Dear Students, Parents, Staff and Friends,

The term is rapidly approaching to an end and what a wild term it has been. Across the entire College, there seems to be something happening at all times. If it isn’t Mr Stravens setting up for a fantastic fitness lesson, it is Mrs Schokman busily preparing our students for ABC Reading. On any given afternoon, we could have an Art Club with Miss Johnson or Lego Club with Mrs Visser. We have had zoo sleepovers with Mrs Nieuwenhuis, camps with Mr Choo and so much more!

I am reminded of what Jesus says in the bible in John 10:10

“I have come so that you may have life, life to the full.”

The teachers of this College believe that our joy in life comes from Jesus. We believe that through Jesus we can have life to the fullest. We hope that all the students can experience a life filled with joy and happiness. By being involved in the many different programs that we have on offer at the College, we believe that students can get an understanding of what it means to have life to the full.

I pray that you have a great last two weeks of Term 1 and Thank you for your support.

Yours Sincerely

Kieran Graham
College Principal
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Please pick up children promptly at 4pm after clubs. Many students are being picked up late. **All children not picked up by 4.05pm are taken to the office.** Please ensure you help the teachers by picking up your child promptly from their clubs area. Thank you.

YEAR 6 CAMP
The Year 6 class enjoyed a wonderful Bush Camp last week! They were tired out by Friday, but all had a great time. The Camp Centre and other visitors to the camp commented on the behaviour, attitude and manners of our students. Well done Year 6 students! Student Council speeches were made and the new 2015 Student Council has been named in this Newsletter. Thank you to all the students who applied! There are another four Year 6 councillor positions for Semester 2, as well as eight Year 6 House Captain positions. Mr Stravens will advise the students about the House Captain positions and this process very soon. I am pleased that so many children will have an opportunity to develop leadership skills in this way. We wish the Student Councillors all the best as they begin to serve the school community. Thank you to the rest of the class for supporting them.

YEAR 5 ZOO SLEEPOVER
The Year 5 class have had a wonderful time at their Zoo Sleepover this week! The lions were roaring and the monkeys were chattering! At the Zoo Sleepover the Year 5 students had the opportunity to give a short speech to their classmates and staff attending for the Student Council positions. There are 2 positions available in Semester 1 and 2 positions available in Semester 2 from the Year 5 class. Thank you to the rest of the class for supporting the new councillors. The good behaviour and manners of the students was commented on by zoo staff. Well done Year 5 students!

YEAR 4 SCHOOL SLEEPOVER
The Year 4 class are having a Class Sleepover on Friday 27th of March. We will set up tents and enjoy games and fun together. A 24 hour security guard will be employed for the evening. Miss Johnson, Mr Stravens and Miss Gale will be attending. A letter and details about this event will be sent home soon.

YEAR 7 2016
The current ABC Year 6 students have been invited to attend a Year 7 2016 Secondary Information Evening on Wednesday 25th March at 7pm. At this meeting our Secondary staff will present important information. Enrolment packs will be given out. Please start booking interviews with Mr Graham to secure a High School place for your child in 2016. Children not from our Primary School will also be attending. If you know of friends who have children starting Secondary School next year, feel free to encourage them to come along and find out what a special community we have here at Alkimos Baptist College.

YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY
The Year 6 Class Assembly is on Wednesday 25th March at 9am. Please note this new Term 1 Assembly time. At this Assembly the Treasure Chest Awards will be given and the new Student Council will receive their badges. The Year 6 class will host the assembly with a special item. All parents, carers and friends are all welcome!

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.

ABC READING GROUPS
ABC reading groups have commenced and are held 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.
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.

MATHLETICS
The Mathletics codes have been given to each student by the class teachers. 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.

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.

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.

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.

ABC PRIMARY STUDENT COUNCIL 2015
We are pleased to announce the Primary Student Council for Alkimos Baptist College in 2015.

Year 5
Olivia Noble
Raphael Anglesey

Year 6
Isabelle Wong
Jennifer Brittle
Will Redding
Luke Botha

Head Girl and Boy
Jorja Salt
John Paul-Schokman

Congratulations to these students and well done to other students who tried out for the positions and have been very supportive. There is another group of 6 students able to apply for Semester 2.

We look forward to the fine leadership of these students. These students will be presented with their badges at the Year 6 Class Assembly on Wednesday 25th March at 9am in the Hall. All parents, carers and friends welcome!
**STRAVENS’ SPORTS SPOT**

**Morning Training Club:**

Morning Training Club is now running consistently on a Wednesday morning from 7:30am until 8am.

All students in Year 2 - 6 are welcome to participate and the training will go ahead regardless of weather conditions.

Well done to all students who have consistently given such great efforts during all activities. The results are showing!!

**All Star EndZone Ball Game:**

Our All Star EndZone Ball Game will now be played in on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April from 3 - 3:20pm

This game will have selected students taking on a squad of teachers. It will be played just before the High School staff vs students game.

All families are encouraged to attend with sausage sizzles, music and great entertainment all available. Students who are selected will receive a note at the end of this term.

**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.

**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.

Those parents who have spoken to Mr Stravens, you will be contacted in the coming weeks.
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.

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

Enrolment forms for KEYBOARD, GUITAR, DRUMS, FLUTE and VOICE Lessons are available from the College office. Instrumental teachers will contact parents for students who have expressed an interested.

ABC READING

WE NEED YOU!
The ABC morning Reading and Comprehension program runs on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.05am to 8.25am in the Year 3 classroom.

We need more helpers - parents, grandparents, guardians, who would like to help and come early to school are all welcome. If you can help us please come along and see Mrs van der Moezel or Mr Hampton.

WANTED!!
The Kindy/Pre Primary class are collecting empty, clear CD cases. If you have any, please drop them off at the College reception. Your help is greatly appreciate them.
Year 6 Camp

We got off to a great start leaving school on Wednesday the 11th of March 2015. The bus ride was 2 hours!

On day one we met Rory who was our guide. First Rory taught us how to throw a boomerang. My partner was Tiarna and we nearly hit some of the teachers with our boomerang luckily they were made from foam (sorry Miss Gale)!

Then we had a go at water divining, where we had to find water with some metal rods. Secondly we played a didgeridoo! Everybody wasn't very good but Jacob played it really well. Finally we walked around the campsite and Rory gave us a tour, we walked for ages! We walked around the area that we were staying at and Rory introduced us to Ann and Jake. Ann was the cook and Jake was the dog. The previous dog before Jake was called Jaffa, she passed away because people kept feeding her. When we got to the Humpy’s, we put our luggage in there and then had lunch. After lunch we had free time then dinner and then at night we played games, it was really fun we played Capture the Flag and my team won!

On day two we woke up and some early risers went for a run. We went canoeing, swimming and we caught Jimmy fish and Boris fish most of that day was spent in the water. That evening we needed to find out who trashed the boys tents so Luke, Will, Tiarna and I were investigating the crime.

On the last day we went canoeing for half of the day, we paddled all around the lake! We also made rafts out of spare parts and ours half floated but it was still fun. We then had to clean our tents, BORING. After that sadly we had to go home.

We all returned back to school worn out and dirty. But we had great fun. Big thanks to all the teachers that made this happen and filling our minds with great memories.

By Jennifer Brittle
Year 6
**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

**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 Par, 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](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.

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For kids aged 7-12, the Sunday Times Chillout! Tadpoles Triathlons are non-competitive and provide a great opportunity to have a go at the sport! All Sunday Times Chillout! Tadpoles get a finishers medal, sausage sizzle and a juice box after their race. The final event in the Sunday Times Chillout! Tadpoles calendar is on Sunday 12th April at Whitfords Nodes Beach Park and includes special guest appearance from 3 x World Ironman Champion Craig Alexander. Craig will even be helping out the Tadpoles kids on the morning! For more information visit [www.triserieswa.com.au](http://www.triserieswa.com.au)

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**Art Supply Donations Needed!!**

We are looking for any donations of art supplies. If you are able to donate any of the following items please drop them off at the College Office.

- Old greeting cards
- Old calendars with landscape and animal pictures
- Fabric - various patterns, colours and sizes
- Styrofoam meat trays - cleaned

If you have any other art materials that you would like to donate as well please drop them off at the College Office.

Thanks for all you help.
This term’s Interhouse competition of Ultimate Frisbee is well under way. The teams have been battling it out for the top spot.

We look forward to seeing the Grand Final match between Hamersley and Gibson on Monday 23rd March.

The deciding match for 1st and 2nd place will be played on Monday 30th March. Good luck Flinders and Dampier cant wait to see who wins!

On Wednesday 1st April we will be having the All-stars game, students vs Teachers. All are welcome to come and watch for what is going to be a fun and exciting match.

Year 8 Rottnest Camp

The Year 8’s had no idea what to expect from their weekend away at Rottnest. They were a little nervous and anxious at first but were exhilarated for the rest of the week!

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. The Quokkas were out in full force and I loved having the Alkimos students around.

Thank you Mr Graham, Mr Speldewinde and Ms McCarthy for all your hard work and support before and during this camp.