Dear Parents, Students, Family and Friends

Over the next few weeks, Alkimos Baptist College will be electing the 2015 Student Leadership Team. On Friday 20th February the Secondary College Leadership Team will be announced and in mid March the Primary Student Leadership Team will be announced.

As our school prepares for these exciting times, I would like to take a look at what makes a good leader.

Firstly, leaders should have **Commitment**. We ask our student leaders to be committed to our school and the programs we run within the school. Their very presence at events and functions is a sign of leadership.

Secondly, leaders should have **Character**. Personal integrity and the ability to choose the right course of action. Leaders set examples, and live by the truth of what they say.

Leaders should have **Confidence**.

Leaders should have a **Positive Attitude**.

Leaders should have the **Ability to Inspire**.

Lastly, leaders should **Serve**. The best leader is one who is willing to serve the people they lead. Leaders who are willing to let others do the hard work soon lose the support of those who follow. Leaders who lead the charge and serve the cause, quickly gain the respect of those they lead.

Jesus is the example we look towards when we think of servant leadership. Mark 10:42-45 says

> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Jesus repeatedly took this stance, to serve other people over being served. One quality of leadership at Alkimos Baptist College that we believe and teach, is the concept of servant leadership. We ask our leaders to serve the community.

As we continue to build community at Alkimos Baptist College, let’s look to our student leaders to demonstrate what servant leadership looks like.

I pray that you have a great week.

Kieran Graham
Acting Primary Principal
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

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 the College office or on the College website.

PRIMARY PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS
Thank you for attending these important meetings. It was great to see you there! The staff team came out in full support of each other and the students. It was wonderful to see their dedication and team spirit! If you did not attend, please ensure you received the Parent Information Handbook and the Primary Handbook. These will be important reference documents for the year. See your child’s teacher if you did not receive the 2 booklets.

PRIMARY PARENT INTERVIEWS
Thank you for attending these important interviews to set goals for your child, with their teacher. If you did not attend, please ensure you make contact with your child’s teacher very soon. This is very important.

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.

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**

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. 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 windows for Term 1 Clubs Lists. Please see the Club sheet for the grade allocation as some clubs are only available for the older children.

ABC READING GROUPS
**ABC reading groups will commence in Week 4 on Tuesdays** 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 have been given a letter via their student take home bags. We need more **volunteer parent helpers**. If you would like to help with this program please see Mrs Schokman or Mr Hampton. **Learning Support Groups also commence in Week 4.**

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.
PAT TESTS
The PAT Tests (Progressive Achievement Tests) have been bought by the College to administer to students in Years 1 to 10. The tests are all completed at school and online. They will be administered in Weeks 2, 3 and 4 of this term and then again at the beginning of Term 4. There are 4 tests – Spelling, Comprehension, Grammar & Punctuation and Mathematics. Many private schools administer these tests, which are marked externally. The tests give teachers a very good idea diagnostically where the children are at in comparison to others around Australia of their age group. It allows teachers to modify their teaching program. The tests are not used for reporting purposes and so teachers will not let parents know how their child performed. It is for the teachers’ planning and programming. The Pre-Primary students are tested also twice a year using the PIPS tests, marked by UWA. We are pleased to be able to provide such an excellent and diagnostic curriculum to the students.

YEAR 4 SCHOOL SLEEPOVER
The Year 4 class is having a Class Sleepover on Friday 27th 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 19th 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 from 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.

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.

MUSIC TUITION
Music Tuition starts soon. Information sheets for vocal, drums, keyboard and guitar were sent home with students in their take home bags.

SCHOOL MEETING
Our next School Meeting for PP to Year 6 students is on Monday 16th March 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.

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.
NAPLAN RESULTS

In 2014
Year 3 and 5 significantly out performed surrounding public schools (4) in all learning areas.
Year 3 and 5 significantly out performed all surrounding private schools (3) in most learning areas.
Year 7 & 9 out performed all public schools in all areas.
Year 7 & 9 results against surrounding private schools were similar.

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.
STUDENT STARS!

Congratulations to Kaylia Arrigoni on her selection in the competition squad for her gymnastics school. This is a wonderful achievement and something to be very proud of!

Well done Kaylia.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION PROGRAMME

KEYBOARD, GUITAR, DRUMS, FLUTE and VOICE Lessons
Commence in Week 5 of Term 1
Instrumental teachers will be contacting parents for students who have expressed an interested.

SMARTRIDER

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
**STRAVENS’ SPORTS SPOT**

**First Aid Training:**

Over the coming weeks students from Pre-Primary - Year 6 will participate in a basic First Aid Training course. The course aims to equip students with the skills to respond in the case of an emergency. With many camps and sleepovers coming up on our school calendar these skills are a wonderful asset.

The College would also like to offer a Basic First Aid training course to **Parents** who may be interested. This would run in an afternoon/evening timeslot and be a free of charge, 2 hour session. If you would like to participate please see Mr Stravens and he will progress with planning based on interest shown.

**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”. Thank you to all students who have signed up to play. We will be looking at having an All – Star vs Teachers game later in the term.

**Morning Training Club:**

Morning Training Club has now begun with a wonderful attendance from students in our first week. The training runs from 7:30am until 8:00am every Wednesday on Oval. It is a great opportunity for any students in Years 2 - 6 to improve fitness, speed and skills with a variety of activities.

On **Wednesday 11th March**, there will be no training due to Mr Stravens attending the Year 6 camp.

**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.
On the 18th of February Years 3 – 6 attended a First Aid course. The leaders name was Jane and she works at St John ambulance. She has a lot of experience, she was here last year as well. First we got some volunteers just to see if everyone knew what they were doing when responding to an unconscious casualty. Then we all got a partner and we practiced the skills on each other.

We learnt about the danger nearby, you are first and I learnt that there is a lot more danger in the world than we know and see. We learnt how to open the air way, how to put the patient in the recovery position and how to make the call 000, even when you are little and don’t have a phone. Although if you are little and in that situation do try and get an adult to help. Don’t panic it will be wasting time.

It is fun to do and it could be life changing for you and your family.

By Victoria Elliott
Year 6
The Brilliant Game Morning

Year 4’s fun with the Year 10’s
On Friday 13th of February, the Year 10’s came to the Year 4 classroom to play games with us.

We all played the spoon game, where you have to get 4 of the same cards. For example you could get 4 kings.

The Year 10’s came to show school spirit and that we should all love each other just like, God’s love and that God loves us all.

I hope the Year 10’s can come again soon.

By Alistair Bright

On the thirteenth of February the Year 10’s came into our Year 4 classroom because we all just wanted to make some new friends! We all played this fun game called ‘The Spoon Game.’

The aim of the game was to get four cards the same, for example for kings or four twos. If you got four cards the same you had to pick up a spoon. However, we were playing with six players and there was only five spoons. Whoever missed out on a spoon was out.

We played a few rounds. It was an amazing game! Thank you Year 10’s!

By Judah Chant