Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Welcome back to another term at Alkimos Baptist College! I hope that everyone is fresh and ready to start another exciting term of learning and enjoyment.

The Primary School teachers narrowly edged out the Primary School students’ Allstar team as the High School Allstar team ran rings around the High School Teachers. Our first community event of the term was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the student teams and the teacher teams.

At the end of Term 1, 11 High School students went on a tour of Da Nang, Vietnam. The students served the community by building wheel chairs and then distributing them to people in need. They also spent time in the children’s homes enjoying the company of 6-18 year olds. Over this next term I would like to take this space to reflect on our experiences and tie them into life in Perth, Australia.

Our team saw the importance of serving. After 4-5 hours of hard, sweaty, hot work building and constructing wheel chairs, I almost thought I would have a mutiny on my hands, and this was just day 1 of our program. Our students were exhausted. Although there was no “blazing sun,” the humidity was almost unbearable. Our students were split into 4 groups and each group had to create 5 wheel chairs each.

After a short lunch break (which is a story in itself) the recipients came to pick up the wheel chairs. At this stage, all our students forgot about the difficult morning, forgot the heat, the exhaustion and began to discover the importance of serving. Each group gave one of their wheel chairs to a recipient and spent time learning about their story. One man had been confined to a bed for 32 years before he received a wheel chair on this day. One man, with pure joy in his eyes accepted a wheel chair after learning to walk on his hands, due to having no longer legs.

In the bible, Jesus speaks about God and his attitude towards serving others in Matthew 25:35

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

I hope you have a great week as you contemplate the words of Jesus in this passage.

Kieran Graham
College Principal
NAPLAN TESTS
In Week 4 of this term the Year 3,5,7 and 9 students will be sitting the 2015 NAPLAN tests. These are the National Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy, held all around Australia on 12th, 13th and 14th May. If your child is participating in these tests please ensure they are well rested and eat well during that time. The teachers have been preparing the students for the tests and we wish them all the best as they try their hardest.

PRIMARY DISCO
The Primary Disco will be held in Term 2 in 2015! It is on Friday 15th May for Kindergarten to Year 2 students from 5pm to 6.15pm and the Year 3 to Year 6 session is from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Tickets will be available from the College office from Week 2 of this term. The Theme of the Disco is FLURO!! So, come dressed in your most outrageous fluoro clothing. We will also once again be having Mr Stravens as our DJ! Come along and join us for what will be an amazing fun filled night.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Clubs start from Week 4 this term. Please note that there are No clubs in Week 11 and No Sport Club in Week 11 this term also. All students will receive a Clubs sheet this week. Please fill out and place in the tray at the College office. Clubs lists will be placed on the classroom doors in Week 3, ready to start Clubs in Week 4. Please pick up children promptly at 4pm when their club finishes. All children not picked up by 4.05pm are taken to the College office. Please ensure you help the teachers by picking up your child promptly from their clubs area. Thank you.

ABC READING GROUPS
ABC reading groups are held on Thursday in the Year 2 classroom from 8.00am to 8.20am. This group is for students who wish to improve their Reading and Comprehension. We need more volunteer parent helpers. If you would like to help with this program please see Mrs Schokman. Thank you.

WORDS THEIR WAY
Words Their Way Spelling is commencing across the school this term. This is a fun hands-on approach to spelling giving the students an opportunity to better understand the pattern in words. A parent workshop will be held next week for parents to see how this program works and how they can best help their child in spelling. For more information please see Mrs Van der Moezel

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.
UNIFORM INFORMATION

Please note the following reminders:

Pre Primary students may wear their short sleeved t-shirts all year round if they choose to.

Sports Uniform for Year 1 to 6 students is to be worn on the following days:

Year 1 - Tuesdays
Year 2 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 3 - Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Year 4 - Mondays
Year 5 - Mondays
Year 6 - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

Sports Uniform is the short sleeved polo shirt, shorts or tracksuits and white sport shoes.

If students participate in the After School Sports Club, they may wear their Sports uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS 2014

Jaimie Redding is running a Mother’s Day Stall for the Primary students to purchase gifts for their mothers or carers. The gifts will be between $1 and $5 only. This stall will be assisted by the class teachers and parent helpers who help the children decide what to purchase. The stall is on Friday 8th May. Please send in correct change with your child if you can. We need parent helpers to wrap the gifts! All parents, grandparents, carers and friends are welcome to come in, have a cuppa and friendly chat while we wrap the gifts together. It will be a wonderful time! If you would like to help please come on Thursday 7th May from 8.40am to 9.40am to the staff room. Contact Jaimie Redding through the College office for more details or just come along. The more the merrier! We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Primary Disco is fast approaching in Week 4 of this term! We need helpers to run the Sausage Sizzle. Please let Jaimie Redding know if you are able to help with this!

Thank you for all your support!

ABC READING

WE NEED YOU!
The ABC morning Reading and Comprehension program runs on Thursday from 8.00am to 8.20am in the Year 2 classroom.

We need more helpers - Any 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 Schokman.

THANK YOU!
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

STRAVENS' SPORTS SPOT

Morning Training Club:

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

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

With our Athletics Carnival this term this will be a great opportunity for students to hone their skills.

Friday Family Fitness Fun:

Starting on Friday the 1st of May our Family Fitness program will begin.

All families are welcome to join us from 7:45am until 8:15am meeting on the College oval.

The activities are aimed to cater for all fitness levels and hopefully this will be a wonderful community building activity.

Come and join us for some fun & fitness

Lunchtime Sport:

This term’s Lunchtime Sport will be a Soccer House competition.

Students will have the chance to sign up for their respective Houses in the coming weeks.

Athletics Carnival:

On Friday the 5th of June the Primary School will be holding their annual Athletics Carnival at Ridgewood Reserve.

This year’s Carnival is looking to be a wonderful day and students will begin training in Physical Education lessons to prepare.

A note was sent home earlier this week regarding parent help on the day. If you are available to help on the day, please return the completed form to the College office.

These Carnivals rely on the parent volunteers and all efforts are greatly appreciated.
Students from Alkimos Baptist College had the privilege late last term to be visited by Perth Scorchers players Ashton Turner and Simon Makin. The visit was part of Western Power’s school education program, Shockproof which aims to educate students about electrical safety at a grassroots level.

Alkimos Baptist College Year 4 student, Kylie Broughton won an internal Western Power competition to star alongside Perth Scorer Brad Hogg earlier in a video promoting how to play safely outdoors. The video will be shown to students across Western Australia who participates in Western Power’s Shockproof incursion.

Students not only learnt about the importance of electrical safety but were treated to some inside knowledge on what it takes to play in a team at the highest level.

Go Scorchers!!!
We are back from Vietnam!! What an incredible trip we had. Our students all fell in love with Vietnam and the people we met. We were given so many opportunities to see up close the good work “Giving It Back to Kids” is doing. We spent a few days building wheelchairs and meeting the people that were going to receive them, it was amazing seeing paralysed people who have gone years without a wheelchair so joyful to receive this priceless gift.
Our last few days were spent with the children living in the homes of Giving It Back to Kids (GIBTK). These children are given an education, emotional support, great nutrition and healthcare. They loved playing games and competitions with us and were very affectionate. They stole the hearts of some of our students and we hope to keep the connections between our school and GIBTK alive. These memories will be treasured forever and the lessons learned by our staff and students will change who we are.
Mothers Day Stall

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PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Year 3 Ice Sculptures

The Year 3 Class was visited by an ice sculpture swan, as we learnt about solids, liquids and gases in Science. We experimented with various ways of melting ice inside, outside, in our hands, on the desk, on the concrete, in the shade and in the sun. We had a competition to see who could make their ice last the longest!
Fluoro Disco Party

Tickets $5 incl Sausage Sizzle & Drink

Friday 15th May

KG - Year 2 (5.00 - 6.15 pm)
Year 3 - 6 (6.30 - 7.45pm)

Tickets are now available from the College office