Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends,

Welcome to 2015 at Alkimos Baptist College!

We welcome all our new families to the College and hope that you will feel a part of our community very soon.

I would like to thank the wonderful staff in the Primary school for the hard work in preparing for the start of 2015. I believe this year will be a great year for students, staff and the College Community. This year our Primary School is blessed with the following staff:

Mrs Ruth Chant, Mrs Elizabeth Holland, Miss Charlene Gale, Mrs Carolyn Griffin, Mrs Rebekah Hodge, Mrs Helen Visser, Mrs Kayla Webb, Mrs Richelle Schokman, Mr John Hampton, Miss Amy Johnson, Mr Daniel Stravens, Mrs Janine Nieuwenhuis, Mr Kai Choo, Mr Dale Friis, Mrs Jenni Van Der Moezel and Mrs Stella Mitchell. Our Administration team is Ms Faith Hunter, Miss Samantha Gale and Mrs Karen Hodgkinson and Mrs Alice Sellers is our Uniform Shop Coordinator. Mrs Nina Bergmann is our College Chaplain and Mr EricDavey is our College Maintenance worker. Mr Hampton and Mr Choo have taken on the added responsibilities of being Lower Primary Coordinator and Upper Primary Coordinator. It is a privilege to be involved in such an experienced and dedicated team.

The Primary School aims to provide an academic environment where compassion, excellence, endeavour, reflection, sportsmanship, good humour and cultural appreciation are enhanced. Our core business is the mastery of the foundational skills in literacy and numeracy, and we endeavour to encourage high levels of critical thinking, creativity, problem solving and teamwork. We encourage students to accept responsibility for their own learning and aim to teach them how to continue to have lifelong learning skills. Our excellent teachers have many exciting programs planned for this year.

I would like to thank the Maintenance Team for their hard work over the summer. A new demountable for the high school, a new toilet block for the primary school, an upgrade of vanities and painting in the primary school toilets. The campus is ever changing and growing with our needs.

We begin 2015 with an important Parent Information Evenings in Week 2 for all classes. These sessions will be held on Monday 9th February and Tuesday 10th February in the classrooms from 5.00pm. Please see the specific class times in this newsletter. Please attend these evenings for detailed information about the year ahead in your child's class. Please do not bring children to this meeting.

Welcome Back to School
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

In Week 3 it is important that all parents attend the Parent Interviews. Please fill out the roster on Classroom Doors. This ‘touch base’ interview is important for parents to meet the teacher personally and set some goals for their child or children at school this year. It is the time to ask specific questions about the year ahead. Children waiting during these meetings will need to wait quietly and respectfully at school.

Please keep the updated Term 1 Calendar visible during the term. It is an important document to remind you of the coming events. Please also see this newsletter for important information in the Primary News section.

"Be courageous and have faith in God that it will happen just as He said it would." Acts 27:25

As we journey through this year together I ask all families to be courageous and have faith in God. This important message is the core of Alkimos Baptist College.

Kieran Graham
Acting Primary Principal

PRIMARY TERM CALENDAR

Please ensure that you keep the updated copy of the Primary Term 1 Planner visible at home so that you are aware of the events for the Primary School each term. Extra copies are available at College office or on the College Website.

PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

The 2015 Primary Parent Information Evenings will be held on Monday 9th February and Tuesday 10th February. Please see the specific times in this Newsletter. It is important that one parent from each family attend the 30 minute meeting that will be held in classrooms. The teachers will speak about the management features of the classroom and the specialty teachers will outline their curriculum. Please do not bring children to these meetings. Thank you.

PRIMARY PARENT INTERVIEWS

The Term 1 Primary Parent Interviews are scheduled for Week 3 of this term from 7.30 - 8.30 in the mornings and 3.00 - 4.30 in the afternoons. These are 10 minute touch base interviews for parents to attend with the class teacher. It is important that each teacher is aware of the specific needs of the children in their care, so please book in for an appointment. Children waiting for their parents are asked to sit quietly and not run around or play on the equipment during the interviews as it will need to be a quiet time. Many thanks for your cooperation.

UNIFORMS

Please ensure that the correct black lace up shoes are worn and that the College uniform is not mixed and matched with the Sports Uniform. Please do not allow students to wear hair accessories to school that are not in keeping with the described Uniform standard in the Handbooks. Correct Uniform will be particularly important on our Photo Days – Tuesday 17 February and Thursday 19 February. Please see details in this Newsletter.

PARKING AT THE COLLEGE

Please be aware that there is no parking on the verges. Please be courteous when dropping off or picking up your child or parking at the College and help us maintain a good, safe traffic flow. Please be aware of children crossing the road.

P&F NEWS

The next P&F meeting for Term 1 will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 7 - 7.30pm
COLLEGE PHOTOS
College Photos will take place in Week 3. Tuesday 17th February is for the K.1 (blue) group and Thursday 19th February is the day for K.2 (green) group and Pre Primary to Year 6 students. Your child will be given their PHOTO Envelope and Letter about the Photo Day with this Newsletter. Please read carefully regarding the purchase details in your letter as you have a choice to purchase online by credit card or cash or cheque. Sibling photos will also be available on the day but need to be ordered online by 12 noon on Monday 16th February. There will be a Staff Photo at 8.15am that morning, so classrooms will open at 8.30am.

CLUBS NEWS
After School Clubs will commence from Week 4, Monday 23 February 2015. These Clubs run from 3 - 4pm. Students will placed as evenly as possible in their choice of club. Not all students will be able to attend the club of their choice in Term 1. However, all students will be able to attend the Tuesday and Thursday Sport Club as we have many places for each session. Please see the Clubs sheet for details of all Clubs that will be sent home next week. Clubs change during the year, depending on the availability of the teaching staff and providers. Students misbehaving in Clubs will not be allowed to return to that club the following week. Return all Clubs sheets to College office as soon as possible in the tray marked ‘Clubs’. Please see the class noticeboards for Term 1 Clubs Lists. Please see the Club sheet for the grade allocation for the clubs as some clubs are only available for the older children.

ABC READING GROUPS
ABC reading groups will commence in Week 4 on Tuesdays and Fridays in the Interview Room from 8.05am to 8.25am. This group is for students that wish to improve their Reading and Comprehension. Parents of these students will be given a letter about the program soon. We need more volunteer parent helpers. If you would like to help with this program please see Mrs Van Der Moezel or Mr Hampton. Learning Support Groups will also commence from Week 4. Identified students will be given a letter from Mrs Van Der Moezel. Please return the permission slips as soon as possible. Thank you.

DANCING LESSONS
This term all Pre Primary to Year 6 students will enjoy Dancing Lessons from Humphreys Dance Studio. Year 1 to Year 6 students will be required to wear their College Sport Uniform on Tuesdays.

YEAR 4 SCHOOL SLEEPOVER
The Year 4 class are having a Class Sleepover on Friday 27 of March. A letter and details about this event will be sent home soon.

YEAR 5 ZOO SLEEPOVER
The Year 5 class are having a Zoo Sleepover on Thursday 19 March 2015. Many College staff will be attending. A letter will soon be sent to Year 5 parents about this event. The College will pay for all costs for this camp. At the Zoo Sleepover the Year 5 students will have the opportunity to give a short speech to their classmates and staff attending for the Student Council positions. A letter and booklet will be sent home with students about this process very soon.

YEAR 6 CAMP
The Year 6 class are having a Bush Camp on Wednesday 11th March to Friday 13th March. A letter will be sent home soon to Year 6 parents about this event. The College will pay for all costs for this camp. At the Camp the Year 6 students will have the opportunity to give a short speech to their classmates and staff attending for the Student Council positions. A letter and booklet will be sent home with students about this process very soon.
MATHLETICS
The Mathletics codes have been given to each student by the class teachers. If you have not received this information please ask your class teacher or the College Office.

MUSIC TUITION
Music Tuition starts soon. If you are interested in music tuition please contact the College office. Students from last year still need to request tuition this year as some tutors have changed. Money and information is to be between the tutor and family.

SCHOOL MEETING
Our next School Meeting for PP to Year 6 students is on Monday 16th February from 8.45am to 9.00am in the Meeting Hall. All Parents are welcome.

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.

BASIC FIRST AID
As part of the Health curriculum, Mr Stravens has organised for the Year 4, 5 and 6 students will participate in a Basic First Aid course on Wednesday 18th February during the school day.

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.

UPDATED MEDICAL DETAILS
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.

BOOK CLUB
Please make sure that all book orders are returned to the College office by Friday 20th February.

P & F NEWS
Please note that the Term 1 P&F meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th March 2015 from 7.00 to 7.30pm.
All parents are invited to attend.

The Parents & Friends Committee for 2015 is as follows:-
PRESIDENT - Tina Harper-Rigby
TREASURER - Michelle Vermaak
EVENTS CO-ORDINATOR - Jamie Redding
SCHOLASTIC BOOKS - Emma Groom
PPP CO-ORDINATOR - Sonika Bright

We are currently looking for a parent to fill the secretary position for this year. If you would be interested in helping out with this please see Mr Kieran Graham or contact the College office on 9406 8189.

Thank you everyone for your kind support we look forward to a great year.
MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Monday 24th November
8.45 to 9.15am College Hall

Year 1
Pascaline Kabwit
Aaden Arneill
Tristan Purdie

Year 2
Cooper Smith
Benjamin Rowell
Anique Schoeman
Chloe Brown

Year 3
Michael Millar
Jack Clayton
Bailee Fisher
Stephanie Morgan

Year 4
Ellie Manning
Josh Schoeman
Judah Chant
Ayesha Bartlett

Year 5
Jordan Morton
Tai Carroll

Year 6
Tinotenda Mandirahwe
Teddy Elward
Sam Wakefield
Daniel King
Breanna Jones
William Jones

Sports Award
Milly Hall
Sam Wakefield

STUDENT STARS!

Congratulations to Kylie Broughton in Year 4 for winning a competition with Western Power. Kylie’s video on how to play safe outside was picked out of a large number of applicants.

Kylie appeared alongside Brad Hogg, who currently plays for the WA Scorchers Team, in a short video demonstrating how to stay safe when playing outdoors. The video will be used to support Western Power’s education program ‘Shockproof’ which will be shown to over 30,000 children across Western Power’s service area.

Well done Kylie we are proud of you!
Morning Training Club:
The primary school morning training club will begin again on Wednesday 18th of February.

Students in Years 2 - 6 are invited to join Mr Stravens from 7:30am - 8:00am to work on fitness, speed and skills on the College oval.

It is encouraged to send a healthy snack to have after training to ensure students have energy for the coming morning lessons.

This extra training is incredibly beneficial for interschool competitions we are looking to compete in later in the year.

School Sport:

Term 1 Physical Education is now well underway with all classes participating in plenty of fun activities.

With the warmer weather setting in for Term 1, it is important to adequately prepare your child for sport lessons. Ensuring they have both their school hat and a full drink bottle each day is a must. Sending some sunscreen in their bag is also a great way to protect them from the summers heat.

Students who do not have a hat will not participate in all of the Physical Education lesson.

Lunchtime Sporting Competition:

Beginning in Week 4 will be our first lunchtime sporting competition. This term we will be playing Endzone Ball.

This is a game that combines speed, fitness and skills as students aim to complete passes before catching in the "endzone". All students in Years 3-6 are encouraged to register in Week 3 if they would like to play.

These competitions are run for fun and participation is more important than ability.
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 17th February for KG.1 (Monday/Tuesday Group)
Thursday 19th February for KG.2 to Year 12
Sibling Photos are also available on the day. All sibling photos
need to be ordered online by 12 noon Monday 16th February.
Please see your photo letter for payment instructions

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION PROGRAMME

KEYBOARD, GUITAR, DRUMS, FLUTE and VOICE Lessons
Commence in Week 3 of Term 1
Enrolment Slips must be returned to the College office by
Friday 13th February 2015 as places are limited

SmartRider
A smarter kind of bus.

If your Primary child requires a SmartRider Card, please see the College office.

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8.00AM TO 4.00PM
Please contact the College office to arrange a time for an appointment.

KIDZ BIZ BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL VACATION CARE

Quality care for before and after school and
during the school holidays care for children from ages 6 - 12 years.

For more information please call the East Butler
centre on 0427 333 400
North Coast Rangers
Christian Football Club

Play Soccer Saturday Mornings

Registration
WHEN: Saturday 14th February
10:30am and concluding at 2:30pm.
WHERE: Butler Community Centre,
corner of Kingsbridge Blvd and Connolly Drive, Butler
WHO FOR: All Primary aged Boys and Girls.
U6, U8, U10, U12

Please note that you can now register on-line yourself
(If a returning player) at http://myfootballclub.com.au/

For further enquiries talk to MR Hampton or
contact

Carol Anne McEwan
Club Secretary
M: 0400 124 788
W: info@northcoastrangers.com.au

Please Bring Birth Certificate if you are a new player.