Today’s editorial is the final in the series looking at six key habits that research suggests will assist us in building lasting, loving connections with our children. As we have discovered, time is at the heart of each of the six habits. The onus is on us, the adults, not only to see our children as worthy of our time and attention, but to create events, appointments and family traditions that support our love for each other.

The final ‘key habit’, and something that matters much more than the name might suggest, is FUN! Fun time is going to be most valuable if you have already connected to your child – you know what makes them laugh, what motivates them and what excites their senses. Once you build a ‘fun’ connection with your child there are a range of things that you can be assured of.

Firstly, a greater level of respect will exist between you, based on the trust that forms when one person says to another, “I care about you enough to include you on my priority list and I like you enough to just hang out”. When we help other people enjoy their own life they notice.

Secondly, these free opportunities to get to know each other in a different way with focus less on the natural hierarchy of the family unit. This ‘level playing field’ is your opportunity to play together and take less notice of your family’s normal roles. Fun Time (or whatever name your family decides to use) is a great opportunity for allowing choice, which is part of what relaxes children and makes them feel appreciated. Kick a ball, climb a mountain, build sandcastles, hunt for some geocaches, play board-games, sing together, look through old movies or photos, create a project, bake biscuits, skype an aunty – anything your child chooses that is healthy and fun.

Research proves that our child’s brain ‘lights up’ when love connections involve something fun. Children will be more resilient. Forgiveness and acceptance are made real as your child sees that there is a time to push away all responsibility and anxiety to ‘party with parents’. God created us for our pleasure and His. He gave us a full day of rest, the Sabbath, from the very beginning of the world so that we can enjoy what he made. The things of nature, friends, family and a work-free 24 hours (every week) are God’s gift to a human family in need of fun.

So there they are. When you give TIME, LOVE, WORDS, STORIES, TRIBES and FUN routinely to your child, a transformation will take place.

Not perfect at it? Me either. Worth the effort? Absolutely!

Christian Regards,
Ian Humphries
NOTICES:

TERM FEES
Thank you to those families who were able to pay their fees and take advantage of our prompt payment discount.

STILL LOOKING FOR HELPERS FOR TUCKSHOP & FRUIT PROGRAM
Parents, friends and family, if you are available and can provide any assistance for any of the following please let the office know:-
• Tuckshop on Mondays 11.00-12.00
• Cutting fruit between 12.30-1.00 everyday

BATTERY WORLD
Reminder to bring in your old batteries - we have a dumping bin in our office and these go towards raising funds for our school. (Please no car batteries)

YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME
The deadline is looming for this terms fundraiser - “Your Inspiration at Home” spices. There are some samples in the office to have a look at or smell!

Please have finalised orders in to the office together with payment by this coming Monday 17 August, 2015.

KEEP BRINGING IN YOUR WOOLIES

BOOK FAIR
Next Monday August 17, Tuesday August 18 and Wednesday August 19 our annual Book Fair will be held in the library. Come and view the books on display on the library.

MRS BOONE’S PANCAKE DAY
“Friday August, 21”
First break 11.00am-11.30am
$5.00 for all you can eat
Family & Friends
Welcome to Join Us!

DATES TO REMEMBER:
MONDAY AUG 17
YOUR INSPIRATION AT HOME ORDERS DUE
MONDAY AUG 17 TO WEDNESDAY AUG 19
BOOK FAIR
THURSDAY 20 & FRIDAY 21
ENDLESS PRAISE WORKSHOPS
SUNDAY AUG 30
WORKING BEE 8.00am to 12.00pm
FRIDAY SEPT 18
LAST DAY OF TERM 3
TUESDAY SEPT 22-27
JUNIOR CAMP MAGNETIC ISLAND
SEPT 27-OCT 4
TEEN X 2015 HINCHINBROOK
TUESDAY OCT 6
FIRST DAY TERM 4
WEDNESDAY OCT 7
SWIMMING COMMENCES
Thank you to our families & friends who were able to assist with transporting the kids to and from Red Track. Our boys placed 3rd overall in the boys division for Small Schools.

A big congratulations to Jeremiah Mote who has been selected to go on and represent the school at the North Queensland Athletics Trials in the 200 metres - well done Jeremiah!

Well done to the following children who put in a big effort and represented our school exceptionally at Red Track:-

- Damien Acres
- Aurora-Rose Kawana
- Alexander McNabb
- Tashvi Goundar
- Rayan Tahir
- Fanialla Scott
- Ella Wilkinson
- Hunter Dale
- Isaac Dawes
- Dakota Murison
- Brooklyn Acres
- Rachellie Savuro
- Joshua Dawes
- Ary Jalaleddine
- Lochlan Rogers
- Jeremiah Mote
- Mikki Quilala
- Ethan Dawes
- Sharree Feaks
- Harvey Biddlecombe

JUNIOR CAMP
22 - 27 Sept. 2015
MAGNETIC ISLAND

- Age: 10 - 12 yrs
- Where: Magnetic Island Apex Camp

COST:
- Early Bird $295
- Friend or Family discount $270 - 2nd August
- *Late Fee $310 - 3rd August
- Includes transport from Townsville.
- *Northern Territory Teens no cost before August 2, just get to Townsville. $25 Late Fee from August 3.

BRING:
- Food, clothes, sleeping gear, tent, cooking implements, wet weather gear, and a pack to put it in.
- A detailed list of what to bring will be sent to you after you register to attend.

APPLY NOW
https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/777
Application Close 11th September
Any Questions? email: rebeckahwoolfe@adventist.org.au or Phone: 07 4779 3988

APPLY NOW
https://events.adventist.org.au/Registration/Event/778
Application Close 12th September
Any Questions? email: rebeckahwoolfe@adventist.org.au or Phone: 07 4779 3988
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the last two terms at Riverside Adventist Christian School, the Grade 2/3/4 class have been growing a variety of vegetables including beetroot, tomatoes, basil, spring onions and lettuce.

The students have worked hard to nurture these plants from tiny seedlings right through to harvesting their fruit. We have used this project to provide students with service opportunities, donating their produce to help the community.

Students have given away 15 bags of lettuce with handwritten notes to visitors in the church caravan park. They received several cards of thanks, which put smiles on all their faces. This week we also gave away a box of vegetables to the local Community Pantry project which provides food for people in need. It is awesome to see students enjoying the act of giving and we are very excited to grow our next crop of vegetables to give away.

AWARDS

Principal Award

Went to Pierre Jayme! Pierre and his family have now moved down to the Sunshine Coast. We wish them well and God’s blessings for the future. Thank you for being such a valuable part of our school for the past 5 years!

Years 2/3/4

Tyler Mahoney for being a good team member & helping others.

ENDLESS PRAISE

Next Thursday, August 20 and Friday, August 21 we have the blessing of the Endless Praise Worship Team running workshops and Chapel at the school.

More details on times the workshops will be running will be posted next week. We would love to have you join us at these times!