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Greetings to all parents and students!

Giving Thanks for the Pioneers

Our family began to teach our children at home over fourteen years ago and we received criticism from friends, family and even total strangers.

Family members said we were undermining our children's education and that we would never cope, as we had five children. Friends said we were crazy and some strangers even said we were being totally irresponsible.

It was therefore comforting to speak to those who had gone before us and to meet their beautiful children. These brave souls would often be outcasts in their communities for daring to suggest that they could teach their own children. Local schools would eye their children as the difference in getting another teacher.

People would ask all the time during the day, "Why aren't your children in school?"

Dianne and I were greatly blessed to meet many who had trod the path before us and who were pioneers of non-traditional education. Their gentle answers and perseverance in the face of opposition gradually started to alter people's perceptions.

Since we started, we have noticed a change where it is far more acceptable to keep your children out of the traditional school system. Many even commend us and say, "I wish I could do that."

With the arrival of distance education and teacher support with activity days and more, the days of doing it tough on your own are now history.

As we reflect on our years of education at home we still give thanks to God for those who began

before us, the pioneers. May God bless them and may their children rise up and call them blessed.



Stuart Chapman

Information Packs

Included with this newsletter there are two information packs for you to pass on to any friends or family that are expressing interest in distance education. As an extra incentive we are offering early bird discounts for joining and extra referral fees during the months of June and July. (Please see the enclosed letter for details.)

We suggest that you keep a spare info pack in a car seat pocket in your car, as it is surprising how often you might be asked for one.

First Semester Report

The deadline for submitting Term 2 tests to be included in the first semester report is 9 July.

Please ensure attendance sheets and PACE tests are sent in on the first business day of the month.

2009 NAPLAN Results Comparison

We have included an analysis of last year's NAPLAN results in this mail out. A comparison was made of students who started with us at the start of 2008 with students who joined the school more recently. The results clearly show that the

longer a student stays with our program, the better their literacy and numeracy skills.

We encourage you share these findings with your children.

Announcements Page Updated

Please visit our announcements page on our website to view the dates for all upcoming activity days and camps. We have also updated our home page and improved the look and feel of the site.

Parent Mentor Visit

Remember to contact the office to book a visit from Mrs. Janine Wood, our parent mentor.

We all need a word of encouragement or a question answered, from time to time. Janine would love to visit you if you live in the Greater Perth Metropolitan area.

Teacher Visit

If you have a more academic query that you feel would work best with a home visit, please contact the office to see when a teacher will next be in your area.

Our aim is for our teaching staff to visit 60% of our families each year.

Upcoming Activity Days

ACC Southlands will be conducting three activity days in June.

- Thursday June 17 at Churchlands in Balcatta

- Friday June 18 at Mt Pleasant Baptist in Booragoon
- Wednesday 30 June at Greenfields Salvation Army Church in Mandurah

Flyers are enclosed and available from our website.

Camps in 2010

ACC Southlands will be having 2 camps in 2010. Our three day Family Camp will be in the same venue as last year but this time it will be held in November.

We will also be running a leadership camp for students 15 and older in September. Both camps are at Manjedal Scout Centre, just south of Perth.

Flyers and application forms are enclosed and are also available from our website. Places for the Leadership Camp are strictly limited, so get your application in quickly or you may miss out.

Athletics Day 5 May

ACC Southlands held its second Athletics Day on 5th May at WA Athletics Stadium. Athletics events included discus, high jump, long jump, sprints, relays, soccer, footy kick and novelties games for younger students.



Supervisor Tip of the Month

A common question that parents ask is, "May I allow my child to skip a page when I am confident that he or she knows the material?" The answer is yes, of course you may.

We trust your judgement in this matter, but if you are unsure please contact the office and we will discuss if it is appropriate for your child.

Another question concerns the North American content of some PACEs. As the study of North American culture and history is not part of our compulsory curriculum you are also able to skip these pages. When it comes to the PACE test, those questions may be omitted.

You will be able to determine their percentage score by considering the reduced total score. So if two questions were omitted worth 4 points each, and your child scored 84 marks their percentage score will be $84/92 = 91\%$.



vCampus Chat www.vcampus.acc.edu.au

Hey, have you been on ACC Chat?

We have parents and students in WA who would love to chat

Chat is a great way to meet other students and parents

It's live. It's monitored by ACC staff and parents (for safety)

It's happening every week. Don't miss out!

Parents Chat

Wednesday 12:00 noon WA
&Thursday 9:30am WA

Secondary Common Room Chat

Thursday 12:00 noon WA

Primary Common Room Chat

Tuesday 12:00 noon WA

Cool Kittens Chat (8 and under)

Monday 12:00 noon WA

Full Access

Gives access to Forums, Chat

For full access ensure that your Australian Christian College office has a copy of:

- a photo ID of either parent
- a current correct email address

Any Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Mr Mark Ogilvie markogilvie@acc.edu.au at our office to help gain access.

Peter Adam's Online Science Course

We expect Peter Adam's online course to be available early June. (The delay has been due to technical issues loading videos and documents.) All those who have already registered will be

contacted to explain how to log on and commence the course.

Parent Support Groups

Social Group– North Central Perth

Steven Byron one of our parents in Stirling would like to start up a social group for children of families in the north central Perth area. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Steven on his mobile on 0430186425.

North of the River Support Group

Time and venue to be advised.

Please call MJ for further details 0402 484 909

Rockingham/Mandurah Support Group

Contact :

Sarah Gordon

9439 5577/ 0433960066

sarahandandrew.gordon@gmail.com

I will be away on holiday from 5th to 18th June.

Afternoon in the park

@ Bell Park, Wanliss St Carpark

Wednesday 9th June

12.30pm onwards

contact for this activity is Jenny Hill 0412356027

Coffee and Dessert Evening

Saturday 26th June 7pm

Parents time out

\$5 per person

Venue to be advised

RSVP : 19th June

to Sarah Gordon

Kalgoorlie Support Group

If you are interested in getting together please contact Joanne Yarrow 9022 8916

Port Hedland Support Group

If you are interested in getting together please contact Marie Derschow on 9172 2478

Trading post

For Sale

Score Keys (Test Keys inc.)

Math 1017;1025;26;27

English 1025 - 1028

Word Building 1025 – 1028

Science 1025 – 1028

Social Science 1028 -1028

Creative Writing 1025 – 1027

Please contact Cathy Cook Ph: 9732 1052

Score Keys

Word Building:

1001,1002,1003,1013,1014,1015,1016,1022,1023,1024,1025,1027,1029,1037-39,1040-42,1043-45,1046-48,1049-51,1052-54,1055-57,1058-60,1061-63,1064-66,1067-69,1070-72,1073-75,1076-78,1079-81,1082-84,1085-87,1088-90,1091-93.

Animal Science: 1013-15

Bible Reading: 1022-24

Literature&CW: 1013-15,1016-18,1019-21,1022-24,1049-51,1052-54,1055-57,1061-63(x2),1064-66,1070-72.

English: 1022,1023,1024,1025,1037-39,1040-42,1043-45,1046-48,1049-51,1052-54,1055-57,1058-60,1061-63,1064-66,1067-69,1070-72,1073-75,1076-78,1079-81.

Math:

1013,1014,1015,1016,1017,1018,1019,1020,1021,1024A,1025,1026,1027,1028,1029,1030,1031,1032,1033,1034,1035,1036A,1037-39,1040-42,1043-45,1046-48,1048A,1049-51,1052-54,1055-57,1058-

60,1060A/1072A,1061-63,1064-66,1067-69,1070-72 (Revised),1073-75,1076-78,1079-81,1079A,1080A/1095A.

Science:

1001,1002,1003,1013,1014,1015,1016,1022,1023,1024,1037-39,1040-42,1043-45,1046-48,1049-51,1052-54,1055-57,1058-60(x2),1061-63,1064-66,1067-69,1070-72,1073-75,1076-78,1079-81,1082-84,1085-87,1088-90,1091-93.

Social Studies:

1001,1002,1003,1013,1014,1015,1016,1017,1018,1019,1020,1021,1022,1023A,1024A,1037-39,1040-42,1043-45,1046-48,1049-51,1049A-51A,1052A-54A,1055A-57A,1058A-60A,1061-63,1064-66,1067-69,1070-72,1073-75,1076-78,1079Q/1079N/1079V,1079S/1079W/1079T,1080A,1081A,

Social Studies-World Geography(1-3)1097-99

All score keys \$2 each plus postage, or The lot for \$300 (save \$38) plus postage. Most in great condition.

Contact: Pip: 0413 773 497 or 08 9390 0254 (near Armadale area, WA)

This months Memory Passage

*Practice reading the memory passage aloud each morning before commencing academic work
Adjust the amount of Scripture verses to suit the age/ability of the student*

Phillipians 4:4-11(New King James Version)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity.

¹¹ Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content