Dear Parents, Families, Friends and Students,

Merry Christmas everyone. Under one month to go and Christmas is upon us. Already the weather is starting to get that typical December feel and the grass on my front lawn is starting to take on the typical brown tinge from not having any rain in the last couple of weeks. As I walk through the shops the “winter wonderland” and Santa displays are already up and looking very enticing for the young ones.

Christmas is a time for joy, fun, excitement, celebrating the end of the year and enjoying summer. I wish you all the best over this holiday period as you spend this valuable time with family and friends.

2015 has been a great year. A year where God has blessed us in so many ways. He has led us, taught us and guided us to a very strong end of year. I would like to thank all our families for entrusting your child and their education to Alkimos Baptist College. I would like to thank all our dedicated teachers for their hard work and valuable contributions to the life of this College. I would also like to thank our wonderful students.

When Jesus was born, the angles gathered around the shepherds and sang “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on Earth peace to those pleasing to him.”

I would like to leave you with these words. “Glory to God in the highest Heaven.”

Merry Christmas.

Kieran Graham
College Principal

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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.

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. Students are to commence in their full Summer Uniform.

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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Alkimos Baptist College 2016 School Fees

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Second child - Less 20% (if attending simultaneously)
Third child - Less 40% (if attending simultaneously)
GOLD COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7
Deng Manyang
Brianna Archer
Chloe Ashton
Abby Bondini
Taylor Brooker
Ciara Carroll

Year 8
Adam Leigh

Year 10
Averil Willoughby

UNIFORM SHOP

2016 OPENING TIMES
Friday 8.00am - 3.30pm

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

P & F NEWS

The minutes of P&F Meetings are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and available for parents to view.

The Parents & Friends Committee for 2016 is as follows:-
PRESIDENT: Nicola Manning
SECRETARY: Laura Ashton
TREASURER: Debbie Archer
COMMITTEE MEMBER: Ursula Brookmire

If you are interested in joining the P&F, please let the College office know.

Thank you everyone for your kind support!

We have been advised by Kapture Photography that all sports and/or special team photos taken this year will be removed from their website at the end of this term in readiness for next year’s photography. This is your last chance to view and purchase these photographs. Please visit www.kapture.com.au and access the gallery using our school code – JUNIOR – 2YD38R and SENIOR – 7VLXF5

This code can also be used to purchase class or individual photographs for 2015 should you have missed out earlier in the year.
Year 7 – 10 Presentation Assembly

Year 7
English – Bonnie Johnson
Maths – Grace Millar
History – Grace Millar
Geography – Grace Millar
Science – Grace Millar
French – Chloe Ashton
ICT – Taylor Brooker
Phys Ed – Deng Manyang
Woodwork – Jacob Smith
Health – Tiana Arrigoni
Drama – Tiana Arrigoni
Art – Tiana Arrigoni

Year 8
English – Christian Petera
Maths – Connor Parsons
History – Connor Noble
Geography – Christian Petera
Science – Christian Petera
French – Megan Taylor
ICT – Roald van Tonder
Phys Ed – Braydon Vaz
Woodwork – Connor Noble
Health Ed – Megan Taylor
Drama – Megan Taylor
Art – Tiahna Booth
Foods – Isabella Taylor-Standish
Music – Isabella Taylor-Standish
Accredited Soccer – Connor Parsons

Year 9
English – Tyron Hindmarsh
Maths – Tyron Hindmarsh
History – Dylan Vermaak
Geography – Tyron Hindmarsh
Science – Tyron Hindmarsh
French – Dylan Vermaak
ICT – Gordon Maurice
Phys Ed – Tyron Hindmarsh
Phys Rec – Tyron Hindmarsh
Woodwork – Jayden O’Byrne
Health – Jayden O’Byrne
Drama – Harrison Smith
Art – Harrison Smith
Foods – Allyza Crouch
Music – Gordon Maurice

Year 10
English – Monique Schokman
Maths – Monique Schokman & Ashley Petera
History – Monique Schokman
Geography – Monique Schokman
Science – Monique Schokman
French – Monique Schokman
ICT – Arno van Tonder
Phys Ed – Jason Macfarlane & Averil Willoughby
Phys Rec – Matthew Harms
Woodwork – Samuel King
Business – Matthew Harms
Drama – Bianca Crosling
Art – Monique Schokman
Foods – Matthew Harms
Music – Ashley Petera

Dux
Year 7 – Grace Millar
Year 8 – Christian Petera
Year 9 – Tyron Hindmarsh
Year 10 – Monique Schokman

Endeavour Awards
Year 7 – Briana Archer
Year 8 – Christian Petera
Year 9 – Jayden O’Byrne
Year 10 – Monique Schokman

College Citizenship Award – Tiana Arrigoni
This Monday morning our Year 7 and 8 Drama students will be performing a mini extravaganza for our Kindy to Year 4 classes. They have been working hard all semester and many of them are keen and excited to have this performing opportunity.

We will be performing four small plays, where they will meet a blue fairy, a small mouse, a hairless Emperor and two monsters intent on making soup with a stone. Speaking of making things, the Year 8 food students are going to be preparing some festive treats for our drama morning, so thank you in advance for this Mr Zanetti and your class! We look forward to eating what you will prepare!

We will conclude our morning with the Year 5 and 6 classes joining us to sing some Christmas carols under the skilful hand of the talented Dale Friis. This will be a fun and festive way to celebrate the hard work our drama students have demonstrated all semester.

Thank you drama students for your enthusiasm in class. I believe our Monday performance is going to be a lot of fun and will provide some great entertainment. Once again, Thank you for your efforts in bringing these little plays to life.

Special mention needs to go to Bianca Crosling from Year 10, who has come and worked with the Year 7 drama students in helping get these plays to a finished state. You have been such a pleasure to have around and the students have responded warmly to your input. Thank you for your ideas, enthusiasm for drama and your great interaction with the students! You will be an amazing drama teacher one day!

Drama students, let’s have fun this Monday and "WOW" the audience with our great acting!
Musical Afternoons

Last week, concerts for voice, guitar and piano were held. Families, friends and teachers were treated to a wonderful musical afternoon, with our instrumental teachers holding their annual end of year music concert. It was fantastic to see students from both primary and secondary school get up and perform so confidently and to hear their progress. The concerts were inspirational and had a wonderful community feel about them. Well done everyone!

A big thank you goes out to all you students who have practiced throughout the year for your lessons - keep up the good work, because you will become better musicians. Remember, 'from little things, big things grow'. Parents thank you for encouraging your child to practise and to remember instruments and books. Lastly, but by no means least, a massive thank you to all our instrumental teachers. Your patient and diligent work each week could be seen and heard in how well your students played. Keep up the excellent work.

Parents if you are thinking of beginning lessons next year, we are offering tuition for keyboard, guitar, drums and voice. Simply leave your name, contact details and instrument you are considering, with the admin staff. This information will be passed onto the relevant instrumental teachers who will contact you directly to arrange lessons.

Have a lovely Christmas and please students, keep up your practicing over the holidays.

2016 is looking to be a great year for our College community. With the introduction of the Robotics Engineering Program as well as our first ever Ski Trip, our Teaching staff is looking forward to a great year.

We welcome Mr Matt Veale to our teaching team. Mr Veale completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2010 and has spent 4 years working in that field. Since then, Mr Veale has completed a Diploma of Education and is coming on board to work in our Science Department. Mr Veale brings very strong Human Biology, Chemistry and Physics into our school community.

Mrs Kelsey Middleton completed a Bachelor of Science majoring in English from the State University of New York in 2008. Mrs Middleton went on to work with students with disabilities for a number of years before completing a Diploma of Education, majoring in English and minoring in Humanities and Social Sciences. Mrs Middleton brings a wealth of experiences into the English classroom working with a range of different students in a number of different educational settings.

Ms Bronwyn Smith completed a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Arts Managements at the Western Australian Academy of Preforming Arts in 2007 before working at various schools in the Media Department. While completing a Diploma of Education, Ms Smith spent time in Sydney working on various films and television sets including The Great Gatsby, Wolverine and I Frankenstein. She also played a part in multiple national commercials. Ms Smith is in the process of completing a Masters in Global Education, having already completed the Bachelor of Global Education. Ms Smith will bring a world of experience to our Media and Humanities Department.

Mr Joshua Blackwell completed a Bachelor of Music majoring in Music Compositions and Music Technology at the Western Australian Academy of Preforming Arts in 2013. Mr Blackwell spent 2014 touring South Africa as a producer for a Preforming Arts Group before coming back to Western Australia in 2015. This year Mr Blackwell has been heavily involved in Connect, heading up our Guitar tutoring program and can be listened to on 98.5 Sunshine FM as a Saturday morning announcer. Mr Blackwell continues to write music, perform at various locations around Perth and teach guitar to a range of students inside and outside of our College.

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Mr Adam Hayward, Miss Gillian Erasmus, Mr Quinn Wallace and Miss Rebecca McCarthy. I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to our College. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.
### 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 8, 15, 22, 29, March, 6.30 - 9.30pm**
22 Southport Street, West Leederville  
$50 per person, $75 per couple

### Building Stronger Families
This six-week course is designed specifically for families with children over the age of 10. Parents learn how to be leaders and role models in your family. Children learn how to be special and also how to belong.

**Wed 11, 18, 25, 29, May, 1, 8, June 6.30 - 9.30pm**  
22 Southport Street, West Leederville  
$80 per person, 120 per family

### Making Stepfamilies Work
Families children from previous relationships may need strategies with communication, agreement on discipline, who spells out the rules and what the rules are and on handling competing demands. It is just as important for couples to ensure that in a busy week there is time just for each other.

**Wed 17, 24, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23 March 6.30 - 9.30pm**  
22 Southport Street, West Leederville  
$75 per person, 120 per couple

### Parent-Teen Connection
Going through adolescence has always been challenging and a frustrating period of life’s journey. Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict.

**Tues 9, 16, 23 Feb, 1 March 9.30am - 4.30pm**  
22 Southport Street, West Leederville  
$50 per person, $75 per couple

### The Rock and Water Program
Physical exercises are 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 frame work of exercises and ideas to assist boys and girls to become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life.

**Saturday 12 March 8.30am - 12.30pm**  
58 Northwood St, W. Leederville  
$60 per family
What’s happening in Primary

Spelling Bee 2015

ACADEMIC ALL-STARTS

Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Primary Awards & Year 6 Graduation