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 (GIBTK). Our guide Anh, told us that all the staff at GIBTK meet at least once a week in this staffroom to talk about the various work they are involved in. The wheel chair 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
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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 in making 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 comprises of two important Information Evenings. The first Information Evening will be held 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.

Parents and students received information regarding the Year 11 and 12 courses as well as our great pastoral care and career guidance, camps and socials, leadership opportunities and cultural and spiritual enrichment.

PLEASE NOTE: If you were unable to attend the Information Evening, please see the College Office and the relevant information will be posted to you.

The second Information Evening will be 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.

NAPLAN TESTS
This week many of our Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students sat the 2015 NAPLAN tests. These are the National Assessments for Literacy and Numeracy, held all around Australia. Well done to all the students we are so proud of all your efforts. They deserve to be congratulated for their preparation and hard work and also thanks to teachers for helping them prepare for the tests.

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.

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.

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.
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.

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.

GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Brianna Archer
Tiana Arrigoni
Chloe Ashton
Taylor Brooker
Ciara Carroll
Jeanne Kabwit
Grace Millar

Year 8
Jordan Glayde

Year 9
Dylan McDonnell

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Year 12 Leavers Jumpers

Alkimos history is writing itself, our first cohort of Year 12s received their beautifully designed Leavers Jumpers on Friday. This proud group of year 12s will go down in history as our Pioneer group, the first to complete Year 12 in our College.

We would like to extend a special word of thanks to our dedicated and hardworking Head Girl, Elicia Dover, who planned the design of the jumpers. Elicia consulted with the students and designed a practical, yet stunning jumper, which compliments our College uniform. The privilege of wearing the Leavers Jumper is an honour bestowed on our seniors. Wear your jumper with pride and be a living testimony of our motto “Courage, Faith and Service”.

We wish our year 12s all the best for their studies leading up to the coming exams.

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
Several students are taking a closer look at life through the objective lens. For the next 5 weeks Alkimos Baptist College Year 8 Science class will be zooming in and discovering more about the hidden world of micro-biology.

This exciting topic will take students on a journey of microscopic proportions, from the simple cells that make up onionskins to the intricate cellular working of the human body.
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FLINDERS

Flinders have been at it again. They have been strapping on their football boots and training hard and tirelessly for the last three weeks in preparation for the upcoming game against Hamersley next Wednesday 20th May.

Supporters are more than welcome to come and help cheer along our amazing team, who are promising to dazzle us with some fast-paced fancy footwork and soccer playing skills.

Let's all pull together to keep our winning streak going.

Go Flinders, just have fun!

GIBSON REDS NEWS

The Gibson Reds are revving up with anticipation for next Monday's soccer game against Dampier. We are sure to rustle some feathers with 'The Roos' formidable line up.

Morgan "the bulldozer with his lethal boot, Deng and Mitchell with their maxed out energy, Braydon with his speed and Tom's sure hands in goals. For our girls we have the sporty Bonnie Johnston and Ally Crouch joining our team.

We would like to encourage all players to wear their colours for the soccer match and everyone is welcome to come along and help cheer the team along.
Dampier Download

The mighty ducks have been training very hard so far this term Interhouse Soccer competition. We have our first game this Monday 18th May against Gibson.

For the first game of the term it is crucial to get a win on the board. Let's fly all over those kangaroo's.

Go the mighty ducks!

HAMERSLEY NEWS

Hamersley Tuesday Pizza Lunch

As a thank you and a well-deserved celebration for winning the Swimming Carnival 2015, we are going to treat all the Hamersley students with a delicious cheesy Pizza Lunch on Tuesday 19th May. Hamersley made us all proud and we would like to say a special thank you.

Do not bring lunch as piping hot Pizza is on the menu next Tuesday, students are to meet in room 11 at lunch for an exquisite Pizza feast.

Mr Speldewinde requests that students please attend the Monday soccer practice as games are starting on Wednesday. Girls are needed to play, please come and sign up as soon as possible please.

We are looking forward to yet another great season of participations and hopefully walking away with yet another reward at the end of the season.
Lightning Carnival

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students represented Alkimos Baptist College in the 2015 ACC Lightning Carnival. The annual event is a chance for students from across the state to enjoy friendly competition and make new friends while actively participating in sport. All our students have a wonderful time competing in various Soccer and Netball matches. Congratulations to our students for the amazing way they behaved and competed. Thank you to our Year 10 student coaches and umpires.
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INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL

SOCCER

Monday 18th May
Dampier vs Gibson

Wednesday 20th May
Flinders vs Hamersley

Monday 25th May
Dampier vs Hamersley

Wednesday 27th May
Gibson vs Flinders

Wednesday 3rs June
Gibson vs Hamersley

Monday 8th June
Dampier vs Flinders

Monday 15th June
3rd vs 4th

Monday 22nd June
1st vs 2nd

Wednesday 1 July
All Stars Game

Current House points

Flinders 100
Hamersley 90
Dampier 70
Gibson 40
FLIP OUT SOCIAL
YEAR 7, 8, 9

This is the most fun we have had this entire year! Flip Out in Malaga is an amazing venue to exhaust yourself whilst having extreme fun. Jumping for an hour and a half is excellent exercise, most students were huffing and puffing after 10 minutes of intense jumping. The hungry tummies were filled with crispy decadent chicken burgers and scrumptious Hot Dogs between the jumping sessions.

A big thank you to Mr Hayward, Mr Speldewinde and Mr Zanetti, our bus driver, for spending their afternoon bouncing with their form classes.

Flip Out will definitely become a regular venue to visit in future as the students had heaps of fun.
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

Could you be a Key Assets Foster Carer?

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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.

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.

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.

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.
Fluoro Disco Party

The Primary students danced out in style this week at their Fluoro Disco Party where all students from Kindy to Year 6 came along dressed in their most outrageous Fluoro clothing.

The students enjoyed fun games, dinner and dancing! It was also wonderful to see so many parents come along and join in the fun.

A big thank you to Mr Stravens who was once again our awesome DJ for the night.

Friday Family Fitness Fun

Our Friday Family Fitness is now well underway with a wonderful first two weeks, 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.