Principal’s Report
I am very pleased to be able to welcome back all students and staff for the start of Term 4. As mentioned in a past newsletter, I am always surprised at just how quickly this year is passing and that we are now in Term 4.

Congratulations to our new Captains and Vice Captains for 2016
We would like to congratulate the following students who have been voted by the school staff and students as our new Captains and Vice Captains for 2016:

Captains
- Boys – Josh Galbraith
- Girls – Trisha Calugay

Vice Captains
- Boys – Bailey Britt
- Girls – Kate Mitchell

Higher School Certificate
A major event for this term is the completion of the Higher School Certificate examinations for Year 12 students. At the time of writing this report Year 12 students have completed the two English papers. As would be expected before each examination, students were nervous but excited. The supervisors of the examinations commented upon the politeness of the students and their concentration throughout the initial two papers. I thank Alstonville Baptist Church for allowing us to use their facilities once again where students are not disturbed by the normal school procedures and noises.

All students have spoken to me of what they want to move on to after these examinations. The variety of plans and dreams is very pleasing as young people begin to determine their future directions. All appear to be excited about their upcoming school formal at the Lismore Workers Club. The style, design of dresses and suits combined with the mode of transport is a great topic of conversation, with some keeping the whole experience a secret until the night. I look forward to this evening as I am able to watch proud parents and teachers taking photos and remembering the years of schooling.

Farewell to Mr Sawyer
This term we are farewelling Mr Tim Sawyer from the TAS faculty as he goes to Scone High School for Term 4. Mr Sawyer has been at Alstonville High School for the past seven years. Mr Sawyer has had a strong interest in and commitment to the school’s water polo teams. The school wishes Mr Sawyer all the very best in his teaching at Scone High School for Term 4.

Work in Progress Around School
For those who have visited the school since the start of this term it is very obvious that the Primary Industries area is well under way in its construction. This resource is due to be finished by Christmas with a handover being early in 2016 and all...
facilities operational for Day 1 Term 1 2016. The initial impressions are very good and will be a great learning area for students of the school. Also over the holiday break, Ballina Turf Farm was able to complete further work on the school oval in levelling, coring, fertilising and laying some turf. The oval will look better each week, especially if a few rain storms pass over. Through this term an upgrade will be occurring of all data cabling throughout the school, with the updating of hardware. It is very much hoped that this will increase download speeds and provide better internet access for students, especially for the start of 2016.

School Fees
I once again ask that all families contact the front office and ensure that all school fees have been paid. School fees are kept to a minimum, but they do allow the school to budget for materials in practical and other classes and especially in the purchase of a range of text books and resource materials.

John Douglas / Principal

Year 7 – 10 Examinations Week 4 and 5 (26th October – 6th November)
The timetable for the Year 7 to 10 examination is available on the school website. Students will be in normal lessons when not sitting an examination. Please advise the school if your student is unable to attend an examination for any reason so that an alternate time can be organised. Students who are absent should speak with their teacher as soon as they return to school.

Year 11 (Year 12 2016) Parent and Student Meeting
Year 11 students and parents/caregivers are invited to a meeting in the Hall on Tuesday 27th October 2015 commencing at 5:30pm. The aim of this meeting is to issue Year 11 final reports and to provide both parents and students information regarding:

- Requirements for the HSC
- Procedures for dropping or changing subjects
- Study classes
- Driving to and from school

Student Absences
It is a legal requirement that any student absent from school must provide an explanation for that absence within 3 days of returning to school. This traditionally has been a note that the student hands to the roll teacher. It is now possible to explain the student absence by replying to the SMS message that is sent out to the primary caregiver on the day of a student absence. Could you please ensure that our records of contact details are kept up to date by notifying the school of any changes.

Leone Chapman / Attendance - Teacher Learning

Alstonville has talent!
Alstonville is the only school that is representing our region in the talent contest AILES Got Game. We are so good that we have three students at our school who have made it to the finals. We now need the whole school community to vote for Khawan Roberts, lesha Torrens and Jasmine Laurie. Please go to http://aimesgotgame.com/ and then vote for our students so they can go to Sydney to represent our school and our region. Khawan Roberts is dancing and iesha Torrens and Jasmine Laurie are both singing. Go to the website and watch their video, then vote.

Dan White

Learning and Support
We are in need of readers for Year 7 to 10 exams in Weeks 4 and 5 of this term. If you or someone you know would like to help could you please contact the school on 6628 5222 and speak to Louisa Edge or Deb Byron.

Learning Support Team

Careers News
Medicine and Allied Health Day
After consultation with Alstonville High School Science staff, 14 students in Year 10/11 have been selected to attend an annual Medicine and Allied Health (NOT Nursing) Seminar on Friday 23rd October at Lismore Northern Rivers Rural Health Centre - Speakers and hands on workshop activities will be undertaken on the day.

Southern Cross University Seniors Day – Thursday 29th October 2015
Southern Cross University Seniors day is being held on Thursday 30th October. The cost is $4. Permission notes and details are available from the Careers Office (attached to the door). Great chance to check out a local UNI campus to see how they operate and what services they provide. Notes and money need to be handed in by Tuesday 27th October to the front office.

Karen Horne / Careers Adviser
Year 12 Timber Projects for 2015
Captains’ Speeches and Farewell to Mrs Bowles
**P & C News**

Welcome back to Term 4!

The Higher School Certificate exams started on Monday. On behalf of the P&C good luck to the Year 12 students sitting the exams.

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 28th October starting at 7pm**. There is no meeting for the month of September due to the school holidays. (Meetings are generally concluded between 8pm – 8.30pm)

**Email address:** If you have any matters that you wish to bring to our attention, and cannot attend the meetings - please send an email to:

alstonvillehs.pc@gmail.com

Look forward to meeting you.

Andrew Philippzig-Mann
P & C President

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**Canteen News**

We have available 4th Term:

- Fresh Salads
- Sushi
- Fruit Salads
- Rolls
- Wraps

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**Year 10 Jerseys**

Year 10 Jerseys can now be ordered.

Try for size – **Order and pay before 6th November.**
Position Available

Nursery Hand

Award Rates

No experience needed

Suited to a fit person who wants to learn

Phone: 6628 0777

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TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 10th October
6:30pm for 7pm start
at the Alstonville Baptist Fellowship

Tickets: $15 each
Tables will be made up of 8 people

Join us for a night of trivia, laughter and fun with quizmaster Dr Paul Earner.

Book your table now at Alstonville Anglican Church, Alstonville Uniting Church, Alstonville Baptist Fellowship and Crossroads Presbyterian Church Wollongbar.

All funds raised go to support Bruce Fleming’s work at Alstonville High School.

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A Fair To Remember
Wellongbar Public School
P&C PETE
Saturday 17th October, 2015
9am – 2pm

Market Stalls, Plants, Entertainment, Second Hand books, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cakes, Elfplays, Giant Slide, Mechanical Surfboards, Iron Man Obstacle course, Laser Shows, Inflatable Castle Rock Wall, Inflatable Mice, Fairy Rides, Snow Cones and much more…

Pre-paid tickets available from the School Office
$30 ($50 on the day)

For more info Active attraction Rides: https://www.activeattractiona.com.au/
The Ballina Camera Club and the Ballina Shire Council
“Faces and Places of Ballina” Photography Competition

There are sections for Junior, Teen and Open in the Faces and Places categories. Total prize money of over $1300 to be won throughout all categories as well as an award chosen by Mayor David Wright for the photograph that best reflects the Ballina region. As well as the prize money and Mayors Award, Harvey Norman Ballina have also provided some print vouchers for the Junior and Teen categories and a special award judged by camera club members.

The competition entries closes on Friday October 30 and the Exhibition Opening Night will be Friday, 13th November, 5:30 to 7:00PM. A Gold Coin Entry will get you a ticket in the Lucky Door Prize. The exhibition continues on Saturday, 14th November, 9:00AM to 4:00PM. The Lions Club of Ballina will be conducting a BBQ throughout the exhibition.

The exhibition venue will be the Ballina High School, Assembly Hall, Swift Street, Ballina. A small fee will be charged for those entering the competition – all details are on the camera club website at ballinacameraclub.com.au.
GRAND STREET PARADE

Grab your friends and join in this celebration of our shared and unique identity! Take part in some friendly competition and enjoy the community vibe!

REGISTER NOW!

USE YOUR IMAGINATION AND BE PART OF THE PARADE...
DECORATE A VEHICLE FLOAT, MOUNTED BUGGY, MOBILITY SCOOTER, WHEELBARROW OR SIMPLY CREATE A MASK OR GRAB A BALLOON AND BE PART OF THE GRAND PARADE
www.ballinaprawnfestival.com.au

NATIONAL WEEK OF DEAF PEOPLE - OPEN CAPTION FILMS
AT BALLINA FAIR CINEMAS

ODDBALL | G | FAMILY
Saturday 17 October
at 11:50am

THE INTERN | M | COMEDY
Saturday 18 October
at 4.25pm

ADMISSION PRICING
Adults: $13.00 | Concession: $11.00
Students: $11.00 | Children: $9.50

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