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.

Over the next 6 months there will be a continuation on our plans to grow as a school. Our website will be upgraded, our communication to parents and students will be improved through our online management system, feedback on academic results will be faster and students will experience new and exciting ways to serve our community. I look forward to implementing these changes.

I pray that you have a great week.

Mr Kieran Graham
College Principal
GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Daniel Harper-Rigby
Jordan Mostert
Brianna Archer
Abby Bondini
Taylor Brooker
Kamiah King
Amber Sidey

Year 8
Brodil Holland
Megan Taylor
Isabella Taylor-Standish

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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 has commenced. If you are still interested in learning a musical instrument or singing, please see the College Office for an enrolment form. 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 please ask College office. We encourage all students to use this resource to improve their basic mathematics skills.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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

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.

P & F NEWS

The Term 1 P&F Meeting was held on Wednesday 11th March. The minutes of P&F Meetings are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and available for parents to view.

The Parents & Friends Committee for 2015 is as follows:-

- PRESIDENT - Tina Harper-Rigby
- SECRETARY - Laura Ashton
- TREASURER - Michelle Vermaak
- EVENTS COORDINATOR - Jamie Redding
- SCHOLASTIC BOOKS - Emma Groom
- PPP CO-ORDINATOR - Sonika Bright

Thank you everyone for your kind support we look forward to a great year.
Family Quiz Night
7pm-9pm
Friday 20th March

Alkimos Baptist College is hosting a fun family quiz night with a grand prize hamper that we would like to fill to the brim with vouchers and goodies. So far our hamper is worth over $650.00 in prizes. For the hamper to be even more spectacular we would like to fill in a few empty spots with more vouchers. Please contact Lisa Potgieter on lpotgieter@alkimosbc.wa.edu.au if you would like to include a donation or a voucher from your place of business. Remember to send a Jpeg image of your company logo for acknowledgement and a thank you in our newsletter.

Come and join the fun, we welcome individual and groups entries. To book a place and take a chance at winning our grand prize please contact Nina Bergman at the school. All monies raised will be donated to the Vietnam Missionary School Trip, 2015.

Lisa Potgieter
Secondary Coordinator

Sponsors

We would like to thank our sponsors who have made this evening possible with their generosity:

- Bunnings Ocean Keys Voucher $100.00
- Coles Ocean Keys Voucher $100.00
- Debray Electrics Installation Voucher $100.00
- iTunes Voucher $20.00
- Beyond Tools Malaga Voucher $80.00
- Seishin Martial Arts and Fitness Academy
- Kids Kick Boxing Voucher Derek Speldewinde $100.00
- Charmaine van den Heever CND Nail Master Hamper $100.00
- Annalie Kriek Nutrimetics Hamper $50.00
- Robert and Monette Hewitt Woolworths Cash Voucher $100.00
- Laura Dover Hair $75.00
Dampier Download
A team of Gold
All other teams behold
The Dampier Ducks victory
Making legendary history

It was another brilliant week on the ABC oval, where the dangerous ducks defeated two fierce competitors. The battle against Gibson was a close call; yet, we triumphed thanks to Christian and Liam’s solid defense. Our second standoff against Hammersley started slow, but we did not concede. Averil’s brilliant hassling defense style resulted in great turnovers, whilst Ashley and Maqenah created plenty of opportunities for us to score some amazing goals. Well done Dampier! The teams better duck and take cover.

FLINDERS

Hamersley’s wings severely clipped by FLINDERS formidable 14 - 0

The Sharks have claimed their second victim of the season after last weeks 14 - 0 bloodbath against the Hamersley Hornets. Right from the whistle, Flinders demonstrated great offensive pressure with team captain, Nicole Osborne, scoring a multitude of goals during her spell as full forward. The Hindmarsh brothers took authority of the mid-ground, despite missing key midfielder Jason Macfarlane. Both Kurt and Tyron sent a frenzy of Frisbees into the offensive half allowing for a host of scoring opportunities. Team veteran Stephen Harms played through a shoulder injury and was rewarded with a couple of goals for his efforts. Finally a special mention goes out to regular starters Naomi Makuel and Arno van Tonder, who have shown their commitment to the Sharks, playing every match to the best of their ability. Looking forward to feeding on some kangaroo steaks next week! Go Flinders!

Ultimate Frisbee
 Gibbon Reds News

Last Monday 9th of March Gibson played against Dampier in the Frisbee after school games. Gibson played valiantly but narrowly lost by 1 point with a score of 4 against 5. The most outstanding Gibson player on the day was Braydon Vaz from Year 8, with a super effort as usual. All players are commended for their commitment and enthusiasm on the day. It was great to see Chloe Ashton joined by Bonnie Johnson to strengthen the girls side of our team.

Our next games will be this Monday 16th and Monday 23rd of March. Everyone is welcome to come along and support the players. Please remember to wear your RED T-SHIRTS for the game. Thank you to all the team for your commitment and efforts.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
GO THE MIGHTY REDS!!!

Hamersley News

The world at Alkimos Baptist College has turned bright luminous green! It is with great pleasure and pride that we can announce that we have won the overall trophy for best participation and achievement at this year’s phenomenal swimming gala.

The students arrived as a green army on the day and all the other students then turned green with envy when they saw how cool the Hamersley teachers were dressed. Mrs Potgieter, Mrs Sharp and Mr Speldewinde disappeared every time they walked past a tree or a shrub. Green is definitely the new colour of victory at our College.

Our students made us proud with their tremendous efforts and their exceptional behaviour at Craigie Leisure Centre. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful P & F ladies for the delicious lunch they prepared for all the students and teachers and for running the tuck shop. Your support is appreciated and valued. The proceeds made on the day will bless the orphans in Vietnam on our mission trip.

The Swimming Carnival was filled with excitement and all the students are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival. A word of warning to the other houses, Hamersley is very serious and focussed this year. We plan on winning the overall competition this year!

Interhouse Carnival Term 1

Week 7 Monday 16th March - Flinders vs Gibson
Week 8 Monday 23rd March - 3rd vs 4th
Week 9 Monday 30th March - 1st vs 2nd
Year 12 Ball

The evening started with everyone's parents dropping the students off at school, while the parents kept taking photos with every chance they got, after 45 minutes of taking photos the limo finally arrived to take us but before we could even get into the limo there was just one last chance for the parents to take more photos of us by the limo. Once we all managed to get into the limo we all got excited by all the drinks and champagne glasses which we filled with lemon squash. As the limo was taking us away we all started to take selfies especially with the mirror on the roof.

Our first destination to take photos was on the bridge by a lake in Currambine and as we walked onto the bridge the girl's heels kept getting caught in the gaps. Soon we were in the limo again off to Joondalup Resort.

When we arrive at Joondalup Resort, there was a warm welcome by all our teachers cheering us at the top of the hill as we walked up and greeted them. When we finally reached the top of the hill, we were chatting to our teachers for a while, and finally it was time to enter our ball room. As we were walking into the room the teachers were applauding us again, it was just delightful! We drank grapefruit mocktails chatting and getting professional photographs.

We were invited to sit down and commence our entree. After entree we chatted and our main was ready. It was delicious and then the music started. We all danced our way to the dance floor. We were all dancing, singing and laughing on the dance floor. The students were amazed with the teachers awesome dancing while a few of the other teachers weren't cool enough to dance.

Dessert was ready so we all sat down and enjoyed the sweets but once desert was eaten we went straight back onto the dance floor and soon it was time for the awards. The awards went to:

**Beau of the ball:** Stephen Harms  
**Belle of the ball:** Maqenah Willoughby  
**Clutch:** Ellie Dover  
**Shoes:** Chloe Barnett  
**Coolest Year 11:** Emily Cloutman  
**Vivacious full of life and bubbly:** Hannah Tucker  
**Tie:** Jack De San Miguel  
**Best female dancer:** Ariana Maximo  
**Best male dancer:** Zack Lawton

After the amazing awards were complete we all went back to the dance floor again and danced the rest of the night! When it got to the last song of the evening those uncool teachers ended up entering the dance floor and can we just say all the teachers have amazing dance moves.

It was a night we will never forget and an amazing Inaugural Year 12 ball at Alkimos Baptist College.
Our Year 8’s had no idea what to expect from their weekend away at Rottnest. They were a little nervous and anxious at first, then a few felt a little nauseous on the ferry and then everyone was exhilarated for the rest of the week!

Mr Speldewinde mentioned that it was amazing how the pace picked up on the bicycles after they had spotted two massive Dugites on their trip around the Island. Two beautiful snakes that the group admired from a safe distance. With the wind howling in their ears the students and teachers raced around the Island and explored everything on offer. The Quokkas were out in full force and loved having the Alkimos students around. A Quokka elder mentioned to Ms McCarthy how well behaved the Alkimos students were. Ms McCarthy was so proud of the students that she decided to sit in the middle of the dorm and watch the girls sleep. She was not allowing any pranks or games and the exhausted girls soon fell into a deep sleep.

Everybody enjoyed snorkelling and water sport on the massive inflatable sea toys. The water was cool and inviting and a blessing under the blazing hot Australian sun. Armed with hats and plenty of sun screen, brave and epic battles were fought in the water.

Camp food was absolutely delicious and many students commented on how well the food was presented and cooked. We all know that camp food is not supposed to be gourmet, but to our surprise all the food was better than mom’s boring old meat loaf! Thank you to the chefs at the Camp, your efforts were appreciated and gobbled down, some students even thanked the chef for not presenting Broccoli on the menu.

The sacred heritage of the Island was appreciated and the teachers enlightened students with incredible stories and historical facts. A certain young lady got stuck on the fence and nearly became Island History but then she managed to escape the Quokkas gathering from both sides. Shrieks of laughter and tired sighs sums up this wonderful social event on Rottnest. Thank you Mr Graham, Mr Speldewinde and Ms McCarthy for all your hard work and support before and during this camp. We appreciate your dedication to our wonderful College.
MUMS RAISING BOYS
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
Wednesday 10th June at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 10.00am - 12.30pm

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

KIDS AND TODAY’S TECHNOLOGY
Monday 23rd & 30th March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm
Wednesday 11th & 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

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 wit 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 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 patens and communications.

For further information please phone 9489 6322
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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 relationships, issues teenagers face, hope to cope with changes and what teenage daughters need from their dads.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

DADS RAISING BOYS

Monday 30th March at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm

Wednesday 24th June at 1 Ord Street, Fremantle 6.30 - 9.00pm

Raising teenage boys can be challenging but there can be exceptional times of fun and closeness. This workshop is designed to assist fathers navigate their way through the teen years to help build positive relationships and strong positive young men for the future.

For further information please phone 9489 6322

THE ‘ROCK AND WATER’ PROGRAM

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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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.

After School Clubs

Term 1 After School Clubs have commenced. 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.

First Aid Training

The Pre-Primary to Year 2 students 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.