The highlights for me in the past two weeks has been the CAPA performances and displays as reported by Mr Roberts. The other highlight was our Schools Captains Assembly. It is always great to witness students at work in the school and be reminded about why we are here. Well done students and staff.

School Captains Assembly and Elections
Last Friday an assembly was held to allow our candidates for School Captains and Vice Captains for 2015 to deliver their speeches. They all deserve to be congratulated for demonstrating a willingness to provide leadership and support for fellow students and our school. The presentations were very impressive. Good luck to all candidates.

On Monday elections were held for School Captains and Vice Captains and these will be announced at the Year 12 Formal Assembly on Friday 19th September.

Busy Time for Year 12 and Year 11 Students
All year 12 students should by now be focusing on study plans (not just thinking about it, actively engaged) for upcoming HSC exams.

Year 11 students likewise should also be very busy engaged in an active study plan for Year 11 Yearly Exams in Week 9 and 10 of this term. All the best in these exams.

Remember Year 11 you are required to be at school on the last day of Term 3, Friday 19th September even though exams will be finished.

Enrolments for 2015
We are in the process of planning our curriculum for 2015 and have received our anticipated staffing entitlement for 2015. Interest in enrolling at Alstonville High School continues to be high. We would encourage any families who are interested in enrolling with us for 2015 to make contact with us as soon as possible if they have not already done so. We are particularly interested in hearing from any families interested in enrolling in Years 7 and 11 as we are currently making decisions about the number of classes and subjects we run in each of these year groups.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN results for Year 7 and 9 have arrived and will be distributed by mail by the end of this week.

Paul Grebert
Relieving Principal
Alstonville High School Newsletter: Issue 13, 3rd September, 2014

Year 12 Parent Reminder
Year 12 Formal tickets will be on sale from next Monday 8th September. If students are participating in RSA, RCG and Dreamworld please return permission notes and money as soon as possible. Also tickets are on sale for the Year 12 Breakfast at the front office. If you can help in the canteen please advise either Wendy Tolland or Marina Wiggins.

Alstonville Debating
Debate Camp
This term our Year 9 and 10 debating team attended the North Coast Debate camp at Coffs Harbour. Attended by eight schools from as far north as Tweed Heads and as far south as Coffs Harbour. The camp provides a great opportunity to extend our students' current ability. It is also the event where the Regional North Coast team is selected to contest the state titles. Alstonville was represented with pride by Andrew Entwistle, Reegan Vidler, Lucy Turner and Sarah Johns. It is also our pleasure to announce that Andrew Entwistle of Year 9 was selected in the representative team. Well done, Andrew.

We can't wait to see you represent our school and region with all of the enthusiasm you bring to our team. Finally, a very big thank you to Ms Kelly Twyford for taking time out of her schedule to drive the team to the camp. Very much appreciated!

Year 7 and 8
Our Year 7 and 8 cohort entered two teams into the state competition this year. We are proud to announce that both sides competed with integrity and demonstrated great skill in their three debates of the first round. Unfortunately only one team could progress and it was our Red team, featuring Finn Ball, Lucy Turner, Evie Lopes and Clare Johns who progressed to the next round, without recording a loss. This, however, is not to take away from our Blue team, Jasmin Maxwell, Araucaria Velasco, Grace O'Shannessy and Lilian Law who managed to record a very strong victory against an experienced Southern Cross High School team. As this was the first year that any of the Blue team have debated, I would like to extend a very big congratulations to them; it was a pleasure to watch them debate with such skill despite their inexperience. Best of luck to the Red team as they progress to take on either Casino High School or Kadina High School in the regional round of the State challenge. It is safe to say that the future of debating at Alstonville High School is in very safe hands.

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 advise either Wendy Tolland or Marina Wiggins.

Year 7 and 8: Jasmin Maxwell, Lilian Law, Grace O'Shannessy and Araucaria Velasco

Scott Thomas & Kelly Twyford
Alstonville Debating Coaches

Blue team from Year 7 and 8:
- Jasmin Maxwell
- Lilian Law
- Grace O'Shannessy
- Araucaria Velasco

Careers News
- FREE-Defence Force (Army/Navy/Airforce) visit to Alstonville High School - Thursday 4th September at lunchtime (1.30pm - 2.10pm) in the TLS beside the library. Years 9-12 are welcome - (please place names on Careers Office Door list)- as well as any parents, past students or community members wanting to find out about different entry requirements.
• Novaskill Annual Recruitment Drive for School Leaver Traineeships and Apprenticeships. Years 10-12 - Wednesday 10th September at 5.30pm at 58 Tamar St Ballina. To book a place- phone 66003000 or email frontdesk@novaskill.com.au

• Year 12 SCU Early Star Entry online applications close on Wednesday 10th September. It is up to students to register before the closing date.

• Griffith University Guaranteed Admission closes 19th September this is the last day of Term 3. Students MUST satisfy specific entry marks in subjects outlined for individual courses eg above 56% for English during Years 11/12 etc. Students not meeting criteria will have their applications emailed back by the Careers Adviser giving the option to change for another course if necessary.

• Other early entry universities have varied closing dates- so check websites closely.

• All students and parents - Check out NEW online resource- www.alstonvillehighcareers.com

• Scholarships have varied closing dates so please read carefully.

• Local TAFE Options for 2015 will start to appear on the North Coast TAFE website over the next couple of months - so keep checking.

K Horne / Careers Adviser

15s Girls Regional Champions in Bill Turner Trophy

The Bill Turner Trophy is a school soccer competition for girls aged 15 and under. Each year, nearly 400 schools from NSW, Queensland, the ACT and Victoria compete in this knockout contest.

This year, 18 Alstonville High School girls competed and faced some very tough opposition. The first round saw an away match pitched against Lismore High, which we won 9-0. The team spirit shown by the girls was tremendous, as the team consisted of girls from a varied age range within the school, spanning Years 7 – 10.

The Regional final for the Far North Coast Area was against Xavier Catholic College, which the girls also won. This win moved the team into the 32nd round for the trophy. From around 400 schools, the girls from Alstonville High can now boast about being in the last eight standing teams after beating Coffs Harbour High School 3-1 in a penalty shoot-out at Crawford Park, Alstonville.

After being defeated by Hunter Sports High School, the Alstonville High girls can be pretty proud of their achievement at being placed 8th in the competition.

I would like to say how proud we all are of the girls, and how their achievements greatly represent Alstonville High School. Well done!

Mrs Bramley-O'Connor (Coach)

15s Girls Regional Champions

Back row (L-R): Keoni Tagget, Hayley Speidel, Sophie Sproule, Grace Lane, Madeline O’Brien, Brittney Webster, Sarah McKie, Mahli Borham, Ruby Riordan, Natalie Hohepa, Caitlin Walker, Mrs Maria Bramley-O’Connor (Coach)

Third row (L-R): Amber McClure, Alesha Parker, Ashleigh Brown

Second row (L-R): Anna Margraf, Jasmin Maxwell, Jessie Jordan

Front row: Shana Povey-Hyatt

Sports News

Triathlon

Congratulations to Year 9 student Gabrielle Stanek for her selection into the Triathlon NSW Development Squad for the 2014-15 season. Gabrielle was selected into the Development Squad after her attention-grabbing performances in Triathlon Australia National Junior Series events and at the NSW All-Schools and Nationals Triathlon Championships.

Gabrielle will attend a number of training camps with other athletes in the Triathlon Development Squad. The first is a week-long training camp during the upcoming September/October school holidays. Gabrielle will also have the opportunity to travel with the team to the National Race Series at Runaway Bay in December.
Skye Deck Opening

A “Thank you” afternoon tea to open the Skye deck was held last Saturday 30th August.

It was agreed that a determined few can do great things and the Skye Deck is an example of community in our school.

The Skye deck came within budget of $22,000 and will be a wonderful legacy for students, staff and parents for years to come.

Thanks to those who helped and especially Graeme Crowe and his team who greatly reduced the costs to not only this construction but many other projects in the school over the past 3 years.

Skye Gallop and David Sproule

Invited guest and some of the team involved in construction

Jane Sproule

Visual Arts Exhibition 2014

On Wednesday 20th September, the 6th Annual HSC Art Exhibition was held. The display represented the work of twenty seven Visual Arts students and featured sculptures, film, painting, drawing, fibre and textiles works as well as photography. The work once again was of a significantly high standard, and I believe the students will be well rewarded for some amazing project in their final HSC results. The exhibition also featured eight Multi Media film projects.

The large and appreciative crowd then moved to the hall for performances from HSC Music students. Congratulations to all the students involved and the teachers, Mr Colnan, Mrs Bowles and Mr Roberts for their ongoing commitment to the creative life of the school.

A copy of the HSC Art Catalogue 2014 will be put on the School Web site later this week.

Ian Roberts / Head Teacher Visual Arts
**P&C, Canteen & Uniform News**

**Year 12 Farewell Breakfast BBQ**

The Year 12 Breakfast is on the last day of term, Friday 19th September. Volunteers are required on Thursday 18th from 2.30pm onwards to help with preparation, and from 6.30am on Friday 19th. There are many jobs big and small needing to be done, so if you are able to help PLEASE contact Wendy Hoven / 66285265.

Our next committee meeting will be **Wednesday 10th September at 4.30pm in the Common Room.**

We require donations of fruit and flowers. Also a special request by our "flower arrangers"..... for long stemmed 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.

**Canteen and Uniform News**

The canteen desperately needs volunteers for 4th Term

*Can you help?*  

**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

Please ring Robynne on 66281797

**Uniform Shop**

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

Alstonville Swimming Club sign on

Come swim with the friendliest club on the North Coast!

The Alstonville Swimming Club’s new season commences on Monday, 1\textsuperscript{st} September and the club will be holding a sign on for new swimmers from 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on Saturday 6\textsuperscript{th} September and again on Saturday 13\textsuperscript{th} September.

Swimming with the Alstonville club is for all swimmers of all standards, catering from the very young through to the serious, competitive swimmer. Last year, our swimmers enjoyed some terrific results with around a third making it through to representative school level swimming and selection in development squads.

We have a highly experienced team of coaches so come along and join a fast growing, fun sport.

For further details, contact Greg Kershaw, President, on 6628 7103 or alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com
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.

Ballina Touch Football

U16 girls representative trials

Trials for the girls U16 team will be held Sunday 31st August at Saunders oval from 3:30 to 5:00 pm, and Monday 1st September at Saunders oval 6:00-7:30 pm.

Please contact Scott at bullsharkscoach@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend these sessions. Trials for other age groups will be held over the coming weeks. Please see the website or contact Scott for more information.

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