Find the full exhibitor listing, student worksheet, seminar timetable and competition details at:
www.CareersEvent.com

Bridges to Higher Education Parents and Community Information Afternoon

Students and their parents, families, schools and community representatives are invited to the Bridges to Higher Education Parents and Community Information Afternoon on Wednesday 30 July 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

The Information Session will include an opportunity to hear from our speakers regarding higher education and studying options available.

Representatives from Bridges to Higher Education will provide valuable information about the benefits of higher education for the whole community, and the pathways into higher education, including:
- Subjects and course options
- Financial support and FEE-HELP
- Methods of study
- Transition options between TAFE and University
- Accommodation and support

Alstonville Religious Education Association presents

The Hundred Foot Journey
Sunday 17th August at 6:30pm, Ballina Fair Cinema
Tickets - $20. Includes wine or juice and nibbles before the show.

All money raised goes towards funding Bruce Fleming’s work at Alstonville High School.

Tickets available from Alstonville High School, Alstonville Anglican Church, Alstonville Baptist Fellowship, Alstonville Uniting Church or Wollongbar Crossroads Presbyterian Church.

Lismore Tennis Centre
82 Dillons Rd, Lismore

We offer:
- ANZ Hot Shots
- Private Lessons
- School Sport
- Junior & Adult Social Games
- Tournament Squash
- Court Hire

Free court, racquet & ball hire (between 3.30-5.30pm Mon-Fri)

Call 0419 146 190 for more information
ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

School contributions 2014

Rationale
We strive to provide a diverse and well resourced curriculum for our students. A significant part of that resource is provided by government. This contribution does not allow us to deliver the rich tapestry of learning activities and resources we believe our students deserve.

To allow this to happen we have developed a general contribution and elective fee structure. It offers great value. Our fees are very reasonable. The full financial support of parents/carers is an essential component of the school’s budget. Students who do not pay subject fees may be denied participation in the full range of learning activities and enrolment in elective courses may be reviewed.

It is not the aim of the school to disadvantage students in anyway. However, payment of fees is crucial. If you find you are unable to pay subject fees because of financial hardship, please contact our School Administrative Manager (Mrs Wendy Tolland) so we can arrange terms of payment or other financial support.

In 2014, we are inviting people to prepay for the school magazine which will be invoiced with the fees of your eldest child. This is optional, but secures you a copy of the “Up Close” whole school magazine that captures the year’s events and special occasions of Alstonville High School. This is published in November.

Good communication helps us to help your students.

Types of contributions:
1. General School Contributions

   General school contribution (Voluntary)
   Junior Student $73.00 Years 7-10
   Senior Student $85.00 Years 11-12

   These can be paid in instalments

   When more than one student in a family attends Alstonville High School there is a reduction in the general contribution of 20% for every extra sibling who attends the school.

2. Special Subject Materials Contributions: These contributions cover the cost of consumable items in such subjects as Food Technology, Industrial Technology and Visual Arts.

3. In addition we request parents to pay an annual textbook contribution of $30.00 per student, which is non-refundable.

   Textbook contribution
   Compulsory - to be paid annually. $30.00 per student

   Special materials contribution

   Year 7 - Students do all these subjects:
   *Technology (Food & Textiles) .......................................................... $30.00 per year
   Visual Arts ................................................................. $25.00 per year
   Music ................................................................. $18.00 per year
   Technology (Industrial Arts) .................................................. $20.00 per year
   Language ................................................................. $5.00 per year
   Student Diary (Mandatory) .......................................................... $5.00 per year
   Total ................................................................. $103.00
Year 8 - Students do all these subjects

*Technology (Food & Textiles) ................................................................. $30.00 per year
Visual Arts ............................................................................................... $25.00 per year
Music ........................................................................................................ $18.00 per year
*Technology (Industrial Arts) ................................................................. $20.00 per year

Total ......................................................................................................... $93.00

Year 9

*Food Technology .................................................................................. $50.00 per year
*Textiles Technology ............................................................................. $30.00 per year
Visual Arts ............................................................................................... $35.00 per year
Music ........................................................................................................ $20.00 per year
*Industrial Technology – Timber ............................................................ $30.00 per year
*Industrial Technology – Electronics ...................................................... $30.00 per year
*Industrial Technology – Metal ............................................................... $30.00 per year
*Industrial Technology – Multi Media .................................................... $20.00 per year
*Graphics Technology ............................................................................ $20.00 per year
*Design & Technology ............................................................................ $20.00 per year
Drama ...................................................................................................... $15.00 per year

Year 10

*Food Technology .................................................................................. $50.00 per year
*Textiles Technology ............................................................................. $30.00 per year
Visual Arts ............................................................................................... $35.00 per year
Music ........................................................................................................ $20.00 per year
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YEAR 11

*Food Technology .................................................................................. $50.00 per year
*Textiles & Design ................................................................................ $30.00 per year
**Visual Arts .......................................................................................... $40.00 per year
Music ........................................................................................................ $20.00 per year
Hospitality – Food (VET) ..................................................................... $80.00 per year
Chef’s Uniform & Tool Kit hire ............................................................. $20.00 per year
**Industrial Technology – Wood Products & Furniture Industries ....... $30.00 per year

**Industrial Technology – Multi Media ................................................ $20.00 per year
Construction VET ................................................................................ $50.00 per year
Drama ...................................................................................................... $15.00 per year
**Design & Technology ....................................................................... $20.00 per year
Metals & Engineering VET ................................................................. $50.00 per year

Year 12

*Food Technology .................................................................................. $40.00 per year
*Textiles & Design ................................................................................ $20.00 per year
**Visual Arts .......................................................................................... $40.00 per year
Music ........................................................................................................ $20.00 per year
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**Industrial Technology – Wood Products & Furniture Industries ...... $30.00 per year
**Industrial Technology – Multi Media................................................. $20.00 per year
Information Processes & Technology................................................... $20.00 per year
Design & Technology ......................................................................... $20.00 per year

* Or all goods and equipment must be brought from home in order to take part in the lesson.

** Where major projects require materials beyond the scope of normal classroom activities, they must be purchased by the students.

Band membership .............................................................................. $20.00/family/year
Band instrument hire........................................................................... $20.00 per year
ROAD SAFETY AROUND ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Council would like to ensure that no child is injured or killed whilst travelling to and from school.

School zones are areas where there is a lot of interaction between vehicles and pedestrians. Younger road users can behave unpredictably and are considered to be vulnerable road users. Their age and lack of experience means it sometimes difficult for them to judge dangerous situations.

To improve road safety around your school, we need your assistance.

Illegal parking in school zones puts young road user’s safety at risk. If you are a parent or carer, please ensure you follow the road rules around schools. Allow enough time to drop off and pick up your children, without rushing. Often it is less stressful and safer to park a little bit further away from the school gate and walk to drop off or collect your child.

Familiarise yourself with the parking restrictions around your school, look out for signage and teach your child [ren] to be safe around traffic.

School zones operate between 8-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm on school days only. Remember the speed limit is 40km/h in all school zones.

To avoid traffic congestion around your school, parents are being asked to encourage bus travel and for families to consider walking or cycling to and from school.

Around Alstonville High School

- NO STOPPING means you cannot stop in this area for any reason.
- BUS ZONE means you must not stop or park in bus zones unless you are driving a bus.
- NO PARKING means you can stop for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.
  
  Note: New NO PARKING signage has been installed in Cowley Lane.
- DOUBLE PARKING. You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.
- Park and walk. Allow yourself plenty of time to safely drop off and pick up your child.
- Remind your child about the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety, scooter safety, travelling safely on a skateboard and safety in car parks (remind then to stick to the footpaths).

When it comes to youth safety, Council makes no apologies for issuing infringement notices to drivers who break the law in and around school zones.

Council’s rangers will be monitoring your school zone.

PLEASE do the right thing, and park safely in school zones.
DOUBLE PARKING
What is the rule? You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why? Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Fine exceeds $304 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

NO apologies, NO excuses
When it comes to child safety, Ballina Shire Council makes no apologies for issuing infringement notices to drivers who break the law in and around school zones.

Illegal parking in school zones puts children at risk and endangers lives. Parking offences in school zones carry heavy fines and loss of demerit points.

If you experience a problem with illegal or dangerous parking at your school, contact Ballina Shire Council.

All Correspondence should be addressed to:
The General Manager
Ballina Shire Council
PO Box 450
BALLINA NSW 2478

Phone 6686 4444
Fax 6686 7035
Email council@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Safe parking in school zones
in Ballina Shire
Your child is worth the extra time it takes
Ballina Shire Council would like to ensure that no child is injured or killed whilst travelling to and from school. To improve road safety around schools, we need your assistance. Familiarize yourself with the parking restrictions around your school and teach your children to be safe around traffic.

Always supervise a child and hold their hand when crossing the road.

Schools are areas where there is a lot of interaction between cars and pedestrians, including your children. Children are small, hard to see, behave unpredictably and are extremely vulnerable. Their lack of road experience means it is difficult for them to judge dangerous situations.

Boys are twice as likely to be involved in child pedestrian casualties as girls and children 10-14 years have the highest rate of child pedestrian casualties (Roads and Maritime Services). You need to take extra care when driving and parking in and around school zones, even when you think there are no children around.

Picking up your children after school - Have a plan

Plan with your child how you will collect them;
- When and where will you be after school?
- Where should your child wait?

Make sure they know not to try and get into your vehicle while it is still in traffic, even if you are stopped, they should wait until you have parked. Your school may have some arrangements in place to help you collect your children.

Important signs around schools

**Bus Zone**

Fine exceeds $616 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

**What does it mean?** You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

**Why is it there?** To provide a safe place for large buses to pick up and drop off passengers. Cars parking in bus zones put lives at risk by forcing buses out of their safety zone.

**No Stopping**

Fine exceeds $304 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

**What does it mean?** You cannot stop in this area for any reason.

**Why is it there?** To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid accidents.

**No Parking**

Fine exceeds $169 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.

**What does it mean?** You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

**Why is it there?** To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

Important road rules in school zones

**Pedestrian Crossings**

**What is the rule?** You must not stop within 20 metres before a pedestrian crossing or 10 after a pedestrian crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.

**Why?** To ensure that pedestrians can have a clear view of approaching vehicles and drivers can see pedestrians who are about to cross the road.

**Fine exceeds $405 and attracts a penalty of two demerit points.**

**Intersections**

**What is the rule?** You must not stop within 10 metres of an intersection.

**Why?** To ensure that there is a clear view of children crossing the road at the intersection.

**Fine exceeds $293.**