Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends,

Thank you for your support of Alkimos Baptist College in the first half of 2015. The administration, teachers, staff, parents and students have worked together to create an excellent educational environment that offers top quality programs and initiatives that serve our community well. I am grateful and honoured to head up this team.

In light of such a vibrant community of activity, I am pleased to announce that the Board of Alkimos Baptist College has committed to running straight grades from Kindergarten to Year 6 in 2016.

There will be a number of new initiatives and programs on offer at Alkimos Baptist College planned for later this year and into 2016 which include:

- Primary Production ‘Annie Jnr’
- Nature Play Area
- New Car Park
- Robotics Engineering Program
- Horticulture Program
- Connect Extension Program
- Website
- ‘Today We Learnt’

These new initiatives will join the already full program of classes, camps, clubs, sports, community events, excursions, incursions, assemblies, fitness programs and social events, including the recent disco, that already create the exciting, dynamic place that is Alkimos Baptist College.

The Staff and I look forward to a very exciting 2016 with the families at Alkimos Baptist College.

“But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.”

Isaiah 40:31

I believe that God continues to renew our strength daily and enables us to ‘soar on wings like eagles’.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely

Kieran Graham
College Principal
**SEMMESTER 1 REPORTS**
Semester 1 Reports were posted home on Monday 22nd June. The Semester 1 Report is a summative assessment of your child’s educational achievement over the past two terms. The academic aspect of the report is based on your child's achievement in Projects, Assignments, Topic Tests, the Semester Exam and Homework Completion.

**Year 7 Reports** - In Year 7, all students are given Subject Grades based on the available National Standards. In each Semester Report, students will be given a grade from A to E for every subject they have studied. An 'A' being the highest grade and an E meaning the student has not met the minimum requirements of the course.

**Year 8 to 10 Reports** - In Year 8 to 10, students will be given a report based on Australian National Standards, giving a grade of A to E for each subject. This grade is comparable with other students in Australia in their relevant year.

In the subjects **English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography** each student will receive a second report titled the 'College Report' grading them in the courses they are studying at Alkimos Baptist College. These courses are based on levels of difficulty. For example, a very able student in Science would be studying Science in Course 1, the most difficult course, and could be given a grade A to E which relates to their achievement in this course. A student who struggles to understand Science would be studying Science in Course 2, the least difficult course, where assessments have often been modified to meet an Individual Education Plan. Course 2 students could be given a Grade A to E which relates to their achievement in this course. All students in our Support Classes will be studying Course 2.

Please be aware of the following features of our reports:

1. Comparative data that shows the percentage of students in each of the five achievement levels (Grades) for each of the learning areas taught. This will be shown on the Australian Standard Report.

2. Student attributes that influence learning have also been reported on for each learning area taught.

We have our Semester 1 Parent/Teacher Interviews during Week 11 if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child’s schooling or their Semester 1 Report. They will be held as follows:

Year 9 & Year 10 - Monday 29\(^{th}\) June 2015 - 3.00 to 5.00pm
Year 7 & Year 8 - Tuesday 30\(^{th}\) June 2015 - 3.00 to 5.00pm

**CAKE STALLS ARE BACK NEXT TERM**
Next term the P&F will again be running the Recess Cake Stalls for students each week. It will only be for Term 3 this year. Each week a class will be rostered on for a turn. Parents are asked to please bring cakes, cupcakes or slices to school. Please do not send cakes with cream or nuts. Please see the Term Calendar for the roster and the P&F section of this Newsletter for more details. If you are able to assist to sell the cakes on Friday please see Jamie Redding. Thank you.

**ONLINE CANTEEN**
Please ensure that your child's details are all updated on the Online Canteen so that their lunch orders will be delivered to the correct year level. Thank you!
INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
It has been exciting to see so many of our Primary and Secondary students learning a musical instrument. There are places available for learning GUITAR, PIANO/KEYBOARD and DRUMS in Term 3. If you are interested, please see the Office to fill in an Expression of Interest form. As this busy term comes to a close, I would like to say a special ‘Thank you’, to our amazing instruments teachers: Simon, Joshua and Dave. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and it is fantastic to hear many of your students gaining confidence on their instruments. Thank you!

FREE DRESS DAY
Last Friday, 12 June, the students enjoyed a Free Dress Day. The money we raised goes directly to Compassion Australia to sponsor Katherin, our school sponsor child.

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 why 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 (the colour blue 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 near their bag outside.

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.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Our students have completed their exams with a big sigh of relief from most parents. It was the first exam for the Year 7’s and a steep learning curve for them having to perform and finish in a strict time frame. The reports have been posted home and we now invite all parents to attend the Parent teacher interviews in the school hall on the following days:

Year 9 and Year 10 Monday 29th June from 3pm to 5pm

Year 7 and Year 8 Tuesday 30th June from 3 pm to 5pm
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.

Please note that 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 taking on the President position for the rest of the year, please see Kieran Graham or call the College Office on 9406 8189.

Next term we need volunteers to organise and sell cakes at our annual Recess Cake Stalls that the children love! Classes are rostered on each Friday. When your child's class is rostered on, please send in a cut cake, slices or cupcakes to the Staff Room on the morning. NO creams or nuts if possible please. The cakes are sold to the Primary and High School students for usually 50 cents during the recess breaks. Tables will be set up outside the Year 4 classroom. If all parents and carers rostered on contribute, we should have enough for the whole school.

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

Jam and Kulture 2015

We are gearing up for our 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 also continue to run on Thursday as planned.
GOLD COMMENDATIONS AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
John Hewett
Patrick van der Wijngaart
Gemma Boyd

Year 8
Christian Petera
Roald van Tonder
Jorjia Bond
Tiahna Booth
Ashley Brunton
Angela Schokman
Isabella Taylor-Standish

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

ATHLETICS TRAINING:
Tuesday and Thursday mornings 7.15 - 8.15am: Mr Zanetti

UNIFORM SHOP - OPENING TIMES

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
8.00AM TO 4.00PM
Summer Uniforms orders are now due for Term 4.
Parents to please contact the College office to arrange an appointment.

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www.facebook.com/alkimosbaptistcollege
Sign up and ‘Like’ for all the latest news for
Alkimos Baptist College
FLINDERS

#WINNING

Flinders would like to take this opportunity to commend all the other Houses on their fine efforts during the season so far. The College has without a doubt some talented individuals who have all given their upmost best to their respective teams. A special mention goes out to Christian and Ashley Petera, Averil Willoughby, Deng Manyang, Braydon Vaz, Morgan Brittle, Thomas Johnson and Grace Miller, who have all demonstrated a keen desire to see their teams succeed. Well done to you all!

As a team, Flinders has achieved some outstanding results this season. We are truly thankful for our dedicated players who banded together to help in placing us at the top of the leader-board. The commitment from our Sharks is second to none. This has been evident in numerous ways such as when Kurt Hindmarsh made an on ground appearance during his exam break.

The passion for our team has also extended off the playing field. We have developed a strong and supportive parent fan base, that has encouraged the Sharks during each and every game. We would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to Kiona Hindmarsh, what a wonderful surprise it was to feast on the homemade cupcakes that she made.

Finally we would also like to pass on our gratitude and appreciation to Mr Speldewinde, who has been in charge of running and organising this years Interhouse sporting competition. Without his time and efforts we would not be where we are today. Thank you Mr Speldewinde!

From here the Sharks will be looking towards some continued success in term 3. Parents, family and oceanic mascots are more than welcome to come down and support us as we reach towards (with pectoral fins) the Interhouse Cup.

HAMERSLEY NEWS

Hamersley had a hard second term filled with a few hard knocks and disappointments. Hamersley unfortunately did not have enough players and we suffered for it. We are so glad that Term 3 has nearly arrived and that we can start competing with vigour and enthusiasm again. European Handball is the game and Hamersley will be the name to follow this term!

We would like to thank all the players for their participation and the great spirit that prevailed amongst the Hamersley house members this term. We look forward to Term 3 and many wonderful afternoon practice sessions on the field.

Congratulations to Flinders who won the finals on Monday, your House played really well!
**DAMPIER DOWNLOAD**

Well-done Dampier Ducks for your brilliant efforts this term. We were up against fierce (Goliath-like) competition in the final game, and our defeat came at a heavy cost. Nevertheless, we can still walk with our heads held high, knowing that we gave it our all.

A special ‘shout-out’ goes to our dedicated players: Averil, Maqenah, Ashley, Tiana, Christian, Lochlan, and Samuel, who devoted themselves to playing excellent soccer. Dampier would be lost without your keen skills, faithfulness and enthusiasm. Thank you parents for facilitating their diligence. We are especially grateful for Mrs Sharyn Ausling and Mrs Pauline Petera your support from the sidelines was invaluable. Thank you!

We would also like to express our gratitude to Mr Wayman for coaching the team so great this year. Thank you for giving up your afternoons to train and support the students.

To our competitors, we wouldn’t have a competition without you. We take our hats off to the Sharks for their sterling performance in all their games. Master Hayward, you run the team like a well-oiled machine. It is an inspiration. Our accolades also go to the enthusiasm of the other Gibson and Hamersley players: the Vaz brothers, Deng, Morgan and Thomas. Your loyalty to your teams does not go unnoticed.

Thank you for a great Interhouse Competition! May the tables turn next term and the odds be in Dampier’s favour.

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**All Stars Game**  
**Students vs Teachers**

Come down on Wednesday 1st July, 3:00pm - 4:00pm, to watch the All Stars game, where the Students take on the Teachers in this term’s Interhouse Soccer Competition.

Will the Teachers rise to the challenge or will the Students once again run circles around the them and take home the win.

Come down to watch this nail biting match and cheer on your team.

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**Current House points**

- **Flinders 140**
- **Hamersley 100**
- **Dampier 100**
- **Gibson 60**
2015 Interhouse Athletics Carnival
HELP HELP HELP HELP
Thursday 20th August 2015

Calling all parent helpers! No experience necessary.
The Interhouse Athletics Carnival is on again and we need you!!

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in helping out and return it to the College Office. A briefing will be provided on the day for all helpers at 8:50am.

Thanks,
Mr Zanetti

Name: _______________________________________
Contact Number: ______________________________
Childs Name: __________________________________

Flinders vs. Dampier
SEMESTER 1 AWARD WINNERS

Year 7
Grace Millar
Bonnie Johnson
Tiana Arrigoni
Chloe Ashton
Deng Manyang
Marcus Fletcher-Davey

Year 8
Christian Petera
Connor Noble
Isabella Taylor-Standish
Braydon Vaz
Ashley Brunton
Megan Taylor
Jordan Glayde

Year 9
Dylan Vermaak
Tyron Hindmarsh
Allyza Crouch
Gordon Maurice
Harrison Smith
Dylan McDonnell
Jayden O’Byrne

Year 10
Monique Schokman
Ashley Petera
Arno van Tonder
Jason Macfarlane
Matthew Harms
Averil Willoughby
Bianca Crosling
Samuel King

Year 11
Sophie Williams
Shayna Lawrence
Melissa Martin
Hannah Tucker
Kawana Burns
Jordan Henry
Jack de San Miguel
Kurt Hindmarsh

Year 12
Ariana Maximo
Stephen Harms
Maqenah Willoughby

Gold Commendations
Year 7 - Grace Millar
Year 8 - Jordan Glayde
Year 9 - Dylan McDonnell
Year 10 - Brandon Ward
Year 11 - Naomi Makuei
Year 12 - Elicia Dover
Bonjour tout le monde,

Alkimos Baptist College will be hosting a French Language Exchange student in Term 3 for Weeks 1 - 3. Her name is Tahina and she is 15 years old, so she will be attending our Year 10 class. She was born in Paris and now lives in Meudon, a small city not far from Paris. Meudon is an old historical town with only 45,000 inhabitants near the castle of Versailles that King Louis the 14th built in the 1700’s. Meudon is also known for having a famous observatory. Tahina is here to experience the Australian way of life and to share cultural differences with Australian students. Tahina is quite good at English already, so this a great opportunity for past and present French students to brush up on their French. I hope all our students make her feel welcome for the duration of her stay.

Merci Beaucoup

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**Year 8 Poetry Anthologies**

### Ballad Poem

I walk onto the new school ground.
Wondering whether I’d be found.
A young boy wailed up to me.
and looked at me unusually.

I stood there in a daze.
Feeling a little stargazed.
He told me what class I was in
and gave me a little grin.

I met the new principle
and I was starting to like this school.
The first class I had was food.
Which put me in a better mood.

My year group is really great
It would definitely get a high rate.
There are good students and in the end
I made some really awesome friends.

By Christian Petera

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### Batman

Who is behind the mask?
I think it would be rude to ask.
Don’t you already know?
He’s not here to show,
You what he does after dark.

Batman creeps around,
Saving the world from a clown.
He shines a light in the sky,
So that when he hears the town people cry,
He will come to their rescue in a flash.

The Joker thinks he’s funny,
With his trickery and ransom money,
But really he’s just a fool,
Trying to act cool!

Then there’s poor little Robin,
Always known as Batman’s partner,
And although he’s a very good archer,
He still hasn’t thought of his departure

By Jorjia Bond

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**NOUVELLES DE FRANCAIS - FRENCH NEWS**

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Woolworths Earn and Learn

Yes, we are participating! Our school is taking part in this year's Woolworths Earn & Learn Community Program.

From Wednesday 15th July when you shop at Woolworths you can collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the Earn & Learn sheets provided. There will be one Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spend in store.

All you need to do is place the stickers on the Woolworths Sticker Card. When your sticker card is completed, it can be placed in the collection box in the College office. Please note the sheets are only valid if the stickers are placed in the squares, they are not counted if they decorate the sheet. You can collect extra sheets from the College office, or just simply drop off your stickers to the office, and we will complete the sheets for you.

Woolworths are again partnering with Modern Teaching Aids which means at the end of the promotion our collection points can be used to purchase educational resources including Mathematics & English resources, Science equipment, Arts & Crafts materials, Sports gear, Classroom equipment and much much more. There is no limit to the number of points we can collect so your participation will really make a difference.

Thank you for your support.

Happy collecting!

COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR TEEN

Tuesday 30 June - 145 Main Street, Osborne Park - 5:00 - 7.45pm

Adolescence is a time of great transition and challenge, for young people and their families alike. Conflict, communication difficulties and a lack of understanding may often occur. At such an important time, it can be easy to lose confidence in the ability to parent successfully. This group is designed to assist you to increase your understanding of adolescence, improve your relationship with your teenager, learn new ways of communicating and self-care and stress management.

For further information please phone 9208 9555.
What’s happening in Primary

COMING IN 2016

Annie Jr.

Alkimos Baptist College is very excited to announce that in Term Two 2016 Year 3 – 7 will present the musical Annie Junior

Auditions Term 3 2015