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## Principal's Review of 2009

The following is an edited address that was given at the awards night by school principal Mr Stuart Chapman:

*I would like to welcome everyone to Australian Christian College Southlands Awards and Graduation Ceremony. Particularly we welcome grandparents, former students, as well as, of course parents and students. We are also blessed to have as our visiting speaker Mr Terry Harding who has travelled from Queensland to be with us tonight. We hope each one here will be encouraged and challenged by what happens tonight. May we allow the hand of God to work in our hearts tonight. May we come with an expectation of blessing but not only blessing but that the Lord will in some small way change us; in some way make us more like Him this evening.*

*2009 was the year of growth; 446 students are now in Distance Education with Southlands; that's a growth of about 150 students or 50%*

*In the Day School we started with 19 students and now we have 43; that's a 140% increase. So do not despise the days of small beginnings. Sometimes you may feel alone and isolated but in reality that is not the case. We now have parent support groups in Wanneroo, Rockingham, Armadale, Bunbury and Albany.*

*There were many new initiatives in 2009. We had a name change, so we are now more easily identified as a national organisation with schools in three states of Australia.*

*We had our first Awards night here exactly one year ago.*

*We had more activity days in 2009. We started*

*alternating north and south of the river. We understand that although we travel over 400km to get to Perth that some families just can't cope crossing the Swan River. We are not sure whether they don't trust bridges or what it is but we do recognise that it is a major obstacle so we started to alternate.*

*We ran a stall at the Royal Show which we will do again this year to get the word out.*

*We had our inaugural school camp at Manjedal Scout Centre with over 100 in attendance.*

*Our website was greatly improved and now contains much more information.*

*We now have a partnership with Hillside Christian School which is now using us to provide distance education to their students who are doing some ACE subjects. This is a first, as there is no other school in Australia doing this. We hope it will be the first of many.*

*We are now able to support you if you move overseas and live in a non-English speaking country. We have students in China and Malaysia. Again, no other private school in Australia is providing this service.*

*We now have more staff and are gradually lowering our student to staff ratio, which means we will be able to give you better service and your children will have more support.*

*In 2009 the following teachers began with ACC Southlands:*

*Special needs teacher: Merrill Graham*

*Science teacher: Mr Peter Adams*

*Teacher Mr Mark Ogilvie*

*High school teacher Mr Amato who specialises in Business and Computing and Accounting*

*Primary teacher Mrs Annette Louwen who started mid last year*

*Parent mentor Janine Wood. What a blessing it is to have Janine on staff. And although, while not quite 2009, we have two new staff commencing: Shirley Seah, who is a primary teacher starts Monday; and Mr Brandon Moody, high school teacher, starts Wednesday. In other words even though our numbers have increased by 50% the number of staff to serve you has increased by 150%.*

*There has been an introduction of new curriculum. We now have an online Graphics Design course and Rosetta Stone online subscriptions are about 2 months away.*

*Peter Adams' new Science courses will start in 9 days' time and will be available online for those who are unable to make it in person.*

*Answers to prayer: We have seen many answers to prayer but one thing that we started praying for with consistency was: Favour with God and man.*

*We are pleased to announce that we received registration for the next three years.*

*We could, if we had time, tell of stories of lives changed; of struggles overcome and of battles won. In our view it is not the school but our God who is awesome and has used us and you to achieve incredible results. Yes, there have been challenges and the distance of the campus from Perth is still the major one; however God is good. He is very good and He has always been faithful.*

*Together, we look forward to an exciting and prosperous year. If 2009 was the year of growth, 2010, I am praying, will the year of blessing as we trust the Lord to guide us day by day, as we encourage each other in our faith and calling, and as we focus on those things of good report.*



The Lord bless you.  
Stuart Chapman

## **Awards and Graduation Night**

This was again held at Riverton Baptist on 30 December and had about 200 people in attendance.

We had an excellent evening with special items from Shaun Hern Lee, the world's most talented pianist for his age and a poetry recitation from Robert Kooy who brought a tear to many an eye.

Our special guest speaker, Mr Terry Harding, gave an inspiring address and spoke of firing our children like arrows into the world to leave a mark for eternity.

It was wonderful to see recognition for the tremendous work that all the children had achieved over the year. Please mark your calendar for our next awards night which will be on 29 January 2011.

## **Introducing Shirley Seah**



I grew up in Singapore and came over to Perth 10 years ago to study at the University of Western Australia. It was then that I started going to Church and received Christ's Salvation. I applied for Permanent Residency in Australia after I completed my double degree majoring in Computer Science, Psychology and Japanese.

Five years ago when I was seeking God for directions, He laid upon my heart a desire to be a teacher and the calling was then confirmed through prayers and by pastors and mentors. After working for a few years, I decided to start my Graduate Diploma in Primary Education last year at Edith Cowan University. I really thank God for His provision and blessings to be able to start my teaching career with Australian Christian College – Southlands.

## **Introducing Brandon Moody**



My name is Brandon Moody and I am the latest staff member to join the distance education team at Southlands. I gained 18 years' teaching experience in South Africa before migrating to Australia on 30 December 2009. I spent the last twelve years serving in an ACE Day School which I helped pioneer.

I am married to Teri and we have been blessed with three children. Rachel and Hannah are enrolled at Australian Christian College – Southlands while Philip stays at home with Mum, as he is 22 months old.

As a family we have always been very involved in most aspects of church life. We look forward to settling into a new church in Albany once our move from Denmark is finalised.

I am grateful to the Lord for opening the door for me to serve at ACC – Southlands. My children are very pleased to be able to continue their education at an ACE school. This has contributed to making the transition easier for us.

**Athletics Day 19<sup>th</sup> February WA Athletics Stadium**

Over 100 students participated in our inaugural Athletics Day at the new WA Athletics Stadium at Mt Claremont. We had elite athletes as coaches for discus, shot put, high jump, long jump, sprints, and relays. There was also soccer and footy kick and novelty games for the little ones. One of our coaches won bronze at the World Athletics Championships! The day was about learning skills and having a go. Feedback was very positive and we plan on having another Athletics Day next term.



Soccer/Footy Kick



High Jump



Shot Put



Discus



Long Jump



Sprints

### Upcoming Activity Days

We have two activity days at the end of March. Both are at new venues, Dreamlife Church in Merriwa which is one the most northerly suburbs of Perth and Mt Pleasant Baptist Church in Booragoon which is south of the Swan River.

You are welcome to attend both, but the programs will be very similar and we expect most families will attend the one closest to them. Please invite your friends and please register early as this helps us plan the day. Flyers are enclosed with more details.

### Kalgoorlie and Port Hedland Principal Visit

Our principal Stuart Chapman will be visiting Kalgoorlie on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Port Hedland on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, specifically to meet with parents, and to discuss any questions. Stuart will be contacting parents in these areas individually soon to discuss this.

### Girls' Book Club

The next book club meeting for teenage girls is on 20 March. The book to be discussed in the March meeting is "A Lineage of Grace" by Francine Rivers.

The group, which meets each month, welcomes all new members who enjoy reading. Please phone ACC – Southlands for further information.

### Parent Support Groups

#### North of the River Support Group

After discussions with M.J. we would like to offer another support group on an afternoon.

M.J. will continue a morning group and Allie McCrystal will offer an afternoon meeting.

When : The last Friday of each month  
(commencing 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010)

At: 16 Canterbury Circle  
Currambine. 6028  
[mccrystal@inet.net.au](mailto:mccrystal@inet.net.au)  
9305 4011 / 040 5301 697

Bring: small plate of afternoon tea

Please r.s.v.p.

Blessings

Allie McCrystal

#### Rockingham area support group meeting:

Friday 5th March @

Lark Hill Sports near playground

Will be there from 12.30pm on

bring lunch/afternoon tea

Share and set dates from the rest of the year

Love to see your all

Sarah Gordon

9439 5577

[sarahandandrew.gordon@gmail.com](mailto:sarahandandrew.gordon@gmail.com)

#### Albany Support Group Coordinator

Simone Felton 9845 2182

#### Bunbury Support Group Coordinator

Kimberly Johansen 9724 1189

#### Perth South East Coordinator (Armadale, Thornlie, Canningvale)

Kimberly Rosser 9496 0128; 0414 374 193

#### Eastern Suburbs

Charmaine Davis 9250 4036 or 0410 713 541

### UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

ICAS is the largest independent assessment program for schools in Australia. For over 20 years, ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Hong Kong, India, the Pacific region, South Africa and the United States of America. Your child is invited to participate in 2010.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 3 – 12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results.

**All students receive a certificate** and an **individual student report** indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The student report is useful for highlighting your child's strengths and weaknesses.

All participants receive a high quality UNSW certificate awarded for each year level as follows:

- ✦ High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- ✦ Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- ✦ Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- ✦ Participation to all other participating students.

In addition, ICAS medal winners in the final two years of secondary school are now eligible for bonus points when they apply to undertake an undergraduate degree at the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

The 2010 ICAS Entry Form has been enclosed with the current newsletter. For more information, please contact Shirley Seah by telephone on (08) 9844 1621 or by email at [shirleyseah@acc.edu.au](mailto:shirleyseah@acc.edu.au).

### **Other National Competitions**

There are several other nation-wide competitions available for students to participate in as well. Please refer to the 2010 National Competitions Entry Form for more details.

### **Secondary Assistance Scheme**

These forms are enclosed and eligible families are asked to return them by the end of the second week of March.

### **February Attendance Sheet**

It is essential that your February attendance sheet be returned as soon as possible, even if you have not done any tests to send in. Don't be one of the many families we have to chase up! It is required that all attendance sheets are returned at the end of each month.

### **ACE Certificate Accepted by Defence**

The recruiting section of Australian Defence Forces recognises the ACE Yr 12 Certificate as a Yr 12 equivalent course of study, for the purposes of admitting graduates to the military.

The key people with whom we have negotiated this pathway are Joanne Dunk 02 8831 2219 and Rosalie Oblena 02 8831 2234.

### **Immunisations for Year 7 Students**

All female students in Year 7 are offered:

A 3 dose course of Human Papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine.

All Year 7 students will be offered: A two-dose course of Hepatitis B vaccine given in terms 1 and 3

One dose of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine given in term 2. Chicken pox disease can be mild, with only a few spots. If your child has not had chicken pox disease or chicken pox vaccine then they are eligible for the vaccine.

One dose of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine (whooping cough) is also offered.

Please see your local immunisation clinic to arrange for these vaccinations.

### **Work Experience**

Have you considered a work experience placement for your child? Work experience is a great way for students to gain hands-on learning, to see exactly what is involved in a particular job, to learn about responsibility in the "real world", and to make valuable contacts in industry. Often, employers are so impressed with students on work experience that it leads to part-time jobs, traineeships and even apprenticeships.

Students aged 15 years or over who are enrolled at Australian Christian College-Southlands have the opportunity to be involved in work experience.

If there is an employer/workplace in your area with whom your child would like to work, make contact with them, and see if they are interested in taking your child in a work experience placement. Some employers prefer students to work two-week blocks, others are quite happy to take students for one day per week. Australian Christian College-Southlands will provide you with relevant paperwork such as employer and student guidelines, insurance details and permission forms.

If you are interested in arranging a work experience placement, please contact Ossie Amato at Australian Christian College-Southlands for further information.

### **Mathletics**



The goal of Mathletics is to engage and inspire students towards concept mastery. This will help ensure that students progress with a thorough knowledge of the areas covered.

This program is available for use by our students at a cost of \$30 per year. Interested families are to please contact the school via e-mail at [southlands@acc.edu.au](mailto:southlands@acc.edu.au) or by phone on 9844 1621. For more information go to:

<http://www.mathletics.com.au/>

### **Rosetta Stone Online**

We are pleased to announce that Rosetta Stone online language learning is now available in 23 different languages.

Each user can be assigned one language from the following list of available languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Dutch
- English (British)
- English (American)
- Filipino (Tagalog)
- French
- German
- Greek

- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Irish
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Persian (Farsi)
- Polish
- Portuguese (Brazil)
- Russian
- Spanish (Latin America)
- Spanish (Spain)
- Swedish
- Turkish
- Vietnamese

Please see the enclosed brochure for more details.

### **TAFE STUDIES**

If your child is aged 16 years or over, he/she may be interested in doing some part-time studies at TAFE.

Often, students can arrange to go to TAFE for one day per week, and complete their PACE schoolwork during the remaining days. This may be useful for experience in the “practical” subject areas, such as manual and mechanical trades, performing arts, etc. If the TAFE course is 120 hours and at Certificate II or III level, you may apply for credit to be given towards the Australian Christian College Year 12 Certificate.

If you are interested in part-time studies at TAFE, please contact Ossie Amato at Australian Christian College-Southlands.

### **Word Building PACEs - English Spelling of Words**

Enclosed in this newsletter is a list of the Word Building PACEs which have American spelling, and the English spelling for each of these words. If you wish your child to learn the English version, please change the words in the PACE for him/her to learn.

### High School Goal Setting

When setting goals for PACEs with a separate Activity Pack, a four page goal becomes 2 pages in the Activity Pack and 2 pages of reading from the information section. Students would then write their goal as A-B, the pages in the Activity Pack. If there is no reading, more pages can be done in the Activity Pack.

### 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.

### Website

We are always looking for more testimonials, so please send one in if you have a blessing to share.

### Trading Post

I have some books that I need to purchase.

Abraham Lincoln  
Up From Slavery  
Michael Faraday  
Pilgrim's Progress  
The Hiding Place  
Did Man Just Happen?  
Robinson Crusoe

I also have some Score Keys to sell @ \$2 each plus postage. All have their Test Keys.

Math: 1040 - 1042; 1043 - 1045; 1046 - 1048; 1048A; 1061 - 1063.

English: 1027; 1034; 1036; 1037 - 1039.

Word Building: 1020; 1032; 1033; 1034; 1035; 1036; 1037 - 1039; 1040 - 1042; 1043 - 1045; 1043 - 1045 (new \$3).

Literature & Creative Writing: 1028 - 1030.

Science: 1049 - 1051 (worn \$1).

My contact details are:

Tina Broad

0407 254 642 [enquiries@yjaps.tk](mailto:enquiries@yjaps.tk)

### WANTED

Christian Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes used in the Pre- school programme.

Contact Christine on 0439 944 942

### WANTED

Geography: Factors and Concepts, White, C. Langdon, George T Renner, and Henry J Warman New York: Appleton-Century-Croft, 10968

Contact Carole on 0439 027 376

## Scripture Memory Passage

This month's memory passage is **Exodus 12:21-27**

Please note if you want a copy in your own favourite version you can probably download it from [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com)

<sup>21</sup>Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

<sup>22</sup>And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

<sup>23</sup>For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

<sup>24</sup>And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever.

<sup>25</sup>And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service.

<sup>26</sup>And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service?

<sup>27</sup>That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped.