Congratulation to our new Captains and Vice Captains for 2016

_right to left:_ Trisha Calugay (Girls Captain), Josh Galbraith (Boys Captain), Kate Mitchell (Girls Vice Captain and Bailey Britt (Boys Vice Captain)

### Principal's Report

**Year 7 – 10 Yearly Exams**

This week is the Year 7 to 10 assessment period begins. Examinations will be occurring in the school hall and I hope that every student enters the hall with the attitude of doing their best. Students can be well prepared for these assessment tasks by ensuring that they have read over classroom notes and devising short study notes or mind maps of the topic. Once a student sits down at their desk they need to forget about those around them and take the time to carefully read each question and answer in a clear concise manner.

**Year 12 Higher School Certificate**

Year 12 are now in their final week of the Higher School Certificate examinations. The supervisors of the examinations have commented on the attitude and manners of the students, stating that they are very positive and working to the full time of each paper. The final examination is Visual Arts on 5th November. However a number of students will have completed their examinations before this date. Once again I wish all students the very best as they complete this major event in...
their lives. I also want to thank the supervisors of the examinations in supporting our students and allowing them to have a very calming and steadying environment. If you wish to look at a Higher School Certificate paper from this year then please contact the school library and a copy (of an examination that has been completed) can be read.

“2015 Speak Off” Competition

Congratulations must go to the four students who won the “2015 Speak Off” competition. The four students were Kairo Byrne (Yr7), Jasmin Maxwell (Yr8), Mobina Rowhani (Yr9) and Emily Bryant (Yr10). Each of these students will now have the opportunity to present their speeches at the Rotary Dinner on Wednesday night 28th October. Service Clubs such as Rotary support Alstonville High School to a very positive extent and the school is very thankful to their members in allowing opportunities beyond the school gate. The provision of scholarships, a venue and audience for student presentation, a group of people who celebrate the achievements of young people, can never be under estimated and I thank these groups for their work in our community and school.

Year 11 Preliminary Presentation Assembly

The Year 11 Preliminary Presentation Assembly was on Tuesday evening 27th October. We all congratulate the award recipients and commend them on their diligence and application in all areas across the school. Students who have now completed their Preliminary courses are now starting their Higher School Certificate courses and their first assessment tasks will be happening in the next few weeks. Once again it is most important that all HSC students complete all tasks, attend every lesson and participate within the learning of the classroom. There is no easy Higher School Certificate course, all courses are very demanding and require each student to be committed to their study.

Upgrade to Technical Data Network

Contractors have started this week in the upgrade of the technical data network within the school. This will mean the replacement of hardware systems so that internet speeds and access should increase. It is hoped that all work and changeover will be completed for the start of day 1 Term 1 2016.

Alstonville High School ‘Hub’ School Professional Experience Teachers

As was announced last week by the NSW Minister of Education, Alstonville High School has been recognised as a “hub” school for professional experience teachers as they complete their university courses in education and move into the teaching profession. Alstonville High School has an agreement with Southern Cross University and to a lesser extent with the Universities of New England and Newcastle to provide high quality professional experience. The acknowledgement of Alstonville High School as a centre of excellence in teacher education is high recognition from the Department of Education and network of universities of New South Wales.

John Douglas
Principal

Our School in Focus

Finn and Jasmin with DJ Dave at Paradise FM

Year 8 students Finn Ball and Jasmin Maxwell became radio stars when they made a guest appearance on Paradise FM’s “Schools in Focus” session last Thursday afternoon. Both students spoke confidently about their experiences at Alstonville High School and the many opportunities our school offers, both academically and extra-curricular.

Finn and Jasmin enjoyed the opportunity to see how a radio station works and were surprised to be stopped by a member of the Ballina community on the way back to school, who had heard their interview. The price of fame! Mr Dunlop would like to thank Finn and Jasmin for taking the opportunity to promote our school and doing it so well.

David Dunlop / English Faculty

English Enrichment

In response to the needs and interests of our incredibly talented student body, two groups have been established by the English Department this semester.

The first is the Writer’s Club, an enthusiastic and lively troupe of almost 30 students from across year groups. Writer’s Club meets once a month in L3 to share ideas and create masterpieces.

The second group is Grammar Gymnastics. These dedicated students meet every Monday in L5 to test their skills and develop their already formidable technical knowledge of language.

Queries regarding the Writer’s Club should be directed to Ms Twyford and Grammar Gymnastics to Ms Smith. New members are always welcome.

Kelly Twyford / English
Speak Off 2015
The annual Alstonville High ‘Speak Off’ took place on Friday the 16th October.

In Term 3, Years 7 to 10 had an English assessment involving preparing and presenting a speech. For each year group this involved differing topics:

Year 7 – Yarns
Year 8 – Amazing, Inspiring, or Mysterious
Year 9 – Informative
Year 10 – ‘Macbeth’ monologues

The best students represented their class in the Speak Off. This involved presenting their speech in front of their whole year in the school hall. Students were also nominated as adjudicators to judge the speeches.

Winners for each year are as follows:

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Congratulations to all our winners!

We would also like to congratulate all students who took part in the event, it takes enormous courage to stand up in front of all of your peers to deliver a speech.

The winners in each year will go on to represent the school by delivering their speeches at an Alstonville Rotary Club dinner tonight Wednesday 28th October and also at an Alstonville Probus Club lunch on Wednesday 25th November.

A special thank you to Mr David Dunlop for helping with organisation of the event, as well as Mr Christopher Barnes for being MC, and additionally Ms Sandra Smith for assisting with adjudicating and administration.

English Faculty - Kelsey Knee

Water Polo
Good luck to the North Coast Regional Water Polo Girls team with seven of our students: Jade, Maddie, Carly, Molly, Zahra, Elly and Sarah as well as girls from Byron and Kyogle. This team has been training on weekends and early mornings and are hopeful of some good results in Sydney next week. As part of the week of activities the organiser has created several fundraising activities for the Cancer Council. If you would like to donate to this very worthwhile charity in the next little while could you consider following the link https://give.everydayhero.com/au/battle-of-the-regions and donate via the north coast team to attempt to win this fundraising section. If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket with various prizes of water polo apparel (CHS, NSW, AUS) Mr Hill will be selling tickets at junior water polo on Friday night.

Chris Hill /North Coast Water Polo Convenor

Sports News
Waterpolo
Congratulations to the following girls selected in the North Coast Open Girls Waterpolo team. These girls will now travel to Sutherland for the State Carnival to be held from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th November. Last year the North Coast Girls team finished fifth and one Alstonville High student was selected in a NSWCHS Representative team at this event. Good luck!

1. Carly Mackerras yr10
2. Molly Hughes yr10
3. Jade Cusack yr11
4. Sarah Bransgrove yr9
5. Madeline O’Brien yr11
6. Zahra Fox yr10
7. Elly Mooseberger yr10
8. Reserve Sontae Caldwell yr9

Congratulations to the following boys selected in the North Coast Open Boys Waterpolo team. These boys will travel to Taree for the State Carnival to be held from Monday 30th November to Thursday 3rd December. Last year the North Coast Boys team finished third and two Alstonville High School students were selected in NSWCHS Representative teams at this event. Good luck!

1. Ben Galbraith yr10
2. Josh Galbraith yr10
3. Isaac Sheehan yr10
4. Josh Patston yr10
5. Daniel Sawyer yr9
6. Lockie Keir yr10
7. Jasper Mulcahy yr10
8. Zachariah Maxwell yr10

Futsal
On Friday 16th October the Alstonville High School U14s Girls Futsal team played Wollumbin High School at the Alstonville Leisure Centre. The Alstonville girls were too good and defeated Wollumbin High School 4 goals to 1. The team

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members were: Shakira Connor-Young yr8, Amelia Davenport-Waite yr7, Emma Eichorn yr7, Tess Gilmour yr7, Kaitlyn Jordan yr7, Ashleigh Larrescy yr7, Luka Newman yr7 and Salika Nolan yr7. These girls are now into the North Coast Finals to be played at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre later in the term. Well done.

Last Monday 19th October the Alstonville High School U14s Boys Futsal team played Southern Cross K-12 School at Southern Cross. The U14’s Boys played very well, but were beaten by Southern Cross 7 goals to 4. The team members were: James Fleming yr8, Harry Hampson yr8, Edward Pearce yr8, Kye Smith yr8, Ty Walls yr8, Isaac Young yr8 and Will Mooseberger yr8.

On Thursday 22nd October the Alstonville High School U16 Boys Futsal team travelled to The Cavanbah Centre at Byron Bay to play Mullumbimby High School. These boys were outstanding in a game that could have gone either way. They were defeated 4 to 3. Team members were: Henk Breugem yr10, Lachlan Gray yr10, Zac Maxwell yr10, Lewis McNally yr10, Ethan Pelley yr10, Cooper Walls yr10 and Jackson Forster yr10.

Northern Rivers Open Boys Cricket Trials
On Tuesday 27th October four of our students were selected into the Northern Rivers Open Boys Cricket team: Lachlan Bensley yr 11, Lewis McNally yr10, Kyle Yager yr9 and Jordan McNally yr9. These students will now travel to Lismore on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November to compete at the North Coast Open Boys Cricket Championships / Trials, a round robin between the four zones that make up the North Coast Region. Congratulations!

Paul Francis / Sports Co-ordinator

Year 10 Scholarship Awards
Several Year 10 students have applied for and been awarded scholarships to assist them with their upcoming senior year studies. Jamie Clark, Rebecca Crowley and Jackson Forster have all been awarded a scholarship from the Combined Services Club of Ballina Inc. to assist them through both Year 11 and year 12. All three students will attend a special presentation ceremony at the Ballina RSL in March next year. Congratulations Jamie, Rebecca and Jackson and thank you to the Combined Services Club of Ballina Inc. for providing the opportunity for these students to apply.

Dana McPike has also been awarded a scholarship to assist her with her senior studies from the Ballina Scope Club. Dana was required to submit an application and attend an interview in front of a panel of Scope Club members to be considered for this scholarship. A formal presentation of the award to Dana will be conducted at an upcoming school assembly. Congratulations Dana and thank you to the Scope Club of Ballina for this opportunity for our students.

Stuart McMillian / Year 10 Adviser

Year 12 Hospitality Barista Skills Day
Year 12 Hospitality students had a great day at Wollongbar TAFE learning barista skills. Students spent the day working on 5 different espresso machines and grinders, producing industry standard coffees. These skills will be further consolidated back at school on the very popular La Scala machine in the school canteen.

Young Writers Group
Are you an aspiring young writer looking for motivation and inspiration? Would you like the opportunity to seek advice & guidance from a published author? The Young Writers Group is for high school students wishing to improve their writing skills, whether it is for your own enjoyment, or just to help out with school work!
Join local author Jesse Blackadder for an excursion into the writing world.

NB: Change of date from previous advertising!
Thursday 5 November
Lismore Library meeting room (ground floor)
5.00pm - 6.30pm
Light refreshments will be provided. There is no charge to attend. Please book.
To book your place or to gain more information see our friendly staff, or phone the library on 02 6621 2464.

Rob Walker/Hospitality Teacher
Speak Off 2015
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 course.

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