Principals Report
I would once again like to thank the Alstonville School community for my welcome into the school. I very much enjoyed the annual Swimming Carnival seeing students and staff involved in the day participating in the many events. To be serenaded by a group of very talented senior students on Valentine’s Day was also enjoyable and surprising. Attending the last Alstonville Rotary meeting allowed me to congratulate a number of Alstonville High School students in receiving scholarships and attending Science Days.

School Excursions
At Alstonville High School students are given every opportunity to be involved and to participate in excursions. We require all families to be co-operative with the school in ensuring that all notes for excursions or variations to normal timetabled lessons are signed and brought back into the school 48 hours prior to the event. Of course if any monies need to be paid then these monies accompany the permission note. The 48 hours allows staff to prepare accurate medical lists for supervising staff, to finalise all payments and to ensure that all arrangements for the event are complete.

Chinese Visit
This last week has allowed me the experience of meeting a group of Chinese students. I would like to thank all families who accepted these students into their homes for the week and allowed them to experience an Australian family. Also I must
**Principals report continued …………………………….**

thank all staff who were involved in the organisation of this positive experience for Alstonville High School.

**Health Procedures**

The school has been notified that within the Alstonville community and surrounding areas several cases of Chicken Pox have been reported. It is asked that as parents and carers that you monitor the health of your child and follow all appropriate health procedures.

**Bring Your Own Device**

The Department of Education and Communities has developed a policy to allow schools to cope with the ever increasing demands of technology. The policy “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) is being thoroughly investigated by staff at Alstonville High School. To help support parents if you are considering purchasing a device for your child it is asked that the following minimum specifications be met:

The requirements for Alstonville High School are as follows:

- 5ghz 802.11n Wireless capable
- Battery life at least 6 hours
- Up to date antivirus
- Protective case / cover
- Capable of running word processor, presentation software, spreadsheets / data base

Students should also have a USB drive or external HDD for storage. The Department of Education and Communities (DEC) allows students to access and download Microsoft and Adobe products FREE from within the student portal.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**

Alstonville High School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) School. The three major expectations for all within the school are to be “Respectful, Responsible and to Participate”. With each of these three expectations there are quite a number of describing characteristics that demonstrate each expectation. I ask that you talk with your son and/or daughter over these expectations for they are expectations for life.

**Support Your P&C - Meeting Wednesday 25th February**

Next Wednesday 25th February the first P&C meeting will occur for 2015. Can I please encourage at least one parent from each family to attend. The meeting is held in the Staff Common Room and begins at 7:00pm and will finish at 8:30pm. I would like to meet as many parents and carers as possible and have a positive voice in the activities of the school. A major P&C and community event will be happening in mid March, being the Wollongbar – Alstonville Fun Run. From all reports I am looking forward to an enjoyable day, but it does need our time commitment and participation, whether as an athlete or helper.

**Year 6 and 7 Welcome BBQ**

Families of students currently in year 7 at Alstonville and families of students who are currently in year 6 and are considering enrolment at Alstonville High School in 2016 are invited to a Open Night and Welcome BBQ starting from 5.30 pm on Tuesday 10th March.

The night will include a combined welcome and demonstration of student work in the school hall followed by tours of the school and demonstrations in classrooms.

Families of students in year 7 will have a chance to meet teachers as you help your child(ren) complete a teacher ‘dance’ card on the night.

There will be information sessions for year 6 parents repeated throughout the night by members of the school executive team ensuring that interested families can find out about what we can offer, as well as having a chance to ask questions in smaller group settings.

A BBQ will run during the evening and there will be tea, coffee and other drinks available. If any parents would like to volunteer to help on the evening this would be greatly appreciated.

John Douglas
Principal

**School Photos – Friday 6th March 2015**

Whole school photos will be taken on Friday 6th March. Costs will be similar to last year, ranging from $15 to $40 packs. Envelopes will be sent home next week. For security please consider using credit card or on line payments rather than cash. Alternatively correct money can be sealed within the envelope. These envelopes are to be returned to the photographers on the day.

If you have any enquiries contact Mr Hill in the Maths Department

**Science News**

Thanks to all parents for getting your students to meet the first deadline for homework this year. The response has been fantastic with students producing homework of a high standard. Of particular note was Aidan Panetta’s ion model of Fluorine which was accurate and delicious. Students interested in participating in the Science and Engineering Challenge need to see Mr Sharp as soon as possible so he can create a team. Students need to be from Year 9 or 10.

Just another reminder that the homework and assignments for the first semester in Science can be found on the web site at the link below.


Allan Pelley / Head Teacher Science
Yr12 Work Placement 2015

Construction Pathways VET
A big thank you to the following employers who have taken students this week:

Del Casa Homes, Alstyle Cabinets, Alstonville Kitchens, Brian Beazley Constructions and Jeff Smith Plastering.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Callum Sweeney</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Del Casa Homes, Alstyle Cabinets, Alstonville Kitchens, Brian Beazley Constructions and Jeff Smith Plastering.

Brodie Bottomley

Craig Groves / Head Teacher TAS

Student Representative Council (SRC) News
In 2015 we welcome all new SRC members.

We would also like to congratulate the following new office bearers:

**President:** Arielle Gale
**Vice President:** Marni Hansen
**Treasurer:** Maddy O’Brien
**Correspondence Secretary:** Sophie Sproule
**Minutes Secretary:** Melony Chapman

If any students have ideas for fundraising activities please see your SRC representative.

Sport News

Alstonville High School Annual Swimming Carnival 2015
On Wednesday 4th February, Alstonville High School’s Swimming Carnival was conducted. The weather was kind with only one shower and good cloud cover for most of the day, making conditions great. The standard of competition throughout the day was excellent with many students recording huge improvements since last year’s carnival. Congratulations to all the House Captains who organised their novelty and relay team; the spirit and participation shown throughout the day is a credit to the whole school community.

Age Swimming Champions 2015:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Champion Girl</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Champion Boy</th>
<th>Points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12yrs</td>
<td>La Macchia, Madison yr7</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>12yrs</td>
<td>Van Zuylen, Sam yr7</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Smith, Josh yr7</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13yrs</td>
<td>Wenban, Chiara yr7</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>13yrs</td>
<td>Mulcahy, Max yr7</td>
<td>38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14yrs</td>
<td>Iles, Alyssa yr9</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>14yrs</td>
<td>Rawson, Tom yr8</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Essery, Pacey yr8</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15yrs</td>
<td>Bransgrove Sarah yr9</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>15yrs</td>
<td>Leslie, James yr9</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16yrs</td>
<td>Cusack, Jade yr11</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>16yrs</td>
<td>Sawyer, Daniel yr10</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17+yr</td>
<td>McRae, Emily yr12</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>17+yr</td>
<td>Aenishaenslin, Julian yr12</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

New Records:
14yrs Girls 50m Freestyle NR. 30.02 Alyssa Iles yr9 *Old Record (Potter, Diana 30.23, 2002)*

House Point-Score 2015

<p>| | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1st</td>
<td>Crawford (Red)</td>
<td>609 pts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2nd</td>
<td>Marshall (Blue)</td>
<td>606pts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3rd</td>
<td>Lumley (Green)</td>
<td>538pts</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4th</td>
<td>Maguire (Yellow)</td>
<td>416pts</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Competing in the Correct Age in School Sport
In all school sport competitions, all age groups are determined by an athlete’s age at the 31st December in the year of competition. In way of explanation, the following table demonstrates ages for competitions in 2015.
Permission Notes for School Sport

Please ensure permission notes and money are handed into the office for sports excursions on time. It has become a concern that permission notes and money are not being handed within a reasonable time frame. **Failure to return notes and money at least 48 hours before the excursion is held, may result in the inability for a student to attend.**

Inability of students to return permission notes and money on time may result in exclusion from sporting activities as places and final numbers need to be determined by the organising teacher and office staff prior to excursion date. Thank you for your co-operation.

Volleyball

On Monday 9th February our Open Girls and Boys Volleyball teams travelled to Evans Head K-12 School for the Northern Rivers Zone Volleyball Gala day and Zone Trials. Both our teams played really well. The boys team was narrowly beaten in a deciding set by Evans Head in a game that could have gone either way. The girls team beat Kadina High but were beaten in the finals by Richmond River High School.

Congratulations to Athena Wilson yr11 for her selection into the Northern Rivers Zone Open Girls Volleyball team. Athena will now travel to Port Macquarie on Tuesday 24th February to compete at the North Coast Regional Volleyball Trials.

Basketball

On Thursday 12th February Alstonville High School had nine students contest the Northern Rivers Zone Basketball Gala day and Zone Trials at Lismore. Congratulations to Molly Hughes yr10, Zoe Hurley yr10 and Charlotte Yager yr9 for selection into the Open Girls team and Austin Moore yr11 for being selected in the Open Boys team. Congratulations should also go to Sarah Bransgrove of year 9 who was selected as a reserve. These students will now compete at the North Coast Basketball Championships to be held at Coffs Harbour on Thursday 26th February. Thanks to Mr Oslan for coaching the girls and to the parents who helped transport and support the team.

Rugby Union

Rugby Sevens is an Olympic Sport and will be scheduled in two days of competition in at least the next two Olympic Games (2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro and 2020 Olympics in Tokyo). In light of this fact Australia like many other counties are spending time identifying and developing potential Olympic Athletes to play Rugby 7s.

Alstonville High student, Shana Povey-Hyatt of Year 11 has just been selected into NSW Blue (top team) U’18 Youth Girls Rugby 7s team. They will compete in the National Championships in Sydney held over 3 days from Friday 27th February to Sunday 1st March. Shana’s selection into a team of potential Olympic athletes identified as promising candidates for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is an outstanding achievement. Well done Shana!

Paul Francis / Sports Organiser

Careers News

Welcome to 2015. A reminder that parents can contact me via phone on 6628 5222 or email – karen.horne@det.nsw.edu.au for careers information. Parents and students can also find information, as well as useful websites on the Alstonville High Careers website at www.alstonvillehighcareers.com

TAFE / TVET

A reminder that students need to return the TAFE permission notes signed by student and parent/carer to Ms Horne by 27th February. This handout/permission note outlines information on attendance, clothing, exams, transport and overall responsibilities of all TAFE students. Spare notes can be requested by emailing me.

Year 12

On Thursday 26th February during Periods 7 and 8 all of Year 12 will be attending a visit in the school hall by a group of representatives from universities and TAFE. Parents are most welcome to attend. Presenters will be from SCU, UNE, Griffith, Sunshine Coast, Bond and North Coast TAFE. **Attendance is compulsory for all of Year 12.**

Year 9 and 10

Updates and general information will be given to all Year 9 and 10 students regarding school Work Experience during Religion lessons for 2 – 3 weeks in the second half of Term 1. Please be patient so I can also get paperwork and forms ready. The Department of Education and Communities WILL NOT cover insurance for Work Experience during school holidays.

Karen Horne / Careers

Renewal of New Locker Hire for 2015

Students who were issued new lockers in 2014 are now required to make payment of $20 for new lockers and $7-50 for metal (old) lockers for 2015. **If this payment is not made by this Friday 20th February locks will be removed and lockers sold to paying students.**

---

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age Group in 2015</th>
<th>Year of Birth</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>12 Years</td>
<td>2003</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 Years</td>
<td>2002</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 Years</td>
<td>2001</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 Years</td>
<td>2000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Years</td>
<td>1999</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Years</td>
<td>1998</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Years</td>
<td>1997</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Alstonville High School 2015 Swimming Carnival
P&C, Canteen & Uniform News

Our next P&C meeting is Wednesday 25th February at 7:00pm and will finish at 8:30pm in the Staff Common Room. Please come along and have your say about what the P&C will be doing this year.

Fun Run

The Fun Run will be happening again on Saturday 14th of March.
If you are interested in helping with this great event please contact Annette McGrath 66291678 or email: mcgrathx4@westnet.com.au

Canteen and Uniform News

We are in need of volunteers on a Friday to help in the canteen. Please call Robynne if you are able to help 66281797

Please check out the weekly menu on the board and our daily specials.
Any special dietary needs please see Robynne Surtees in the canteen.

Don’t forget our Canteen card minimal withdrawal $10. Surcharges apply.
Stationery Items available from the canteen, books, pens, and grid books.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
8am - 10am
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Viewpoint Security Services and Rotary Alstonville are sponsoring another youth dance night at the Alstonville Leisure and Entertainment Centre. Viewpoint Security are donating their services to manage a safe drug and alcohol free event for young people. There will be prizes for best dance crews and fluoro outfits. Fluoro merchandise, food and drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Rotary Alstonville have assisted with initial costs and are excited about the Rotary International youth club, Interact, which will be starting up at Alstonville High School this year under the supervision of Ms Pett and Mr. Fleming. Here is the important stuff.

Date: Thursday 26th March 2015, second last week of term
Location: Alstonville Leisure and Entertainment Centre
Time: 6.30 to 10.30 pm
Cost: $20.00 entry with ID and proof of age required.
Function hotline: 0498667188

Viewpoint Dance and Rotary are seeking to support youth welfare initiatives in Alstonville and will be donating proceeds towards the Youth Worker and Chaplaincy program at AHS.