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 hot long hours of putting together wheelchairs, our team stopped for lunch. We were taken down 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.

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
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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.

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.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
If you are interested in purchasing the current 2015/2016 Entertainment book please see Emma Groom or the College Office for more information.

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GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Daniel Harper-Rigby
Jordan Mostert
Tiana Arrigoni
Chloe Ashton
Abby Bondini
Gemma Boyd
Taylor Brooker
Ciara Carroll
Bonnie Johnson
Grace Millar

Year 8
Roald van Tonder
Tiahna Booth
Angela Schokman
Isabella Taylor-Standish

Year 9
Gordon Maurice
Harrison Smith
Dylan Vermaak

Year 10
Monique Schokman

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
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

NEW COLLEGE CHAPLAIN COMMENCING TERM 3
There will be a new faces around the College starting next term. Laura Crisp will come on staff as our College Chaplain. Laura has a Youth Worker degree and currently works as a Youth Liaison Officer for the City of Joondalup. Laura is very excited about starting at Alkimos Baptist College and has been coming along to Connect this term. She has had extensive experience working with young people and will be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Nina Bergmann, who initially began in the College Office and for the last few years has been the College Chaplain, has made the decision to spend more time with her two young children and be a full time mother. The Bergmann family is also moving to Midland for a year to be a part of First Home Project, a group working with asylum seekers and refugees in the wider Perth community. Jon Bergmann will continue his work as music coordinator for Connect at Alkimos Baptist College.

Year 11 and 12 Examinations

Term 1 has flown past at the speed of light and the first round of exams crept up on us like a thief in the night. As a teacher, my heart always goes out to the pale little faces that sit in the exam room staring at me with bewildered eyes. No matter how much you have prepared or how much prayer your parents have invested in you, it stays a scary time for the entire family. I remember how anxious my own mother used to be during exam times. Often I think back and I remember Proverbs 3:5-6 and these verses ring in my ears when I invigilate exam sessions.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your path straight.”

Alkimos Baptist College congratulates our Year 11’s and Year 12’s for all their hard work in their exams this week. With continued diligence and perseverance you will reap the rewards of all your labour. Never give up, work as hard as you can, as this year will soon be a distant memory. Your future is bright. Embrace the light ahead.
P & F NEWS

The Term 2 P&F Meeting was held on Wednesday 27th May. The minutes of P&F Meetings are all kept in a P&F file at the College office and available for parents to view.

Mrs Tina Harper-Rigby has resigned as our P&F President and we would like to thank Tina for leading out P&F over the past two years with great vision and direction. If you are interested in the President position for the rest of the year, please see Kieran Graham or call the College office eon 9406 8189.

Thank you everyone for your kind support we look forward to a great year.

SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Jam and Kulture 2015

We are beginning to gear up for another exciting up and coming concert.....Kulture!!! With the very high standard set last year, we are opening up Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3-4pm in Room 11 for students to come and rehearse their music, drama or dance performances in the lead up to this event. Teachers will be present to assist you, so come along with your creative ideas. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please note, that "Jam" - our organic band, will continue to also run on Thursday as planned
SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dampier Download

Once again Dampier dominated on the soccer field scoring 5 goals against the Hamersley/Gibson team. Christian proved to be a great threat to any team we take on scoring 4 of the 5 goals with Jordan slotting in the 5th past the goalie.

We are looking to destroy any team we come up against in the finals. It’s great seeing so many Dampier players out there for every game, both playing and supporting. Make sure you show your support in the next few weeks with Dampier’s up and coming games, their sure to be just as exciting.

GIbson Roos Rundown

Our first game of the soccer season kicked off Monday 18th May against Dampier. Wow! What an exciting and passionate game. Gibson played well, in attack with Morgan, Tom, Deng and Mitchell controlling and bringing the ball down to attempt many goal kicks. In defence, Braydon Vaz starred as Goal Keeper extraordinaire blocking many attempts at the goal by Dampier and our girls Bonnie, Ally and Chloe were also a force to be reckoned with.

Although the game was very close looking like a draw until the last few minutes when Dampier kicked their winning goal with a score of 1 against 2.

Last Wednesday Gibson played against Flinders. Gibson fought hard but unfortunately could not get the victory they wanted and scored 2 against 5. Our star players of the day were Deng and Mitchell from Year 7, with their supersonic speed who can keep up with them?

Hamersley News

Hamersley has finished training and is now in full competition mode! All engines are blazing and we are ready to perform!

A big thank you to great participation and commitment by many of our players but we are still desperately looking for a few extra players. So if you enjoy soccer and would like to help us win the competition please come down. Participation is the name of the game!

Hamersley for Champions!
FLINDERS

The mighty Sharks have won 6th consecutive games in a row, setting a new Interhouse sporting record.

The game between Flinders and Hamersley, was watched on the sidelines by an excited (and cold!) crowd of parents, teachers and students. Flinders dominated early on and continued this streak, with the team in blue working together to break down Hamersley’s defence to come away with the victory.

Wednesday’s game against Gibson started off with business as usual after a flurry of shots and attacking opportunities were noted in the Marsupial’s defensive half. It was only a matter of time until the Sharks began to circle in on their pray, finding the net on 5 separate occasions. Frantic coaching and strategizing was noted from the opposition’s head coach as he tried to slow the tempo of the game down. Though he had the passion, he couldn’t bring home the goods.

Flinders maintained a confident and effective game plan of scoring as many goals as possible, concluding the game with the victory. While Gibson put on a brave and courageous front, they simply were no match for the Flinders team.

From here Flinders will be kicking off against Dampier in what is set to be their most challenging game of the year. Will the Ducks create an upset or will the Sharks take them home as their little pet? Be there on Monday 8th June to support us and to see Flinders make sporting history! Time will tell, but let’s hope we keep up this winning streak Flinders....JUST HAVE FUN!

INTERHOUSE CARNIVAL SOCCER

Wednesday 3rd 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
The veggie garden is coming along nicely, the frames are constructed levelled and ready to be filled. They are wicking beds, which means they are watered from a pipe that fills a water reservoir below the soil. The plants can then access the water as they need it. It is a more water wise and fruitful way of gardening. A selection of veggies and herbs will be planted soon so that food technology can begin harvesting for 2016.
Last Friday morning our Language Perfect French Competitors enjoyed a special French breakfast (petit déjeuner) of hot ham and cheese croissants as a little reward and to get into the Competition mood.

Well Done Alkimos Baptist College!! for coming 1st in WA in the 51-100 students category for French.

Over the last 10 days our French students have been furiously competing in the Language Perfect World Championships. So far our students have answered a total of 151,000 questions earning a total of 51,000 points.

The following students have excelled themselves and earned Certificates: Students will be recognised at our Awards Assembly on the 19th of June.

Megan Taylor Year 8: Silver Certificate with 2649 Points
Christian Petera Year 8: Bronze Certificate 1368 Points
Braydon Vaz Year 8: Bronze Certificate 1281 Points
Tiahna Booth Year 8: Bronze Certificate 1279 Points
Deng Manyang Year 7: Bronze Certificate 1161 Points
Taylor Brooker Year 7: Bronze Certificate 1043 Points
Chloe Ashton Year 7: Credit Certificate 869 Points
Dylan McDonnell Year 9: Credit Certificate 816 Points
Gordon Maurice Year 9: Credit Certificate 607 Points
Patrick van der Wijngaart Year 7: Credit Certificate 510 Points
Isabella Taylor- Standish Year 8: Credit Certificate 554 Points
Mitchell Vaz Year 7: Credit Certificate 513 Points
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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.
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What’s happening in Primary

COMING IN 2016

Annie Jr.

ALKIMOS BAPTIST COLLEGE IS VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IN TERM TWO 2016 KINDY - YEAR 7 WILL PRESENT THE MUSICAL ANNIE JUNIOR

AUDITIONS TERM 3 2015