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When you lie down...

Deut 6:6-7

When I studied the Old Testament at Bible college my lecturers told me to think Hebrew, for Hebrew is a poetic language and should be read as such.

In the context of this passage, the phrase *when you lie down* refers to the time when you prepare for rest and sleep. It is a word picture of the last “20 min” before lights out.

Part of that process is to again share the blessings and teachings of God, with our children. If you are like me, you will be more likely to be grumpy and negative at night than in the morning because you’re tired and less likely to be patient and tolerant.

Our children are no different, and they need our example to finish the day well. So why not close the day by dwelling on the blessings of God and by being in positive thought territory. This will help you and your children to have a restful and peaceful night’s sleep.

We won’t make it every night. But at least, with God’s help, we can make an effort to do the best we can.

May the Lord Bless you and your family.



Stuart Chapman
Principal

NAPLAN Results

The 2009 NAPLAN results were made available last week and we are pleased to report that on average, students at the school were above the state mean in every year group. The detailed report is included as an attachment.

It should be noted that over 60% of the students who sat the assessments have joined the school in the last 12 months. This means that the results will often reflect the standard of

students joining the school rather than the effectiveness of the education provided. Nevertheless, the information will be used over a period of years, to provide a clearer picture of the overall progress of the school and individual year groups.

Students who attempted the assessments should receive their results with this newsletter.

If your children did their NAPLAN assessment at another school, (This would only concern families that have joined since mid May) we would appreciate you sending in a copy of your child’s results for our records.

New Courses Available!

We have enclosed a brochure on two new courses which are now available online: Introduction to Technology Training and Digital Art and Graphic Design.

Wanted

Algebra 1- Score Keys- 1097-1108 Beatriz 9304 4865

Score Keys wanted:

Maths:1115-1132 ; Senior maths 1 & 2; English 1112-1120; Physical Science 1109-1120; OT Survey 1109-1120; Health 4-6; Nutrition Science 1-6

Please contact Sarah Gordon:

sarahandandrew.gordon@gmail.com

08 9439 5577 or 0433 960066

Copy of College Geography book: White, C. Langdon, George T. Renner, and Henry J. Warman, *Geography: Factors and Concepts*. New York: Appleton-Century-Croft, 1968

Contact Carole on 1439 027 276

Wanted

Kindergarten with ACE and Christie Kit or at least the First Quarter file.

My contact details are: Melanie Clemmens

M – 0404148598 email - melani@inet.net.au

For Sale

The Rhodes family have some score keys to sell @ \$2 each, plus postage.

Maths: 1023;1024A; 1025-1034
 English: 1015;1023; 1025; 1027;1032;1034;1035;1036
 Word Build: 1031-1035
 Science: 1026-1031
 Social Studies: 1026; 1028-1032
 Lit & Creative Writing: 1028-1030; 1031-33

Books: 3 Available "Summer Fun with Ace and Christi"
 (2 copies still new in plastic) \$10 each.
 1 is secondhand in very good condition \$7
 Dennis Rhodes rhodesde@gmail.com

Families to Contact

Mel Goldfinch would like to hear from families in the Thornlie area. goldfinch6@gmail.com and mobile: 0450 805 589)

Interesting news from the US

Outstanding Results from Homeschooled Students
 J. Michael Smith, HSLDA President

The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) estimates there are more than 1.5 million children being taught at home. Furthermore, the DOE estimates that homeschooling has been growing at 7 percent a year for the last 10 years.

In the most recent report by the DOE, parents gave three basic reasons for choosing homeschooling: to provide religious or moral instruction, concerns about the school environment, and dissatisfaction with academic instruction at other schools.

Regarding the third reason, there is new research showing that the average homeschooler who takes standardized achievement tests is doing very well. The study, commissioned by the Home School Legal Defense Association and conducted by Brian Ray, an internationally recognized scholar and president of the nonprofit National Home Education Research Institute (NHEDI), is called "Progress Report 2009: Homeschool Academic Achievement and Demographics

The study included almost 12,000 homeschool students from all 50 states who took three well-known standardized achievements tests-the California Achievement Test, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Stanford Achievement Test-for the 2007-08 academic year. The students were drawn from 15 Independent testing services, making it the most comprehensive homeschool academic study to date.

The results reinforced previous homeschool studies conducted over a period of 25 years.

Five areas of academic pursuit were measured. In reading, the average homeschooler scored at the 89th percentile; language, 84th percentile; math, 84th percentile; science, 86th percentile; and social studies, 84th percentile. In the core studies (reading, language and math), the average homeschooler scored at the 88th percentile.

The average public school student taking these standardized tests scored at the 50th percentile in each subject area.

In summary, the results were slightly better than the most recent large academic study regarding homeschoolers (the 1998 Rudner study), and the average homeschool test results continue to be 30-plus percentile points higher than their public school counterparts.

There are two main factors for these outstanding results: the educational environment where learning takes place, and the individualized, one-on-one instruction. Most homeschool students are directly taught by their parents, who love their children enough to make the sacrifice to stay at home to make sure their child is taught in a safe and loving learning environment. Second, one-on-one instruction emphasizes the best interests of the child rather than the best interests of the group.

In a sentence, homeschooling is a recipe for academic success. Michael Smith is the president of the Home School Legal Defense Association.

Activity at Riverton Sept 18

It was our biggest yet with 126 students in attendance with 8 concurrent activities and 11 presenters. We had Music, Enterprise, Writing Workshop, Cartoons, Indonesian, Art, Craft, Mask Making, Games, Math, Circus and activities for the youngest group. Rosetta Stone, our language software, was set up on a computer for use, and two seminars were held for parents: – General Seminar and a Graduation Seminar. All in all it was a great day.



Activities for Youngest Group



Ready for the Masquerade Ball



Mrs Hawley enjoying the Activity Day with her students



Mask Making with Janine Wood



Indonesian with Mark Ogilvie

Activity Day at Albany 15-16 October

Please note that we have obtained permission to allow camping on our school campus. There are toilets and we now have hot water to the showers! Flyer enclosed.

Parent Support Groups

ACC Southlands is pleased to announce the meeting of families who wish to meet together for fellowship in various locations. These are informal meetings of parents and children. Staff members are unlikely to be in attendance.

If you would like to be a coordinator please contact the office to discuss what is involved.

Rockingham/Kwinana Family support group:

Friday 23rd October @ 1.30pm
Rand Ave Reserve Waikiki
Rand Ave off Read Rd

Come along and meet other families from ACC Southlands in our area.

Bring ideas of what you would like us to plan eg: coffee night, family BBQ's,

Mum's night out, prayer meetings

If you cannot make it and would like to have input please contact

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Albany Support group

A Parent Network has been proposed as a way to provide fellowship and support for ACC – Southland parents who live in Albany and surrounding areas. If you are interested in being part of this group please ring Simone Felton on 9845 2182. Simone is coordinating a meeting of interested parents. The meeting will take place at the Albany Activity Day 16th October.

Royal Show

Booth 304 at the Silver Jubilee Pavilion is a must see visit at the show. Please drop in to see our display with your friends and say hello to our parent helpers.

New logo

You may have noticed that we have a new logo, which is very modern but with a simple message of the cross of Christ and the shield of faith. We hope you like it.



Parent Mentor

Remember to contact the office to book a visit from Mrs Janine Woods our parent mentor. We all need a word of encouragement or a question answered, from time to time. Janine would love to visit you.

Staff Devotions

As a staff we are going through the sixty character traits in our devotions. It has been a real blessing. Perhaps you might like to do the same with your children. The devotions only take 5-10 min and help us to focus on not only Bible knowledge but Biblical action as well.

Registration Visit 9 September

Our 2009 registration visit went well. Although there were a few areas in which we can improve, it is likely we will get registration for another two years. This time period is the best that we could ask for, given that we are so new and that we are growing so quickly. Comments were made that we had achieved a great deal in a short space of time. We give the glory to God.

External Tests

Could anyone who sits the SAT test or any other external test, please inform us of your results. This will go on your child's file and is useful for assessment purposes.

New Email for Orders:

Orders in Qld have a new email address
orders@scee.edu.au

December Camp 3-4 Dec

Remember to save and register soon; places are filling fast.

When your child turns 19

We have several 19 year olds who are completing their Year 10 or 12 Certificates. Up to date they have been paying normal term fees, and remaining with our school.

As from 1 January 2010 any students who turn 19 will remain with us for the rest of the year in which they turn 19, then in the following year they will be transferred to the Australian Christian Home Schooling division of Australian Christian College. Students will be charged according to the service level required. If you have any questions about this change, please ring us on (08) 9844 1621.

Activity Day Enterprise Project

The teenage group did an excellent job of preparing over 90 lunches (including 49 chicken avocado and salad wraps!) for parents, students and teachers to purchase. We made a profit of \$107.65 for a charity to yet be chosen.

Could the students involved in the project please phone or email Sheryl Hawley on sherylhawley@acc.edu.au with suggestions of some organizations which further the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the feedback sheet filled in by the students, it was obvious that they enjoyed working in a team, listening to each other and uniting to produce something worthwhile. I certainly was impressed with the way each team organized themselves to make the article they were responsible for quickly and efficiently, and with very little help. Well done!