Dear Parents, Students, Family and Friends

In the Bible, there is a beautiful picture of what a church should look like.

Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47.

The context of the verse is to show a group of people meeting together and becoming the first Christian Church. A church is more than a building where people meet on a Sunday. A church is a community of people that belong together to worship God.

I believe that the community of Alkimos Baptist College is built around the presence of God, and therefore our community reflects many attributes that a church should have, and what better example to draw upon than the first church in the book of Acts.

A few points I would like to point out from this passage;

Glad and humble hearts
A community of people should be glad to meet together. This is something that I cherish dearly about our school. I am glad to be here.

Good will of the people
I am in no way surprised at the level of respect that our community has towards our teachers. I believe the work that the teachers of Alkimos Baptist College do, both inside and outside the classroom, creates an environment where they capture the good will of all the people. They are an outstanding team.

Growing
Lastly, growing. The Lord added to their number daily and I believe that the Lord will add to our number as well.

Change occurs in any community, and at this time Alkimos Baptist College is experiencing change. I would like to acknowledge Mr John Hampton for his service to the school. Mr Hampton will be giving more time to foster care, a passion of his family and will therefore be leaving us at the end of the term. On behalf of the community, I wish you the best in all your future endeavours Mr Hampton. Mr Troy Barrett, Acting Deputy of Quinns Baptist College, classroom teacher of 16 years will be joining our team as the Year 3 teacher and Lower Primary Coordinator. I welcome Mr Barrett and thank him for his willingness to come on staff at Alkimos Baptist College.

I pray that you have a great week.

Kieran Graham
Acting Primary Principal
P&F NEWS
The next P&F meeting for Term 1 will be held on Wednesday 11th March from 7 - 7.30pm

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.

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. The students are also able to do some activities on the IMaths website where there are some great number activities to enjoy.

MUSIC TUITION
Music Tuition has commenced. Information sheets for vocal, drums, keyboard and guitar were sent home with students in their take home bags. If you would like to register, please see the College Office.

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.

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. We will have a special Dance Party at the last lesson on Tuesday 31st March. All parents and guardians are invited. More details will follow closer to time.

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

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.
COLLEGE CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Our College Celebration Assembly is on Friday 27th March from 8.45 - 9.15am. All parents and guardians are welcome to come along and celebrate the new year at school.

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.

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.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Monday 16th March
8.45 to 9.15am College Hall

Pre Primary
Eden Desta
Keely Blackman

Year 1
Caitlyn Bright
Lucus Arrigoni
Matthew Hewett

Year 2
Abbie Loraine
Matthew Dickinson
Keanu Carmichael
Mia Pottinger

Year 3
Jai Fagence
Levi Fagence
Mirissa Anglesey
Eleanor van der Wijngaart

Year 4
Benjamin Woodbury
Alistair Bright
Holli Phillips

Year 5
Zachary Batten
Georgia Holland

Year 6
Joel Wilkinson
Keegan Chilcott
Matthew Outram
Fiona Ghebrehiwot

Sports Award
Abbie Loraine
Zachary Batten
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

STRAVENS’ SPORTS SPOT

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.

Friday Family Fitness Fun:

Beginning in Term 2 we are looking to run a family fitness program on Friday mornings before school.

The program would cater for all levels of fitness and encourage parents to participate in physical activity with their child.

If you are interested in assisting with the program please let Mr Stravens know.

Lunchtime Sporting Competition:

Our Endzone ball competition has started with a bang with some wonderful team and individual performances.

Well done to all students for their excellent sportsmanship and skills.

It will be an exciting competition and any team could take out the grand prize.

Morning Training Club:

Morning training club will not run next Wednesday the 11th of March due to Mr Stravens being away on Year 6 camp.

It will return the following week and run until the end of the term.

Thank you to all parents and students for making the effort to arrive at school early to train.

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN & FITNESS
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.

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

8.00AM TO 4.00PM

Winter Uniforms are now ready to be picked up.
Please contact the College office to arrange a time for an appointment.

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

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
WEETBIX KIDS TYRathlon

Get Ready Perth

TRYathletes begin the course with a swim in Swan River before cycling and running around the specially designed Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon track in Langley Park, East Perth.

After receiving the Champion medal, TRYathletes can enjoy the Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Village!

Event day is Sunday 29th March 2015. Register now at http://try.weetbix.com.au to be part of this World record-breaking Series. Register before midnight on 15th February 2015 to receive the early-bird discount and to receive your event kit by mail thanks to Australia Post.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EVENT KIDS:
If you register between Monday 16th and Sunday 22nd March your event kit will be available for collection from the manual check-in tent on your arrival at the event.

Please see Mr Stravens for more details.

PRIMARY FIRST AID COURSE

On Wednesday Jane came to our class to teach us First Aid.

Our favourite part was when she taught us the recovery position. Mia lay on the floor, her arms had to be bent and her leg bent. We were taught to say “Mum, mum squeeze my hands. Mum, mum can you feel me squeeze your shoulders. Mum, mum open your eyes. Mum, mum can you hear me. It was Super!!

By Abbie Loraine & Taylor Clarke
Year 2
If you don’t know who Andy Griffiths is where have you been? He is the author of many different titles such as:

Just Tricking! Just Stupid!
The day my Bum went psycho.
What body part is that? What bumosaur is that?
The 13 storey tree house and so much more!

On Sunday the 22nd of February my best friend Will and I had the pleasure of meeting him at the Perth’s Writers festival. In a big room that Andy was in! Mum sent a message to the publisher about how a year ago, because I came 6th in an Australian competition for writing and won his entire collection of books! So we got to cut in a line of people that looked at least half a kilometre long. We brought our favourite books and Mr Griffiths signed and personalized them.

Half an hour later there was a big tent where Andy would be answering questions. Will and I were stuck in the middle of the stinking hot tent and there were all these kids screaming and kneeing us in the back. We heard a lot of facts about where he got his ideas from and he even kind of told us the storyline to his next book the 65 storey tree house!

On our way home we stopped for milkshakes and stuff. Then the worst scenario happened, Mum put the wrong kind of oil in the car tank! We were stuck for about an hour until Will’s mum came and saved us! YEAH! So instead of walking around the petrol station we were playing video games at Will’s house! WOOHOO!

By Luke Botha
Year 6
Interhouse Ultimate Frisbee Competition

This term Interhouse competition of Ultimate Frisbee has started up.

The students have had their first two matches with Flinders vs Dampier and Flinders vs Hamersley with Flinders taking out both games. GO FLINDERS!

We look forward to the match between Dampier and Gibson on Monday 9th March to see who will win.

Interhouse Swimming Carnival

Last week the High School students competed in this year’s Interhouse swimming carnival. The students participating in Freestyle, Breaststroke and backstroke races with the added novelty races such as the tube race, board race and diving competition that the kids all love to compete in.

It was an overall great day for the students with Hamersley taking home the prize of the Interhouse Swimming Carnival Champions.

Year 12 Ball

It was a great start to the evening with the parents taking lots of photos of their kids as they made their way to Joondalup Resort for the Year 12 ball.

It was an awesome night for all the students and teachers with singing, dancing and laughing all evening on the dance floor.

It was a night we will never forget and an amazing first Year 12 ball at Alkimos.