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Greetings to all parents and students!

I have an idea!

Our Distance Education staff at ACC Southlands never have any clue of what might be around the corner when I announce, “I have an idea”.

Whether it is let’s have a family camp, or a leadership camp or a Life Skills Award or a mobile library or a family visitation program, they ask, ‘Could you please say that again, and how are we going to make this work?’

My latest project is that we should produce ten resource papers on topics of interest to our families that will be posted on our website and also included in the monthly newsletters.

I believed that everyone had a valuable contribution, so each teacher was asked to make an individual submission, as well as be part of a final brainstorming session.

Lord willing, you will see the fruits of our efforts on the web and in subsequent newsletters.

Our first topic for your encouragement is:

13 Reasons Why Distance Education Will Work For You

1. Because you have responded to the call of God on your heart

When we know that something is the *right* thing to do, all the challenges and difficulties become so much smaller. The Lord gives us all the strength and assistance that we need at *exactly* the right time. God has not called you to disappointment, but to success!

2. Because you are prepared to ask for help from God, ACC – Southlands and others

Unlike the Simon And Garfunkel hit song *I Am A Rock, I Am An Island*, you realise that you can’t do everything yourself and that you need help from God, your spouse, your children (who can assist with chores around the house), and of course our friendly staff who form part of your support team.

3. Because you know that your children are more important than a larger house

In our materialistic country, it is hard not to get caught up in house improvements and the property ladder. But by choosing distance education you have recognised that you are stewards of your children for a very short period of time. They grow up so quickly and then they are gone. The dream of a huge house will just have to wait.

4. Because it is less stressful than trying to teach them “after school” when they are tired

Your children will learn better at home when they are alert, and have not had to deal with a stressful day of travelling, noisy classrooms and playgrounds. Compared to trying to get your children to do homework after school when they are tired and grumpy, you will find education at home is so much easier.

5. Because you know that it is the best way to disciple your children

While you give thanks for your support team, you realise that your children look to you for most of their guidance, and will naturally want to follow in your footsteps. We call this the power of the *parent child dynamic*. You realise that this influence works best when you and your child are together, and that means during most of the day.

6. Because you have a group of qualified specialist teachers available to help

We have staff that are especially trained in, early childhood, middle primary, middle school a wide range of secondary subjects, as well as children with special needs. You may not need to use their help often, but it is so good to know that at any time you, or your child, can call for assistance on any subject and know that you will be receiving expert advice and tuition.

7. Because there is no lesson preparation

You are relaxed and confident as each day starts because you know that all the lesson material has been prepared, and that every subject for each of your children is ready, sequential, and at exactly their level. Education at home has never been easier.

8. Because you are part of a body of like-minded parents

At first you or your children may feel some loneliness, but with activity days, camps, online forums, pen pals and parent support groups you may soon find your social calendar starts to get rather full. And, that is before you get involved in after school sports, church groups, drama, ballet, scouts and meals with your neighbours!

9. Because it is affordable

We understand that you may have given up a part time job, but because our fees are affordable you can afford to teach your children at home, *and* have food on the table!

10. Because you will be actively involved in your children's education

When you send your children away for an education, you inevitably lose some control. However, at home, supervising every thing that they do, you become intimately involved in your child's formal education. This is incredibly fulfilling. You will know that you have become the teacher that your child will know and love the best.

11. Because you are working with a structured program

Children love routine and structure. You will find that our program will enable your child to see success, and progress towards realistic goals every day. Mastery learning, and constant revision mean that your child only has to learn things once, which means they are receiving a highly efficient education.

12. Because it is fun

Who said that being at home had to be boring? It will be fun because your home is a safe, loving, learning wonderland. Your amazing family is there, and you and your child will be making exciting discoveries together. In the kitchen your child learns not only home economics but maths, science and life skills; not to mention the garden, the park, the supermarket and the garage. Explore, share and laugh out loud!

13. Because you and your child's life will change

Scripture teaches us that the Word of the Lord does not return to Him void. You will see not only your child grow to love God more through our program, but you too will never be the same after allowing the 60 character traits and the Word of God which is embedded in our program become part of your life also.



Stuart Chapman

500 Students!

We are pleased to announce that we now have well over 500 students enrolled with Australian Christian College – Southlands. This is an amazing result and this certainly exceeded our expectations when we began distance education just over two years ago.

We also send a special welcome to all the 45 students that enrolled in the month of June alone. May your

time at ACC – Southlands be a time of great blessing as you learn about God and His amazing creation.

In the News

One of our students, Josh Silvi, was selected for the WA State Schoolboys Baseball representative team, playing in the National Schoolboys Baseball tournament held in Perth, during the week of May 10th through to May 15th.

Josh also accepted a written invitation to the Australian Major League Baseball Academy in Queensland on a 4-7 week scholarship worth over \$10,000.00.

He left for the Gold Coast on Saturday 29th May. Josh is one of only 6 boys from WA attending the academy this year and one of a total of only 60 from across Australia and Oceania. This is an extraordinary achievement and one that serves Josh well in his endeavour to play Baseball in the USA.

First Semester Report

Reminder: The deadline for submitting Term 2 tests to be included in the first semester report is 9 July. Reports will be sent in August newsletter.

On-line Ordering

If you have provided us with an email address, you should have received an invitation to do your ordering using our new online eStore. This will make ordering easier, faster and more reliable.

Please note that although the price for a PACE is quoted as \$8.20, all ACC - Southland customers will only be charged the discount price of \$4.60, which will appear automatically when item is added to the shopping basket.

To remove a wrongly added item you will need to click on the *Go to Basket icon* and place the quantity as zero. This will remove the item. The eStore cannot be accessed if your account is owing.

Overseas customers will not be able to access eStore until later.

If changing addresses or phone numbers, please let the school know, as changing it on eStore will not change it on our data base.

Please be sure to allow for freight on your order, or the order will not be complete.

If you have trouble accessing eStore, it may be that your email address is not valid.

All WA ACC-Southland families who have already received their first PACE order should have been sent a welcome email from the eStore. (Families that have recently joined will be sent an invitation after the college has sent their first order.)

If you have any queries or have not received the welcome email, please send an email to estorehelp@cem.org.au

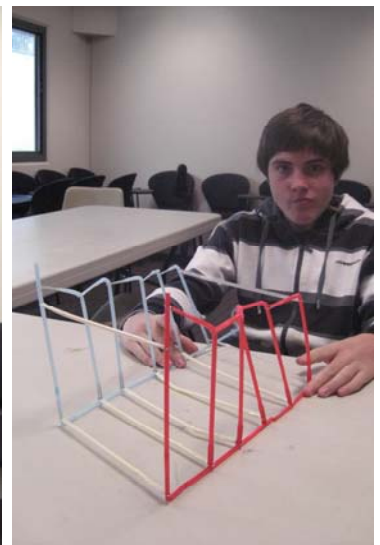
Activity Days

June was a busy month with three activity days in Balcatta, Booragoon and Mandurah.

We are particularly thankful for the parents and students who were willing to speak about their experiences on camera at the first two activity days. Mr Joel Harding, the camera man and producer, is currently putting together a web video which should be on our website by August.



Straw Constructions



Ensuring a house has a firm foundation



Experimenting with sound



Happy Indonesian Pupils



Making musical instruments in Science



I built my house on the rock

Upcoming Activity Days

There are two activity days in the first week of third term, in Balcatta and in a new venue at Sound City Church in Rockingham. Please register early. Flyers enclosed.

Art Group

MJ Sims invites you to join her family for an informal art group. The first session will be brainstorming and afternoon tea. Please bring samples of your art and ideas of art subjects you'd like to explore.

Ages: 14+

Date: Friday 9th July

Time: 2:00-3:30

Contact: crazi4horses@bigpond.com or 0402 484 909

Girls Book Club

At our book club we have been keen to hear everyone's opinions and have great conversations.

We welcome any new members, so please don't hesitate to join.

This month's book is *The Power of a Praying Teen* by Stormie Omartian.

The next meeting will be held on 31 July from 3.30pm to 5pm. Please ring Mrs Hawley at the school to join.

Leadership Camp 8-10 September

This is for students aged 15 and over and will be a significant time of growth for those who are fast approaching adulthood. Please register soon, as this will help with planning of activities. Forms are available on our website.

Family Camp 17-19 November

Remember to start saving and doing some part time jobs so that you can be part of this unforgettable experience. Forms are available on our website.

Dental Health

School dental therapy services are available for students aged between 5 – 17 years of age (or up to Year 12). Phone 9313 0555 or go to www.dental.wa.gov.au to locate the nearest Dental Clinic in your area. These are usually attached to a school in your local area/suburb. Once the Dental Clinic has been located and you have a contact phone number, families may make appointments for dental checks.

Monthly Test Returns: A friendly request

It would be greatly appreciated if you could group each individual child's tests together before sending them in. An easy way to do this is to simply enclose all the tests in one test. Please also ensure that each test is scored and has a pass mark before including them.

Do make sure the Attendance Sheet is correctly filled out, stating the exact number of school days attended out of the total number of school days for the month, excluding holidays and weekends.

Please use the **symbols key** provided. eg "a" for absent, "s" for sick etc. Explanations for any absences are to be written clearly on the back.

Please remember to complete the Family Details on the left hand side of the form. It is very important that we

receive these each month.

Please review the attendance sheet example that was included in your welcome pack.

ADHD and ADD Support Group

Does your child have difficulty staying on task?
Are relationships with your child strained to breaking point?

Would you like to share strategies that might help your child or help other families?

Would you be interested in joining a support group?
Please phone Merrill Graham at ACC-Southlands to express your interest.

Try-A-Trade Open Day

Is your child interested in a career as a plumber or painter? MPA Skills is a training organization for apprentices. They are inviting parents and students to attend a Try-A-Trade Open Day on Friday, 13 August 2010 at 106 Caledonian Ave, Maylands.

Two sessions are available for bookings, either 9.00am–11.00am or 11.30am–1.30pm.

Please RSVP by 1 August directly to MPA Skills on 9471 6600 or by email to reception@mpaskills.com.au

Supervisor Tip of the Month— Signing Check-ups

Check-ups divide a PACE into 4 parts, and allow the student to revise what they have learned regularly. It is important that their supervisor also checks to see if the student has understood that section of the PACE thoroughly before proceeding. This can be done by asking oral questions, or just getting the student to tell you about what he/she has learned.

It is also good practice to check that all supervisor scoring is done and signed, and that the student has neatly completed, and scored all work in that small section. If your child always gets a check-up signed, you have few pages to check each time, and can nip problems in the bud.

This is just as important with high school students, as although they are often independent workers, they will appreciate your interest in what they are learning, and the help you can give. They will also thank you later for checking that they doing their work diligently.

Autism Workshop

Families are encouraged to attend these free seminars. Please see enclosed flyer for more information.

School Office Holiday Hours

The school office will only be open 9am- noon during the school holidays.

Lifeline WA Card

Included with your newsletter is a LIFELINE WA card with a 24 hour helpline number that can be used if you need to talk to someone for counselling or help.

This can be given to teenage children, kept somewhere in your home in case of need, or passed on.

This helpline is advertised by Sonshine FM radio station, whose own care line (08) 9313 0888 is open from 9am to midday, and 7pm to 11pm.

You may also use the card to get a free sundae at McDonalds. See the back of card for conditions.

Secondary Assistance Scheme

If you qualified for the Secondary Assistance Scheme, the funds have now been deposited in your account. You may now ring the accounts department for your credit total.

Parent Support Groups

Eastern Suburbs Support Group

The Eastern Suburbs Support Group will be in recess until further notice.

Bunbury Area Support Group

To all ACC Southlands families in and around Bunbury: We are planning a get together on the 30 July 2010 at the Bunbury Baptist Church at 2pm

The address is:
175 Spencer Street
Bunbury
For more details contact
Audrey Mahon
tel : 08 9795 8216
mob : 0416 894 994
e-mail : justauds@gmail.com

Rockingham Area Support Group

Monday 26th July
@ Lark Hill Sports Complex
From 12.30pm onwards
Contact Sarah Gordon 9439 5577
sarahandandrew.gordon@gmail.com

Armadale Parent Support Group

The Parent Coordinator for DE Armadale area is Melanie Goldfinch. For more details please call 0412 578 648.

Northern Area Support Group

MJ Sims
10:30 wed 14th July;
Please RSVP by phone or email to confirm numbers ph email etc.

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.

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*Wanted:*

Second Hand ABC's Kit needed urgently.
Please contact Naomi on 0429 405 444

Wanted: Score keys for:

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Please contact Wendy Wells Mb: 0431 650 309 email: thefourwells@yahoo.com.au

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Please contact Chris on 0416 977 401 or email theviljoens@gmail.com

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Score Keys \$2 each, Literature Book \$10, plus postage & packaging

English: 1040-1042, Grammar 1
Maths: 1040-1042, 1043-1045
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Science: 1043-1045, 1046-1048
Word Building: 1037-1039
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Math

1016,1021,1022A,1023,1024A,1025,1026

English 1014,1015,1016,1064-1066

Literature and Creative Writing 1025-

1027,1028-1030

Basic Literature 8

Word Building

1020,1021,1022,1025,1026,1027,1028,1029,

1030, 1085-1087,1088-1090,1091-

1093,1094-1096 x2,

Science 1020,1021,1022

Social Studies 1020,1021,1022

Australian History 10-12

Biology 1097-1099,1100-1102

Email Joanne at brett.rolfe@optusnet.com.au or phone 0403 977141

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

Don't forget to record the memorised Scripture on the Attendance Record so they can be recorded on the quarterly report card.

ACC distributes this passage in the King James Version as it is copyright free. Families are free to use a version that they prefer if they so choose.

Please note if you want a copy in your own favourite version you can probably download it from www.biblegateway.com

Psalm 136 1-9 (New King James Version)

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!*

For His mercy *endures* forever.

² Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!

For His mercy *endures* forever.

³ Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!

For His mercy *endures* forever:

⁴ To Him who alone does great wonders,

For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁵ To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,

For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁶ To Him who laid out the earth above the waters,

For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁷ To Him who made great lights,

For His mercy *endures* forever—

⁸ The sun to rule by day,

For His mercy *endures* forever;

⁹ The moon and stars to rule by night,

For His mercy *endures* forever.