



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



Year 12 Formal 2018

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19 – 23 November	Monday – Friday	Year 7 and 9 Exams
22 November	Thursday	Drug Education Parent Information Night – Alstonville High School Hall - 5pm -7pm
23 November	Friday	RRISK Day – Year 11/12 – Southern Cross Uni
28 November	Wednesday	P&C Meeting – 6pm – Alstonville Bowling Club – Meal. Meeting to start at 7pm.
4 December	Tuesday	Year 6 – 7 2019 Orientation Day
17 December	Monday	2018 Awards Presentation Assembly – 9:15am – 11:00am
18 December	Tuesday	All students Alstonville Pool Activities
19 December	Wednesday	Last Day Term 4
2019		
29 January	Tuesday	Term 1 First day Staff
30 January	Wednesday	Term 1 First day Year 7, 11 and 12
31 January	Thursday	Term 1 First day Year 8, 9 and 10
6 February	Wednesday	Alstonville High School Swimming Carnival

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?

Year 12 Formal

Thank you to Mrs John (Year 12 Adviser), Mr Thomas (Year 11 Adviser), Mrs Bramley-O'Connor, Ms Allan, our 2019 Year 12 students, parents and many other volunteers who helped out preparing for the Year 12 Formal last week. The weather was kind to us, the students looked amazing and the night ran really well. Mrs John and Mrs Porter (Year 12 parent) delivered some really moving speeches and our departing captains demonstrated wit and confidence. All round it was another wonderful event celebrating an important milestone in the lives of our students, our school and our community.

New Deputy Principal for Alstonville High School

We are pleased to announce that we have successfully filled the Deputy Principal vacancy created earlier in the year when Ms Pizarro was promoted to Principal at South Grafton High School. Mr John Parker will be joining us from Ballina Coast High School at the start of 2019. Mr Parker has extensive local links to our community and has filled the roles of Head Teacher, Deputy Principal and Principal at Ballina High School and Ballina Coast High. His current substantive position is Head Teacher Maths at Ballina Coast High. Mr Parker is also very experienced working with timetable structures to support innovative curriculum and is a keen hockey player I believe. We look forward to him joining our team.

Parent teacher night

Thank you to the many parents who were able to attend our Parent Teacher Night recently. Thank you also to our students who helped out running the evening or who attended with their parents for feedback. Thank you to the staff for contributing your time and insights.

We did receive feedback that for some parents access to the SENTRAL portal or the App is still causing problems so next year we will work with some volunteer parents to see if we can develop some videos that provide step-by-step advice on how to access the various parts of SENTRAL. SENTRAL have just this week announced some upgrades to the parent portal and app and we will continue to work with them to provide a product that is user friendly and useful.

If any families would like to talk with a teacher about the progress of a student please contact the school and we will put you in contact with the appropriate staff.

Professional Learning Update

On Friday 16 November our whole executive team participated in a day where we started to evaluate our work for 2018 and look ahead to what our strategies for 2019 might be. We also had the privilege of hearing from Mrs Beck, teaching staff and students from Alstonville Primary School. They gave us an insight into their learning journey in the areas of project based learning and student self-reflection. We also had Dr David Townsend work with the team building on work he had done earlier in the week with our literacy and numeracy team, and with staff leading school initiatives or projects.

We are also partnering with Alstonville Primary School and Rous Primary School to seek funding which will allow us to develop a middle school leadership program for 2019 drawing upon the expertise of senior students, teachers and community members. The team leading this initiative will also engage in cross school professional learning activities so we can link this project to our broader work on building student resilience, leadership skills and character development.

End of Term Planning

We are looking to end the school a little differently this year. We have taken on board feedback from parents, students and staff that maintaining student engagement and productive learning at the end of Term 4 can be a challenge. This year we are going to hold our end of year Presentation Assembly on Monday morning 17 December. At the end of the assembly we are inviting parents, carers or relatives of students to join us in a mini festival of games, demonstrations of student work, a BBQ and sports activities. These will run up until the lunch break. After lunch we hope to have Brainstorm Productions engaging our students in Years 8 to 10 with a performance dealing with common issues that teenagers may have to make wise decisions about. At the same time we are hoping to have our Year 12 students (2019) run some leadership and team building skills with students from Year 7.

On Tuesday the 18 December we have booked the Alstonville Pool where we will be running a swimming carnival with a difference, focussing on fun games and events that will contribute to house points and the house cup. Students will return to the school in the afternoon.

It is our hope that we will look at how this program works out and at the end of 2019 expand the program to include a greater variety of activities and an opportunity for students to further engage with a number of interest based activities.

Canteen Volunteers

Remember:



David Silcock
Principal

Reminder - School Based Drug and Alcohol information session by Paul Dillon Alstonville High School Hall - Tomorrow - Thursday 22 November 5pm to 7pm

Alstonville High School will be hosting a Drug Information evening presented by Drug Education expert Paul Dillon.

Mr Dillon's presentation aims to empower parents, carers and the wider school community with the knowledge and skills to be able to support young people and develop effective strategies in relation to drug and alcohol use. The session will be available to parents/carers and the wider school community both within our school and other local schools in our region.

The information session is going to be held in the Alstonville High School Hall on Thursday 22 November from 5pm-7pm. Light refreshments will be available.

If you would like more information regarding this presentation, please feel free to contact me at Alstonville High School on 66285222.

For more information go to <http://darta.net.au/biographical-information/>

Doug North / Relieving Deputy Principal

Year 10 Textiles Technology

The Textiles students have recently completed a major project based learning task on furnishing and they have achieved excellent results. The following pictures speak for themselves. Enjoy viewing the wonderful work produced by our textiles students at Alstonville High School.



Alstonville Show 2018 – Textile entries

For this year's Alstonville Show, Alstonville High School had twenty four entries of textile garments and products hand made by our students from year 7 to 10. These entries won our school five 1st and five 2nd places in the show. This is an outstanding effort that was showcased beautifully in our local community.

Good job everyone.



Vanessa Christmas / TAS

Year 6 Transition

We had several students from surrounding primary schools come and visit Alstonville High School and created some amazing finger puppets. Testing their design skills and dexterity for some, threading those needles can be a bit tricky. From the pictures featured, you can see the students enjoyed their time in Textiles and walked away with some great finger puppet designs. We cannot wait to welcome them back in 2019.



Year 7, Technology Mandatory

The students have enjoyed their practical lesson in the area of food technology this term. They have produced delicious pizza puff pinwheel combinations.



Vanessa Christmas / TAS

Agriculture Showmanship Clinic Alstonville High School November

The school was very fortunate to receive a visit from Luke Allan, local Bos indicus cattle producer from Casino on Monday 19 November. Classes from Year 8 to year 11 were given the opportunity to develop their show skills and the background to the show circuit including parading and judging skills. Our stud bull "Nugget" was happy to offer himself to a large number of students who were able to develop their confidence and knowledge on the day. On behalf of the students involved, I would like to thank Luke for his contribution on the day and a special mention to his assistance at the Bangalow Show where he offered his own animals and assistance to students from the school at the event. Luke is likely to be a big asset to our 2019 campaign as he represents a close link with the industry for the school.



Bangalow Show

The Alstonville High show team ended the show season at the Bangalow Show on Saturday 17 November. The team comprised seven students who participated in the paraders competition and the European stud cattle section. Alahna Thompson was awarded a 2nd place ribbon in the over 13's paraders competition with Eloise Hagate receiving a 5th place and Lily Christmas, Briar Godillon and Aiden Gow getting an honourable mention in a tough field. Our stud Limousin bull placed 2nd in the under 12-month stud cattle section and was clearly judged in this position due to an obvious structural issue on the day. The school had four students lead in the grand parade – Alahna Thompson, Briar Godillon, Aiden Gow and Lennox Bird with some temperamental behaviour experienced by the boys in the centre ring.

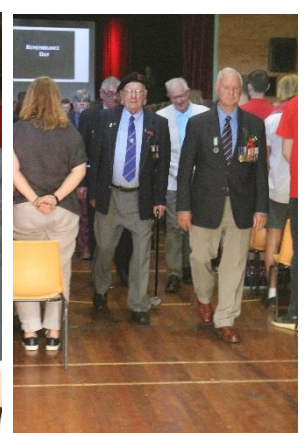


Bangalow Show 2018



Ben Holmes / Agriculture

Remembrance Day Ceremony



On Sunday 11 November students from Alstonville High School were invited to attend a service to honour the men and women who have fought in wars. It was particularly fitting as it was also the centennial of the armistice of WW1. The armistice was significant in that all men laid down their weapons and the guns fell silent on the Western Front in 1918. Staff and students of Alstonville High School were honoured to be part of this service and we thank Reverend Dr Desiree Snyman and the parish for their invite.

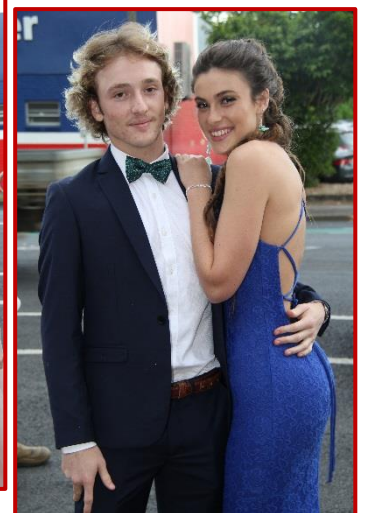
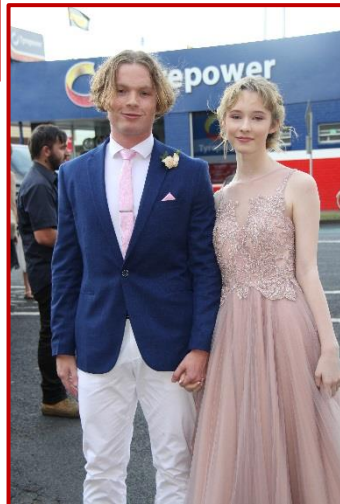
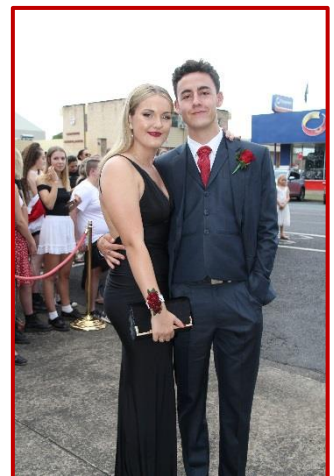
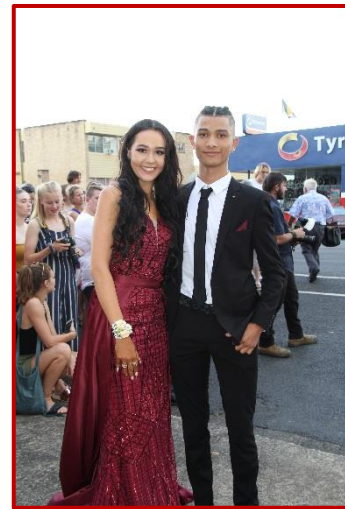
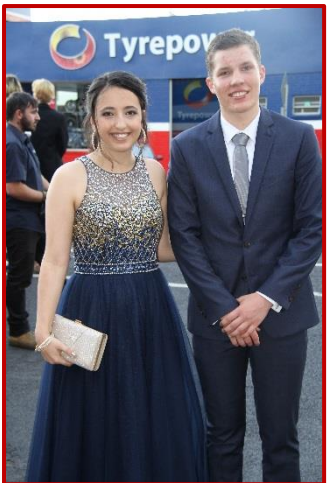
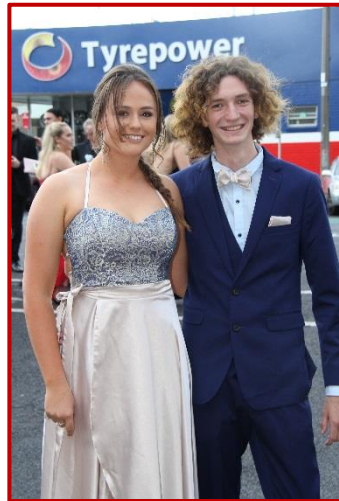
We carried on this theme of remembrance and peace for our community and ex-service men, through creating a commemorative poppy. We set out to create a giant poppy on the oval of Alstonville High School to show our respect for the men who fought in WW1. Students were asked to wear red and staff were asked to wear black. The result of the poppy was incredible; to achieve the result that we anticipated far exceeded my expectations. I would like to extend gratitude to Mr Sean O'Connor for the marking of the area on the oval for the poppy to take place. I would also like to pay special thanks to Andrew Trease, TAFE NSW, for his hard work in capturing the images for us on the day using a drone. A huge thanks goes out to our student body for how you conducted yourselves respectfully, and how you assembled yourselves to create such an awesome piece.

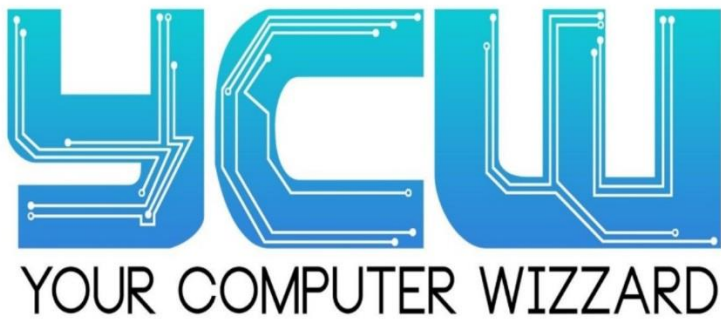
Our Remembrance Assembly was held on Monday 12 November, our theme was to create a sense of peace and remembrance to reflect on why WW1 was a significant point in time. We had the honour of some of our local ex-service men to commemorate the day with us too. We would like to thank the Alstonville RSL Sub-branch for their attendance, especially to John McDonagh and Mark Quilligan for his commemorative address. Additional thanks goes to Mr Bruce Fleming for his address, and Reverend Desiree for the beautiful entrance playing the Scottish Bagpipes, which set the scene for our Remembrance Assembly. Also to our Captains for running the assembly and other students for their poems, readings, singing and organisation of remembrance art work which was on display in the hall.

Mrs Maria Bramley-O'Connor/ HT HSIE (Relieving)

ALSTONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES 2019
8AM TO 12 NOON
THURSDAY 17 JANUARY
FRIDAY 18 JANUARY
THURSDAY 24 JANUARY
FRIDAY 25 JANUARY

YEAR 12 FORMAL 2018





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