



Alstonville High School Newsletter

Developing future citizens and leaders of the community – life long learning!

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Our community values integrity
in all aspects of life

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

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



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

24 October	Wednesday	P&C Meeting – 7pm – Admin Meeting Room
30 October	Tuesday	Year 6 -7 Transition morning – 9:30am – 1:00pm CAPA Matinee – 11:40am – 1:00pm CAPA Night – 6:30pm – 9:30pm
31 October	Wednesday	Year 11 Awards Assembly – 6pm to 7pm
7 November	Wednesday	Year 6–7 Transition morning – 11-40am – 1-40pm
12 November	Monday	Remembrance Day Assembly – 10am
12-16 November	Monday – Friday	Year 8 and 10 Exams
15 November	Thursday	Year 12 Formal – 5:30pm
19 – 23 November	Monday – Friday	Year 7 and 9 Exams
23 November	Friday	RRISK Day – Year 11/12
28 November	Wednesday	P&C Meeting – 7pm – Admin Meeting Room
4 December	Tuesday	Year 6 – 7 2019 Orientation Day
17 December	Monday	2018 Awards Presentation Assembly – 9:15am – 11:00am
19 December	Wednesday	Last Day Term 4

CAPA NIGHT

MUSIC, DRAMA, ART



TUESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

STUDENT \$2

MATINEE-11:40 – 1:00

ADULT \$5

EVENING PERFORMANCES-6:30-9:30

ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL HALL

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE ON THE EVENING



Our strategic guiding question:

- How can we ensure that our students achieve at least one year's worth of learning growth from one year's worth of teaching?

Welcome to Term 4

Term 4 ended with a terrific year 12 breakfast and farewell assembly. We had a large number of volunteer students, parents and teachers helping with the preparation and serving of the breakfast. It is wonderful to see occasions like this where we get together as a team to support our students and families.

The year 12 farewell assembly was a memorable event. We had a large number of parents, carers, relatives and other friends in attendance and the hall was full. Our guest speaker, ex-student Jayden Partridge shared a little of his impressive life story so far and provided some simple strategies for success. Thank you everyone who helped us make this a great day.

We are very proud of all of our year 12 students for the commitment they have demonstrated to a goal of achieving a HSC. They started the HSC exams last week and we wish them all the best. Over the recent vacation period students and staff were at school nearly every day, fitting in extra revision and exam practice. This kind of perseverance will hopefully result in students achieving the results they need to provide a good range of past school options.

School Captains for 2018-19

Congratulations to Kallista Fay, Blair Ryan, Alex Bramley-O'Connor and Austin Fay who were elected as school captains for 2018 - 19. We had a very large number of quality candidates for this election, and we thank each and every one of them for putting themselves up for consideration. The Year Adviser for the 2019 year 12 team has now established a leadership team to draw upon the skills and interest of students from this group who will work to support our captains.

Year 12 2018 -19 Next Steps to Success Conference

On the first Tuesday of term we ran our first next Steps to Success Conference for all of our 2018 – 19 year 12 students. Students heard from members of the school executive about simple strategies that they could use to maximise the impact of senior study. We also attended practical workshops on student wellbeing and breathing. Ongoing sessions building on the wellbeing strategies will be offered to the students. Our school counsellor provided advice and information about a range of support services. We also provided specific advice and information on NESA assessment, attendance and completion requirements. The students were able to engage with an extensive question and answer session so they could clarify their understanding of what is required. Mr Silcock ran sessions on goal setting and having a Plan A and a Plan B. The staff of the school are willing to follow up on these sessions with small groups of interested students if they want extra time to work through some of these strategies. We are continuing with our Steps to Success coaching program and all our students are encouraged to use their learning coaches from these groups to support them with ways of continuing to improve their learning. We are now working with a team of year 12 students to develop a similar conference for the 2019 year 11 class for their first day in senior school in 2019.

ATOMI

Just a reminder that our current year 11/12 students all should have access to the HSC online resource library ATOMI. This website is constantly updating the resources available to students and now includes a new range of quizzes and other activities that are interactive. Please see Mr Perkins if you have trouble accessing this resource. We appreciate the way families are paying the subscription fee for this resource. We are subsidising a significant proportion of the cost and your contribution helps us make this available for the students.

Staffing Update

Mr Price is on leave for at least the first six weeks of Term 4 having undergone a knee replacement. Mr North is relieving as Deputy Principal and Mr Larrescy is relieving as Head Teacher PE.

Space Camp 2019

Congratulations must go to Mrs Rheinberger, who successfully applied for a \$20,000 grant from the Australian Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to support four of our students to attend the USA Space Camp in Huntsville in 2019. This is a remarkable achievement and a first for Alstonville High School. We have now started the process of applying for approval to run an overseas excursion and will set up a team to determine how we select students to attend.

Attendance Reminder

We would like to remind all families that there have been changes to the attendance requirements across NSW. School Principals now have very limited authority to grant students leave to go on family holidays either in Australia or overseas during the school term. Those students who go on family vacations during the school term may have the leave recorded as unapproved leave. If a family is planning an extended holiday during school term it is strongly advised that you inform the school well in advance of the planned holiday so we can provide advice regarding possible implications.

Canteen Volunteers

Remember:



David Silcock
Principal

Missing School Blazers

We have a number of Alstonville High School blazers missing. If you know that your child has borrowed a school blazer and it is still at home please return it to the office as soon as possible.

West Sumatra Visit to Alstonville High School

Recently Alstonville High School Language Department invited two teachers from West Sumatra to attend our Indonesian language classrooms so students could experience authentic language and culture.

The Australian-Indonesian BRIDGE School Partnerships Program (a government initiative), was a huge success! The students embraced the Sumatran teachers with open minds and hearts. Every lesson conducted with the visiting teachers was intensely appreciated by students. I believe the students developed greater understanding and empathy for our closest neighbours, they were intrigued by the customs shared and the dances learnt.

Our school and West Sumatra SMA will continue to work together sharing resources and linking classrooms for an ongoing collaborative authentic learning experience.

Jenny Pett / Language

To Family of Ex Service Community – Remembrance Day Assembly Invitation

Family of Ex-servicemen and women in our community are cordially invited to attend our Remembrance Day Assembly at Alstonville High School on Monday 12 November 10am.

The theme for our assembly is Remembrance and Peace. It is an assembly to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

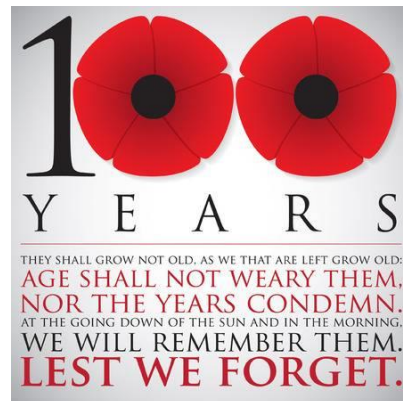
Armistice Day is on 11 November and is also known as Remembrance Day. It marks the day World War 1 ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918.

We would love to see family of ex-servicemen and women in the audience to commemorate the day with us. *Dress code: is Coat and Medals*

Additionally -

There will also be a service on Remembrance Day Sunday 11th November in Alstonville, at St Bartholomew's Church (6 The Avenue, Alstonville).

Assemble at 10:00am for a 10:15am service start. At 10:40am there will be a procession to Elizabeth Ann Brown Park. We would love to see the community come and support the commemoration of this significant day and remember the soldiers that gave their all for their country. Thank you.



Maria Bramley-O'Connor / Relieving Head Teacher HSIE



Careers Communication Corner

- **Reminder to students - Work Experience Years 9/10/11**– Term 4 particularly after yearly exam periods, is a good time to organise some Work Experience. This could be to try and secure an Apprenticeship or Traineeship to commence in 2019. Could also be to research workplaces as future Career Paths or trial for potential casual employment. See Careers Adviser for the appropriate forms and Insurance, which must be completed, signed and handed to Careers Office at least 1 Week before you go to Work Experience to organise the kit to take with you.
- **TAFE/TVET Information** - Students who applied for TAFE TVET courses in Term 3 for next year, will be notified later this term as to whether they have been successful in gaining Department of Education funding. NOTE: Submitting an application does not guarantee a position in a TAFE course. Priority is given to Year 11/12 students first and spaces available at TAFE.
- **TAFE Courses 2019** - If you are considering leaving school and wish to apply to TAFE you need to look at TAFE NSW websites and course information to see what courses may be on offer. If you are under 17, you need a school exemption to do full time TAFE or have an apprenticeship/traineeship contract. Students who have just completed Year 11 Preliminary and are looking at other options instead of completing Year 12, can arrange a suitable time to meet with Careers Adviser to discuss.

- **Years 10/11- School Based Apprenticeships/Traineeships** involving paid work, part time study and school subjects, can be signed up from Term 2 Year 10 until 30 June of Year 11. After this date there is insufficient time to complete the compulsory training and on the job work days. Information for students, families and potential employers is available from the Careers Office.
- **School Based Traineeships 2019**

Aged Care Nursing- 2 positions available to commence for Year 11 2019 (current Year 10)

Baptist Care Alstonville are looking to employ two aged care trainees in Nursing over 2019 -2020 (Year 11-12). This involves paid part time employment of at least 7 - 8 hours per week, (either day or afternoon shifts, more during holiday periods and possible weekend work later on), an aged care TAFE course 1 day per week and school subjects for the rest of the school week. Position would suit a student wanting to stay working in Aged Care Nursing after completing school or looking to move into a University registered nursing degree after Year 12. Information from Baptist Care includes the following:

- Two positions - start February 2019. These are the basics of what Baptist Aged Care are looking for:

Personal qualities:

Respect for providing and supporting individual residents have quality of life. Enjoy being with aged residents.

Duties:

Personal care such as assisting with dressing/showering and toiletry, meals and being involved in activities.

The school based trainee would always be supervised.

Karen Horne / Careers Adviser Email:karen.horne@det.nsw.edu.au

Year 8 Technology Mandatory - Food

At the end of Term 3 we enjoyed a special practical lesson – treat food. Students made chocolate slice and by the amount that made it home, it would be safe to say it was a huge success.



Vanessa Christmas / TAS

Space Camp 2019



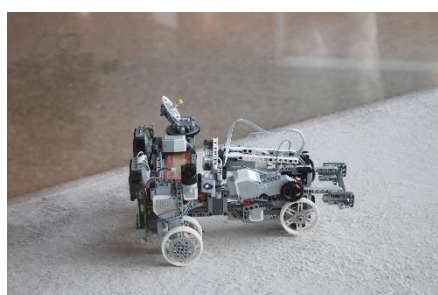
Australian Government
Department of Industry,
Innovation and Science

Alstonville High School has obtained four Student Science Engagement scholarships, courtesy of the Inspiring Australia – Science Engagement Programme from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

These partial scholarships are available to four students from Alstonville High School, who meet the criteria below, to attend Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama, USA in the 2019 October school holidays. Students will travel with the Australian company One Giant Leap Australia.

Number of scholarships	Year	Student	Age (at October, 2019)	Scholarship amount
1	9	boy	15	\$5000
1	9	girl	15	\$5000
1	10	boy	16	\$5000
1	10	girl	16	\$5000

Alstonville High School Year 10, 2018 student Lisa Rheinberger attended this year's space camp. Below are some of the activities that she participated in.



RANK	TEAM NAME	PROGRAM	LEVEL	TOTAL	SOLDS	LIQUIDS	TRASH
1	GAYMELIC	SPACE	ACADEMY	7.715	2.68	3.8	4.94
2	MANVIBUS	SPACE	ADVANCED	8.545	3.4	4.2	3.78
3	PRODIG	SPACE	ADVANCED	8.82	3.72	4.1	4
4	SEED	SPACE	ADVANCED	10.495	4.48	4.82	4.78
5	QANS	SPACE	CAMP	11.665	5.8	5.16	2.82
6	ARES	SPACE	CAMP	12.375	2.74	8.02	6.46
7	LUNA	SPACE	ACADEMY	13.255	6.32	6.04	3.58
8	EYSUM	SPACE	ADVANCED	13.845	7.24	5.4	4.82
9	CALLISTO	SPACE	ACADEMY	15.98	4.78	9.71	5.84
10	CAPRICORN	SPACE	CAMP	18.12	8.61	8.04	5.88

“Space Camp 2018 was the experience of a lifetime. We were involved in activities such as mission simulations, the construction of rovers and rockets, learning Russian, space medicine and space history and scuba diving which simulates being in a micro-gravity situation. Space Camp was an experience that I will never forget.” – Lisa Rheinberger, 2018.

This is perfect for students who

- have an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects;
- have a positive attitude and are willing to try new things;
- learn by challenging themselves;
- want to connect with people from around Australia and the world and
- will represent Alstonville High School, One Giant Leap and Australia with pride.

Please note: Any student from Alstonville High school can apply and pay to attend; however the scholarships are for students in years 9 and 10.

Further information will be presented next Wednesday 31 October at 4pm in the school library. Information will include:

- One Giant Leap Australia
- How your time will be spent in California
 - Disneyland
 - Northrop Grumman Corporation
 - Universal Studios
 - Californian Science Centre
- Space Camp USA in Huntsville, Alabama
 - activities undertaken while completing the Advanced Space Academy
- Total cost
- Selection process

Danielle Rheinberger / MCC teacher



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WATER WEEK COMPETITION
Let's Chat – WATER!

Join the conversation for your chance to WIN!

- 1st Wet N Wild double pass
- 2nd Ten-ticket pool pass
- 3rd Ballina Waterslide day pass

Water is precious and we all have a role to play in protecting it. Ballina Shire Council wants to get conversation flowing this Water Week! By joining the conversation you could WIN great prizes while learning about the importance of this precious resource.

Enter online at ballinawater.com.au

National **WATER WEEK** | 21 - 27 October 2018

Water for me, water for all.



FAIR TRADE FAIR
Saturday November 3rd
8am - 2pm

Uniting Church Car Park,
Station St, Bangalow


Lots of Fair Trade Retailers
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Gifts, Homewares, Clothing
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'Raise the Roof' Choir
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Teaching someone to drive can be a **happy** experience.

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BALLINA:
Tuesday 30th October @ 6pm
Ballina Surf Club - Jullum Room
Lighthouse Beach, Ballina

For enquiries, or to register your attendance
Email: roadsafety@joblnkplus.com.au or call 02 6764 6623



ARMY RESERVE OFFICER INFORMATION SESSION

Take your leadership and management skills to the next level, working part-time as an Army Reserve Officer. The Army Reserve is made up of everyday Aussies who are ready to step up to any challenge – if and when the country needs. Reservists help local communities around Australia and abroad, and play an important part in providing the additional officers and soldiers the Australian Army needs.

Being part of the Army Reserve means you will gain new life experiences, meet new mates, learn new skills, be given the opportunity to travel within and beyond Australia, work a minimum of 20 days a year all whilst giving back to your local area and earning 100% tax free pay.

Army Reserve Officer Information Session

Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Date: Wednesday 7th November, 2018

Location: Southern Cross University, Gold Coast Airport, Terminal Dr, Bilinga

RSVP: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/Army-Reserve-Officer-Information-Session>

or cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au

Who will benefit from this information session?

- People looking for a part time job
- Job seekers looking for new opportunities
- Parents, educators and mentors who support and work with these groups

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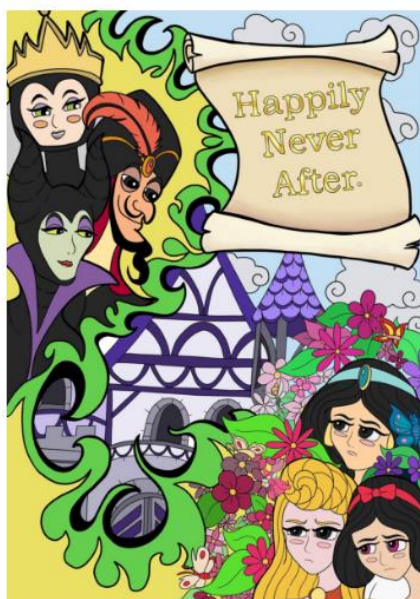
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM | TERM 4 BRIGHTsparks

Workshops
WITH
JEHT BURGOYNE

Wednesday Classes | 24 October - 19 December 2018

Thursday Classes | 25 October - 20 December 2018

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL



Audition Notice

Saturday 27th October

Rochdale Theatre Goonellabah

10am - 2pm

A play where the villains take centre stage!

For more information or to book your audition time.

Please contact Sharon Brodie 0423 308 063