Dear Parents, Students, Family and Friends

On Friday 20th February the Secondary College’s leadership team was 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 the 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
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 students are welcome to train and work towards selection for the upcoming Interschool Swimming Carnival. Selections are based on times at the Secondary School Interhouse Carnival and attendance at the morning training sessions.

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.

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. 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.

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 the College office and our College Website.

MATHLETICS
The codes students require for mathletics have been handed to all Year 7 - 9 Students. If you did not receive your personal code from your Mathematics teacher, please ask your teacher or the College office. We encourage all students to use this resource to either improve their basic mathematics skills.
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
- Deng Manyang
- Mitchell Vaz
- Abby Bondini
- Taylor Brooker
- Grace Millar
- Kamiah King
- Amber Sidey
- Bonnie Johnson

Year 8
- Lochlan Chaloner
- Jordan Glayde
- Braydon Vaz
- Jorjia Bond
- Ellie Boughton
- Tiahna Booth

Year 10
- Matthew Harms
- Arno van Tonder
- Brandon Ward
- Willow Morton

Year 11
- Naomi Makuei

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.
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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.

2015 Student Councillors and House Captains

The Student Councillors and House Captains of 2015 were elected on Friday 20th February.
The students and teachers voted for the candidates who they thought would excel in these roles.
There is plenty of hard, but extremely exciting work to be done this year. We would like to thank
these students for taking on this responsibility to serve our College. We are endeavouring to
make a massive impact on our local community and the international community with our mission ary trip to Vietnam.

2015 House Captains
Hammersley: Zack Lawton
Gibson: Jack de san Miguel
Flinders: Nicole Osborne
Dampier: Averil Willoughby

2015 Student Councillors
Year 7: Deng Manyang and Grace Millar
Year 8: Tiahna Booth and Christian Petera
Year 9: Brandon Boyd and Allyza Crouch
Year 10: Arno van Tonder and Ashley Petera
Year 11: Kawana Burns and Tayla Pottinger
Head Boy : Stephen Harms
Head Girl: Elicia Dover
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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

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 Belcher

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

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.

If your 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.
Dampier Download

It was a great turn out from the DUCKS! Liam and Christian set up exhilarating goals for the likes of Ashley, Jordan, Averil, Maqenah and Shayna. Defence from the ducks was awesome despite constant pressure. The skilled and valiant Christian and Liam brilliantly intercepted many long pass goals.

Unfortunately the ducks didn’t walk away with points, yet I commend them for playing as a well-oiled team that relied on no individual performances. The first match the ducks were just warming up their feathers, their next opponent is Gibson who have no chance!

FLINDERS

Flinders has set the stage as the team to beat after their convincing victory over the Dampier Ducks. The Hindmarsh brothers along with Jason Macfarlane and Matthew Harms dominated the midfield allowing for a plethora of scoring opportunities upfront. Harmsey was a stand out, scoring several valuable goals during his time on the ground with the team’s tall timbered Amo van Tonder making crucial intercepts in the Shark’s defensive half.

A special mention goes out to Nicole Osborne and Naomi Makuei for playing through what was hot match conditions without substitution. The season ahead looks very promising with the Sharks hungry and with plenty of blood in the water…..

Ultimate Frisbee Dampier vs Flinders
GIBSON REDS NEWS

Last Monday in Week 3 Gibson had a really good turn-out for Ultimate Frisbee practise. Around 11 students made a great effort to hone their Frisbee skills. We are calling on more Gibson girls to participate in and join our great team. Well done to all our players who have played so far. A new adjusted Ultimate Frisbee calendar will be given to all our players this week. We would like to encourage any parents/friends/grandparents to come and join us for these competitions.

We are looking forward to an eventful, successful and exciting term for GIBSON REDS with the inclusion of the ‘Inter-house Swimming Carnival’ this week, which the Gibson Reds have won every year since 2011. The competition is always fierce with a lot of novelty fun games thrown into the mix. Red T-shirts are available to purchase at a cost of $7 from Mrs Mitchell.

GO THE GIBSON REDS!!!

HAMERSLEY NEWS

For the first Hamersley news, we would like to present our glorious captain. He has been a dedicated Hamersley member for many years. Previously he has been like a bright shining beacon, a mythical white knight upon a noble steed that came and rescued us from the jaws of defeat. Now he is guiding the team through this new journey; as we move towards being the new unstoppable force in the competition.

We are proud to have Zachary “white knight” Lawton! Other teams may have more players but here at Hamersley we have the most passion! As the old saying goes “Quality over Quantity”. We look forward to our first match against Flinders on Wednesday 4th March.

INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL TERM 1

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 Gibson
Week 7 Monday 16th March - Flinders vs Gibson
Week 8 Monday 23rd March - 1st vs 2nd
Week 8 Wednesday 25th March - 3rd vs 4th
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Interhouse Swimming Carnival
Year 6 Water Fight
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KIDS AND TODAY’S TECHNOLOGY

Thursday 11th & 18th March at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 6.30 - 9.00pm
Monday 23rd & 30th March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm
Wednesday 1yth & 24th March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm

Technology is now being used by very young children and most teenagers are proficient users of many aspects of technology. Your knowledge of what’s out there, how it’s being used and how you manage it in your home will have a direct impact on your kids’ learning and safety. This seminar will include parenting boundaries, Cyber bullying, Social Media, predatory behaviours and safety and how to keep yourself up to date with technology.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

DADS RAISING GIRLS

Thursday 19th March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm

The father-daughter relationship is particularly important during the teenage years to help girls navigate this difficult time. Find out how you can build a more rewarding relationship with your teenage daughter. This workshop will discuss building positive relationship, issues teenagers face, hope to cope with changes and what teenage daughters need from their dads.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

FATHERING AFTER SEPERATION

Thursday 26th March & 4th June at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm
Tuesday 28th April Lotteries House 2232C Albany Highway, Gosnells 6.30 - 9.00pm

It’s important for fathers to distinguish between their parenting role and the relationship break-up. This seminar held in a male only environment suggests ways in which fathers can keep in touch with their children, even if hindered by formal access arrangements. This seminar looks at developing age appropriate communication skills and particular skills with your children to cope with different space and time.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

Thursday 12th, 19th 26th March & 2nd April at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm
Monday 8th, 15th 22nd & 29th June at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm

Raising children should be one of life’s greatest experiences but as any parent knows it is not an easy task. People with children under ten are invited to this four week course to learn new skills, feel better about their parenting and gain confidence. This seminar will include different parent styles, discipline that works, environmental influence, understanding behaviour patterns and communications.

For further information please phone 9489 6322
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Could you be a Key Assets Foster Carer?

Key Assets – The children’s service provider
If you are passionate about caring for children and young people, 
And have space in your life and home, you could be a carer with Key Assets.

We are looking for:
Foster carers for children and young people aged 0 – 18 years
Alternative family carers for children and young people with disabilities aged 0 – 25 years

As a carer you will receive:
A weekly allowance of up to $870.00 and paid respite breaks
24/7 support and ongoing training opportunities.
If you’ve been thinking about fostering and you have a spare bedroom,
Talk to us today and start a journey you’ll never forget.

Phone 1800 WE CARE   or   www.keyassets.com.au

MUMS RAISING BOYS

Wednesday 10th June at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 10.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 24th March at 93 Wellington Street, Northam 10.00am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 22nd April at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.30pm

However well prepared mothers are logically, the emotional response to having boys is often still, 'Wow! This is unknown territory. It is true that for many mothers the idea of raising a son carried its own set of worries. As the primary female role model in a boy’s life, mother’s play an important role in the development of their sons identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn effects how they relate to others, particularly to girls and women. This workshop will discuss the importance of the mother-son relationship, what boys need from their mothers and practical ways to improve and maintain a positive and rewarding relationship.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

THE ‘ROCK AND WATER’ PROGRAM

Saturday 9th & 21st March at 58 Northwood Street, West Leederville 8.30am - 12.30pm (8 - 12years)
Saturday 20th March at 58 Northwood Street, West Leederville 8.30am - 12.30pm (13 - 16 years)

Physical exercises are constantly linked with mental and social skills. The Rock and Water program leads 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 become aware of the purpose and motivation in their life. Topics include: intuition, body language, mental strength, empathic feeling, positive feeling, positive thinking and positive visualising.

For further information please phone 9489 6322
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What’s happening in Primary

Dancing Lessons

Term 1 Dancing Lessons are now well underway with all classes participating. The students have been practicing their dancing skills every Tuesday to be able to show off their dance moves at the end of Term dance party on Tuesday 31st March.

First Aid Training

Over the last two weeks students from Pre-Primary - Year 6 have participated 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.

The Brilliant Game Morning

On Friday 13th of February the Year 10’s visited the Year 4 classroom to play some games with the kids. They played the game called ‘spoons’.

The Year 10’s came into our Year 4 classroom to help show us how to make some new friends and that we should all love each other just like God’s love and that God loves us all.

A big thank you to all the Year 10’s for visiting the Year 4 students. They all had a great time.

After School Clubs

Term 1 After School Clubs commenced this week. The After School Clubs are run the Primary School teachers which including craft, sport, lego, chess and Chinese lessons. We had a great turn-out of students signing up for all the clubs this Term.