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
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PREPARATION FOR YEAR 11 IN 2016
The transition from Year 10 to Year 11 marks the important point at which students begin to consolidate their courses for the completion of the Western Australian Certificate of Education. The choice of courses will combine to provide a number of pathways leading to options students may choose to follow after completing their secondary education. These options are University, TAFE, Apprenticeships, Training Schemes and/or entry into the workforce.

To assist students and parents to make informed decisions regarding courses to be studied in Year 11 and 12, and possible careers, the College offers a comprehensive program to Year 10 students and their parents. Part of this program are two important information evenings. The first information evening is on Wednesday 13th May where students are given their copy of the Senior Secondary Information Booklet and Course Selection Guide as well as a Year 11 Subject Selection form.

They will also be given information regarding the Year 11 & 12 courses as and great pastoral care and career guidance, camps and socials, leadership opportunities and cultural and spiritual enrichment.

The second information evening is the year 10 TAFE and UNI Information Evening. The difference between TAFE and UNI will be explained to help students decide on their options after completing their secondary education. This will be held on Wednesday 20th May from 7.00 - 8.00pm.

YEAR 11 2016 TAFE AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION EVENING
Wednesday 20th May 2014 7.00 to 8.00pm
Venue: College Hall
Light refreshments will be offered after each event.

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

Kieran Graham
College Principal

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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.’
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NAPLAN TESTING
NAPLAN testing occurs in Week 4 of this term, Tuesday 12th May to Thursday 14th May. The normal timetable for these days will change for periods 1 to 4. Normal lessons will occur after lunchtime.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been preparing for these national tests in Reading, Writing, Grammar, Spelling and Mathematics. Information has been sent home about this testing.

Please ensure that all students have completed their NAPLAN homework that teachers have sent home. This is an important testing time and students are being given the best chance to do well. It is now up to the students to try their best.

At Alkimos Baptist College we are proud of the students’ efforts, regardless of how well they do in the NAPLAN tests.

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.

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.

WINTER UNIFORM
Winter Uniform is to be worn by students during Terms 2 and 3. Please ensure that your child has all the correct uniform. If there is any reason while your child is unable to wear the correct uniform please write a letter to your child’s form teacher. Also 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.

RAIN JACKETS AND WET WEATHER
This term and next term we may have some wet weather days. Students may wear rain jackets to school. (Blue colour is preferable). Students leave these jackets in their bags and do not wear them inside the classrooms. If students are walking to school or catching a bus, they may need to bring an umbrella to school. Umbrellas can be left to dry outside near their bag.

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.
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GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Samuel Cope
Marcus Fletcher-Davey
Daniel Harper-Rigby
John Hewett
Deng Manyang
Jordan Mostert
Patrick van der Wijngaart
Reuben van der Wijngaart
Mitchell Vaz

Brianna Archer
Tiana Arrigoni
Chloe Ashton
Abby Bondini
Gemma Boyd
Taylor Brooker
Ciara Carroll
Jeanne Kabwit
Grace Millar

Year 8
Jordan Glayde
Adam Leigh
Jorjia Bond
Tiahna Booth
Angela Schokman
Megan Taylor

Year 10
Brandon Ward

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 - Mr Wayman
Flinders - Mr Hayward
All Star Ultimate Frisbee Game

The Teachers were dressed to kill, muscles burning and sweat pouring down as the Teachers team ran onto the field. The General shouted instructions with a thunderous voice, Thunder, Clark Kent and the Pocket Rocket responded with precise speed and super agility whilst The Ginger Ninja and Kung Fu Panda were all into playing a strategic game. The students shuddered in fear when they caught a glimpse of the Guillotine and The Caretaker on the bench. The Tree towered over the mere student mortals and caught every sky shot with pure ease as it was lobbed by The Hammer. The Belcher stood ready to clean up and charge to victory but unfortunately with a sad turn of events the students annihilated the teachers’ team.

After much pain and anguish was inflicted on the teachers’ team, the students sent the entire staff to go lick their wounds under the trees. The students played a brilliant game, well done!

Under the trees, in the puffs of smoke and scattered embers, were the teachers’ ultimate weapons which no student, parent or sibling could resist. The Butcher, The Iron Maiden and The Nuke were perfecting sausages and feeding the hungry crowds. Even the extremely arrogant duck who has been geared toward war this week, succumbed to the Butchers’ delicious sausage treat.

A wonderful day and a wonderful game, thank you Alkimos students and staff.

The General: Mr Graham
The Iron Maiden: Mrs Vorster
The Hammer: Mr Wayman
Clark Kent: Mr Wallace
The Sharp Shooter: Mrs Sharp
Kung Fu Panda: Ms Erasmus
The Pocket Rocket: Mr Hayward
The Caretaker: Mrs Bergmann
The Butcher: Mrs Potgieter
The Nuke: Mrs Balachandran
Thunder: Mr Speldewinde
The Guillotine: Mrs Mitchell
The Belcher: Mrs Belcher
The Tree: Mr Zanetti
The Ginger Ninja: Ms McCarthy
Dampier Download

Calling all the Mighty Ducks…. Welcome back to what will be a great term for the Interhouse competition! Term one was exhilarating, with many highs and lows. We may have been defeated in the finals but the war is far from over.

Soccer is on the agenda for the competition this term and we are hoping to see swift feet on the oval; we definitely have the upper hand with Liam on our team. Everyone is welcome to come along to Monday’s next training session. Let’s stand together and enjoy beating the feathers out of our lightweight components.

FLINDERS

Flinders another term begins! We have already enjoyed a sweet victory from last term, but a new challenge lies before us. This term we will be playing soccer. So put your soccer boots on Flinders, because it is going to be another fast paced, competitive and fun competition. Let’s all pull together to keep our winning streak going.

Please see the notice board for training times and competing days.

Go Flinders! Let's have another great term.

HAMERSLEY NEWS

We are super excited to announce that soccer training commenced this week with a great turn out from the Hamersley team perfecting their soccer skills. Training will continue every Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

Remember to bring your water bottle and come and enjoy the practice sessions.
The Mighty Red Roos are getting pumped for another term of Interhouse sport, this time it’s Gibson’s specialty sport - SOCCER!! After what was a promising first term where we were dominant yet narrowly losing in ultimate Frisbee, we are heading in as favourites to win this term.

With Morgan “the bulldozer's lethal boot, the energy of the Year 7’s and Tom’s sure hands in goals we are likely to rustle many feathers, reel in some sharks and swat those hornets.
ALL ABOUT ANGER

Thursday 14th May at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9.00pm

This interactive workshop has been designed to support families where anger is an issue. Anger is explained in a way that challenges our labelling of “an ANGRY person” and instead helps us to understand that many of us have simply learnt to react to the emotion of anger in unhelpful ways.

For further information please phone 9489 6322.

VIRTUES PARENTING PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12th May x 6 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 10am - 12.30pm

What is The Virtues Program? This six-week course is for parents, teachers and anyone else with responsibility for children. Language shapes character. The Family Virtues Guide contains fifty-two of the universal virtues which help parents bring out the best in their children and in themselves. It creates a climate of caring and character. Picture a community in which everyone, from parents to police has the will and skill to teach respect, foster kindness and model virtues such as caring, compassion, courage, forgiveness, friendliness, honesty, love, self-discipline, thankfulness and truthfulness.

For further information please phone 9489 6322.

PARENT TEEN CONNECTION

Monday 4th May x 4 weeks at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 6.30 - 9pm

We have all come through adolescence – do we remember? It has always been a challenging, sometimes frustrating period of life’s journey. Thankfully, today’s parents are usually more inclined to listen. Living with teenagers can be confusing and even worrying, but also rewarding. This course reduces stress and teaches parents to communicate, negotiate and minimise conflict.

For further information please phone 9489 6322.

DADS RAISING BOYS

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.

PARENT CHILD CONNECTION

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.

For further information please phone 9489 6322.
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**Could you be a Key Assets Foster Carer?**

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**ANGER MANAGEMENT FOR TEEN BOYS**

Saturday 16th May at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville  9.30 - 4.30pm

Many men completing our Anger Management course tell us how much healthier and happier their lives would have been had they completed the course as teenagers. Now is an opportunity to learn skills for dealing with anger in an open, interactive workshop that will support you throughout the years that lie ahead. It will help you manage stress and help you in building positive relationships in all areas of your life.

For further information please phone Relationships Australia on 9489 6322.

**MUMS RAISING BOYS**

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

**FATHERING AFTER SEPERATION**

Thursday 4th June at 22 Southport Street, West Leederville 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