



Newsletter 2021  
Week 5

Term 2

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON



THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTOR  
OF OUR FAITH

HEBREWS 12:2

## *From the desk of Mrs Meyer...*



I am excited! This week, we have commenced a new tutoring program for those students who would benefit from extra help in some areas, following the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent natural disasters. This was made possible by Snowy Mountains Christian School receiving a grant from The Association of Independent Schools of NSW (AISNSW).

This is such an answer to prayer! It will be a wonderful opportunity for our students to have extra help during school hours, as the program is to be delivered in addition to existing classroom teaching in partnership with classroom teachers.

The tutoring program will be under the supervision of Mrs Elyse O'Connor, High School Coordinator, and Miss Amelia Raymond, who will be the main tutor. Miss Raymond has been casually teaching for SMCS throughout this year and is currently finishing her degree in teaching in Canberra.

### *A note from Miss Raymond....*

A little about me..... I am in my final year of my Primary Education Degree at the Australian Catholic University. Last year I had the honour of doing my placement at Snowy Mountains Christian School and absolutely loved my time here. This year, I have had the opportunity to take part in casual relief days at SMCS. This has been a wonderful experience to get to know all the students from a variety of different classes.

Teaching has always been a passion of mine, to see my students grow and flourish in their academics but also as individuals. My teaching style is fair, firm and nurturing. I teach through a Christian lens and aim to build my students up to become the best versions of themselves - with Christ as their role model. While all subject areas interest me and are an enjoyment, my favourite subject has always been Literacy. I hope to pass my enthusiasm for reading and writing onto my students.

This year has also brought new and exciting opportunities with the new tutoring program being implemented into SMCS. I will present the students with a warm and welcoming environment for them to learn, ask questions, and be open about how they are going in their learning. I will be that support for them, guiding them through the tutoring program. Many benefits will flow from this program and I look forward to helping my students. Thank you.

Miss Amelia Raymond.



We look forward to seeing Miss Raymond tutor small groups from both Primary and High School.

Thank you also to the AISNSW for your generous Grant!

Mrs Ella Meyer

### ***Getting to know the staff at SMCS.....***

*Mr Andrew Shumack*

*(The in-house comedian, and allround nice guy)*

***What is your role in the school?***

My roles at the school are many and varied. I teach Stage 4 Music and Mandatory Tech, Stage 5 Music and Timber Tech, High School Sport and K/1/2 Gross motor. I also oversee student welfare for the high school boys. My duties also include taking care of the veggie garden out the back of the school and more recently the establishment of the native garden next to the chook (duck) pen! Any jobs that require height, a drill or an angle grinder tend to come my way as well! A pay rise I hear you say! Send all petitions to John Van der Hout (Chairman of SMCS Board!)

***How long have you been a part of SMCS?***

I have been part of SMCS since 2011

***What are you passionate about?***

Making the educational experience fun and engaging for both students and staff (People of all ages learn better when they are enjoying themselves).

Wanting the best for our students!

Worship leading at church with my guitar turned up to 11!

Being a good steward of nature, regenerative farming is the way of the future!

***What do you do for fun?***

I like to hang out with fun people, make and play guitars, watch Carlton generally lose, embarrass my children, wack the odd golfball, swim in pools and the ocean, sail, and laugh at politically incorrect humour.

Please see my profile picture - pre workout!



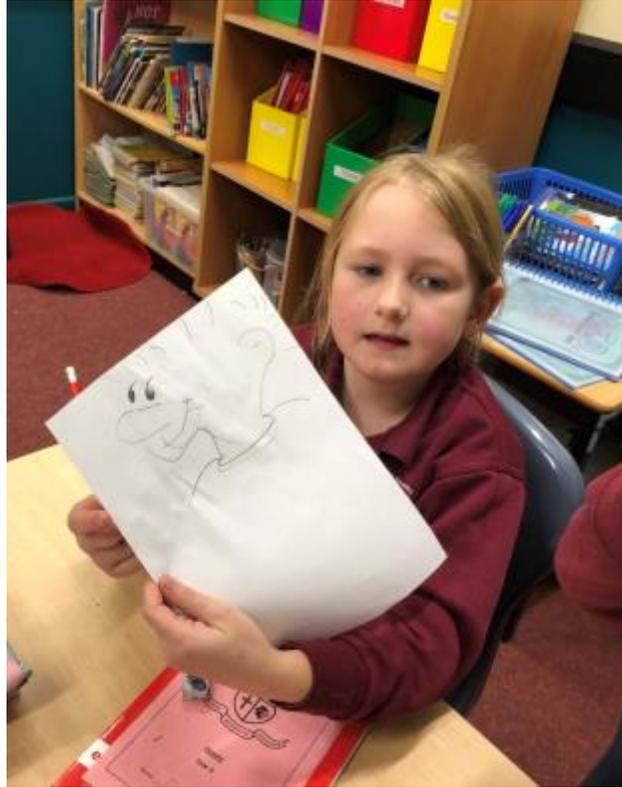


## Primary Mutterings



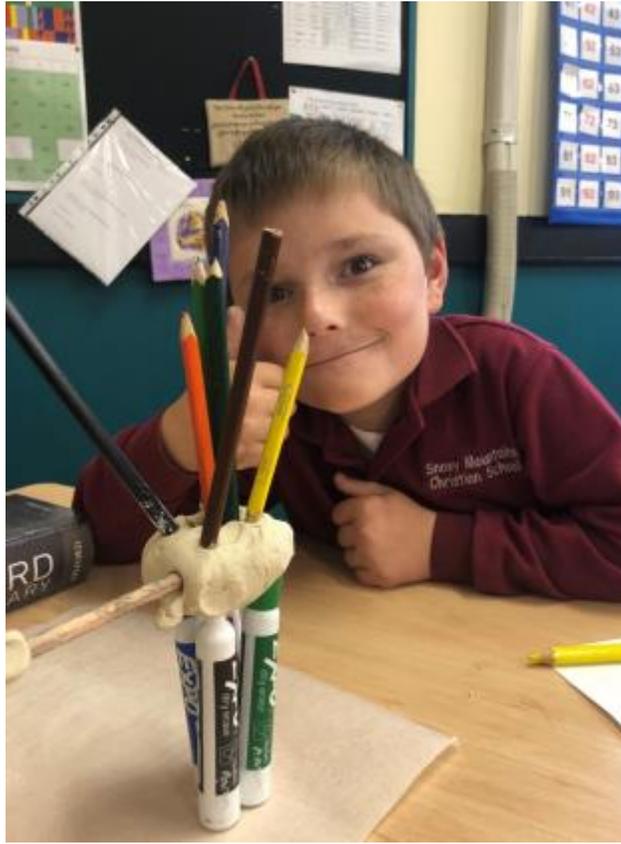
As part of the Physical Development unit this term, Year 3 and 4 have been learning about how special they are and the advantages of a Growth Mindset rather than a Fixed Mindset. Students have a Growth Mindset if they believe they can achieve a goal though hard work and persistence. A Fixed Mindset is the opposite. It is where individuals give up because they believe that something is too hard to achieve. The students particularly enjoyed proving that they can draw cartoon characters, despite many people believing that they cannot draw.





For another part of this term's Health unit, the students are looking forward to having Year 5 and 6 join them on an excursion to help boost their activity levels. This will involve a bike ride around part of Lake Burley Griffin, later in the month. Be sure to look for photos from this exciting adventure in a later School Newsletter.

The students have been creating many different items with clay as part of this term's Creative Arts lessons. Some of these creations include a Mid-Century Ceramic Hand, a Pinch Pot and a Pencil Holder. Students generously gave their beautiful mum's some of their brilliant creations for Mother's Day. We trust all the mums will cherish them for a long time. Here are some photos of our little artists hard at work.





Mrs Amanda Forster  
3/4 Class Teacher

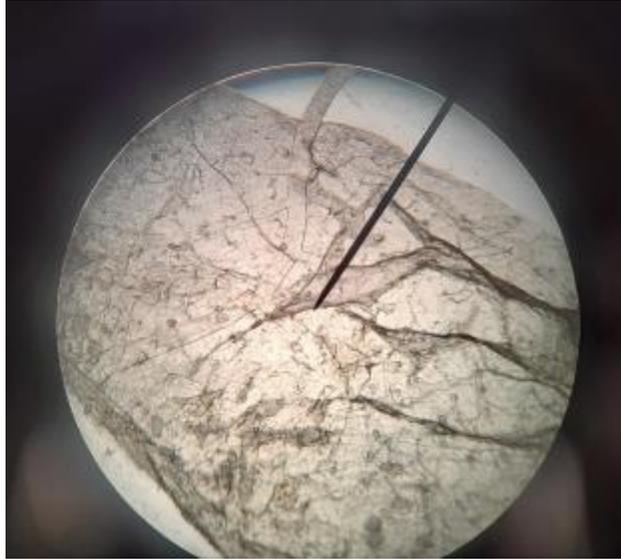
## High School News



This term the Year 9/10 students have been studying the nervous and endocrine systems, to understand how the body regulates its internal environment.

This fortnight we have been looking into the areas of the brain, and learning about their functions. We were lucky enough to finish this investigation with a sheep brain dissection practical lesson. This dissection enabled students to see firsthand how the brain is organised, what it feels like and the intricate colourings it has. Students labelled the key lobes of the brain, analysed brain cross sections and studied the nervous tissue under the microscope. Once we acclimatised to the awful smell, it was a fun and engaging learning experience.

Mr Jared Male







## Sport Spot



On Friday 28th of May, we have a number of Primary and Secondary students competing at the State Cross Country to be held at the The Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park. Please keep these students in your prayers as they train and compete at this very high standard.

At SMCS we have had our swimming and cross country carnivals. Next on the calendar is our athletics carnival. Students have three weeks to train for this carnival which will be held on Friday 11 June.

Students will compete against children in their age group and of the same gender. Age groups are determined by the age that students turn by and including, 31 December 2021.

For our junior students, those turning 7 or younger, there will be a modified athletics carnival held at school. While our students turning 8 or older, will walk to Snowy Oval to compete in the field events of discus, shot put, javelin, and long jump. While the 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m will be the track events. High jump will be held at school leading up to and, if necessary, after the athletics carnival.

We do require some parental assistance to run this carnival. If you can help, and you haven't as yet, let me know please email me on [dani.wadland@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dani.wadland@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

At the 2021 carnival, I'm looking forward to seeing a number of long-standing records being broken, an energizing sense of community and great sportsmanship on display as we enjoy a SMCS day outside on Friday 11 June.

Dani Wadland  
Sports Coordinator



*From the Student Service Council*



On Friday, the SSC kicked off their Term 2 fundraiser - **HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY!**  
All funds raised this term will go towards helping with High School and Primary camps.

We had a wonderful and organised group of students from the SSC, who prepared the hot chocolate mixture, (taste testing was done beforehand to ensure there was enough chocolate flavouring) set out the cups, took the orders and collected and counted the money.

If you bring a keep cup you will pay less and receive bonus marshmallows!

After this first week we have decided to increase the cost of the hot chocolates (we won't need to if more people bring keepcups!) to help us cover the costs of purchasing takeaway cups.

### **Hot Chocolate Fridays (Weeks 2-9)**

**When:** First Half of lunch

**Cost:** \$1.50 or \$1 if you bring a keepcup

Marshmallows will be served with each cup of Hot Chocolate.

#### **Organisation:**

- All students will line up in the link in one line.
- As students pay and give their order, they will be given a number
- When your number is called you will come and collect your order.

Happy Hot Chocolate Fridays!

SSC and Mrs Shumack



## School News



## NAPLAN

# NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

NAPLAN went well overall. This is the first time NAPLAN has been run since 2019. NESA were very supportive in regular email and updates and responding to any queries.

Year 3 can be very proud about how well they handled their first year of NAPLAN testing. They listened well to the scripted instructions, asked questions if they were unsure and persisted in getting the hang of the computer testing tools.

Congratulations to Year 9 on completing their final NAPLAN testing. Well done also to Year 7 - only one more to go after this!!

Thank you to all staff for their support in the running of NAPLAN over the past week. The IT trouble shooting was much appreciated.

Thank you Mrs England for overseeing the running of the Year 3 Writing test. Thank you to Mr Rendell who kindly gave up his time to come in each morning to check if all the NAPLAN Locked Down browsers were working.

Thank you also to Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Gotts, Mrs Wadland and Mrs Kamenyitzky for helping out in the computer lab before tests began with login, headphone checks and update installations!

A great team effort! Thank you everyone.

Kindest Regards

Emily Shumack

Teacher

## ***Glow in the Dark Disco!***

***Attention: All SMCS Primary School kids and Parents.***

Are you ready to dance?

Have you been looking for an excuse to wear all the neon clothes in your wardrobe?

Well then, wait no longer! SMCS will be holding a ***'Glow in the Dark Disco'!***

To be held on the 4th of June, from 5:30 – 7:30pm at the MPH.

A \$15 entry fee will also cover glowsticks, a drink, and a sausage sanga.

Please purchase your child's ticket on the school website!

<https://www.smcs.nsw.edu.au/events-1>

Extra snacks, drinks and glowsticks will be available on the night. These include:

\$1 - Packets of Chips and Popcorn

\$2 - Lolly bags

\$2 - Water or Juice Drinks

\$1 - Pack of 3 glowsticks

\$2.50 - Extra Sausage sandwiches

\$1 – Freddo Frogs



All proceeds to be put towards this Primary and Secondary School Camps.

A selection of outstanding, talented Year 9/10 students will be hosting games and competitions throughout the night.

Best dressed will win a prize and a photo booth will be available on the night.

The entire event will be a neon blast of awesomeness. See you there!

Organised by the Year 9/10 PASS class and the SMCS Fundraising team.



# COOMA SCHOOL LUNCHES

10% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

FOOD DRINKS SIDE ITEMS CONTACT

**Cooma School Lunches - through Subway - is available for you to place your order before 9.30am on *Mondays* and *Thursdays* for a yummy and healthy lunch order!**

Our friends from Cooma Lunches are going bigger and better! They will now offer a greater menu, incorporating a wider variety of choices. There are also several Gluten Free options available too! You can order the original wraps and salads we had last year as well as warm food. Lunches are delivered to the School for your convenience.

Please support this venture because it raises money for our school.

Just follow the link below and place your order by 9.30am on Mondays or Thursdays!

<https://www.coomaschoollunches.com.au/>

## *School Notices*





# SMCS

## *Free School Fees*

For every enrolment that results from your reference, you will receive one term's FREE SCHOOL FEES for one of your children AND the new family will receive a \$300 voucher to spend on SMCS school uniform.

Logistically, all you need to do is collect an enrolment form from the school office which will be marked with your name and give this to the new family.

This is a tangible way that we can grow SMCS in terms of scope, quality and numbers whilst sharing the benefits. May God bless you as you take up this call.

For more information, please contact Mrs Lucy Gotts at [finance@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finance@smcs.nsw.edu.au)



If you have any questions, concerns or wish to communicate to your child's class teacher/s, please feel free to contact them via the school office, Class Dojo (for Primary) or email them directly. Our teachers are happy to answer any questions or concerns that you might have!

[dani.wadland@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dani.wadland@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[liz.England@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:liz.England@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[amanda.forster@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:amanda.forster@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[janita.pristavu@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:janita.pristavu@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[emily.shumack@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:emily.shumack@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

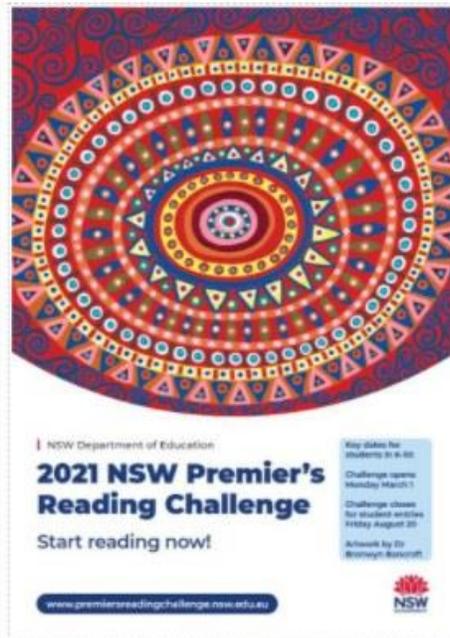
[elyse.oconnor@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:elyse.oconnor@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[andrew.shumack@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:andrew.shumack@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[jared.male@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jared.male@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

[ruth.salzke@smcs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ruth.salzke@smcs.nsw.edu.au)

## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021



The 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge opens on Monday March 1. If you would like your child to enter this Challenge you can obtain an entry form off the school website and send it in to school by the end of March so I can enter your child into the system. Don't forget you can keep track of books you are reading over the summer to be added to your reading log once the challenge opens.

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9.

Happy Reading

Mrs Amanda Forster

Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator

## *Community Notices*



## ***Subway Cooma***

We are hiring!

If you are 14yo + and hard working then let us know. We offer a supportive working environment, good pay, and a great team.

You will learn many things that will stand you in good stead later in life. It can however be hard work, particularly in busy periods like Winter and Easter. You will need to be available for at least two shifts a week. Weekend availability a necessity.

If this sounds like you please call Mark on 0414 591 303 for an interview.

This school holiday camp for Primary School aged kids is good value and will give kids an experience of Christian faith formation in a high quality early childhood expert delivered setting. It focusses on equipping primary school aged kids in Christian worship and ministry skills.

**Sandra Mortimer (Aux Lt)**

Corps Officer

**Cooma Corps**

**The Salvation Army Australia Territory**

[salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au)

**Email:** [sandra.mortimer@salvationarmy.org.au](mailto:sandra.mortimer@salvationarmy.org.au)

**Address:** 2 - 8 Mittagang Road, COOMA, NSW 2630

**Mail:** PO Box 85, Cooma, NSW 2630

**Phone:** +61 4 2910 5756



## equip kids 2021

Cost: \$130

Age: 7 years old - year 6

Locations:

Youthworks Shoalhaven  
(August 6-8)

Lake Mac Balcolyn  
(Aug 20-22nd)

SAVE  
THE  
DATE

## Calendar of upcoming Events



>>> May 2021

### >>> May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Working Day
2	3 Zone Cross Country	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10 NAFLAN work	11	12	13	14 NAFLAN ends Cobb Suchman Concert	15
16 SMCS AGM 12pm	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Exam week	25 Primary School Exorston Exam week	26 Exam week	27 Exam week	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

>>> June 2021

>>> June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4 Whole School Photo Day DISCO night	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Athletics Carnival	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 High School Camp Dorambola	22 High School Camp Dorambola	23 High School Camp Dorambola	24 High School Camp Dorambola	25 Last day of Term 2 High School Camp Dorambola	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

## 2021 SMCS solar generation



SMCS has almost 120 solar panels and 30kW system which are installed on top of the MPH roof.

## 2021 Term Dates

### 2021 Term Dates

*Term 1: Wednesday 27 January – Thursday 1 April*

*Term 2: Monday 19 April – Friday 25 June*

*Term 3: Monday 19 July – Friday 17 September*

*Term 4: Tuesday 5 October – Wednesday 8 December*

### Board of Directors

John Vanderhout (Chair Person)

Judy Taylor (Secretary)

Robert Wiles

Farhad Khan

Malcolm Anderson

Neil Poucher

## **Contact Us**

### **Snowy Mountains Christian School**

Cnr Baroona Ave & Boona St

Cooma, NSW 2630

02 6452 4333

office@smcs.nsw.edu.au

Visit us on the web at [www.smcs.nsw.edu.au](http://www.smcs.nsw.edu.au)

