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 relationships 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 is 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
SECONDARY AWARDS ASSEMBLY
The Year 7 - 10 Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 27th November in the College Hall from 8.40am to 9.30am. Parents of students receiving an award will be notified prior to this date. This is our final celebration of our student’s achievements for 2015. I hope to see you there.

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS
Semester 2 Reports will be posted to all Secondary 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 school earlier than 9th December you will need to advise Mr Graham in writing. This is a legal requirement of all schools. Thank you.

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.

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

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.
GOLD COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7
Patrick van der Wijngaart
Reuben van der Wijngaart
Chloe Ashton
Taylor Brooker
Grace Millar
Molly-Rose Prince

Year 8
Christian Petera
Roald van Tonder
Jorjia Bond
Ashley Brunton
Isabella Taylor-Standish
Megan Taylor
Tiffany Watkins

TERM 4 EXTRA - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

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

UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8.00AM - 4.00PM

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

P & F NEWS

The Term 4 P&F Meeting was on Wednesday 28th October. 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 to everyone for your great support throughout 2015. It has been a successful year and we wish you a very safe Christmas and Happy New Year.

Thank you everyone for your kind support!
Inter-House Competition

The sport being played for the InterHouse Competition in Term 4 is mixed netball.

All games will be played every Monday at QBC from Week 2 to Week 6 between 3 - 4.00 pm. All teams will travel to and from QBC via the College bus.

GIBSON REDS RUNDOWN

It’s been an exciting term with the after school Interhouse Netball. It would be great to see our girl players play next Monday. In Netball each week we need 4 girls and 3 boys to play. This week is our last week in the competition against Hamersley, so let’s all make a special effort to be there!

What a mega effort Gibson, for last week’s fun game win over Hamersley with a score of 6 vs 3, even though both teams only had 4 players. Braydon was our star goal shooter once again teaming up with Jack, Kawana and Deng for a formidable front. Also congratulations to Dampier and Flinders for making it to the top 2 teams.

GO GIBSON REDS!

HAMERSLEY NEWS

It has been a hard season. A season where we have fought with all our might. A wonderful season of netball it has been for us all. Hamersley has displayed a competitive nature throughout this term and next year we will definitely be winning some games.

We would also like to say thank you to all of the Hamersley members who participated in the Connect drama. It was wonderful to see so many of you get involved and a special thanks to Mrs Sharp for writing a brilliant script and organising all the students. Well done Hamersley. A brilliant play enjoyed by all.
DAMPIER DOWNLOAD

Dampier you are amazing! Last week’s drama performance at connect far exceeded my expectations. Each one of you brilliantly executed the African adaptation of the ‘Parable of the Farmer Sowing Seed.’

A special thank you goes out to Sandrine for narrating the play so eloquently, for Jacob who made a riveting performance as the sinister bird; for Shayna, Ashley, Christian, Jen, and Lachlan - for your whimsical dance moves. For Averil who came despite being unwell, you truly are a champion! Thank you for all the students who sacrificed their time to come to rehearsals. I felt like a very proud mother duck

Moreover, the Inter House Competition is definitely heating up. Unfortunately we went down narrowly by one in a high scoring came on Monday. A shout out goes to Ashley for your sterling speed and keen sportsmanship. Mr. Wayman will be mixing up the strategy for next week...so be warned flimsy Flinders, grumpy Gibson and hapless Hamersley; Dangerous Dampier is gearing up for the kill.

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FLINDERS

What an exciting netball game between Flinders and Dampier! It was a competitive and fast paced game, where every player gave their all. Standing on the sidelines, you could sense the tension on court.....and off court. Just when you thought that Flinders was ahead one point, Dampier quickly responded and scores were even once again; and so this happened all the way until the end of the match.

It was excellent to see our Flinders team playing so well. Although Flinders won once the final whistle blew, it was Dampier who took the points as the Sharks lost by default due to a lack of Sharkettes.

From here, Flinders will face Dampier next Monday in the last final of the year. We are looking forward to a full turn out from our house as we finish off what has been an amazing year of success.
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 7. 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.

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
Parent-Child Connection

Raising Children should be one of life’s greatest experiences but as parents all know it’s not always an easy task. Parents are invited to this 4 week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence.

Tuesday 17, 24 Nov, 1, 8, Dec, 6.30 - 9.30pm
22 Southport Street, West Leederville
$50 per person, $75 per couple

Fathering after Separation

It’s important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This seminar suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements.

Thursday 19 Nov, 6.30 - 9.30pm
22 Southport Street, West Leederville
$25 per person

Understanding Stepfamily Relationships

Stepfamilies and blended families operate in a different way that biological families. The dynamics of a stepfamily are more complex and there is need for a special understanding and management from both biological and stepparents working together for a healthy growth to happen.

Fri 20, 6.30 - 9.30pm
Sat 21, 1.00 - 5.30pm
22 Southport Street, West Leederville
$120 per couple

Mums Raising Boys

However well prepared mothers are logically the emotional response to having a boy is often still, Wow! It’s true that for many mothers the idea of raising a son carries its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life they play an important role in the development to be nurturing and how they relate to women.

Tuesday 24 Nov, 6.30 - 9.30pm
Suite 12, 2232C Albany Highway, Gosnells
$25 per person

The Rock and Water Program

Physical exercises is constantly linked with mental and social skills. The Rock and Water program leads from simple self-defence, boundary and communication exercises to a strong notion of self-confidence. The program offers a framework of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, thinking and visualising.

Saturday 21 Nov 8.30am - 12.30pm
58 Northwood Street, West Leederville
$60 per family
What's happening in Primary

Swimming Carnival