Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends,

Happy Fathers Day to all our Dads in the community. A special day to celebrate the importance of Fathers in our society.

In today’s letters to families I would like to highlight the Fathering Project. A team of professionals from UWA whose aim is to help fathers realise how important they are in a child’s life.

The Fathering Project circulates tips and ideas for Fathers to adopt to become better dads. In 2013 they published an article on their website detailing top tips for being a great dad.

- Dad Dates
- Day Trips
- Help kids understand they are special
- Practice Listening
- Get mobilised for the Values war
- Don’t assume your kids aren’t at risk of addiction
- Be involved in your child’s education
- Understand that daughters are not the same as sons
- Children are vulnerable to words

I would encourage all our parents to look into the website http://thefatheringproject.org/ in the pursuit of becoming better parents for our children.

Ultimately I believe that God is our Heavenly Father. For those families without an active father figure in their lives, I thank the tireless work the Mothers and Carers do.

The bible describes God as our Father.

“Yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.” 1 Corinthians 8:6

I encourage all Fathers, Mothers and students to look into the concept of God, our Heavenly Father.

Happy Fathers Day everyone.

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 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 have been 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. Thank you to all our helpers for your time and effort and for the parents and friends who are making cakes and slices each week. The students are certainly appreciating it.

SWIMMING LESSONS
Swimming Lessons are going well this year and the student behaviour and attitude is excellent. Well done to all the students for a great effort. The lessons are 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.

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!

FATHERS DAY STALL
Thank you to Jaimie Redding and the P&F helpers for running a great Father’s Day Stall this year. Your help is much appreciated. We wish all the Fathers, Grandfathers and Father figures a happy Father’s Day on Sunday.

KINDERGARTEN FATHER’S DAY PLAY DAY
The Kindergarten students enjoyed Father’s Day Play days this week. The students were happily playing with their fathers, grandfathers or special father-figures in their lives. They enjoyed many activity stations. Thank you to all the Parents and Friends who came along to make it such a fun time!
**SCIENCE WEEK 2015**

At the end of this term we celebrate Science Week. In the Primary School we follow the Primary Connections Science program each week. This program reflects the Australian Curriculum and is very practical and enjoyable for the students. The Year 6 class will host a special day at the end of Science Week with interactive activities for the other Primary classes. Thank you Year 6 students!

**ORIENTATION, OPEN DAY AND FETE**

The Kindergarten to Year 6 2016 Orientation Fete and Open Day is on Saturday 17th October 2015. It is from 10.15am to 11am. Students come along and meet their 2016 teacher and classmates, enjoy a few activities and are given a pack with the 2016 Booklist, activities to do in the holidays and a special letter from their teacher. Immediately following the Orientation is our annual Open Day and Fete. We usually have about 1000 people come to the Open Day/Fete. Letters will be sent home soon for each child about Orientation. Students do not wear school uniform on this day.

**ALKIMOS BAPTIST COLLEGE FETE – SILENT AUCTION**

Alkimos Baptist College is hosting our annual Open Day and Fete on Saturday 17th October 2015. One of our main official College fundraiser is our Silent Auction and we would like to make an appeal to you to help donate any new quality goods, or services either from businesses you regularly use or work for. If you require a sponsorship letter from the College, please see our College office.

Examples of donations from previous years have been: Workout sessions, Bottles of Olive Oil, West Coast Eagles signed football, Western Force Signed Jersey, dinner for two, are just a few examples. Please bring your Silent Auction donation to the College office as soon as possible and thank you for your partnering with us in this great fundraising venture.

**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.
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.

11/9/2015 - Year 7, 8 & 9 Class
18/9/2015—Year 10, 11 & 12 Class

Thank you everyone for your kind support!

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!

Alkimos Baptist College
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Student Stars

Well Done to Aden Cronje from Year 1 for receiving his green belt in Tae Kwondo. Aden has been doing Martial Arts at Premier Martial arts and Fitness for the last three years, starting in the little champion program achieving his little champion black belt and has now has moved on to junior freestyle.

Congratulations on the great effort Aden.

A big congratulations to both Ellie Manning and Madison Manning who competed in the 2015 Guildford and Kalamunda District Swimming Club Junior and Qualifying Meet at the weekend. Both girls did very well, Ellie received silver medals in the 9 year old girls 50m backstroke and 50m breaststroke events and Madison received silver medals in the 8 year old girls 25m backstroke and 25m breaststroke events.

Well done girls.

GOLD COMMENDATION AWARDS

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Wednesday Morning Training Club & Friday Family Fitness

Wednesday morning training clubs will continue to run at the conclusion of swimming lessons. Starting from 7:30 until 8:15am we encouraged all students to attend to work on fitness and athletics skills.

With Interschool teams being selected in the coming weeks it would be wonderful to see those interested students attending.

Friday Family Fitness will not begin again until Term 4 when the warmer weather returns.

Junior Cross Country:

On Wednesday the 16th of September our Junior Primary will be taking part in their very first Cross Country Carnival.

The Carnival will showcase some of the long distance running practice students have worked in sport classes and allow the students to participate in a fun and friendly competition.

All students who complete the run will be presented with a commemorative certificate.

Races will begin at just after 1:00pm and will start on the school oval. All families are encouraged to attend to support the students as they compete.

Lunchtime Throwey Ball:

After a long wait our Throwey ball competition kicked off this week.

Many excited students have participated in a sport that combines the rules of volleyball with the skills of netball and basketball.

After-School Sport:

We are pleased to announce that due to funding from Sporting Schools, the College has secured form Perth Glory player Steven McGarry to run our Thursday After School Sports.

This is a wonderful opportunity for this group to receive top level coaching from a former top level player.

Come and Join Us for Some Fun & Fitness
On Monday the 24th August students from Year 5 and 6 competed in the SEDA Interschool Soccer carnival at Kingsway Reserve. Both teams performed amazingly well on the day. Our girls team, many of whom were playing for the first time, won two games and drew another. Whilst our boys team won four out of their five games. Both teams show tremendous heart and deserved the great results after all the hard work in the lead up to the carnival. A big thank you to Averil Willoughby for her hard work with the girls team.
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.
Nature Play Area
Well done the Liam Vermaak from Year 5 who’s Nature Play Area design was chosen as the winner.
What’s happening in Secondary

History Week

Sports Carnival