Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends,

I cannot believe we are half way through the term. Week 6 is upon us and I feel the time is just slipping away. Pretty soon we will be half way through the year and wondering where the year has gone. Time has a way of flying by when you are engaged in activities that you love. Talking with a number of different students at Alkimos Baptist College, they cannot believe where the year has gone either.

This week I would like to focus on a story from Vietnam that I have alluded to previously. After four long hot hours of putting together wheelchairs, our team stopped for lunch. We were taken down a number of small winding streets and stopped at a house indistinguishable from any other on the long narrow street. There was a small area out the front covered by a roof, with a brick floor leading to a “shop” that resembled more of a laundry extension to the house than a shop. It contained a very small selection of fruit, soft drinks, lollies and an ice machine for making sugar cane ice and finally a small house at the rear. Chairs suddenly appeared from a number of places including the neighbour’s yard as we were ushered in and sat down to lunch.

Over the course of lunch, our team from Giving It Back to Kids introduced us to the home owner and told us her story. Her husband had left her and taken the eldest child, leaving her homeless, jobless with three young children in her care. She survived by selling lottery tickets on the streets earning barely a dollar a day. The team at Giving It Back to Kids found her and built her a compassion house, including a shop front and they stocked the shop with products to sell. Her dream is to learn how to make coffee and sell coffee at her shop for various people in the community. She will be receiving training soon in this area. Through the donations of various agencies around the world and the hard work of this team, this woman’s life has completely changed.

The story of Esther in the Bible tells of a young Jewish woman, raised up to be a Queen in Persia who used her very limited influence with King Xerxes to stop the slaughter of her people. Her uncle told her she was put in this position by God for “such a time as this.” The team at Giving It Back To Kids is being used by God for “such a time as this” to change peoples lives. How are we using our lives for “such a time as this”?

The story of Esther can be found in the book of Esther. I would encourage our whole school community to read it.

Yours sincerely

Kieran Graham
College Principal
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

PRIMARY DISCO
The Primary Disco last week was a wonderful event! Kindy to Year 6 students enjoyed fun games, dinner and dancing! It was wonderful to see so many parents come along and join in the fun. A big thank you to all the P&F helpers for putting on the Sausage Sizzle. A big thank you to Mr Stravens for being our awesome DJ for the night. A big thank you to the staff for all their help to make this our best Disco yet!

NAPLAN TESTS
Many of our Year 3 & 5 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.

SCITEC EXCURSION
The Year 5 and 6 classes went to Scitech on Friday 22nd May. They enjoyed a fantastic learning time and made many good memories.

MARKET DAY
On Thursday 18th June the Year 6 students will be hosting a Market Day. This is part of their Business and Enterprise studies. Can students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 please bring a maximum of $5 in coins on the day if they wish to buy items on the day.

SPEECH SCREENING
Speech Screening with a senior pathologist will take place for all Pre-Primary students next week. Parents will receive a letter and permission slip about the screening. Please return the permission slip promptly. Thank you

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.
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.

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!
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

STRAVENS' SPORTS SPOT

Morning Training Club:

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

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.

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 began in Week 4 and be played through until the end of term.

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.

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN & FITNESS
Eagles Rock My School:

This week we had a very special visitor in the Primary School. Rick the Rock Eagle visited us to teach us about healthy eating, exercise and being resilient. It was great fun. Next week two very lucky classes will participate in a coaching clinic run by a West Coast Eagles player.

YEAR 6 BOOT CAMP

Last week, the Year 6 class was put through their paces during their very own Boot Camp. John Morton from Morfit MPT set up a range of boxing, running, lunging and jumping exercises to test the students both physically and mentally. He praised the level of fitness and work ethic of the entire class. Well done to all our Year 6’s.
What a great night the students had last week at the Fluoro Disco. The night was a huge success where the students danced and jumped the night away. A big thanks, to our P&F for their assistance with the BBQ on the night.
Alkimos Baptist College is very excited to announce that in Term 2 2016 Kindy - Year 7 will present the musical Annie Junior.

Auditions will take place in Term 3 this year.

The production will be held in Term 2 in 2016.
The Primary Student Council would like to announce Stage 1 for 2016 Nature Play Area
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
Interhouse Soccer Competition

The Interhouse Soccer Competition started last week with a nail biting game between Dampier and Gibson with Dampier narrowly beating Gibson by one point.

Flinders and Hamersley had both been training hard for their first match against each other. Unfortunately for Hamersley, Flinders walked away with the win on the day.