Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

The Today I Learned emailing system that has been set up over the past term is a fantastic new initiative for our College. By giving regular updates to our parents about what students have learnt throughout the day, the teachers are giving power back into the hands of the parents.

How often have you asked your child, “How was school today?” To receive a response of “It was Ok.” Or the classic “What did you do at school today?” which is always greeted with a non-committal “nothing.”

The Today I Learned initiative looks to give parents insight into what is actually happening in the various lessons and classes at Alkimos Baptist College. We are arming parents with conversation starters that they can use to partner with us to extend the learning beyond the classroom. Emails are sent at 4pm, giving parents enough time to read them and be able to ask specific questions over afternoon tea or dinner time.

In other words, we are giving the parents of Alkimos Baptist College the ability to change the conversation.

“Tell me about Maths. You’re looking at Area. What is the area of a shape? How do you find the area of a rectangle?”

“I heard you are working on WOW introduction to stories. What is an example of a WOW sentence?”

“I love the fact you are learning your 3 time tables. Would you like to tell me how many you know?”

We feel the benefit of creating meaningful conversation between parents and children is vital to a happy, healthy schooling community.

If you are not receiving the Today I Learned emails please Check your Junk or Spam folder or Notify the College office to check the email address on our system is correct

I hope you have a great week and enjoy all the wonderful programs our College has to offer.

Kieran Graham
College Principal
SCHOOL MEETINGS
The next School Meetings will be held on Monday 21st September from 8.45am to 9.00am. At these meetings important information about the term is shared and Class Merit Awards are given. All Parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES
This term Class Assemblies will be held on Wednesday 26th August, hosted by Year 5 and Wednesday 16th September, hosted by Year 3. The Assemblies are at 8.45am in the College Hall. The host class prepare items and the Treasure Chest Awards and Tidy Dolphin Awards are presented. The Primary Student Council lead the assembly and parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us.

CAKE STALLS
This term the P&F will again be running the Recess Cake Stalls for students each week. It will only be for Term 3 this year. Please see the Term 3 Calendar for the class roster and the P&F section of this Newsletter for more details.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming Lessons will be held from Monday 31st August to Friday 11th September daily. All students from Pre Primary to Year 6 are participating. The lessons are held at the Joondalup Arena Pool. Please return your excursion forms to the College office promptly and make sure all clothing is named.

MUSIC PRODUCTION
This years Primary Music Festival will be held on Thursday 29th October in the College Hall from 6.30 - 7.30pm. This is where each class will showcase their classroom music program. More information will be given closer to the date.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Please check the Primary Handbook or Student Diary for correct clothing standards. Please be aware that the teachers will be checking uniforms regularly and issuing Infringements to ensure we are keeping a correct uniform standard. Thank you to those students and parents who consistently try to maintain the correct uniform. Please label uniform items.

ABC READING GROUPS
ABC Reading Group are held on Tuesday and Thursday in the Year 2 classroom from 8.00am to 8.20am. This group is for students who wish to improve their Reading and Comprehension. Volunteer parent helpers are needed, so if you would like to help with this program please see Mrs Schokman. Thank you!

ONLINE CANTEEN
Please ensure that your child's details are all updated on the Online Canteen so that their lunch orders can be delivered to the right year, thank you.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS
Please ensure that the College office has your updated address and contact details at all times. This is very important for emergencies and mail outs. Please attend to this regularly as needed.

UPDATED MEDICAL DETAILS
Please ensure that we have up to date Medical Action Plans if your child has anaphylaxis, asthma, allergies or any another medical condition that we may need to know about.

LIBRARY
Please send College Library Bags to school for students to begin borrowing Library books from the Library. We require some PARENT VOLUNTEERS to cover Library Books. If you are willing and able to do this please see the College office. This is a good opportunity for PPP points.
ABC PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL 2015

We are pleased to announce the Semester 2 Primary Student Council for Alkimos Baptist College in 2015.

Year 5
Georgia Holland
Liam Vermaak

Year 6
Alexander Bartlett
Tinotenda Mandirahwe
Alana Rowell
Fiona Ghebrehiwot

Congratulations to these students and well done to other students who tried out for the positions and have been very supportive.

We look forward to the fine leadership of these students. These students will be presented with their badges at the Year 5 Class Assembly on Wednesday 26th August at 8.45am in the Hall. All parents, carers and friends welcome!

GOLD COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 1
Aaden Arniell
Lucus Arrigoni
Aden Cronje
Matthew Hewett
Trent Woodbury
Makayla Benoiton
Caitlyn Bright
Daniella Chamberlain
Mia Harvey
Zoe Holtzhausen
Pascaline Kabwit
Kaitlyn Wong

Year 2
Dylan Ashton
Matthew Dickinson
Daniel Fletcher-Davey
Timothy Grobbelaar
Jackson Taylor
Elyssa Dooley

Year 3
Riley Batten
Andrew Brookmire
Rogan Kinnear
Brodie Mignot
Michael Millar
Mirissa Anglesey
Kaylia Arrigoni
Sofia Losacco
Madison Manning
Stephanie Morgan
Eleanor van der Wijngaart
Tenyka-Elle Zielinski

Year 5
Nathan Archer
Tai Carroll
Ben Harper
William Purdie
Georgie Chant
**ABC READING**

WE NEED YOU!

The ABC morning Reading and Comprehension program runs On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8.00am to 8.20am in the Year 2 classroom.

Please note we need more helpers!! Any parents, grandparents, guardians, who would like to help and are able to come early to school, are all welcome.

If you can help us please come along and see Mrs Schokman.

THANK YOU!

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**P & F NEWS**

The Term 3 P&F Meeting was on Wednesday 19th August. The minutes of P&F Meetings are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and available for parents to view.

Our P&F President position is vacant. If you are interested in taking on the President position for the rest of the year, please see Kieran Graham or call the College Office on 9406 8189.

This term we need volunteers to organise and sell cakes at our annual **Recess Cake Stalls** that the children love! Classes are rostered on each Friday. When your child’s class is rostered on, please send in a cut cake, slices or cupcakes to the Staff Room on the morning. NO creams or nuts if possible please. The cakes are sold to the Primary and High School students for usually 50 cents during the recess breaks. Tables will be set up outside the Year 4 classroom. If all parents and carers rostered on contribute, we should have enough for the whole school.

28/8/2015 - Year 4 & 5 Class  
4/9/2015 - Year 6 Class  
11/9/2015 - Year 7 Class

Thank you everyone for your kind support!

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Alkimos Baptist College  
Facebook Page!  
www.facebook.com/alkimosbaptistcollege  
Sign up and ‘Like’ for all the latest news on Alkimos Baptist College
Primary school duathlon
STRAVENS’ SPORTS SPOT

Interschool Soccer:
Good luck to all students who are representing the College at the Interschool Soccer competition next Monday. You have all trained very hard and have done College proud regardless of the result.

All parents are welcome to attend to watch at Kingsway Sports Complex. The first game will begin at 9:45 and the tournament will conclude at 1:50pm.

Primary Duathlon:
Well done to all students who participated and completed the first Alkimos Baptist Primary Duathlon. All students participated with such enthusiasm and spirit and should be incredibly proud of their performance.

A big thank you to our representative from Triathlon WA for helping making this event such a big success.

Wednesday Morning Training Club
& Friday Family Fitness

After an interrupted start to the term our before school training and fitness groups will now be running most weeks.

Wednesday morning Training Club will run from 7:30 until 8:15am, with specialist coaches looking to come in during the term to assist with athletics training. Students are encouraged to attend to help prepare for Interschool Athletics.

Friday Family Fitness is continuing to run from 7:45am until 8:15am. We would love to see as many families attending being active and healthy together. If we do not have a greater number of parents attending we will need to cancel this program.

Both clubs will take a break during the 2 weeks of swimming lessons.
2015 Woolworths Earn and Learn Reward Stickers

Yes, we are participating! Our school is taking part in this years Woolworths Earn & Learn Community Program.

Woolworths is once again partnering with Modern Teachers Aids - Australia's biggest supplier of resources for schools in the great rewards sticker challenge. This challenge is a great opportunity to assist the college to help build up our resources from every learning area including Mathematics & English resources, Science equipment, Arts & Crafts materials, Sports gear, Classroom equipment and much much more. There is no limit to the number of point we can collect so your participation will really make a difference.

From Wednesday 15th July when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the Earn & Learn sheets provided. There will be one Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spend in store.

All you need to do is place the stickers on the Woolworths Sticker Card. When your sticker card is completed, it can be placed in the collection box in the College office. Please note the sheets are only valid if the stickers are placed in the squares, they are not counted if they decorate the sheet. You can collect extra sheets from the College office, or just simply drop off your stickers to the office, and we will complete the sheets for you.

Thank you for your support.

Happy collecting!

UNIFORM SHOP

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8.00AM - 4.00PM

For Uniform fittings or pick ups, please contact the College office to arrange and appointment.