Dear Parents and Care Givers,

PARENT – TEACHER INTERVIEWS will become available online for parents to book a timeslot shortly and further information will appear in the school newsletter with the details of how to book the appointment. To assist parents with their planning I have listed when interviews are planned to go ahead. A letter will be sent home for Kindergarten to Year 4 next week detailing how to book your appointment online.

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PERMISSION TO PUBLISH SURVEY We are collecting information from families to gain your approval to publish your child’s first and surname in the school newsletter. This newsletter appears and is stored on the school website and available to all people who have downloaded the school APP “School Stream”. A letter will be sent home next week with all children seeking permission to include your child’s full name in the newsletter. Could parents please return these notes to the class teachers.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY will be conducted with students in Years 4, 5 and 6 on Monday 14 March with those children who have parent approval. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes and has been provided by the Department of Education to assess student engagement with their learning at Alstonville Public School. The results will be included in the Annual School report due out after the April school holidays. Mrs Beck will run classes in the computer room and Mrs Moore will run classes in the Computer Room for the children to cycle through and complete the survey.
$3400 SPORTING GRANT SUCCESS has been achieved by Mrs Wheatland who has written a successful submission to have “Little Athletics” coaches visit the school and conduct training for the children and professional development for the staff. This will be a very valuable asset for us in the lead up to the Athletics carnival. Well Done Mrs Wheatland.

SCRIPTURE begins next Tuesday. Scripture is held in 30 minute lessons in sessions from 1:00-2:00pm.

SCHOOL PHOTO REMINDER Don’t forget the wear full school uniform, ribbons and hair done for school photos. Staff have their photo at 8:30am followed by classes beginning with Kindergarten. If the photographer does not get through all classes on the day photographs may continue into the next day.

STUDENT SUPERVISION on the school site starts at 8:45am when teachers are rostered onto playground duty. Please be aware that no supervision occurs before that time as staff on site have morning meetings and classroom preparation. I am concerned that some children are arriving at school as early as 7:00am and some then leave and return to the site, often after shopping at Coles. Please assist us by dropping your child at school when the playground is supervised so that all children are safe and accounted for. Before and After school care – Rainbow Region Kids operates 5 days per week next door in St Joseph’s Catholic School and this service is available for all children irrespective of the schools they are enrolled in. Enrolment packages are available from our front office should you need care for your child.

Catherine Moore
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION SURVEY

The School Community and Engagement Team are asking all parents to complete a communication survey online. This short survey asks questions about how you access information from the school including newsletter, website and School Stream. We would appreciate if all families could please complete the electronic survey by following this link: http://goo.gl/forms/gI4mQx2sWR

The survey closes next Friday, 18 March. Thank you for your participation in the survey. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Kirstin Beck, Deputy Principal.

RUGBY 7’S
On Tuesday, the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Rugby 7’s teams competed in the NSW Primary Schools Rugby 7’s Gala Day on a very wet Lismore day. Stage 2 had a successful day winning their four games against two teams from Holy Family Skennars Head, St Carthage’s and Lennox Head PS. Stage 3 had convincing wins against Holy Family Skennars Head and Ballina PS and losses to St Carthage’s and Kyogle PS. Despite the unfavourable conditions, both Alstonville teams played entertaining rugby and displayed sportsmanship to be proud of. A huge thank you must also go to the many parents who helped with transport and assisted on the day. Chris Duley - Assistant Principal

MAKER SPACE @ APS LIBRARY

Stage 3 students sharing their ‘Secret Number Game’ with Year 2 classes. The senior students coded their games using Scratch and personalised with sprites, animations and sounds. The Year 2 students loved being the first to play these newly designed games. Well done students.
Something Has Been Cooking in 5 Peru

5 Peru has been learning all about yeast as part of our Science unit this Term. On Wednesday, we baked bread with and without yeast, the results were very surprising. Our loaves without yeast were like concrete! Miss Salt thinks we might have some master bakers in 5 Peru. The class would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Wilkin who helped out on the day and shared her secret recipe with our class.
2 SCOTLAND MATHEMATICS

2 Scotland have been busy creating 3D shapes.

Our Weekly Positive Behaviour Winners
Making Groups and Sharing in K Finland

In Mathematics this week, K Finland has been learning about making even groups and sharing. Students have pretended to be farmers and divide their handpicked fruit with each other and even shared choc chip cookies evenly so we all had the same amount. Well done K Finland on your excellent sharing skills!
Students in 3/4 Korea are demonstrating their understanding of Music. They are using non-tuned and tuned instruments as well as technology in Music rotations.

On the interactive whiteboard rotation, we used Whack-a-Note to identify a note by where it is on the staff, clicking it as fast as we could.

On the laptop rotation, we used Incredibox. It is a free musical app where you can create a mix using a band of beatboxers. Try it! You’ll love it! We’ve been sharing our mixes all around Alstonville PS and at home.

On the ukulele rotation, we learned about the parts of a ukulele, frets, open notes and practised a simple scale.
Deputy Prime Minister Speeches

Kit

For those of you who don’t know me my name is Kit. For all of you who do know me, Mum, Dad, Taylor swift, thanks for coming but could you please wait in the car? Good morning teachers, and boys and girls. Over the years I’ve listened to a lot of fantastic speeches from students wanting to be the prime minister of our school. Today I hope you’re about to hear another one. As a member of the OC class I know what it means to work hard. Our school motto, “effort earns success” has encouraged me to always try my best and display good sportsmanship. It’s helped me to reach district level in cross country and swimming, as well as representing our school at the choral festival at the Sydney opera house. I’ve been on the school council four times as a class representative, soon to be 5, and I’ve enjoyed doing what I can to make our school a better place. A famous man once said, “a leader is ne who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way” and I am that famous man. But in all honesty that’s the type of leader I would like to be one who knows the way. Goes the way. Shows the way. I’m asking you today to vote for me as school prime minister. I will support everybody’s favourite things whether it is Pokémon or chess, handball or soccer, or even braiding one another’s hair I want to help you and our school be its best. I understand it’ll use some of my time but I’m happy to use my time to help because I know I’m fit for the job
My name is Kit. Vote me number 1. Thank you

Sophie

Good morning students and teachers of Alstonville public school.
As most of you may know my name is Sophie and I am running for school prime minister this year.
Being a prime minister is a big responsibility to have and I feel like I would be an excellent person for the job. I am the eldest of four kids so I know how to have fun, care for others, break the rules, follow the rules, and make sure the rules are fun for others to follow. I am a creative person, who isn’t afraid to put themselves out there if it means that can make a difference. I am respectful, understanding, I care about my education, because I have big plans for the future. My years at Alstonville primary have given me the opportunity to meet lots of you out there. I know that you need a brilliant prime minister who is great at the job, but someone you can talk to in the playground and be your friend. I am someone who can take your ideas to parliament and make them our fun unique reality. Let’s face it’s my last year of primary school. I want it to be memorable!
As most of you know we all have moments where we fight with our brothers and sisters. Well, talking at home my brother said he would vote for me. Now that’s saying something.
I hope you allow me to lead our school into a fun, exciting year and will vote for me to be a great representative for our school.
Just in case you forgot my name.
My name is Sophie.
An excellent person to vote for.
I am supported by a great family, brilliant extraordinary friends and will do you all proud.
Vote for me!!!!!!!
Position Vacant: Canteen Supervisor Alstonville Public School

Alstonville Public School canteen operates five days per week throughout the NSW school term.

Hours for this position: 5 days per week, 6 hours a day, total of 30 hours per week.

Wages: in accordance with Determination 1 of 2015 – Wages and Conditions of Employment of School Canteen Employees ($19.68 per hour)

To be considered for this position you must meet the following criteria:

- Food Handling Certificate or equivalent
- excellent communication skills both written and verbal
- demonstrated understanding of healthy eating and ability to prepare, cook and promote healthy food
- knowledge of the Fresh Tastes @ School NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy
- understanding of WH&S principles
- Ability to supervise volunteers

It is a requirement of employment that a Prohibited Employment Declaration and Consent to Employment screening checks will be completed.

Applications for employment should address the above listed criteria and be accompanied by a current resume including two referees. Please forward applications to Catherine Moore Principal Alstonville Public School.

See below for a full job description.

Applications close Thursday 24 March 2016 at 4:00pm.

CANTEEN SUPERVISOR POSITION DESCRIPTION

Purpose of the position

This position is responsible for the profitable management and operation of the school canteen according to the policies and procedures of Alstonville Public School and the Leadership Management and Business Reform (LMBR) accounting requirements.

The incumbent will support the development of strong relationships in the school community in particular with the students, parents and volunteers, teachers, and other school personnel.

Canteen Policy

The Alstonville School canteen's aims and objectives are to; provide a nutritious, hygienically prepared and healthy food at an affordable and reasonable price. We support and follow the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and follow the Australian Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents. We maintain and encourage healthy eating habits in our children.

The canteen is "volunteer based" so this opportunity of becoming involved in our children's school is open to each and every parent, the chance to meet other parents and to get involved in raising much needed funds for our school. We aim to achieve the highest possible level of accreditation of our canteen with keeping the menu exciting and appetising for the children yet healthy and nutritious.

Immediate Manager

The Canteen Manager is responsible to the Principal of Alstonville Public School.

Reports

Canteen volunteers report to this position

Continued overleaf.
Extent of Authority

- Has authority to purchase/order necessary products and produce to deliver a healthy canteen food service.
- Exercise a degree of autonomy to achieve objectives of the position.
- Management and direction of Canteen volunteers.

Key Responsibilities

The canteen manager is responsible for the management of the day-to-day operations of the school canteen. This includes the following responsibilities:

- Providing leadership to canteen volunteers to ensure the delivery of an affordable food service to the students and staff of the school;
- Planning, organising, and monitoring the day to day operations of the canteen, including the rostering of voluntary workers, daily record-keeping (as deemed necessary by the canteen policy), opening and closing the canteen, preparation and cooking for service and ensuring all workers sign in and out;
- Developing the necessary procedures to deliver the food service;
- Ordering, purchasing and checking all supplies against invoices and delivery dockets.
- Use food preparation and cooking skills to minimise waste of fresh produce;
- Orientating and training volunteers in the food preparation and other procedures to deliver an affordable food service to the students and staff;
- Ensuring that the products and services supplied by the canteen are marketed and promoted to generate a high level of sales on a daily basis;
- Ensuring that food products prices are monitored and value for money considered;
- Counting, recording and reconciling the daily takings according to school policy for safe handling of money;
- Ensure that stock is kept at appropriate levels and a stock take is undertaken as directed by the Principal.
- Implement procedures and process regarding food safety to ensure that correct food handling and hygiene practices are performed to prevent food spoilage, contamination and subsequent food poisoning;
- Ensuring all canteen volunteers are familiar with correct food handling and hygiene practices in line with Standard 3.2.2;
- Attend Canteen meetings with the School Office Manager and the Principal when advised.
- Ensuring the health, safety and welfare of others in the canteen including undertaking a canteen risk assessment for hazards every term according WH&S legislation;
- Security in the canteen such as money, keys, arming security alarms, locking all doors and windows, switching off all appliances (except refrigeration units) and restricting entry to the canteen to only those who are authorised to be there;
- Ensuring that the cleaning incidental to the main function of the canteen is carried out daily (e.g. dusting of shelves and stock, wiping down benches, cleaning of all equipment and fixtures) in accordance to the cleaning procedures set out in the food safety plan;
- Logging maintenance issues and adhering to WH&S policies and procedures;
- Ensuring a pleasant working environment for the volunteers where student and school information is kept confidential;
- Ensure that the operation of the canteen is in line with the values of the school;
- Ensuring that students are treated with respect and dignity;
- Ensuring that the canteen complies fully with the Ballina Shire Council Canteen inspections.
STUDENT ADVANTAGE
CARD
ACTIVATION PROMOTION

WIN a $500
School Locker VOUCHER

The School who has the greatest % increase of activation's between 1st March 2016 and 31st May 2016 will win a $500 "The School Locker Voucher" to spend at their local store.

1st March-31st May
say cheese

School Photo Day is
Wednesday 16th March 2016

Have your child’s school memories captured forever

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography order envelopes and remember these helpful points:

- Ensure your order is placed by photo day to avoid any late fees.
- Ordering online using your child’s Unique Shoot Key is the easiest, safest and most secure way to order. If you do not know their Unique Shoot Key, please call our office on the number below.
- Sibling photography envelopes are available for collection from your school office. Please read them carefully as appointments are limited.
- If enclosing payment inside an envelope, please ensure the correct money is provided as no change is given. Cash, cheques and money orders are accepted.
- Don’t seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day. Please indicate on the child’s envelope that contains all sibling payments the names of the children you are paying for.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact us on:

e admin.gcnr@msp.com.au
p 07 5668 9110
f 07 5520 2900
School Stream App—Keep informed
Alstonville Public School has purchased a subscription to School Stream. This is an app that parents can download at no cost and receive updates from the school. There are many reasons to download this app:

- Receive the school newsletter weekly direct to your smartphone, iPad or tablet
- Receive notifications of postponed school events due to inclement weather
- Receive notifications of buses returning late or early from excursions
- Submit absentee forms to the school quickly and easily

More features will be added over the year.

How to get the School Stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Play Store (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.
2. Make sure you agree to push notifications
3. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app. type your school name into the search then select your school. For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download
4. Are your children attending different schools? Tap the school selector, select add a school, type the school name* into the search then add. Jump between your children’s schools by touching the school name/logo in the top blue bar, or switch schools from the slide-in menu.

*Any additional schools will need to be licensed users of School Stream to appear in the app.

Choose what notifications you receive

1. Open the School Stream app on your mobile device
2. From the slide-in menu, go to Settings
3. Under Edit/Alerts select My Schools and select your School to open the Notifications page
4. Toggle notifications on or off individually (e.g. Alerts, Events, Newsletters, etc.)
5. When you have finished, use the Back button to return to the Settings page, then select Done to return to your School

Return at any time to change the notifications you receive.