Values
We value and support:
- A positive, healthy and safe learning environment
- Respectful attitudes and actions
- Diversity
- Pursuit of personal excellence
- Service to community
- Team work
- Quality learning and teaching
- Initiative, leadership and self-discipline

Learning
We aspire to be:
- Life-long learners
- Creative and critical thinkers
- Effective communicators
- Skilled in literacy and numeracy
- Independent and organised
- Competent and innovative with technology
- Environmentally, socially and culturally informed
- Caring and compassionate

Principal’s Report
Welcome back to all school community members for the start of 2016. It was more than pleasing to meet and greet many students, parents and staff as they began the first week. So many had great stories to tell of their break. It would appear all were excited to start the new year, especially with the longer periods and the 10 day timetable. The initial comments have been very positive, especially when a number have stated that they appear to be completing more in their class time yet it seems to go quicker!

Staffing
We have four new permanent staff members commence this year. These new staff members are: Mr Vincent Trirro (Head Teacher English), Mr Andrew Fox (Head Teacher Welfare), Ms Nicola Kane (English) and Ms Delena Tibbs (Mathematics). Four other staff members will be filling temporary roles that are new to the school this year, they are: Mr Andrew Grant-Frost (HSIE), Mrs Deb Barron (PD/H/PE), Mrs Deb Gale (Support Teacher) and Mr Clay Starr (Support Teacher). I welcome all of these new staff members to Alstonville High School and hope that they will enjoy the school and its students in the same way as I have enjoyed being here.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2016

8th – 19th Feb
- Mon -
VET Work Placement Year 12
- Fri
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16th Feb
- Tue
Year 7 Welcome BBQ – 5:30pm - 7:00pm

23rd Feb
- Tues
Information Evening for Year 5 and 6

24th Feb
- Wed
P&C Meeting – 7pm

26th Feb
- Fri
Zone Swimming Carnival

29th Feb
- Mon
Year 7 Vaccinations

3rd Mar
- Thurs
School Photos

8th Mar
- Tues
North Coast Swimming Carnival
School Photos Catch-up Day

11th Mar
- Fri
Year 7 Peer Support – Mt Tamborine

15th Mar
- Tues
Year 7 – 12 Parent Teacher Interviews

YEAR 7 2016 STUDENT AND PARENT BBQ
TUESDAY 16th February 2016
5:30 – 7:00pm
Come and meet the teachers of your child.
This is an informal time to talk and meet.
Sausage sandwiches and drinks will be available on the evening.
Come when you can and leave when you must!
This will be held in the area outside the canteen.

New Timetable Structure
As has been mentioned the school has moved to 5 one hour periods each day. Roll call is held in Period 1. Students who arrive late need to report through the front office. As in 2015 every lesson will have an attendance check/mark so it is...
imperative that your child attends every day for every period. It is a legal requirement that all absences are explained; this explanation can be in writing or verbally either in person or over the phone. If your son or daughter is to have an extended leave from school then a request for exemption of attendance must be completed prior to the event. These forms can be obtained from the front office.

The one hour periods are to allow students and teachers a more developed and planned access into the learning and teaching environment. The 5 one hour periods reduces the number of student movements in the day and the time lost due to these movements. The extended period times will allow greater access to technology and internet involvement.

School Parking
The movement of traffic in and around the school with parking is a major issue. It is asked that senior students use the parking spaces in Coral Street first, before attempting to park in Cawley Close. Better still it would be asked that all students keep to the bus transport system rather than driving; of course there are always exceptions. All parents need to be aware of the parking restrictions in Cawley Close and the times indicated on the signs. This area is being monitored by Ballina Shire Council Rangers and significant fines are being imposed for any incorrect parking or in the picking up or letting off of students. Also be aware of the 40km speed zone and the times that it is applied; this is being strictly enforced.

Primary Industries Centre Update
Throughout most of Term 4 of 2015 and through the Christmas break the new Primary Industries Centre has been worked upon. This Trade Skills Centre is all but completed and should be handed over to the school hopefully by the end of February. This centre is an outstanding resource for the school and is state of the art. Students at Alstonville High School will be greatly advantaged by this modern resource.

New Computer Network System
During the holidays the computer network system was fully upgraded with optical cabling etc. I am hoping that this will allow for greater ease of access onto the network for students and staff, at greater speeds.

John Douglas
Principal

Parent Portal
Students in all year groups will be bringing home a letter containing full information on logging on to and accessing the Sentral parent/student portal for our school. The portal provides information to parents and students about timetables, reports, assessment tasks, attendance, excursions and other variations to routine or special activities. It will also create the ability for parents to book interviews for parent teacher evenings.

We hope that parents take up the opportunity to set up their account and access this site. If any parent is experiencing difficulty with any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Leone Chapman
Head Teacher – Teacher Learning

School Lockers
Students who currently have lockers from 2015 need to renew these by paying either $20 for the new style lockers or $7.50 for the older style at the front office by Friday 12th February. After this date all locks will be removed and offered to students on the current waiting list.

Change of School Details
If you have changed home address, email address or phone numbers could you please inform the school as soon as possible. It is important that we have the correct details on our system.

Careers Message
Welcome to 2016, especially new families. Contact details for Careers Information are karen.horne@det.nsw.edu.au or 66285222. We have a Careers website that is free to access www.alstonvillehighcareers.com This has a variety of useful information headings.

TAFE/TVET 2016 Notice
Due to changes to offers and funding for TAFE 2016, the orientation and first day of lessons will be next week, Wednesday 10th February. Information on bus times and costs, Campus meeting locations and times to start/finish will be handed to students by Monday 8th February once TAFE/bus companies have passed this information to us at school.

General Information
- Year 12- UMAT entry to some Medicine/Health courses registrations has opened - see notice on Careers Office door
- Recommendation/Early Entry varies from place to place. Students need to check individual universities and their application details and any extra eligibility requirements. Some information will arrive late Term 2or early Term 3 to school.
- SAVE THE DATE - University and TAFE visit to Alstonville High School will be in the school hall on Thursday 25th February during Period 5 - 2.20pm - 3.20pm. It is expected classes will be cancelled and ALL year 12 will attend. Parents are also welcome to come along and gather information. Notes with more details to be handed to Year 12 in the next week.

K Horne / Careers Adviser
COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL AT VILLA FC
- biggest participation sporting club on North Coast
- first club in Australia awarded Level 2 for its organisation

Register ONLINE at myfootballclub.com.au then SIGN ON at:
- Saturday 13th February (10am – 2pm ) at Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- Saturday 20th February (10am – 2pm ) at Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- Friday 19th February 2pm-5pm Alstonville Plaza

Football for Ages 5 years to Adult.
New players – please bring Birth Certificate.
For all details, visit us at www.alstonvillefc.com.au

P&C and Canteen News
Toasties (ham and cheese) and hot chocolates are available each day between 8am and 9am.

Please read the menu board for our daily specials
We have a great range of wraps, sandwiches, sushi and salads. Pre-order so you don’t miss out as all the favourites go quickly.

The Canteen is closed from 10:30 to 11:00am each day. The coffee machine closes each day at 12 noon. Coffee is available to seniors and staff only.

The Uniform Shop is open from 8am until 10am every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7pm in the staff Common Room. Come and be part of this fabulous school.

Volunteers are needed in the canteen. We can never have too many volunteers. So if you have a spare day once a month please help us out. Great fun, free coffee and lunch. Please phone Robynne on 6628 1797 or 0410 685 if you can help out.

DOES YOUR DAUGHTER LOVE TO DANCE?
Come along and try Physie!
Only $8 a class!

SIGN ON DAY: Tuesday 2nd February, Alstonville Leisure Centre, 4-6pm
CLASSES COMMENCE: Tuesday 9th February
Phone Jenna: 0406774092

NEW LADIES CLASS IN 2016!
ALSTONVILLE UNITING CHURCH | WEDNESDAY 5:30 – 6:30 PM

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Classes at Alstonville and Ballina
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