Greetings Students, Parents, Staff and Friends,

Welcome to 2015 at Alkimos Baptist College. What an exciting year we have ahead of us as we meet the challenges of secondary education in our growing community.

Firstly, I would like to publicly thank Mr Gary Harris for all the work he achieve at our College over the past 4 years. As I am sure our whole community can attest to, it has been a pleasure to have Mr Harris as our foundation Principal. We wish Mr Harris the best of luck in his future endeavours in education.

2015 is a special year in the life of the College. It is our first year of Year 12 students. Our very first graduating year! Good luck to these students as you prepare for your WACE exams. Our College is behind you every step of the way!

Welcome to all our new families to our College. We hope that you will feel a part of our special community very soon and to everyone else, I hope you all enjoyed a refreshing holiday and the first fortnight back has been an easy transition into a school routine.

The Secondary College teaching team has a new look and a new feel. A very exciting time as we welcome very experienced and enthusiastic teachers on board. We welcome:

- **Mr Steve Wayman** - Design and Technology
- **Mr Shayne Zanetti** - Physical Education
- **Mrs Ruth Belcher** - Chemistry and Human Biology
- **Mrs Sue Ann Vorster** - Maths and Physics
- **Mrs Mini Balachandran** - Maths, Chemistry and Physics
- **Mr Quinn Wallice** - Media and ICT

We also welcome back **Mrs Allison Sharp** - History and English.

Our existing teaching team consists of:

- **Miss Rebecca McCarthy** - Music and Drama as well as coordinating the College Band and Choir
- **Miss Gillian Erasmus** - English and Psychology
- **Mr Derek Speldewinde** - Geography and History
- **Mr Adam Haywood** - Science
- **Mrs Mitchell** - Art and French
- **Mrs Bergmann** will be continuing as our College Chaplain, 2 days a week

**Mrs Potgieter** will be expanding her role to include Curriculum Coordinator as well as Year Coordinator and I, myself, will be teaching History and Coordinating Connect.
I am delighted and blessed to be leading this superb team of staff, dedicated to serving the community of Alkimos Baptist College.

During the holidays there has been a hive of activity at the College and we now have new classrooms and refurbished areas at our Campus. The major addition is the Year 11 and 12 demountable, which has been split into three seminar rooms for small class sizes. I would like to thank our Board of Directors and Maintenance team for the hard work in the campus upgrades.

At this time in the life of the College, we look back at where we have come from and we see that God has moved in so many wonderful ways. The registration of the school, the acquiring of this current campus to rent, the acquisition of buying this campus to secure a place in the area. But what is more exciting is how God works in the lives of individuals. The small changes he makes in us to become more forgiving, more accepting, more friendly and ultimately more like the character of Jesus. We think to the verse, that as a College, we have meditated over for the last 4 years;

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

As our College continues to grow, change and adapt we have courage and faith in God that the vision of this College would happen, just as He said it would.

Yours sincerely

Kieran Graham
Secondary Principal

YEAR 8 CAMP
Year 8 Camp is fast approaching and with it, the excitement levels of the students. The camp will run from Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th March at Rottnest Island. It involves three full days of bike riding, swimming, buying bakery food and sand castle building. All camp letters, permission slips and medical forms have been sent home so please return them to the College office as soon as possible. Stay tuned for photos and camp highlights! If you have any further questions, please contact the College office.

SWIMMING TRAINING
The Secondary school swim team trains on Tuesday and Thursday morning 7.00 - 8.00am at the Merriwa Swim School. Any interested student are welcome to train and work towards selection for the upcoming Interschool Swimming Carnival. Selection are based on times at the Secondary School Interhouse Carnival and attendance at the morning training sessions.

SECONDARY TERM PLANNER
Please ensure that you keep the updated copy of the Secondary Term 1 Planner visible at home so that you are aware of the events for the Secondary School each term. Extra copies are available at College office and our College Website.
STUDENT LEADERS
The selection of Student Leaders is underway and House Captains have already been chosen. Student Councillors have been nominated by their fellow students and teachers. Elections for Student Councillors have taken place on Friday 13th February. All Student Leaders are to be presented with badges in an Assembly on Friday 20th February at 8.40am. Any parents of successful students will be contacted directly to be invited to this Assembly, however, all Secondary parents are welcome to attend this Assembly in the College Hall.

COLLEGE PHOTOS
College Photos will take place in Week 3. Tuesday 17th February is for the K.1 (blue) group and the Secondary students and on Thursday 19th February is the day for K.2 (green) group and Pre Primary to Year 6 students. You should have received your 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 on Thursday 19th February, so classrooms will open at 8.30am.

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 2015 from 7 - 7.30pm

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 canvas PE shoes. These are not in keeping with the described uniform standard in the Secondary Diary. If you are not sure, please ask Mrs Potgieter. Correct Uniform will be particularly important on our Photo Day - Thursday 19th February. See details in this Newsletter.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
The College will be providing areas of extra curricular activities during Term 1. These will include Tutoring, Swimming Training and Interhouse Sports. Please see details in this Newsletter.

MUSIC TUITION
Music Tuition starts soon. If you have not been contacted by a Music Tutor by Week 3 or 4, please contact the College office. Students from last year still need to request tuition this year and these students are welcome to contact their tutor directly. All payment of lessons is strictly between the parent and the tutor.

ASSESSMENT OUTLINES FOR SUBJECTS ONLINE
Term 1 Assessment outlines and Programs for Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and English will be accessible through the College website by Week 3. All students have already received hard copies of these in the first week of Term 1. Each student has been given their username and password and may access the ‘S’ drive through our College website: www.alkimosbc.wa.edu.au via Student Login.
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 INFORMATION
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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our College photo days are coming soon! The Secondary photo day will be:

Tuesday 17th February 2015

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN FULL COLLEGE SUMMER UNIFORM ON THIS DAYS. NO SPORTS UNIFORM PLEASE. CORRECT BLACK LACE UP SHOES ARE TO BE WORN. STUDENTS ARE TO BE NEATLY DRESSED, WITH MINIMAL MAKEUP, JEWELLERY OR HAIR ACCESSORIES THAT IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE COLLEGE UNIFORM STANDARD. STUDENTS WITH THE INCORRECT UNIFORM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO HAVE THEIR PHOTO TAKEN AND PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO ARRANGE TO CHANGE THE CLOTHING OR ITEM THAT MORNING. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS.

This year we have a facility to order your photos by credit card online. If you choose not to purchase online your student must return their own envelope with their order clearly marked, See your envelope for more information.

Sybling photos are to be ordered online by 12noon 16th February.

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au

Thank you very much.
I enjoy playing football, youth ministry and the outdoors with my friends especially the beach! This is my second year of teaching, having previously taught at Quinn's Baptist College. I became a teacher because I believe it is a fantastic way to be a positive influence on young people, and I have always had a passion for sports of all kinds - it's a dream job.
Mr Quinn Wallace

I enjoy going to the gym with mates, surfing and four wheel driving in my free time. I love being around people and the outdoors. I have recently graduated from University as a Design and Technology and PE teacher. I became a teacher because I love interacting with young people and helping them learn and grow to their potential.
Mr Steven Wayman

I am recent graduate from ECU only finishing my degree last year, and gained most of my teaching experience from relief work. I wanted to become a teacher because I had so many negative experiences with teachers, which made me want to become a positive influence and effective teacher.
Mr Quinn Wallace

Last year I was teaching relief at a number of public schools in Perth teaching every thing from my favourites, science and phys ed to english and society and environment, and everything in between. I became a teacher because of my experiences as an Air Cadet instructor where I saw how much better people learned when they were interested in what they were learning. I also worked at ECU where I worked with year 12 students looking at what they were going to do. The thought that I could create an environment where students could learn and achieve to their best potential is exciting. When I am not teaching I love baking, traveling (back home to Albany and overseas) and catching up with family and friends.
Mrs Ruth Belcher

I hold formal degrees in Science and Education from Kerala University and Mahatma Gandhi University, India. I have spent most of my teaching life overseas with international students. When living in Bahrain with my family, I taught maths and science at The Asian School, where I was also involved with organising extracurricular activities like cultural competitions and badminton tournaments at the school. In 2003, I moved to New Zealand with my family and joined ACG Senior College in 2004. My main subject is Biology, which I taught at IGCSE, A Levels and IB. I have also taught Combined Science, Mathematics and Chemistry IGCSE Levels. This year after having moved to Perth with my family, I have joined Alkimos Baptist College as a secondary teacher. My main interests lie in Biology but I am happy with anything to do with science! Nothing pleases me more than watching my students grow in confidence and reach the heights of their potentials.
Mrs Mini Balachandran

My name is Sue-Ann Vorster. I was born and raised on a farm in South Africa. I recently moved to Perth, just love the people and the country. Back in South Africa I was a senior Mathematics teacher and a final year examination marker. I taught at some of the top private school in Johannesburg and Pretoria. I teach because I love working with people. For me the greatest accomplishment in my class will be to have happy students who enjoy mathematics.
Mrs Sue-Ann Vorster
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 1 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

TUTORING: Tuesday: Room 7 Literacy Mrs Potgieter
           Room 8 Numeracy Mrs Balachandran
Thursday: Room 7 Literacy Miss Erasmus
          Room 8 Numeracy Mrs Chant

SWIMMING TRAINING:
Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7-8am: Mr Zanetti

AFTER SCHOOL INTERHOUSE SPORT Term 1 Ultimate Frisbee:
  Gibson - Mr Shayne Zanetti
  Hamersley - Mr Speldewinde
  Dampier - Miss Erasmus
  Flinders - Mr Hayward

2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

This scheme is to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. Eligibility criteria is a parent/guardian must hold one of the following cards:

- Centrelink Family Health Care Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Veterans’ Affairs Pensioner Concession Card

Forms are now available from the College office. Please bring along your Concession Cards and your account details to complete the form.

Applications close Thursday 2nd April 2015

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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

MUSIC

The Music Department now have eleven new guitars! This has been possible because of
the support and hard work of our dedicated P&F. On behalf of the Senior School Music
students, I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for giving us this musical opportunity
and helping us to create a lot of music!

All Senior School music students now have a guitar in their hand and are well on their
way to becoming a skilled musician. Thank you P&F, thank you, thank you!

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

SCHOOL BASED IMMUNISATION PROGRAM

YEAR 8 IMMUNISATION FORMS ARE DUE BACK BY 14TH FEBRUARY.

PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES

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

Dampier is already off to a great start in the Interhouse Carnival for 2015. Last year was a great year and I was impressed with the tenacity and team spirit of all the Dampier ducks. This year we welcome Mr Steven Wayman and Mrs Ruth Belcher as well as all our new ducklings. It is an honour to be a part of the best team in ABC. In the words of Gandolf, “All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” So, let’s decide to do our best while enjoying each moment! Kind Regards, Miss Erasmus.

GO THE DUCKS!!

FLINDERS

Flinders we are off to another exciting and fun filled term of Inter House activity! This term we are doing Ultimate frisbee, which promises to be a fast paced and thrilling sport to play and watch. All Flinders students, you have your term dates, so look at them and come along to participate. Let's hope we can repeat our win from playing this sport last year - GO FLINDERS!

Parents you are welcome to come along and support too.

GIBSON REDS NEWS

The Gibson Reds have jumped into the Ultimate Frisbee frenzy this term with gusto! Lots of fun and enjoyment by all who attended. It was great to see a formidable line up of players at last Monday afternoon’s rehearsals. Present were - Coach Shane Zanetti, Jack de san Miguel- Gibson Captain, the illustrious Kawana Burns, the incredible Tom Johnson, the unique Joey Khantipol, the formidable Vaz brothers - Braydon and Mitchell, the courageous Chloe Ashton, speedy Deng Manyang and bold Brodi Holland. A BIG THANK YOU to Jack, Braydon and Kawana for being an excellent support and leading the year sevens. It was great to see the year sevens enthusiasm, especially Chloe who was the only girl to show up. We hope to see more girls present for next week practise.

Well done GIBSON REDS for winning the scratch match against Dampier!

Keep up the super efforts!

INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL TERM 1

Week 4 Monday 23rd February - Hamersley vs Gibson
Week 4 Wednesday 25th February - Dampier vs Flinders
Week 5 Wednesday 4th March - Flinders vs Hamersley
Week 6 Monday 9th March - Dampier vs Gibson
Week 6 Wednesday 11th March - Hamersley vs Dampier
Week 7 Monday 16th March - Flinders vs Gibson
Week 8 Monday 23rd March - 1st vs 2nd
Dear Parents

On Thursday 26th February 2015, all Alkimos Baptist College Secondary students will be participating in the 2015 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. The Carnival will be held at Craigie Leisure Centre, starting at 9:30am and concluding at 2:10pm. Students will be traveling via school bus from Alkimos to Craigie, departing the College at 8:50am. Upon the completion of the Carnival, we will depart at around 2:15pm. Normal drop off and pick up times to and from school remain the same.

Students are permitted to wear their house colours to and from school. Any T-shirt or article of clothing worn must be appropriate and relevant to their house colour. Inappropriate slogans or words are strictly forbidden.

Mrs Potgieter will be coordinating a carnival canteen on the day with parent helpers. They will be selling sausage sizzles, hamburgers, drinks and snacks throughout the day. Prices are as follows: Hamburger + drink $5, sausage sizzle and drink $5, drinks $2, fairy floss $2 and lollies $2. All profits will be donated to the Vietnam student mission trip. If you do not wish to purchase lunch from the canteen, please come prepared with a packed lunch and all students must bring plenty of water.

Although the day is set to be a competition, the major emphasis is on fun and participation. There will be competitive races as well as novelty events and prizes. Every event that a student enters will win points for their House. Attendance at the Carnival is compulsory for all students.

Parents are welcome to come and watch, but there will be a $2 spectator fee to be paid on entry to the venue. Parent helpers are required and needed for the successful running of the event. If you can help out on the day please contact me at school by filling out the form below or ringing the school office on 9406 8189.

Thank you
Shayne Zanetti

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2015 INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
HELP  HELP  HELP  HELP  HELP
Calling all parent helpers! The Interhouse Swimming Carnival is on again and we need you!
Thursday 26th February 2014

Please fill out the form below if you are able to help and return to the office ASAP.
No experience necessary. A briefing will be provided for all helpers at 9am.

Name: __________________________________________

Contact Number: ________________________________

Childs Name: ________________________________
Year 7 Social  
The Great Escape Hillary’s  

Our new Year 7 students enjoyed their first high school social event at Hillarys Great Escape on Tuesday. They had a fun day in the blazing afternoon sun, screeching down The Terrifying Twister and Super tubes. The entire park was open to us, some students played a fantastic round of Mini Golf and others tried to reach the Top of the Elastic Tower to no avail. "Some things look much easier than they are" was the conclusion reached by most. The Hamburgers and Hotdogs served were truly amazing and we ended off a fun day with an ice lolly.

The turn out was excellent and most students were excited to find out where out next term social would be....but wait and see...it is going to be great.

Year 9 and 10 Social  
Outback Splash  

Our Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed their first term social at one of the most popular water parks in our area. Our brave students frolicked in the water and slid down all the Super Tubes with the speed of Human Torpedoes. Screeches and howls of laughter could be heard from all sides of the park. The food was a welcome treat (especially for the starving gentleman) and all our students enjoyed the rest of the afternoon eating ice cream and running wild in this fantastic water park. The only very uncool activity, shied away by many, but eventually they got caught... was mother Duck Potgieter and her dreaded Sun Screen bottle.

We are looking forward to the next social in Term 2 and thank all the students who behaved so well and did our school proud.