Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

As Term 1 approaches to it’s end, I am amazed by everything that we have accomplished together. I look back at the various events including our first ever Year 12 Ball, the camps, the Interhouse Frisbee Competition, Interschool Swimming, the tests and assessments, the interim reports, Connect, a quiz night, leadership training and that doesn’t even take into account all the subjects we are doing - and simply put, I am amazed.

But on the other hand, I think about the different communities that I belong to, the ones that I enjoy the most and hands down, it is the communities that are always trying to include it’s members that I enjoy the most. I believe that students at Alkimos Baptist College have the ability to be constantly engaged in the life of the school. With so many different programs and events, students find it hard to disengage and disassociate from the College and through that, we can begin to build students who love to be involved and then, love to learn.

In the Bible, there is a passage that speaks directly to this thought. Hebrews 10:24-25 says

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

One of the aims of our Christian Education program Connect is to connect our students to our school community. We try to instil in our students the importance of encouraging one another and spurring each other on to love and good deeds. On Friday, we have a group of boys giving up their own time to play games and sports to serve our Primary school by doing basic repairs to their play equipment.

What a great message to employ in your family. Asking of each other, how can I spur you onto love and good deeds? How can I encourage you?

I hope you have a great week.

Kieran Graham
College Principal
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 2. These will include Tutoring, Cross Country Training and Interhouse Sports.

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.

YEAR 10 & 11 PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Parents of Year 10 and Year 11 Students are invited to attend Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 31st March from 3 - 5pm. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child’s Interim Report.

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 2 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 the College office. We encourage all students to use this resource to improve their basic mathematics skills.

YEAR 7 2016
The current ABC Year 6 students have been invited to start booking interviews with Mr Graham to secure a Secondary school place for 2016.

2015 MISSION TRIP TO VITENMAN
On 31st March a group of senior students will be taking a trip to Vietnam under the leadership of Kieran Graham and Nina Bergmann, our College Chaplain. Students will have a unique experience, visiting orphanages and helping under-privileged children. It is a wonderful way to set students on the right course of service to the community at an age where they are thinking about their future and the world they live in. It will put many things into perspective for them. What a wonderful experience!
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Family Quiz Night

Alkimos Baptist College hosted a fun and well supported family quiz night with prize hampers filled to the brim with vouchers and goodies worth a whopping $1150.00. The competition was fierce and many contestants went home with a slight headache and steam billowing out of their ears, the questions were fair but tough. Brains were kicked into overdrive and some verged on the edge of a burn out. The overall winner was the Cloutman’s table and the second prize was awarded to the brilliant Alkimos Baptist College Teachers’ table with the third prize going to The Taylor Table. The exquisite Nutrimetrics door prize was won by Mr Graham’s dad, I am sure Mrs Graham will love it. We would like to congratulate all our contestants.

Our students are leaving for Vietnam on their mission trip on Tuesday evening 31/3 and all monies raised will be donated to the Vietnam Missionary School Trip 2015. We pray that this money will reach the places God intended it to go and that our gifts nurture and nourish the needy. Thank you to our Chaplain Mrs Nina Bergman, Mr Graham and all the students who have worked so diligently on this community project to connect and reach out to those in unfortunate circumstances.

We pray that God will bless this mission and keep our students and teachers safe from harm.

Lisa Potgieter
Secondary Coordinator

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

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HAMERSLEY NEWS

What an absolutely epic match! It was so close, so very, very close, but in the end Gibson walked away with a well-deserved victory!

Hamersley played their hearts out on the field, the supporters were exciting and our Ultimate Frisbee athletes were focused. We would like to give Grace in Year 7 a special shout out as she was pumping in this match, her dedication and overall team spirit is commendable. James Tucker owned a spectacular pass in the match that had the crowds gasping. Well done James, we would have liked a few more of those! The final score was Hamersley 3 and Gibson 9.

Mr Speldewinde coached his team to an operating mode similar to that of a well-oiled Frisbee War Machine, but unfortunately it was not enough on the day. Flinders will be playing in the penultimate Frisbee challenge next week against Dampier. Hamersley will come and support and we wish the teams the best of luck.

FLINDERS

Flinders set for finals after 7-6 Jaw Dropper

The Sharks have left no survivors behind this season, after devouring their 3rd consecutive set of victims - The Reds. Despite close scoring, the lure of kangaroo meat was all but too tempting for the Sharks, who displayed courageous game play and determination throughout the match.

Jason “The War Machine” Macfarlane, filled the central gap in the absence of star midfielder Kurt “The Anchor Man” Hindmarsh. Macfarlane appeared to be living up to his name after smothering several defensive scoring opportunities and demonstrating outstanding sporting prowess across the field. Stephen “The Mighty Cray” Harms appears to be improving on the pitch as he managed to claw a couple of vital goals for his team. Things have also been going swimmingly for team members Mathew Harms, Roald Von Tonder and the “Timber Man” A.J who have all contributed to the overall success of the Club.

A final mention goes out to Flinders only two female players, Nicole Osbourne and Naomi Makuei, who played out yet another match without rest.

From here the mighty Flinders are going to be taking on the Dampier Ducks. With three consecutive wins under our belt, we are looking forward to doing the same again….did someone say roast duck for dinner? Come down and watch this exciting game on Monday 30th March.
Dampier Download

It is the calm before the storm as the Dampier Ducks ready themselves for the Frisbee Final! Flinders had a precarious game against Gibson this week, so the odds are in our favour. We rely on our noble defenders, Christian and Liam to lead us into victory. It will undoubtedly be a close game versus a fierce rival. To avoid a fatal shark attack, we should unite together as one. We shall fight to the end. We shall fight on the landing grounds and fields.

We shall never surrender!! For Freedom. For Victory. For the Ducks. We will fight!

GIBSON REDS NEWS

Wow! What a season of good Ultimate Frisbee. As a team we went into battle with a lot of courage and we stood proud. We improved our game week by week and some team players were amazing. Thinking back to Kawana’s incredible one hand catch, our little warrior Deng just playing his heart out and Bonnie’s game improving weekly.

Mike Singletary once said: “Do you know what my favourite part of the game is? The opportunity to play.” Thank you to each student who played and who just enjoyed being part of a team. Enjoy a well-deserved holiday, rest well and be ready for our new challenge in term 2.

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Hamersley vs Gibson
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GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Marcus Fletcher-Davey
Deng Manyang
Mitchell Vaz
Brianna Archer
Gemma Boyd
Taylor Brooker
Jeanne Kabwit
Grace Millar
Sarah Stubbs-Mills

Year 8
Brodie Holland
Adam Leigh
Jorjia Bond

2015 SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

This scheme is to assist eligible families with secondary schooling costs. Eligibility criteria is that 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 2 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

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING:
Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7.30 - 8.15am: Mr Zanetti

AFTER SCHOOL INTERHOUSE SPORT Term 2 Soccer:
Gibson - Mr Shayne Zanetti
Hamersley - Mr Speldewinde
Dampier - Miss Erasmus
Flinders - Mr Hayward
YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE
YEAR 10, 11 AND 12
PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
TUESDAY 31ST MARCH
3:00 - 5:00PM
This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s teacher and to discuss your child’s progress.

Meet the Teachers
The Meet the Teachers afternoon tea was held on Wednesday 25 March. Parents and Teachers of Year 7 to 9 students had an informal meeting. This was an opportunity for the parents to meet the various subject teachers as well as senior staff to discuss the early progress of their wards.

The afternoon went very well and parents and students enjoyed refreshments whilst chatting with teachers.

Year 7 Information Evening for 2016
Last Wednesday evening from 7 - 8.30 pm, Alkimos Baptist College held its annual information evening for parents of students and students who are presently in Year 6 who are seriously considering attending Alkimos Baptist College for year 7 in 2016. The meeting was quite well attended by interested parents, students and teachers of Year 7. It was an informative night where the prospective students were able to find out about the various opportunities offered at Alkimos Baptist College. To kick off the evening, our very lovely and talented Miss McCarthy serenaded us with beautiful piano music and also informed about the many music opportunities available. Our Principal Mr Kieran Graham spoke about all core subjects and electives offered from Year 7 through to Year 12. He also spoke on the benefits of our College such as our Connect Programme and our discipline system to mention a few. Our wonderful Mrs Potgieter spoke about our great Pastoral care system that we have here amongst other things. Our present Year 7 counsellors Grace Millar and Deng Manyang also presented words of advice and encouragement to all present on the night.
International π-day

All math-lovers have a special occasion this year – a magical once-in-a-century Pi Day. It’s an international day which honors one of the most recognizable mathematical irrational symbols - "pi" or "π," proving once again that math can be fun.

On Saturday, March 14, 2015 is 3/14/15 in the US date format which corresponds to the first digits of a mathematical constant Pi: 3.1415.

The holiday happens once in 100 years and the true fans of Pi did really savor the moment as the next time it happens will be in 2115. For the admirers of general theory of relativity, it was also an occasion to celebrate as it marked the birthday of Albert Einstein.

At Alkimos Baptist College we celebrated this day with various activities and had lovely hot pies.

Year 11 Chemistry at Scitech

The Year 11 chemistry students were at Scitech on the 20th March where they were able to examine nano materials and discuss nano technology with experts. After that session the students were allowed time to explore the different Science innovations and attend a talk by Dr Alan Duffy at the Planetarium where he described the innovative and inspiring tales of how we understand and connect with the cosmos.
Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Swimming Carnival was a great day of competition between the schools in our division. All the students swam really well and were great representatives of the school. We had a few great individual results particularly with our Year 7’s with Jordan Mostert coming 2nd in his Freestyle race, Sam Cope placing well in all his races including a 1st on Division 2 Backstroke, the under 13's backstroke Division 1 was also taken out by Alkimos with Marcus Fletcher-Davey taking first place in that race. He also placed exceptionally well in all his races. Representing the girls really well Ashley Brunton took up top 3 places in all of her races. Our relay teams were a fantastic demonstration of the quality swimmers we have in all our age categories. Thank you to everyone who participated on the day and to Mr Zanetti who organised the event. Next year we hope to get even more competitors involved in this great competition.

Girls Connect Movie Night

*Divergent* fans were thrilled to watch the sequel in Veronica Roth’s trilogy. *Insurgent* had all of the girls at the edge of our seats. Would Tobias come after Tris? Would Tris ever be able to forgive herself? These were the questions ricocheting in our minds. Certainly, film adaptations will never exceed the experience of reading the books; however, I thought the actors’ dazzling performances brought the text to life. I was personally spellbound. Can’t wait for *Allegiant*. Thank you to all our beautiful Alkimos ladies who made watching the film even more worthwhile.

“Like a wild animal, the truth is too powerful to remain caged.”
— Veronica Roth, *Insurgent*
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**Just Jump**

Bounce, bounce, bounce….hop and fly over the moon! Our Year 11s enjoyed a very bouncy social at Just Jump in Wanneroo on Tuesday afternoon. Everybody agreed that they were pleasantly surprised that bouncing up and down can be that exhausting! Kurt mentioned that it was a very good work out, much more than he thought it would be. Our social was well attended and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Zack managed a few massive run and back bounce jumps and then the boys were competing who could jump the highest from a stationary position. And the winner was…?

Ask them to find out! Thank you Year 11s for your beautiful manners displayed at Just Jump, it is always a pleasure to take you on social events.

Lisa Potgieter

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**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
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MUMS RAISING BOYS

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, mothers play an important role in the development of their sons identity including their ability to be nurturing. This in turn affects 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 30th 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 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 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 parenting styles, discipline that works, environmental influence, understanding behaviour patterns and communications

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What’s happening in Primary

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. We look forward to the fine leadership of these students.

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 commended all the students for their behaviour, attitude and manners. Well done Year 6.

The students all participated in learning how to throw a boomerang, water diving, playing the didgeridoo, canoeing and swimming along with many other fun games and activities.

A big thanks to all the teachers that made this happen and creating great memories for the kids.