Hello Parents, Families, Students and Friends,

It is with joy that I write this. As I walk around our school and see our students work hard towards the different lessons, activities, tests and assessments I feel joy in a community we have built. As I see the teachers give of themselves to their students, above and beyond what I could ever expect of them, I feel joy.

As I see our Administration team working hard to answer questions, organise the life of the College and liaise with parents, teachers and staff, I feel joy. As I see the parents meet up in the afternoon, building relationship and community, bringing their children early to school for different programs or picking them up late after clubs, I feel joy.

Joy comes when there is a clear vision and mission that we are all working towards. That is our when our school community being of one heart and one mind. David of Israel wrote in Psalm 16

“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.”

Joy comes when we are on the path set before us by God and we are living in his presence. It is exciting to see the path God has set for our College and as we continue down that path, with Him leading, we will find joy.

I hope you all have a great week

Kieran Graham
College Principal
BOOKLISTS 2015
Please note that the due date to order from Campion Books is **Friday 6th November 2015**. Please order booklist items by that date. Booklist item boxes may be picked up from the College Hall on **Friday 4th December between 2pm to 4pm only**. You may also have your booklist items delivered to your home at a cost of $8.00.

SCHOOL MEETINGS
The next School Meetings will be held on Monday 23rd November 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.

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
On **Tuesday 3rd November** the Year 4 to 6 students will all be participating in the InterHouse Swimming Carnival at the Craigie Leisure Centre. Parents and carers are welcome to come along. Please see Mr Stravens if you are able to assist on the day.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION DINNER
The Year 6 students will be having a special Graduation Dinner on **Wednesday 18th November** at Hogs Breath Café from 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Year 6 students will need to be at school by 5.20pm and meet in the amphitheatre area for speeches and photos. We plan to leave the campus in the College bus by 5.40pm. Students can be picked up from Hogs Breath Café at 7.30pm. Information about this special event will be sent in a letter to those families. It will be a wonderful occasion.

PRESENTATION EVENING AND YEAR 6 GRADUATION
The Primary Presentation Evening and Year 6 Graduation Ceremony will be held on **Wednesday 25th November** from 5.30 to 7pm. The Pre Primary class will be performing the Nativity at this event and a letter will be sent home about this soon. Each family will be assigned 2 free tickets, available from the College office soon. Entry will be by ticket only please, due to space constraints. Students will not require tickets. A special letter will be sent home to all families about this event soon.

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION!
Our annual **Kindergarten Graduation** morning is on **Wednesday 2nd December**, for a special ceremony, complete with special graduation gowns! The assembly will be from **8.45am to 9.15am** in the College Hall. Parents and carers are invited to come for this special assembly. The rest of the Primary School also attends the assembly to congratulate our Kindy students on a fine year’s achievement!

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS
Semester 2 Reports will be issued to all Primary students on their last day of this term, **Wednesday 9th December**. Please note that if you are leaving to go on holidays early, we are unable to give you the reports earlier than this date. Uncollected Student Reports will be posted to your home address. Please ensure that you have advised the College office if you change your contact and address details.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY
We do not advise students to leave early in the term as they can miss out on valuable learning and community events. If however, it can’t be helped and your child needs to leave earlier that 9th December you will need to advise Mr Graham in writing. This is a legal requirement of all schools. thank you.
**SPELLING BEE**
We have just finished Round 1 of the Spelling Bee competition! The Round 2 word lists will soon be given to the students that were successful in the first round. This winners from Round 2 will proceed onto the final. Round 3 winners will be announced on the day of the final live Round competition, Monday 23rd November 8.45am. There will be 1 winner from each class who will be presented with a trophy on the day. Well done to all participants and all the best for Round 2.

**INTERSCHOOL ACADEMIC ALL STARS TOURNAMENT**
This year Alkimos Baptist College will be hosting the Interschool Academic All Stars Tournament on Tuesday 24th November. Mrs van der Moezel will be organizing 3 teams of Upper Primary extension students to participate. If your child is chosen for this tournament they will receive more details about this closer to the date. We wish them all the best in the competition.

**SUMMER SOAKER SPECTACULAR!**
This will be held on Wednesday 2nd December for all Kindy to Year 6 students. On that day the students will enjoy water games, a free sausage sizzle and other fun activities for the whole day. We love our students and it will be a special treat for them, to reward them and congratulate them on a fine year’s effort. This event is for students only. More details of the event will be given closer to the date.

**LAST DAY OF TERM 4 AND FIRST DAY OF 2015**
The last day of Term 4 for students is Wednesday 9th December 2015, closing at 2.50pm. The first day of Term 1 2016 is Monday 1st February 2016.

**STUDENTS LEAVING**
If you are intending to withdraw your child at the end of the year now is the time for you to advise Enrolments. Please let us know where your child will be continuing their schooling next year. Please email fhunter@alkimosbc.wa.edu.au before the end of term to avoid being charged a terms fees in lieu.

**UPDATE 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.

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**P & F NEWS**

The Term 4 P&F Meeting was on Wednesday 28th November. The minutes of P&F Meetings are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and available for parents to view.

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!

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8.00AM - 4.00PM

For Uniform fittings or pick ups, please contact the College office to
arrange and appointment.
Please note the uniform shop is closed on 3rd November open 2nd
November

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDER

Scholastic book order due by Friday 6th November.
Payments can be made with cash or cheque and
online at scholastic.com.au/LOOP.
CLOTHES MARKET PERTH—CLOTHING DONATIONS NEEDED!!

On Saturday 28th November Nina and I are organising a Clothes Market fundraiser which will be hosted right here at Alkimos Baptist College from 10am-12pm. This event will basically be a pop-up op-shop where donated clothes (in good condition - no holes/stains) will be sold to raise money to support refugees around the world.

The proceeds will be donated to three organisations that are working with refugees in different stages of their journey: World Vision, MOAS (Migrant Offshore Aid Station) and the Humanitarian Group.

We would love your support for this event, there are 3 main ways you can help:
- Bring the family down for some great bargains and fun activities for the kids
- Ask around your friends and family and drop your clothes donations in at the College office
- Volunteer on the day (Speak to me or email: clothesmarketperth@gmail.com)

This is a great opportunity for our high school students to be apart of a great Community event, please encourage your kids to be involved!

Laura Crisp
College Chaplain
Interhouse Swimming Carnival:
On Tuesday the 3rd of November students in Year 4-6 will participate in the Interhouse Swimming Carnival at Craigie Leisure Center.

The Carnival will run from 10:30am until 2:00pm. All parents are welcome to attend to support the students in their races.

Term 4 Sport:
With the warm weather approaching quickly it is important that students are adequately prepared for Sport lessons.

Drink bottles, hats and sunscreen are all important to ensure your child is well-protected from dehydration and heat stroke.
The girl’s robotic program was great fun! We all had a great time learning about different types of Engineering. We learned that there needs to be more girl engineers too.

Our group of girls were given robots. We were paired up in twos. Each of our groups were given a robot and a laptop. The Robot Gals came to teach us about robots and different types of Engineering. They taught us how to program the robots on the computer. We were taught how to make a square with the robots and how to make them dance.

The Robot Gals gave us great encouragement to become Engineers. I think all the girls enjoyed learning about programming.

Clea Parson - Year 6
Spelling Bee Competition 2015

The Spelling Bee Competition helps students with spelling practice and is a fun way to encourage good spelling.

This year our Spelling Bee Competition for all Year 1 to 6 students will be held on the following dates:

**Round 2** - List given to students on Monday 2nd November,
*Test on Wednesday 11th November*
**Year 1 - 2 Final Round 11th November**

**Year 3-6 Live Final Round Live** - List given to students on Monday 16th November,
*Finals Monday 23rd November*

There will only be one Trophy winner per class. Students will receive trophies and awards at the school meeting on Monday 23rd November 8.45 - 9.15am.

All the best to all the students for participating!

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Musical Afternoons

Our talented instrumental teachers are holding an end of year concert for their students, in our first ever "Musical Afternoons" which will be held in Week 6. It will be a week with music happening in the afternoon on Wednesday and Friday. The instrumental teachers and their students are inviting you to come along.

**Voice** - Wednesday 25 November in Room 11
**Guitar** - Friday 27 November in the College Hall
**Piano** - Friday 27 November in the Kindy Classroom

All concerts will begin at 3pm and will conclude with light refreshments. You are invited to join us for one or all of the concerts, that will be featured in our Musical Afternoons week. If you are thinking about starting your child on an instrument next year - a perfect event to come along to. Spread the word! This promises to be an inspiring and entertaining week, filled with some great musical performances.
What's happening in Secondary

Year 12 Graduation

Congratulations to our Year 12 Graduates. We wish you all the best!