Dear Parents,

Do all the good you can
By all the means you can
In all the ways you can
In all the places you can
To all the people you can
As long as you can.

John Wesley

This picture hung from the wall in the staffroom of the offices belonging to Giving It Back to Kids (GITBK). Our guide Anh, told us that all the staff at GITBK meet at least once a week in this staffroom to talk about the various work they are involved in. The wheelchair distributions, the kids homes, the medical surgery teams, the unwed mother homes etc. Hanging on the wall, above the conference table, where these important meetings take place, is this simple picture. A picture that pleads with humanity to do good. I could not help but take a picture of this and use it as part of my highlight of the day during our team debriefing time.
I asked the students to reflect on these words and to think about them in relation to their lives - not just while in Vietnam – but also at home in Australia. I asked the tough question: are you doing all the good you can? It was no surprise when everyone in the room admitted that they were not, but I could tell there was a sincere desire in all our hearts to do this very challenging thing.

Where do we start? In the Bible, the writer of Galatians discusses the ‘Fruit of the Spirit’, the outflowing of a heart that is focused on God. The ‘fruit’ is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. He goes on to say that against these things, no one should stop you. By embracing these qualities in our lives, I believe we can do all the good we can, by all the means we can. In all the ways we can, in all the places we can, as long as we can.

I hope and pray you have a great week!

Kieran Graham
College Principal
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ABC READING GROUPS
ABC Reading Groups are held on Tuesday and 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. Volunteer parent helpers are needed, so if you would like to help with this program please see Mrs Schokman. Thank you!

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 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, asthma, allergies or any another medical condition that we may 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.

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MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Monday 11th May
8.45 to 9.15am College Hall

Pre Primary
Simone Thomas
Lily Rose Clayton

Year 1
Aden Cronje
Jay Khantipol
Zoe Holtzausen
Daniella Chamberlain
Abigail Phillips

Year 2
Dylan Ashton
Seth Chamberlain
Lilly Glover
Kiyara-Lee May

Year 3
Kaelyn Salt
Michael Millar
Sofia Losacco
Andrew Brookmire

Year 4
Kade Harvey
Tyler Ashton
Samantha Woodbury

Year 5
Liam Vermaak
William Purdie

Year 6
Alana Rowell
Caleb O’Byrne
Alexander Bartlett

Sports Award
Abigayle Sellers
Holli Phillips
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 Years 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 2015

The Term 2 P&F Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 27th May 2015** from 7.00 to 7.30pm.

All parents are invited to attend.

The minutes of the P&F Meeting are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and are available for parents to view.

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 Tuesday and 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 are able to come early to school, are all welcome. If you can help us please come along and see Mrs Schokman.

**THANK YOU!**
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 - 7.45 pm)

Tickets are now available from the College office
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.

We are still looking for parent volunteers to assist on the day. If you are able to assist please see Mr Stravens. All help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to parents who have volunteered. You will be contacted in the week leading up to the Carnival by Mr Stravens.

Friday Family Fitness Fun:

Our Friday Family Fitness is now well underway with a wonderful first week, seeing 40 participants jogging around the local area.

All families are welcome to attend with a mixture of running and cross training exercises planned for the coming weeks.

Students who attend the Training Club on Fridays are allowed to remain in their Sports Uniform.

Morning Training Club:

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

All students in Years 2 to 6 are welcome to participate. Please note that training will go ahead regardless of the weather conditions.

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

Lunchtime Sport:

This week we had the sign up for our Interhouse Soccer competition. Over 60 students have registered to represent their House!!!

This reflects a fantastic display of enthusiasm from the students.

Matches will begin in Week 4 and be played through until the end of term.

Come and join us for some fun & fitness
Friday Family Fitness Fun:

Morning Training Club:
Year 1 and Year 4 Buddy Classes ended Term 1 on a high note by having a Teddy Bears Picnic.

During Term 1 our theme was Bears. We gathered a lot of new fascinating facts about Bears. We learnt that some Panda Bears are red and that all Pandas have a special piece of skin in their throat to protect it against the sharp Bamboo that they love to eat. We also learnt that Grizzly Bears can reach a top speed of 55km/h when running and that Polar Bears don’t hibernate.

We thoroughly enjoyed our joint picnic with our Year 4 Buddy Class where we shared some fruit and Teddy Bear stories. Mrs Visser read the Teddy Bears picnic story to us and we sang the Teddy Bears picnic song. We had a great time and hope our Teddies enjoyed themselves just as much.
Japanese Exchange Student

Want to host a friendly and enthusiastic young Japanese student?

Alkimos Baptist College will be hosting a group of Japanese High School students from July 23rd to August 4th and we are inviting families to host a student. The aim of their visit is to experience our Australian culture so students will stay with a family from the school community, attend Alkimos Baptist College and participate in regular classes. Hosting an international student offers many unique opportunities, including the chance to learn about another culture and build life-long friendships.

The families’ responsibilities are to involve the student into their routine, including getting them to and from school. Hosts receive $350 to cover any costs. For more information please contact Faith Hunter at the College office on 9406 8189 or Jason from Gold Intercultural Learning (www.goldil.com.au) on 0417 773 846 or jason@goldil.com.au
The Student Council would like to announce Stage 1 for 2016 Nature Play Area
Interhouse Ultimate Frisbee Competition

Teachers vs All Stars