Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends,

Whilst in Vietnam, team debriefing time was one of my fondest memories. Coming back to the hotel after spending an exhausting day or evening helping, playing games, talking or various other activities and discussing the thoughts and feelings our team had was very rewarding. There was such a wide range of emotions and feelings about the day that it was hard to imagine we all shared the same day.

The discussion started with “Your most memorable moment…!” These memories usually lead the group into tears of laughter as we remembered little parts of the day that we forgot. Laughter brings a group together. The discussion around the group would then move towards “Your most challenging moment…!” These were a lot harder, yet a lot more profound. “Giving a wheel chair to a man who had been bed ridden for 38 years.” “Hearing the story of a man who lost 4 daughters and a wife in a bomb raid during the Vietnam war.” “Seeing how little the children had, while still being so happy with life.” “Hearing about how an unwed mother is disowned by her family.” “Meeting people with so little, yet being more happy than I.”

It quickly became apparent that the challenges our students faced came from the understanding that we have so much in our society and they have so little, yet their lives were filled with joy and happiness. These debriefing sessions became more than a recap of the day’s events and became a soul searching time to think about our priorities in life.

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers in the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Matthew 6:25-34

Whilst there is huge depth and complexity to these verses, there is also a simple truth. God does love us and He will care for us. Seek God and His righteousness. A simply way to live in very complex times.

Kieran Graham
College Principal
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.

SCHOOL MEETING
Our last school meeting for Term 2 will be on Monday 8th June at 8:45am. All parents, carers and friends are welcome to join us in the College Hall. Merit Awards will be presented. Names of winners are in this Newsletter.

CLASS ASSEMBLY
The Year 4 class will host the Class Assembly in the College Hall. We look forward to an enjoyable assembly. Treasure Chest prizes will be given at this assembly.

SPEECH SCREENING
Last week the Pre Primary students were screened in speech, phonemic awareness and comprehension by a Senior Speech Pathologist. Results of the screening will be presented shortly. Teachers will then implement suggestions made. The Speech Pathologist may contact a few parents to explain results.

FREE DRESS DAY
On Friday 12th June we are having a Free Dress Day. The theme is ‘Famous Characters’. Students may wear appropriate clothing to school with no skimpy or inappropriate clothing please. Please keep in mind that students’ clothing may become a bit dirty or damaged if they are playing at school. There would be some risk for very special outfits. Please bring in a gold coin donation for Katherin our sponsor child.

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.
MERIT AWARD WINNERS
Monday 8th June
8.45 to 9.15am College Hall

Pre Primary
Nathanael Mumba
Abigayle Sellers
Violet Ashton

Year 1
Tamara Anglesey
Makayla Benoiton
Daniella Chamberlain
Mia Harvey

Year 2
Jackson Anderson
Ryan Broughton
Taylor Clarke
Elyssa Dooley

Year 3
Mirissa Anglesey
Georgie Chant
Jack Ledger
Tyler Schoen

Year 4
Teisha Martin
Kylie Broughton
Zac Clarke

Year 5
Olivia Noble
Ben Harper
Kian Harrison

Year 6
Dante Holtzhausen
Joshua Grobbelaar
Jacob Fagence
Kirsty Carmichael

Sports Award
Jemimah Hondris
Will Redding

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 our 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 on 9406 8189.

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

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!
NEW COLLEGE CHAPLAIN COMMENCING TERM 3

There will be a new face 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 4 Dreamtime Story Telling Morning Tea

On Friday the 29th May, 2015, the Year 4’s invited their families to a morning tea to share their own narrative Dreamtime story.

Firstly, Judah Chant introduced the morning tea. Then I read a passage about the Aboriginal Dreamtime. Next Miss Johnson read a Dreamtime story called, ‘The Rainbow Bird.’ It was a really good story about sharing. After that, we all went off with our families to read our narratives. It was fun to read all our narratives and they all taught us something.

Finally we had morning tea. There was kangaroo meat, lollies that looked like Australian animals and damper that we made. It was a fun morning with all our families. I would love to do it again.

By Holli Phillips
Year 4
GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 1
Aaden Arneill
Lucus Arrigoni
Jay Khantipol
Ethan Potter
Tristan Purdie
Trent Woodbury
Tamara Anglesey
Makayla Benoiton
Caitlyn Bright
Daniella Chamberlain
Milly Hall
Mia Harvey

Year 2
Jackson Anderson
Ryan Broughton
Keanu Carmichael
Daniel Fletcher-Davey
Timothy Grobbelaar
Benjamin Rowell
Taylor Clarke
Elyssa Dooley
Lilly Glover
Jemimah Hondris
Abbe Lorraine

Year 3
Riley Batten
Andrew Brookmire
Jack Clayton
Jack Ledger
Michael Millar
James Purdie
Tyler Schoen
Seth Sellers
Ryan Simm
Liam Sorrell
Rohan Toomer
Miriissa Anglesey
Georgie Chant
Yorkabell Desta
Bailee Fisher
Sofia Losacco
Madison Manning

Year 4
Tyler Ashton

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Year 5 & 6 Scitech Excursion

It was a sunny day when I went to Scitech with my friends and Teachers. Everybody was excited. I’m going to tell you what I learnt and what I did, it was a really interesting experience learning about space and things that glow in the dark.

When I saw my friends at the side of the class, everyone wasn’t only excited but chatty as well, it took forever to get out of a chat. I saw everyone had a plastic bag with some food in it. When we heard the teachers say “Time to go!” Everyone flipped and ran into the classroom. We went over some rules, the next thing you knew everybody was on the bus.

When we got to Scitech we had to wait on the stairs. We waited for about 5 minutes then someone called Leah came and said “Follow me”. She brought us to a big area right outside the Planetarium. She said “Go to the toilet”. It was a bit squishy though. When we were lining up, Rocky came and said “Follow me in. When we finally got in he put on this space map. It was scary because it feels like your upside down. Rocky also put on a clip about “How Astronauts Train”. They train in water in Florida.

When that was over we went to another show. The theme was “Things that glow in the dark”. To start off the show Leah turned off the lights and lit her hand on fire! Her hand didn’t burn, she said that she wet her hand and put bubbles on it and so she didn’t burn her hand. She also showed glowing liquid, apparently she mixed 2 liquids together to make 1 whole liquid. The lady also showed us a fire tournateque by burning some fire in a pot while spinning a cage around it. She added helium to it to change it’s colour.

By Liam Vermaak
Year 5
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 Year 2 - 6 are welcome to participate and the training will go ahead regardless of weather conditions.

**Interschool Soccer:**

In the coming weeks a note will be sent home to students in Year 4 - 6 about Interschool Soccer trials.

Students selected in the team will participate in a 1 day tournament against a variety of other schools.

Both a boys and girls team will be selected. All students are encouraged to try out for this team.

**Athletics Carnival:**

A big thank you to all students for their wonderful efforts at this week’s Athletics Carnival.

All students trained hard and participated with wonderful enthusiasm.

From here students who performed to a particularly high standard will be selected to represent the College in the Term 4 Interschool Athletics.

A big thank you to the Parents who assisted with the Carnival on the day. Days like these can not run without your help.

**Lunchtime Sport:**

Our Lunchtime Soccer competition has started with a BANG! Great goals, great teamwork and great fun have been had by all.

All students are to be commended for the wonderful sportsmanship and attitude they are displaying throughout the games!

COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN & FITNESS
PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

ENRICHMENT EXCURSION TO THE WA ART GALLERY

During Semester 1 the extensions students have been looking at the elements of art and how art requires a response from us. We have studied a number of art periods and some of the great masters including Monet, Rembrandt and Van Gogh as well as many less known yet skilled artists of their time. This week we had a visit to the WA Art Gallery and took part in an Art Appreciation Tour which took us through four different art periods and styles. We heard many amazing stories behind the artworks and discovered different tricks that artists used to create illusions and ideas within their work.

We were able to see some original paintings by famous Australian artists such as Sydney Noland, Fredrick McCubbin and Sally Morgan. We also had the opportunity to view and interact with an Art Installation by a famous Japanese Artist who gave her interpretation of ancient rock formations and outer space. These we discovered were her ideas of representations of the natural world.

We concluded our tour with a picnic lunch outside the gallery.

LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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

Over a period of 10 days from the 18th to 28th of May, our French students from Years 4-10 have been furiously competing in the Language Perfect World Championships. Our students have answered a total of 151,000 questions earning a total of 51,000 points.

Students will be recognised and presented with Certificates and a small prize at our Primary School Assembly on Monday the 8th of June.

The following Primary School students have excelled themselves and earned Certificates:

1st: John-Paul Schokman Year 6 Silver Certificate with 2038 Points
2nd: Alexander Bartlett Year 6 Silver Certificate 2029 Points
3rd: Hayden Petera Year 6 Bronze Certificate 1816 Points
4th Judah Chant Year 4 Credit Certificate 853 Points
5th: Adrian Baker Year 6 Credit Certificate 729 Points
6th: Ben Harper Year 5 Credit Certificate 650 Points
7th: Daniel King Year 6 Credit Certificate 547 Points
COMING IN 2016

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

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AUDITIONS TERM 3 2015
The Primary Student Council would like to announce Stage 1 for 2016 Nature Play Area
VEGGIE GARDEN

The Secondary veggie garden is coming along nicely, the frames have been 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 the Food Technology classes can begin harvesting for 2016.