Principal’s Report

End of Term 3 Reminders
As this is now the last week of Term 3, I want to wish all students and staff a safe and relaxing break, so that on return all are energised to complete Term 4. This especially applies to all Year 12 students who will beginning and completing their Higher School Certificate examinations during Term 4. I must remind and reinforce that the location of all Higher School Certificate examinations is at the Alstonville Baptist Church complex on Wardell Road Alstonville.

All students driving to the examination venue must use the entry on Wardell Road but on leaving, exit via Ellis Road. The Baptist Church have also asked that all drivers park in the grassed car park and not in areas marked as reserved. Using the church complex allows a quiet environment away from the normal school noises and disturbances. If for any reason a student finds it difficult to be transported to the examination centre then I ask them to contact the school so that arrangements can be made to get the student there on time. Once again it is paramount that all Year 12 students double check their examination timetable so that all examinations are attended at the correct date and time.

The final event for Year 12 this week will be their breakfast and formal assembly. The cost to attend the breakfast is $5 per person and I have been told that this is a very filling and enjoyable breakfast. The assembly will be during Periods 1 and 2, to allow the recognition and presentation to all Year 12 students celebrating their final year of secondary education.

150 Year Anniversary Alstonville Celebrations

Last week was once again a very busy week for the school culminating in the parade celebrating the 150 Year Anniversary of the Alstonville Community. I must thank all students and staff, especially Mrs Stephanie O’Brien, who prepared and took part in the parade last Saturday – the float was amazing. The static display at the show grounds was well accepted by all, with many visitors asking questions and remembering their years at school and especially Alstonville High School. I want to also thank the school captains for attending the Church Service
celebration on the Sunday morning. It is obvious that Alstonville High School plays a very active and important role within this community.

**State Hockey Championship**
A group of 14 hockey players travelled to Sydney last week to participate in a State Hockey Championship. Alstonville High School played some outstanding teams. Every player played to their best and pushed the opposition teams to their limit. I thank all boys and parents who supported this trip and to Mr Craig Lasserre as coach and mentor. All should be proud of their achievements.

**Mufti Day**
Last Tuesday the school was involved in a “mufti” (out of uniform) day. Money raised from this day will be presented to two very worthy causes suggested by the Student Representative Council: the Children’s Ward of Lismore Base Hospital and the Chung family. I thank all students and staff who donated to these two very worthy causes.

**Primary Industries Development**
Starting during the holidays and continuing for all of Term 4, construction of the redeveloped Primary Industries area will occur. This is very pleasing as it will bring a school resource up to industry standard. The Primary Industry area will be ready for day 1 Term 1 2016 and will give students access to dynamic learning areas. During this building process there will be some inconvenience, especially in the closing of the car park area adjacent to the Primary Industry area, but the final result will be worth the inconvenience.

**Term 4 Dates**
Term 4 for all students and staff begins on Tuesday 6th October 2015, this is the day after the public holiday.

Once again I ask that all families check that all elective fees have been paid.

*John Douglas / Principal*

**Year 9 Northern Networks Maths Quest**
On the 2nd September, Mobina Rowhani, Lucy Turner, Domenica Wenban and Pavikshan Siribalamurali attended the Year 9 Northern Networks Maths Quest at Richmond River High School. The team completed three challenges - a individual test, a team problem solving challenge and a relay race. Alstonville High’s team came out on top, winning for the third year in a row. Congratulations to Pavikshan who come third overall in the individual test. The team had a lot of fun. Thank you to Mr Parson for taking the team to Richmond River High and mentoring the team.

*Lucy Turner*

**AIME’S Got Game**
Alstonville High School has three ATSI students that have made it into the top 50 in the state of AIME’s Got Game. Jasmine Laurie, Khawana Roberts and Iesha Torrens, all from Year 9 have performed successfully at Southern Cross University AIME days.

AIME’s Got Game is an online talent competition showcasing the fresh skills of Indigenous Australian high school kids.

These students are part of a generation of talented Indigenous youth who have a vision for Australia that is filled with hope, positivity and success.

Patrick from the AIME program came to school recently to inform the girls of the good news.

*Mr White / AIME Co-ordinator*

**Northern Rivers Zone Knockout Netball**
On the 11th of September, Emma Bransgrove, Brooke Hofmeyer, Kasey Galway, Jasmin Maxwell, Kallista Fay, Scarlett Jones, Leilani Rohweder, Fallon Morris and Pip Wolstenholme with the help of our referee Mikayla Hofmeyer and Miss Wynn, attended the 2015 Northern Rivers Zone Knockout Netball Carnival at Lismore Netball Courts.

The girls played 4 games against different schools from the area. Although we missed out on the final by one point it was a fun filled day and the girls showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Well done girls!

*Renae Wynn*
Careers News

Year 12 Final Information
University on time applications close on Wednesday 30th September. Check closing dates for accommodation, scholarships and entry requirements such as interviews, auditions and portfolios.

Check TAFE course application procedures over the coming few weeks as internet updated information for 2016 courses is added, particularly for local TAFE campuses.

Apprenticeships/Traineeships - apply now, drop off resumes and take the pressure off planning for 2016.

If you need help/advice during the school holidays students/parents can email me on karen.horne@det.nsw.edu.au as I will regularly check emails.

Good luck in your upcoming exams next term!

Term 4 Careers Events - to mark on your calendars
* October/November-2 days 9am -1pm- dates to be advised - I am looking to run a Workcover Construction Site WHS course at Alstonville High. TAFE will come here. The card is compulsory for work experience or work placement in areas such as building/carpentry, electrician, plumbing, landscape gardening, roof tiling, surveying on a building site, installing cabinets, air conditioners etc. Students (Years 9/10/11 over 14 years) will need to see me to be placed on a list. We can have 15-20 students. See me by no later than Friday 9th October so I can send home student application and information packs.

* Friday 23rd October - Year 11 and some possible Year 10 students - Medicine and Allied Health (NOT Nursing) Seminar at Lismore Northern Rivers Rural Health Centre - Speakers and hands on workshop activities.

* Thursday 29th October Year 11/12 Senior Students Day Excursion to Southern Cross University - Lismore Campus. Information on Courses, Services, Pathways, University expectations, current student panel activities.

Karen Horne / Careers Adviser

Sport News

NSWCHS State Athletics Championship
We would like to congratulate our athletes who represented our school from the North Coast Region at the NSWCHS State Athletics Championships held at Homebush Bay on the 3rd to the 5th of September. Year 7 student, Kye Duesbury was awarded the bronze medal in the 13yrs High Jump and many of our other students qualified for finals and achieved personal bests. The standard of competition at these championships is always exceptional and all our athletes should be proud of their efforts. We thank the parents accompanying our students; their support is very much appreciated. We commend all the students who competed at the State Championships for their ongoing accomplishment and pride in representing their school.

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Football (Soccer)

Year 12 student Zamin Tselepy has been selected for the NSW All-Schools Sports Association U19 Boys Football team.

Zamin will now compete in the Pacific Schools Games to be held in Adelaide, South Australia from 21st to 29th November, 2015.

The Pacific Schools Games involves nine sports and is for teams from up to 30 countries, including every Australian State and Territory. Zamin was selected in the team after his outstanding performance playing against students from the private school sector at the NSW All-Schools Carnival. To be chosen for the NSW All-Schools Football team is an incredible opportunity. Well done Zamin on this impressive achievement!

Futsals (Indoor Soccer)

Congratulations to U14s Girls, U14s Boys and U16s Boys Futsal (Indoor Soccer) teams. These three teams were successful winners at the Northern Rivers Zone Futsal Gala Days. Our undefeated Futsal Teams will now compete against the winning teams from the Far North Coast Zone in an effort to contest the North Coast Futsal Finals to be held early in Term 4.

The U14 Girls Futsal Team members are: Shakira Connor-Young yr8, Amelia Davenport-Waite yr7, Amy Davis yr7, Emma Eichorn yr7, Ashleigh Larrescy yr7 Anna Margraf yr8 and Luka Newman yr7. These girls will now play Wollumbin High School in Round 4 of the North Coast Knockout.
The U14 Boys Futsal team members are: Jake Dowd yr8, James Fleming yr8, Harry Hampson yr8, Edward Pearce yr8, Tom Rawson yr8, Kye Smith yr8, Ty Walls yr8, Jason Wright yr8 and Isaac Young yr8. These boys will now play Southern Cross K-12 School in Round 4 of the North Coast Knockout.

The U16 Boys Futsal Team members are: Henk Breugem yr10, Lachlan Grey yr10, Moritz Margraf yr10, Zac Maxwell yr10, Lewis McNally yr10, Ethan Pelley yr10 and Cooper Walls yr10. These boys will now play Mullumbimby High School in Round 4 of the North Coast Knockout.

Paul Francis / Sports Co-ordinator

Year 11 Textiles Projects
P & C News

Here we are at the end of term again.

On behalf of the P & C, I wish all the Year 12 Students the best of luck in their upcoming HSC 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

Year 12 Farewell Breakfast BBQ

Friday 18th September from 7am

Thank you to all the Parent Volunteers who are assisting with this traditional event.

Look forward to meeting you on Friday.

Andrew Philippzig-Mann
P& C President

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BALLINA JUNIOR TOUCH

2015-16 Season Sign-on

Online registration - NOW until 25th September 2015.

Information available on the Ballina Touch Association Face Book page and Juniors website or contact

ballinatouch1@gmail.com
Sign On for Alstonville Junior Cricket Season 2015/16

Cricket Season is almost here so sign up with your friends. You can play in the following age groups, under 8s Milo In2CRICKET, under 10s BIG BASH and 12s, 14s, 16s.

Sign on days
Saturday 5th September 9am to 12 midday at Geoff Watt Oval.
Saturday 12th September 9am to 12 midday at Alstonville Plaza

For further information please contact Club President – Tony Yager
Phone 0417290380 or Club Secretary – Craig McNally
Phone 0429778923

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, 31st August and the club will be holding a sign on for new swimmers from 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on Saturday 5th September and again on Saturday 12th 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 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 Michael Thompson, President, on 0428 659 237 or michaelt2477@gmail.com
Far North Coast Group of CWA of NSW Education Grant Applications

The Far North Coast Group of CWA of NSW awards Education Grants each year to children entering Secondary or Tertiary level or Developmental Disabilities Study.

These Education Grants are tenable for one (1) year, but recipients may re-apply each year if still within the category.

Each Application must be accompanied by:

1. A citation written by a person of standing in the community;
2. A recommendation from the Principal of the School the Student is at present attending, testifying to the character and academic record of the Applicant.
3. A citation of Student involvement in School Representation, eg. community work through school, sporting achievements, School Council, etc.

CITATIONS FROM CWA MEMBERS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Successful applicants will be notified by phone and mail, and the Education Grant will be presented by the Branch President in November/December of each year, preferably at a School Assembly.

All applications are treated in the strictest confidence.

The completed application forms should be in the hands of the Education Grants Committee Chairperson by Wednesday, 30 September 2015. **No late applications will be accepted.**

The Chairperson
Far North Coast Group of CWA Education Grants
20 Regency Crescent
GOONELLABAH NSW 2480
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 66241583
Spring into Engineering is a school holiday program for aspiring young women interested in engineering. Hosted by Southern Cross University and held at Lismore campus, it is a great opportunity for students to see firsthand what engineering is all about.

**When:** Thursday, 1 October 2015

**Where:** SCU, Lismore Campus, Level 2, A Block, Military Road, East Lismore

**Time:** 9.15am to 2.45pm – parents/guardians are responsible for the student’s travel arrangements

**Cost:** There is no charge for attendance

**Bring:** Food, water bottle, covered shoes, pen and paper

**Registration:** Please complete the registration form. It needs to be signed by the student’s parent/guardian and returned to Maree Savins before the event.

**Contact:** Maree Savins, engineering@scu.edu.au or on 02 6620 3026.