Educational Idea for the week – the importance of parental aspirations for student success

Research over the last two decades has shown quite clearly that two big factors contributing to student success are:

1. The socio-economic background of students and their communities
2. The quality of learning led by individual teachers in classrooms

Recent research has identified another key factor and that is the impact of parent or carer aspirations for young people. Parents who have high aspirations for their children set a tone that makes a positive contribution to the work of teachers and can limit the impact of socio-economic disadvantage.

What is meant by the notion of high aspirations? The aspirational area that has the most impact is the aspiration for children to complete school or formal training through to the HSC (or its equivalent), an aspiration that is most effective if it is conveyed to children in a positive manner from a very young age. Another aspiration that has high impact is the aspiration that young people acquire strong independent learning skills and that they take ownership and responsibility for their learning.
school newsletter as a good starting point. Involvement with the P&C is another very practical way to become better informed about the school. If in doubt about any aspects of school operation or philosophy please send us an enquiry via email or make an appointment to talk with a year adviser or member of the school executive team. By working together we can best support each other and your children to achieve positive post school quality of life.

David Silcock taking on role of Principal School Leadership
Thank you to the many parents who have sent me messages of support and thanks as I transition to the new role of Principal School Leadership until August 2016.

As Principal School Leadership I will be working with Principals and School Leadership teams from the North Coast Region as they take on the challenges of the educational reform agenda that is in front of us.

We have a great team at Alstonville High School who will continue to work tirelessly to support students to the best of their abilities and to maintain our focus on continuous ongoing school improvement.

I will miss coming to Alstonville High School every day. This is the first time in my career I have spent an extended period out of a school and I will miss the wonderful students and staff. I wish you all the best for the next two years and rest assured I will be staying in touch with this great school.

Parent Teacher Night – Thursday 21st August
Our next parent teacher night for all years is scheduled for tomorrow night Thursday 21st August. We hope to see many parents and carers on that evening. Interviews can still be booked online at http://sobs.com.au/ as the site will be open until 12noon on Thursday 21st August. Parents and carers will need to know the names of your child’s teachers to make bookings. If you experience any difficulties with making the bookings online please ring our front office and we can provide support.

Exchange student from America in 2015
We have been approached by a family of a female student looking to spend terms 1 and 2 at our school in 2015. She will be enrolling in year 11. She currently lives in Central Oregon and attends the Cascade Academy (www.cascadesacademy.org). Her family has asked if I could approach families from our school who might be interested in hosting their daughter whilst she attended Alstonville High School.

Cascade Academy has also indicated that they would be interested in facilitating an exchange for one of our students from years 9 to 12.

If you are interested in either hosting a year 11 student for 6 months in 2015 and/or taking part in an exchange to Central Oregon please contact me and I will provide you with some further information.

We now have two families who might be interesting in hosting this student but are keen to hear if there are any other families who might be interested in taking on a visiting student from the other side of the world. If you are interested please let Janet Fernie or Paul Grebert know.

Parking and safety at the front of the school
As we have indicated in previous school newsletters it is important for anyone using the front of the school to pick up or drop off anyone that you carefully observe the parking rules in the various areas. Parking infringements are being actively policed and there are substantial fines and points deductions for failure to use these areas properly.

The P&C is liaising with council to see if any changes or improvements can be made but the fact of the matter is that we have a very restricted space to work with. Please keep in mind the possibility of using Coral Street or the end of Main Street near PJ Oval.

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
A meeting was held yesterday the 19th August to discuss a school Bring Your Own Device policy. Another forum for parents will be held later this term.

Alstonville High School Hosts the North Coast Dance festival
We are hosting the North Coast Dance Festival on September 5th, 6th and 7th. We have a team of volunteers organising this event and they need volunteers to help in the canteen. If there are any parents, teachers or year 11 students who can help out for a couple of hours in the school canteen your help would be greatly appreciated. All funds raised through hosting this event will go to providing resources for our students. If you can help in the canteen please let either Wendy Tolland or Marina Wiggins know.

David Silcock
Principal

All the best David Silcock
The staff of Alstonville High School wishes David the best in his new role as Principal School Leadership. One of the many things that has impressed me about David is his modelling to the school community of being an active learner in education.

It is this interest in education that has helped Alstonville High School continue to be the outstanding school it is.
It has been a privilege for all of us to work with you and we will miss you. Once again, all the best in your new role from the staff of Alstonville High School.

Paul Grebert
Relieving Principal

Relieving Deputy Principal
While Mr Grebert relieves as Principal Mrs Leone Chapman will relieve as Deputy Principal for Mr Grebert until the end of 2014.

We are currently completing Expressions of Interest for the filling of Mrs Chapman’s Head Teacher Teaching and Learning position.

Bugsy Malone – School Musical
Alstonville High School will present the musical “Bugsy Malone” on Thursday 9th, Friday 10th and Saturday 11th October (this is at the end of Week 1 in Term 4) at the School Hall at 7.30pm. There will be a special matinee on Friday 10th at 12 noon for Alstonville Primary School.

Directed by Mr Scott Thomas (English), with Musical Director Mrs Colleen Bowles (Music), Bugsy Malone tells the story of Gang Warfare in the streets of New York. Originally seen as a movie with a very young Jodie Foster and Scott Baio, Bugsy Malone was designed to tell a grown up story with child actors. The movie was very successful and launched the career of Jodie Foster.

In 1929, Gangster warfare in New York erupts, Dandy Dan’s hoodlums terrorise the district, exterminating undesirables with their new weapon splurge guns. His rival is Fat Sam Stacetto, who runs the Grand Slam Speakeasy, but Fat Sam’s gang still use old fashioned pies. Fat Sam engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth city slicker who hitherto has been more occupied in sweet talking Blousey Brown, a would be girl singer. With Bugsy’s help, Fat Sam escapes from a frame up but he learns later that Dandy Dan’s mob have splurged nearly all his gang. They’ve also destroyed his sarsparilla and grocery rackets the whole empire’s gone! There’s only one hope left. Fat Sam pays Bugsy 400 dollars in exchange for more help. Bugsy, who has promised to take Blousey to Hollywood, has to break his date with her. Is she mad! Meanwhile Buggy and Leroy Smith, a guy with an awesome punch, witness a secret break his date with her. Is she mad! Meanwhile Buggsy and the guys let ‘em have it the works. Splurge, custard pies, flour bombs... Out of the gooey pandemonium it emerges that Buggy and Blousey have made it up. Peace has broken out at last.

Mr Thomas has assembled an enthusiastic band of students ranging from Year 7 to Year 11, who have been rehearsing since the start of Term 2. This musical is a whole school effort and many staff are assisting with props, costumes, set and scenery.

The actors are: Lainey Baldwin (Yr10-Blousey), Paris Osbiston (yrs-Tallulah), Fletcher Creed (Yr8-Bugsy Malone), Geordie McDougall (Yr11-Fat Sam), Grace Lane (Yr9-Dandy Dan), Sascha O’Halloran-Wilson (Yr9-O’Dreary), Tamara Duncan (Yr10-Smolsky), Alim Baziad (Cagey Joe), Antonio Treanor Dos Santos (Yr9-Leroy) and Finlay Ball (Yr7-Fizzy).

The next newsletter will contain more of the cast.

Tickets are available at the Front Office (by phone or in person) and can be paid in Cash or Credit Card. Tickets are $12/Adult and $5/school student.

Mr Mike Sheehan (Production Manager)

Sport News

North Coast Regional Athletics Carnival
The North Coast Combined High Schools Athletics Championships was recently held at the Coffs Harbour International Sports Stadium on Friday 1st August. The Alstonville High School Athletics team with 29 students had 7 finish 1st or 2nd in their event to qualify to compete at the NSWCHS Athletics Championships held at Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush Bay from Thursday 4th September to Saturday 6th September.

The following students have qualified for State:

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Other team members who also competed at the North Coast Regional Athletics Championships include:

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We thank the parents who gave their time and drove students; their support is very much appreciated. Congratulations to all the students who competed at this carnival for representing the school with their best efforts and exceptional behaviour.

**Waterpolo**

The North Coast Open Girls and Boys Waterpolo Trials will be held at Alstonville Pool on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of September, 2014. Students from years 7 to 11 can trial and you must attend to be selected in the team. The North Coast Open Girls team will travel to Wagga Wagga for the Girls Secondary Waterpolo State Carnival held from 18th to 21st November, 2014. Mr John Hair from Lismore High will again coach the girls team. The North Coast Open Boys team will travel to Tamworth for the Boys Secondary Waterpolo State Carnival held from 24th to 27th November 2014. Mr Mark Edwards from Murwillumbah High will again coach the boys team.

**Lawn Bowls**

Recently three Alstonville High students returned from the NSWCHS Lawn Bowls State Carnival held at Wagga Wagga from the 5th to 7th August. These students were Emily Griffin yr10, Indiana Colnan yr9 and Kit Conlan yr9. These students had been selected into the North Coast Open Lawn Bowls team earlier in the year. The Lawn Bowls State Carnival is held between the ten regions that make up the NSW State. The first two days are a round robin competition. The North Coast team played very well with 5 wins and 0 losses. They were the only team to win all their games and they qualified to play-off for 1st and 2nd on the final day. In the finals North Coast were narrowly defeated by the South Coast to finish 2nd at the carnival. Congratulations to our three lawn bowlers: Emily Griffin, Indiana Colnan and Kit Conlan.

*Paul Francis / Sports Organiser*

**Host Families Required For Term 4**

Are you able to host Astrid, our lovely 19 year old Italian intern?

We are currently looking for families who would love to host Astrid for all/ or part of the time while she is here for 10 weeks during Term 4 assisting Mrs Pett in the Year 9 and 10 Italian classrooms. Astrid is Swedish/Italian, 19 years old and passionate about education having worked in an Italian Montessori school for the last year. She is fluent in Italian, Swedish and English and loves sports including volleyball and skiing. She is very excited to work, travel and meet new people in Australia as well as share her Italian/ Swedish culture with us. This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to experience an international traveller and for Astrid to be immersed in our wonderful Australian lifestyle. Please contact Jenny Pett if you have a spare weekend/ week or two when your family could welcome Astrid into your home.

[jenny.pett@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jenny.pett@det.nsw.edu.au).

**Jenny Pett**

*Languages-Alstonville High*

Thank you to local businesses

CONNECT Work Placement and the school would like to thank the following businesses for their ongoing support in taking vocational students to assist them in fulfilling the work placement component of their VET courses.

- Gloria Jeans Coffees – Lismore
- Alstyle Cabinets Pty Ltd
- The Blue Shop
- Hotel Henry Rous
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- Byron Bay Dive Centre
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- Alstonville Plumbing & Gas Fitting
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- Quattro Country
- Department of Primary Industries
- CJS Auto & Marine
- Azalea Grove Nursery
- Ian Preston Tiling
- Alstonville Antennas
- Beachside Bargains Pty Ltd
Year 10 Snow Trip 2014

On the 3rd August one hundred and eleven Year 10 students had the pleasure of attending the annual Year 10 Snow Trip.

We were treated to ideal skiing conditions, with lovely blue skies and an excellent cover of snow. After three days skiing and snow boarding, the majority of the group had become quite good and thoroughly enjoyed the skiing and snow boarding experience.

Each day comprised of a two hour lesson followed by five hours of free time which consisted of snow ball fights and snowman making. Highlights of the excursion included numerous ventures to Perisher and Guthega, along with watching Mr Duncan getting ‘serious air’ on the jumps.

On the way home we stopped in Canberra for visits to Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport. Following these tours we drove to Sydney and attended the Friday night NRL match between the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Manly Sea Eagles. Much to Mr North’s disgust Manly were defeated 23 - 4 which was quite amusing.

Thank you to the students who attended for representing our school in such a positive way. Also thank you to Mr and Mrs Larrescy, Mr Duncan, Mrs Thomas, Mr Weeks, Mr Holmes and Mrs Farrell for your support throughout the excursion. A special mention also to Chris Osland, Michelle Wallace and Matt Meury for accompanying us on the excursion and assisting with the management of our group. The organisation and expertise of the Simes Bus Company was exceptional.

On behalf of myself and Year 10 we would like to thank everybody who allowed us to attend the snow trip and made it possible, including our parents. We wish the students travelling to the snow next year the best of luck and we hope they have as much fun as we did.

Denielle Layton / Year 10 student
P&C, Canteen & Uniform News

The P&C desperately require a new Treasurer.

If you are able to help please contact Annette McGrath 66291678

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 27th August from 7pm until 8.30pm in the staff common room. Please come along and find out what is happening in your child’s school.

Canteen and Uniform News

Are you on Newstart or over 55?

The canteen has been given approval by Centrelink for volunteers to be covered to work in the canteen for 30hrs per fortnight for 12 months and you become exempt from having to look for work during that period. Can you help? Please ring Robynne on 66281797

Uniform Shop

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

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast BBQ

Our next committee meeting will be Wednesday 27th August at 4.30pm in the Common Room.

We require donations of fruit and flowers. Also a special request by our "flower arrangers"..... for long stemed flowers and foliage eg kangaroo paw, bird of paradise, fountain grass, lengths of ivy or decorative creeper, large leafed green/red foliage but ANY variety of flowers will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Terri Randle directly 04384212889 with any enquiries and to arrange collection of flower donations

All enquiries to Wendy Hoven 66285265
Rotary Club of Alstonville Inc.

Traineeship/Apprenticeship Award
Alstonville High School 2014/2015

Applications are invited for

The Ivan Eichorn Traineeship/Apprenticeship Award - $1000 towards TAFE fees or Tools of Trade

Applicants will be expected to be of good character and demonstrate a passion for their field of interest and chosen career. Students in Years 10, 11, and 12 who intend to pursue further education at TAFE in conjunction with a traineeship or apprenticeship in late 2014 or early 2015 are encouraged to apply. It is not necessary for candidates to be high academic achievers. Preference will be given to candidates who have a positive attitude and a practical aptitude applicable to their chosen career, and who can demonstrate a financial need for the Rotary Club award.

Applications must be in writing and should include:-

1. Full name, address and contact details
2. Details of your chosen career and your expectations.
3. Outline details of your proposed traineeship/apprenticeship
4. Your priorities for using the award, eg equipment.
5. A resume of your high school education.
6. Details of work experience and practical skills.
7. Your passions, hobbies, sporting and other interests.
8. References from school and your work employer.

Post applications to-
Rotary Club of Alstonville
P.O. Box 50
Alstonville
NSW 2477

Applications close 30th September, 2014
Sign On for Alstonville Junior Cricket

2014/15 cricket season is almost here so sign up with Alstonville District Junior Cricket Club.

Alstonville Junior Cricket Club has teams in the following age groups, under 8s in2cricket, under 10s Big Bash, 12s, 14s and 16s.

Where - Saturday 6th September 9am to 12 midday at the Alstonville Plaza.

Saturday 13th September 10am to 1.00pm at the Geoff Watt Oval cricket nets.

For further information please contact either club President – Tony Yager

phone 0417290380 or club Secretary – Craig McNally phone 0429 778 923.

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