Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:11

Having a joyous, accepting, and secure atmosphere in a Learning Centre is to have a happy, accepting, and nonthreatening staff. Such a staff accepts others because each member accepts himself as a forgiven child of God. A loving God is developing in each staff person the Godly traits that please Him. They do not consider themselves to have “achieved,” or to be finished products but daily assume responsibility for continuing to become the people God wants them to be. Because they know God loves and forgives them, they will continue to love students who are mischievous or do wrong, who try and sometimes fail, and who themselves are always “becoming.”

Those in charge of the Learning Centre stand in a unique position because they represent the character of God. Each staff member is aware that in himself he is powerless. He knows, however, that God can give him love for the unlovable, patience for the most trying, and forgiveness for the most difficult child. Students can see that He is loving when authorities are loving. When forgiving, they can understand God’s forgiveness. When accepting each child as a person of worth, children can accept themselves as having good in them. Staff, wholly dedicated and surrendered to God, will fulfill the awesome, rewarding task of leading children to love and serve God.

The child is one of the most delightful of all God’s special creatures. He can be cocky, yet insecure. He can be eager, yet reluctant. He has learned many things in his few years, yet he is aware there is a vast amount he does not know. Thus, he thrives on learning.

This lively creature of such marvelous potential leaves his parents’ love, care, and nurture to be in the Learning Centre. For these hours, the pastor, administrator, supervisor, and monitor all assume great responsibility and become central in the child’s life, embodying all the good things his parents represent - protection, guidance, affection, and authority.

The Learning Centre - what a wondrous place to be! Each staff member helps mold and build a child’s view of God and Christ. His attitudes about Christian living are affected by all that is said and done in the Learning Centre. Sharing their Christian faith is the staff’s unique privilege and joy and is more important than anything else they say or do during the school day. Inexperienced, inquisitive lives are eager to be filled and completed as they learn about the Lord. What a wonderful privilege! What a breathtaking responsibility!

With God’s calling comes His enablement. He can work through school staff to provide for every boy and girl in the Learning Centre. Children and adults all need many of the same things - to be loved, to know someone cares, to be guided, and to be assured that all things work together for good because God is in control of the universe, and He does what is best for us.

When the way becomes hard or things seem to go awry, learn to look at it as a time for God to teach special lessons and give special joys. God promises the greatest strength for the greatest trial; His love is sufficient, and He promises to meet all needs. May we learn to be content. God wants to meet the staff’s needs for patience with the student who seldom does what is expected, for wisdom to help the student who is still puzzled after “one last explanation,” and for understanding the student who acts out because of the turmoil and distress in his soul. The answers will come - sometimes when quickly praying for guidance while bending over a little head, and sometimes when spending more time in personal prayer and Bible reading. It is a glorious privilege to train young lives through a Godly life example and help them develop academic tools needed throughout a lifetime of reading, writing, arithmetic, and speaking.

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New Staff Member at SCEE

For those of you who have not had the opportunity to meet him, Mr. Slabbert (Bert) Pretorius has recently commenced as the new Chief Operating Officer at SCEE.

Some 18 months ago the Board of Directors made the decision to search for a suitably qualified person to fill the role. My commitments outside of the office (conducting training, participating in Conferences and Student Conventions and building the ministry in growth areas) are increasing. This new appointment was intended to enable the business operations of the ministry to continue unhindered when I am away.

Having advertised the position Australia-wide and internationally, worked through a short list of candidates and conducted interviews, Mr. Pretorius was selected as the successful candidate and was appointed to the position in the middle of last year, with the intention that he commence work in October or November. Then came the challenge of obtaining appropriate visas for Bert and his family. This took far longer than any of us anticipated and in the end, turned into a 12 month process. Whilst we are delighted that Bert and his family are now in Brisbane, there is still work to be done to conclude the process and ensure that they obtain permanent residency status so that the work Bert is doing will be able to continue on into the future.

The Pretorius family, up until their move to Australia, lived on the Southern coast of South Africa in a beautiful location called Victoria Bay, near the delightful city of George. The family has been operating a holiday resort there for many years and Anna-Marie, Bert’s wife, will need to return from time to time to tidy up their personal responsibilities and oversee the handing over of the operation to the new custodians.

In searching for an appropriate person to fill this new role, the Board was seeking someone who had strong business credentials, had a ministry heart, was A.C.E. “literate” (i.e. was familiar with and had experience in the use of A.C.E.) and who was a capable speaker, in order to expand the versatility of our staff in presenting at Conferences and Conventions.

Bert Pretorius fills all of those roles admirably, holding a BA in Communications, an LTh and BTh (Hons) as well as a diploma in Financial Consulting. He has been a church pastor in South Africa since 1983 and, at the time of his invitation to join the staff here at SCEE, was the Principal of Vine Christian School in George, which operates on the A.C.E. Programme. Bert accepted that role after functioning for some time as the Chairman of that school's Board.

Bert Joins us in Australia with his wife, Anna-Maree and two daughters, Marcelle and Charlize, both of whom are seeking to continue their studies at Universities here in Brisbane. Having now been hard at work for the past three weeks, Bert has already made an impression within the ministry and was well received in his presentation of the devotions at our recent South Pacific Educators’ Conference.

Welcome to Bert Pretorius and his family!

Bob Gregory
Managing Director & CEO

PRAYER & PRAISE POINTS

• Pray for school staff and students as they prepare for Student Conventions. Pray especially for Fiji (July 10-14) and WA two weeks later.
  • Praise for the time of ministry and fellowship at SPEC
• Pray for school finances, student numbers, currency conversion is a huge issue for many schools in the South Pacific Region
  • Praise for recent staff training held in Indonesia (32 trainees)
• Pray for Janto & Ester Djaja as they plan for another training session in August in Indonesia
  • Pray especially for Christian Staff for schools in the Pacific Islands
• Pray for wisdom for the staff in the schools as they minister to the students each day.
• Praise the Lord that we are a part of this great ministry - reaching the world for Christ, one child at a time.
  • Pray for the issue of teaching Creation as Science
I was told recently that McDonalds core business is not hamburgers; it is in fact Real Estate. They simply use the sale of hamburgers to finance their real estate business. Although that may be an oversimplification it illustrates that the main aim of Christian Schooling is not academics; it is indeed Christian character; knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour and living for Him.

After International Student Convention we took our students to Creation Museum in Petersburg, northern Kentucky. I purchased a new book by Ken Ham, who is the President of Answers in Genesis, entitled, “Why Don’t They Listen”. Ken identifies that if people do not understand the first Adam they will not see the need of the second Adam. If the Gospel message is not founded on the fall of mankind from his perfect created state then the people will not see the need for a Saviour. It is true that knowledge of original sin is essential to the Gospel message.

I have just returned from conducting School Assistance Visits in Victoria, starting at Mt Carmel Christian School in Wodonga. One of the learning centres there is headed up by the Deputy Principal of the School, Mrs Sheeran. I was invited to her class specifically in the afternoon to take the devotions lesson when they had been studying the theme of Change. It occurred to me that this fitted with what I had been reading in Ken Ham’s book. God created and it was very good, then something changed; man sinned, then something changed; the relationship with God was broken; then after a while something changed; Jesus was sent to die in our place and something changed; there was a way back to God which I heard about and something changed in me; I accepted the Lord as my Saviour and something changed; my sin was forgiven and now I have eternal life and in the future something will change. The Lord Himself will descend from heaven bringing their children back to the school where they started.

The last day of the week found me at Mildura Christian College and it was the last day of their school term. Together with their term tea and awards presentation there was the official opening of new classrooms and administration block. Again it is a wonderful blessing to see, even in the face of persecution, the Lord is seeing to it that the blessings are abounding.

Two of the guests at the Opening were Mark and Matthew Forbes-Wilson who now run their father’s earthmoving and construction business and they were responsible for much of the earthworks and car park construction. Both Mark and Matthew were students of the College. Mr Steven Tresize is now the School Principal; he was a student of that college. Mr Phillip Jones was there who is a Board Member of the College and he also was a student of Mildura Christian College. What a blessing for me to be among these new giants of the faith who are continuing on to serve the Lord and see that there is a place for their own children to receive a Christ centred, Bible based education. Thank you ACE.

It was a blessing to be at the Open Day at River City Christian College at Echuca and meet some younger children who will be starting school next year and they are the School’s grandchildren. It is always exciting when the children of your school grow up and God blesses them with partners and then children are born to those parents and now they are growing up and God blesses them with grandchildren. It is always exciting to see this happen. This is the main aim of Christian Schooling is not academics; it is indeed Christian character; knowing Jesus as Lord and Saviour and living for Him.

I shared this same message during assembly at Olivet Christian College the next day because their memory passage was from Philippians chapter four where we read, rejoice in the Lord always. After the assembly a young girl said to her supervisor that she had never asked the Lord to be her Saviour and she wanted to. Mrs Evers, the supervisor of that learning centre had the privilege of leading that child to the Lord. The immediate response from the child was for her sister and father that are not saved. There is a sign of regeneration.... a heightened concerned for the lost. We are indeed, changing the World one child at a time.
Wow!! What a Team! What a result! What a great time in fellowship with God and other Christians! This was the ISC trip for 2011 and it was ‘the best ever’! I have included the results from ISC below for you to share:

1st Place (27)
Bethany Throns
Christian Worker, Pastels
Breanna Robertson ACC M DE - Christian Soldier, Afghans
Naomi Waqa COC - Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, Christian Worker
Julian Baker HSNZ - Golden Apple, 800 Metre Run (NEW ISC RECORD), Woodwind Solo
Hayley Beagrie HSNZ - Golden Lamb, Christian Worker, Counted Cross Stitch
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - Golden Harp, Formals
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Golden Lamb
Joel McGeorge HSNZ - Golden Apple, Golden Harp, Christian Worker, Oratory, Expressive Reading
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Clown Act
Jaksone Wallbank HSNZ - Golden Harp

2nd Place (11)
Dean Johnson ICC - Pennant Design
Moshe Jasper/Rebecca Watts ACSH - Piano Duet
Naomi Waqa COC - Oratory
Grant Baker/Julian Baker HSNZ - Instrumental Duet
Grant Baker/Julian Baker/Hayley Beagrie/Simon Beagrie HSNZ - Scripture Video
Julian Baker HSNZ - Music Arrangement

3rd Place (8)
Moshe Jasper ACSH - Piano Solo
Naomi Waqa COC - Sketching
Grant Baker/Julian Baker HSNZ - Non Linear Powerpoint
Julian Baker HSNZ - String Bowed Solo
Hayley Beagrie HSNZ - Embroidery
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Poetry Writing
Jaksone Wallbank HSNZ - Linear Powerpoint

4th Place (16)
Kelly-Anne Hill JCC - Watercolour
Jordan Baker JCC - Pennant Design
Dean Johnson JCC - Colour Photography Special Effects
Bethany Throns ACSH - Formals; Dramatic Monologue
Breanna Robertson ACC M DE - Crochet; Miscellaneous Instrumental Solo
Grant Baker HSNZ - Website Design; String Bowed Solo
Julian Baker HSNZ - Oratory
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - Linear Powerpoint
Nadia Duxfield/Caleb McDonnell/Jaksone Wallbank HSNZ - Radio Program
Joel McGeorge HSNZ - Illustrated Storytelling
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Music Composition

5th Place (10)
Moshe Jasper ACSH - Chess
Breanna Robertson ACC M DE - Social Studies Collection; Metalworking Sculpture
Naomi Waqa COC - Music Composition
Grant Baker HSNZ - Miscellaneous Instrumental Solo
Joel McGeorge/Jaksone Wallbank HSNZ - Male Vocal Duet
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Vocal Solo
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Expressive Reading
Joel McGeorge HSNZ - Preaching

6th Place (6)
Kelly-Anne Hill JCC - Table Tennis
Moshe Jasper ACSH - 800m Run
Joshua Cullen SEHE - Tennis
Bethany Throns ACSH - 200m Run
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - Coats/Suits
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Music Arrangement
Joel McGeorge HSNZ - Famous Speech

7th Place
Hannah Thornes ACSH - 100m Run
Bethany Throns/Leah Throns ACSH - Dramatic Dialogue
Leah Throns ACSH - Clown Act
Lydia Kunai ICA - Social Studies Collection
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - Essay Writing

8th Place
Bethany Throns ACSH - Sketching
Breanna Robertson ACC M DE - Expressive Reading
Grant Baker HSNZ - Music Arrangement

9th Place
Moshe Jasper/Rebecca Watts ACSH - Dramatic Dialogue
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - Coloured Pencils
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - String Bowed Solo
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Illustrated Storytelling

10th Place
Bethany Throns HSNZ - Pen & Ink
Moshe Jasper ACSH - Music Arrangement
Breanna Robertson ACC M DE - Non Linear Powerpoint; Illustrated Storytelling
Naomi Waqa COC - Dramatic Monologue
Felisha Kumberi ICA - Knitting
Esther-Shahn Naylor HSNZ - String Plucked Solo

11th Place
Jordan Baker JCC - Poetry Writing; 800m Run
Dean Johnson JCC - Colour Photography Computer Enhanced

12th Place
Dean Johnson JCC - Non Linear Powerpoint
Jordan Baker JCC - Running Long Jump
Ruth Leki ICA - Bible Memory
Rita Vege ICA - Crotchet
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Website Design
Nadia Duxfield HSNZ - Woodwind Solo

13th Place
Ruth Leki ICA - Embroidery
Goasa Geita ICA - Knitting

14th Place
Felisha Kumberi ICA - Crotchet
Benjamin Kapia ICA - Preaching (ages 13-15)
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Linear Powerpoint
Hannah Jenkinson HSNZ - Woodwork Construction

15th Place
Grant Baker HSNZ - Social Studies Collection
Simon Beagrie HSNZ - Running Long Jump
Caleb McDonnell HSNZ - Colour Photography Computer Enhanced
Hannah Jenkinson HSNZ - Poetry Recitation

School Names
AChS Australian Christian Home Schooling
ACC M DE Australian Christian College
Moreton DE
COC Christian Outreach College FUJ
HSNZ Home Schooling NZ
SEHE SouthEast Home Education AUS
ICA Institute of Christian Academy PNG
What an amazing effort – we brought home 78 medals and had 124 places in total in over 74 events. God has equipped our students in the South Pacific with amazing gifts and talents and we are proud of not only their achievements at ISC, but also of their behaviour. They are a group of young people to be admired.

South Pacific Educators’ Conference

This was an amazing time of fellowship, sharing and learning. God used our keynote speaker Mr Daniel Govender in a mighty fashion to touch the lives of all who attended. We were awed by the science experiments from Mr Jared Khu, amazed by our resident Maths whizz Mr Philip Chapman, and encouraged and challenged by presentations from Kathleen Carins of the SCEE Educational Services Department and Rhonda Davies in regard to Learning Difficulties and ACE. Dr George Sears presented a sneak peek at a service soon to be offered by SCEE - Learning From Your Strengths - which gave those delegates participating in these sessions much to think about in their own personal and professional lives.

Student Convention Tech Tips #8

The number one ‘item’ of importance in creating a poster is the PURPOSE. “What is my poster saying?” If you take a look at the Guidelines (Pg AR. 15), many of the categories affect what the viewer sees in your artwork. If your message is obscure, not easily identified, or does not stand out, then the poster does not serve its purpose.

In advertising, the best posters have a short simple message that is very clear. A poster should do exactly that – display a message. It is not just a picture in black and white, with perhaps a very small amount of colour. Some posters can also be effective just in black and white, with perhaps a very small amount of colour.

A couple of other things to remember:
1. Colour
   The colours that you choose need to harmonize. It is ok to have contrasting colours (i.e. blue & red), however, clashing colours are sometimes painful to look at (i.e. fluoro yellow & pink). Some posters can also be effective just in black and white, with perhaps a very small amount of colour.

2. Content
   Try not to make your poster too crowded. If you are going to use a lot of images, make sure that they are arranged in such a way that it does not distract from the overall look of the poster.

3. White space
   In general, large white spaces are not your friend. Unless there is a very specific purpose in it, avoid the use of large white spaces. White text however, can be very effective, especially on a dark background.

The use of posters is a great technical art that can branch into many things – marketing, billboards, graphic design etc. Keep at it – we need Christian designers and artists in an ever increasing world of constant advertising!

God Bless!
Karl Duxfield
Schools Services Department

*If you don’t have these editions of the Sceelerator, you can download them from www.scee.edu.au

Fiji Convention

We leave on Saturday 9th July for Fiji and are very much looking forward to this Convention. The staff in Fiji are busily preparing for our arrival and are, I know, praying for God to move mightily at this Convention.

As always, if you have any ideas or resources or comments in regard to Student Convention or the Guidelines, please email me at kathyfisher@scee.edu.au

Kathy Fisher
Convention Coordinator

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Student Convention

Newsflash

Dramatic Monologues

There appears to be some confusion about exactly what a Dramatic Monologue is so here is a definition that should clarify this issue.

A monologue is a form of dramatic entertainment by a single speaker as a single character. It can be in the form of poetry or prose but must be a single speaker in the first person, speaking alone.

It appears that some judges have confused this with a soliloquy which is an utterance or discourse by a person who is talking to himself or herself and is disregarding or oblivious to any hearers present (including the audience). It is often used as a device in drama to disclose a character’s innermost thoughts e.g. Hamlet’s soliloquy which begins “To be or not to be...” It is, in essence the act of talking as if alone.

While a soliloquy may be presented as a monologue, all monologues DO NOT have to conform to the definition of a soliloquy.

Please direct any questions regarding this to schools@scee.edu.au
Birth Rate Challenges

This is the very thing that is behind the massive Islamic advancement in the West. Muslim immigration and birthrates are much higher - and their numbers are already growing alarmingly in Europe. Many believe that within 20-30 years Islam will have the numbers to make a move on several Western European nations. Sharia Law with nuclear weapons, anyone?

But the saddest thing of all in this whole “birth-rate” business is that the Christians seem to have swallowed the same lies as the secular people. Did you know that all the way through the Bible, children are seen as a “blessing” - and the more you have, the “richer” you are in so many ways? But we Westerners have been brainwashed to believe the opposite. And it is literally killing us.

The greatest cause of our birthrate collapse is that we have allowed the modernists and feminists to convince us that children are a “nuisance” - that they are inconvenient and ‘expensive’ and take away our “fun” and our “career”. These people have appealed to the utter selfishness of our age to convince us to have less and less children - directly against the commandment of God to “Be fruitful and multiply.”

And so even Christians in the West start acting like children are more of a “curse” than a blessing. They put off having them as long as possible, and have as few as they can. This attitude is as opposite to the Bible as you can get. And it is now causing a crisis beyond imagining right around the Western world.

Instead of allowing it to be “God who opens and closes the womb,” today we think it is fine to use every pill and surgical operation and medical trick in the book to take God right out of the equation. We simply decide, “We’re not going to have more children,” and make sure God cannot “open and close the womb” any more. And so we are dying as a people.

Can anyone tell me why the Christians today are listening to the secularists and humanists on this topic rather than God? Can anyone tell me why we don’t have our “quivers full of arrows” which are the children that the Bible tells us are such a blessing? Why are we letting these liberals and modernists direct how many children we have?

If the secularists want to insist on having only one or two children and wipe themselves out, that is their perogitive. But I fail to see why the Christians have to follow along. I only wish that every godly Christian couple in the West would have 8 children or more to make up the difference! Now that would be a “quiver-full,” just like the Bible says! And in a couple of generations the Christians would be running the whole show!

But seriously, this is a very urgent problem. And I cannot see why the Christians today do not see this as a giant OPPORTUNITY to obey the Bible and make a huge difference in the world. Our attitude towards children needs to change. They need to become a “blessing” again. We need to forget our feeble excuses of ‘expense’ and “inconvenience” and ‘lifestyle’ - and get back to God’s way of looking at children. We need to start having large families again, and we need to train them up to be true “arrows” in the hands of the Lord.

Here’s to a gigantic “baby boom” amongst the Christians, my friends - before it is too late.

Convention Donations

We have had some enquiries about how to help students attend student convention when they can’t afford it. If you would like to make a financial contribution please contact the Schools Services Department for details.
Imanuela Akatemia in Rarotonga has had a number of changes this year. The principal, Jonathan Nand, is now a nonteaching principal and this release from being daily in the learning centre has enabled him to establish a number of things in this growing school. From the beginning of the year Mr Wayne Ralph has been the supervisor in the senior learning centre. Wayne is from NZ and was principal of the Southern Lakes Christian School in Queenstown. The school now has about 80 students from new entrants to Year 13. A staff training course was held at the school in May where I assisted Jonathan conduct the course.

Monitor Missions in Vanuatu

Matthew Shepherd from the Living Way School in Wellsford has been in Vanuatu for over a month now. For the first week he assisted me with a 5-day training course in Luganville, on the northern island of Santo. There were five schools represented. After the training Matthew went to the Jehovah Nissi school on the island of Malekula to assist them establish good ACE procedures. This is the first time a Monitor Missions student has served on Malekula and the conditions there are less Westernised than on Santo or in Port Vila. He is coping well.

Palmerston Lucky School

This little school on Palmerston Island in the Cook Islands is quite unique. It must be the most isolated ACE school in the world. The only way to get there is on a freighter that may take weeks (sometimes months) to get there and that is only about 2 or 3 times a year. The total population of Palmerston Island is 70 people and 30 of these attend the school. The school is actually a state school and the principal, Yvonne Masters, is paid by the government but it is solidly ACE — the only thing that Yvonne will use. Three NZ students have served on Monitor Missions at this isolated school.

Joel McGeorge will be experiencing a huge change of cultures while he is in Vanuatu on Monitor Missions - he had just returned from a month in USA, had a few days at home to wash and repack ready for the trip. Joel was one of the many NZers who attended the International Student Convention recently.

Joel will be assisting as a monitor in the Jehovah Jireh School in Port Vila. Jeanica Tanga, who visited the McGeorge family while in NZ last year, is a supervisor at the school. News just in...Joel has arrived in Vanuatu and has been put straight to work in the classroom. He is also learning about life in the islands...like cold showers!!
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South Pacific Educators’ Conference 2011
A great time of fellowship was had by all in attendance