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 to be used in partnership with us so learning is extended beyond the classroom. Emails are sent at 4pm, giving parents time to read them and be able to ask specific questions over meal times together.

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?”

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
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.

UPDATED MEDICAL INFORMATION
Please ensure that we have up to date Medical Action Plans if your child has anaphylaxis or asthma or another medical need that we need to know about.

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 important mail outs. Please attend to this regularly as needed.

ONLINE CANTEEN
Please ensure that your child's details are all updated on the Online Canteen so that their lunch orders will be delivered to the correct year level. Thank you!

Woolworths Earn and Learn

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!
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.

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. If all parents and carers rostered on contribute, we should have enough for the whole school.

4/9/2015 - Year 6 Class
11/9/2015 - Year 7, 8 & 9 Classes
18/9/2015 - Year 10, 11 & 12 Classes

Thank you everyone for your kind support!

TERM 3 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TUTORING: Tuesday: Room 7 English Mrs Potgieter
Room 8 Maths Mrs Balachandran

Thursday: Room 7 English Miss Erasmus
Room 8 Maths & Science Mrs Belcher

ATHLETICS TRAINING:
Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7.30 - 8.15am: Mr Zanetti

Alkimos Baptist College
Facebook Page!
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Sign up and ‘Like’ for all the latest news on Alkimos Baptist College
I am extremely honoured to be attending this year’s Statewide Student Parliament, representing the electoral district of Swan Hills. This three day program runs every four years, giving 97 West Australian high school students an opportunity to experience a parliament sitting, and to learn more about our government. This year it is set to occur from the 13th to 15th of September.

On Friday August 7, I had an amazing opportunity to meet with Mr Frank Alban, the MLA for the Swan Hills District, and find more about the lifestyle of Alban’s constituents. Mr Alban was extremely helpful, and gave me a lot of advice about planning and delivering my speech. I am super excited to be speaking on Monday, September 13 in Parliament, and am thrilled to have been selected!

On Friday 11th September the Alkimos Baptist College High School students will be participating in the Roar Effect’s Revolution Red Campaign for the second year running, as part of Connect’s Community theme.

The Campaign aims to spread hope and raise money to support Kids Helpline.

On the day students can be involved in 3 ways:
Students may bring in a gold coin donation to wear one item of red with their uniform
Students may purchase and wear a Roar Effect bandana (These may be pre-ordered by seeing Elicia in Year 12)
Students may also purchase some tasty treats from our Red Food Stall - we will be selling cupcakes, drinks, lolly bags and jelly cups.
History Week
Sports Carnival
GIBSON REDS RUNDOWN

HUSTLE AND HEART SETS US APART
I SEE RED, I SEE RED, I SEE RED

The incredible GIBSON REDS had an amazing victory last Thursday at our Sport Carnival. It was a good vibe and everyone had a lot of fun even though we had to face some bad weather. Our star athletes will be awarded with their medals/trophies at our next assembly this Friday 11th of September. The Interschool Athletics Carnival is on Friday 4th of Septembers.

Another Win:
Gibson Reds and Dampier had a rematch last Wednesday 26th August from. This time we had two girl players; Ashley and Taylah from Year 10, who were a great asset to our illustrious team of star players.

Thanks to all the players who played on the day and helped us to score well. We will need all the girls who are interested in playing European handball to be there for every match so we can make a difference. Our next match will be against Flinders Monday 31st of August 3 - 4pm.

***New RED T-SHIRTS have arrived from size S-L at a cost of $9 T-Shirt, with the new Gibson Logo printed on the front and the word GIBSON on the back. (LETS ALL WEAR OUR RED T-SHIRTS FOR THE NEXT GAME)

We encourage all students in the Interschool Carnival to attend Athletics Training every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:30-8:15.

HAMERSLEY NEWS

Hamersley students were shivering in the cold, muscles aching and the wind howling, but never once did they lose focus on the competition. The sea of green Hornets competed bravely and pushed themselves to the limits of human endurance...but unfortunately Gibson was lethal on the day and walked away with the glory of the battle firmly secured.

Mr Speldewinde and Mr Wallace helped create a stunning banner and were dressed to impress in the green hornet attire. Hamersley will train hard and return to the field with a vengeance. The Arena may have witnessed one Hornet defeat but our strategy will be fine tuned and precisely executed next year.
Dampier Ducks put in a sterling effort in this weeks handball games on both Monday and Wednesday. The rematch was well fought with a great comeback winning the second half of the game. We had some great saves by Lachlan, and Sam proved once again, that a well aimed shot gets goals.

With the Athletics Carnival last Thursday, we had great results from those who attended and need to make sure that we show our great Dampier Spirit next year.

Current House points

**Flinders 180**
**Hamersley 160**
**Gibson 140**
**Dampier 120**

DAMPIER DOWNLOAD

There once was a Shark called Trigger, who went about the business of finding his dinner. He sought out a treat on which he could eat and eventually he found himself a winner.

A small tasty snack it was that old Trig found, fluffy and yellow and ultimately stomach bound. With a lick of the lips and folk in fin, Trigger placed his meal into his jaws within. With a snap, crackle and pop the main course went down, Trigger looked at his plate which had not a feather to be found.

Satisfied with the tender treat, the old shark went about seeking on what next to eat? As he ventured about his day he noticed a small cuddly creature hopping his way. With a big smile Trigger once again collected his fork and closed on in, the fate of this poor creature (on 31-08-15) unfortunately seems to be grim.

Coaches notes: Thank you Flinders for your dedication to the team, our banner is awesome and the team is looking and playing great. Thank you to the parents for your amazing encouragement and support, it is greatly appreciated.
From Toddler to Teen

Introductory session
Monday, Sept. 7th, 7.30pm,
5 Sherlock Rise, Carramar

Suddenly that beautiful baby that was placed in your arms (seems like yesterday) is a teenager.
You want the very best for your soon-to-be adult, so you can release them, and expect they will be OK and your friend for life.

Need encouragement to make sure you are on the right track for Parenting the Teen years?

This 6 session course held on Monday evenings will cover all the basic confidence giving subjects to set your heart at peace as you follow God’s pattern for raising children.

Contact: Bill and Joan Grosser 0419044155
Darren and Kathryn Birch 0498 120 880

Due to overwhelming demand from families and schools to offer revision courses further North of Perth, Academic Task Force has been invited to present a series of WACE Exam Boost Seminars for Year 12 students at Quinn’s Baptist College in Mindarie.

These courses are open to all students and will run over the next four weeks in Term 3. Each 6 hour WACE revision Exam Boost course will inspire and build your students’ confidence. Students will receive consolidation of subject knowledge, enhanced understanding in their course and methods on how to apply what the students learn at school in their exams. These courses will provide students with excellent preparation for their Mock and WACE exams.

The following courses will be available:
Saturday 5th September English 3AB
Sunday 6th September Biological Science 3AB
Saturday 12th September Maths 3CD
Sunday 13th September Chemistry 3AB
Saturday 19th September Physics 3AB
Sunday 20th September Human Biological Science 3AB

We are absolutely delighted that we can provide this opportunity to your students. These seminars are open to all Year 12 students from all schools and will offer students the benefit of revision and exam preparation help locally.

It would be appreciated if you can please forward this email to all relevant staff in your school who can inform their students as they deem fit.
Relationships Australia is a community based, not-for-profit organisation with no religious affiliation. They are committed to enhancing the lives of communities, families and individuals and supporting positive and respectful relationships through their diverse range of counselling, community education and professional development services.

Relationship Australia has a reputation for exceptional relationship education programs ranging from one night seminars to eight week sources.

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<td>Find out how to build a rewarding father daughter relationship. As a male role model in a young girl’s life Dad’s play an important role in their development of self confidence and self esteem. This can often affect how they relate to others as they get older.</td>
<td>Growing a stepfamily presents a whole array of challenges that are different to those found in a biological family. This workshop is based on research that highlights some of the more helpful way of forming and living in this new family.</td>
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<td>Language shapes character. The Family Virtues Guide contains fifty two of the universal virtues which help parents bring out the best in their children and themselves. It creates a climate of caring character.</td>
<td>You will leave each week with new tools and skills as well as a better understanding of how to be the best dad you can be for your children. This course cover from why dads matter to kids to developing a healthy parenting style.</td>
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<td>This course investigates this link with our first family - whether our biological family or other family system, e.g. foster or step family. How we can communicate, resolve conflict, us anger effectively or not and how we show affection. All these can be traced to family patterns passed down from generation to generation.</td>
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What’s happening in Primary

Primary school duathlon

[Images of children participating in a duathlon event]