



--Newsletter 2021  
3 Week 1

Term

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON



THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTOR  
OF OUR FAITH

HEBREWS 12:2

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



Welcome back to Term 3. It is so good that we can come back together, with “some” normality, in our school and classes.

So much has happened over the past three weeks, hasn't it!? We went into the mid-year break expecting one thing, and then everything changed with COVID-19. Many families have had to change their plans at the last minute and that is stressful and, in some cases, heart-breaking.

I do not want to be negative. Cooma has been blessed with few, if any, cases, but the retail sector is greatly stressed by the people coming through the region. I am so thankful that our area has not been closed down.

With the prolific coverage of the pandemic on the media outlets, the students have heard this, and it does create anxiety in them. Our students could perceive things that are incorrect and for them, there's anxiety in the air. We try to protect them from it and that is hard too.

There are times in our lives when things seem a little crazy or out of control. It seems like nothing is normal. During these times, children will look to the only people they know can bring some kind of comfort and normalcy – adults that they trust. Whether you are mum, dad, nanna, pop or auntie, it doesn't matter. They will be watching and listening.

This is an opportune time to talk about God. **He is the only constant in our lives.** He is the same, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Let's ask God to:

- bring an end to the pandemic.
- give governing authorities wisdom in their management of the crisis.
- bring healing and comfort to those who are sick.
- protect health care workers.
- help us all persevere during these uncertain times.

At school, the staff are working hard to help each student to cope, and to try to bring some calmness and peace during a difficult time. Our staff are always happy to assist our school families navigate troubled times, and welcome parents to contact them if they are feeling that they need some more support.

I pray that we will all be kept safe and that we can continue to rely on God to be our strength during this season of uncertainty.

Ella Meyer



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

*Mrs Judith Chesham*

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

My role at SMCS is that of Teachers Aide. For the last two years I have been working closely with Kindergarten.

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

This October I will have been part of SMCS for 14 years.

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

I am passionate about encouraging/enabling students to desire to want to do well in their learning.

**What do you do for fun?**

I enjoy spending time with my family, I also enjoy making/reinventing/creating items for my home from various mediums. Eg: Wood, metal, wrought Iron.



## *Primary Mutterings*



Welcome back for Term 3 and an extra special welcome to our new families and students who have joined our wonderful community this term. We pray that you might be blessed as you settle into SMCS.

The teachers have returned early and had a week of professional learning so that makes the week ending on Friday 23 July actually Week 2. This also keeps us in line with the other schools in the area, making communication easier.

At the start of each term, the Year 5/6 class nominate two students to be that term's Student Service Council (SSC) representatives. After a very successful Term 2, we thank Robert Thompson and Thomas Bagnara for their leadership and setting of a good example. We look forward to the leadership of Julie Kemp and Tyler Thompson.

Term 3 is shaping up to be a very busy term despite COVID restrictions. Many of our Primary students will be taking part in the Snowsports program run each Friday from Week 2 to Week 8. For those students remaining at school we will be having coach delivered touch football during our sport time.

Later in the term we also have Book Week activities, including a Book Character parade. Students can bring along their favourite story and dress up in their favourite book character. We will also have our whole school Musical – A Not So Terrible Parable, held in Week 9.

It's going to be a great term.



### **Assemblies dates for Term 3**

Assemblies are on Tuesday starting at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary. At this present time parents and families are not allowed to attend due to the NSW government COVID restrictions.

Week 4 – 3 August – K/1/2 presenting

Week 6 – 17 August – Year 5/6 presenting

Week 8 – 31 August – Year 3/4 presenting

Dani Wadland

Primary Coordinator

### ***High School News***



Last term the students in Yrs.7 and 8 learnt how to create their own mosaic artwork. They enjoyed cutting their tiles and using grout to fill the space between the tiles. Some are not quite finished but I wanted to show you what they have designed and created.







The Year 9 students created an artwork based on the theme of animals. They chose their own medium for their final artwork. These ones are mosaic and collage.





## Sport Spot



### **Zone Athletics**

Due to COVID restrictions in Greater Sydney our Zone Athletics Carnivals have been postponed until further notice.

### **Snowsports**

Snowsport activities start Friday 23 July. We have organised for four instructors to cater for the various abilities of our students. A bus will take us up to the snow allowing us travel together.

We need to meet at the school at 7.30am. We will return to school by 5pm.

At a special meeting held last Monday (first day of term) all students taking part in the Snowsport Program were given final instructions about this program and a note was sent home with each of them

Pray for great snow!

Mrs Dani Wadland



### *From the Student Service Council*



SSC ran an end of term Fun Day in Week 9. Once again great fun was had by all. Two movies were shown *Road to Eldorado* and *Robots* and cups of popcorn were enjoyed.

For those who wanted to be more active there were a couple of options. In lower primary, colouring and craft activities were available and for the older grades, sock wrestling took place in the MPH.

Hot Chocolate Fridays will continue again this term. The price has gone up due to a limited number of keep cups coming in, and we have had to purchase more take away cups.

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

**When:** First Half of lunch

**Cost:** \$2.00 or \$1 if you bring a keep cup

Marshmallows and whipped cream will be served with each cup of Hot Chocolate.

*Mrs Emily Shumack*







## *School News*



### *SMCS Fundraising Team*

The SMCS Fundraising Team would like to extend a big thank you to all of the parents, students and teachers who helped raise money in Term 2!

Fundraising efforts all went to go towards High School AND Primary School Camps!

We had a busy term :

- Primary School Disco, hosted by the 9/10 PASS and Music Classes.
- Primary School End of Term BBQ
- Whole school Mufti Day
- Hot Chocolate Fridays hosted by the SSC.

High School students who attended camp will find a credit on their account, and Primary students attending camp will have a reduction to the final cost of their camp.

This term and next term we will be fundraising towards new equipment for SMCS that will be available to all students K-10.

Thank you again for your support!

Additionally, we would also like to thank Mark and Lucinda George from Cooma Subway for your generous contribution! 10% of all Subway sales from SMCS come back to the school. We are very grateful!

*SMCS Fundraising Committee.*



SMCS invites you to come along and follow and share our Facebook and Instagram pages.

SMCS shares photos from our student's classrooms, excursions, camps and other extra curricular activities on Instagram. We utilise Facebook to send out reminders, and to post information about upcoming events or happenings at school.

Whilst Social Media platforms are not everyone's "cup of tea", we endeavour to inform our parent body of upcoming events via class dojo for Primary, email and of course the fortnightly Newsletter!

## School Notices



Snowy Mountains Christian School sincerely thank Dymocks Children's Charities and Association of Independent Schools NSW for this generous program and grant!!! Thank you for the breadth and quality of books on offer.

We look forward to many years of adventures!





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.

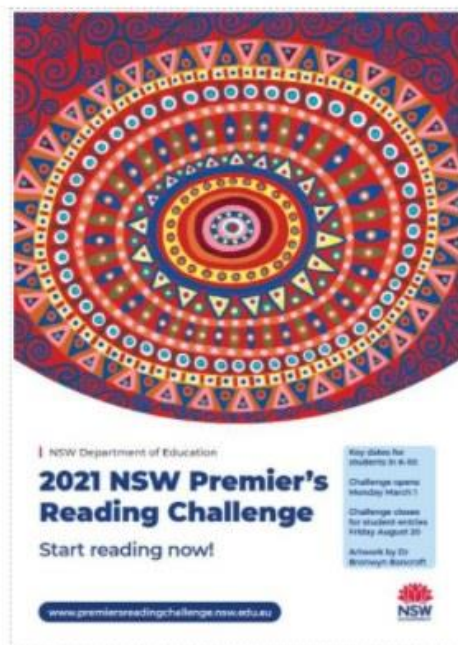
Logistically, all you need to do is collect an enrolment form from the school office which will be marked with your name and give this to the new family.

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)



## 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

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!

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## *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.



### MEDIA RELEASE

20 July 2021

#### Calling primary school kids to join the Winter Reading Club Challenge

Snowy Monaro kids from kindergarten to year 6 are encouraged to sign up for Snowy Monaro Regional Library's Winter Reading Club Challenge – a fun activity for kids to encourage literacy skills, a love of reading and initiative in finding great books to read.

This year the theme is "Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds" and the three reading lists for year groups K-2, 3-4 and 5-6 will guide bookworms through a journey of learning, adventure, fantasy and discovery.

Entry forms may be collected from Cooma Library, Bombala Library, the Snowy Monaro Mobile Library and the Snowy Mountains Neighbourhood Centre in Jindabyne. All returned forms go into the draw to win a Lenovo Tab M8 Android tablet.

As part of the Winter Reading Club this year, Snowy Monaro Regional Library is also running a kids' drawing competition: draw your favourite animal in the world, real or imaginary. Entries into the drawing competition will be displayed in each library and there are a whole host of book prizes to be won.

**Entries into both the reading and drawing competitions are due by Friday 13 August 2021.**

For more information contact Snowy Monaro Regional Library at [libraries@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au](mailto:libraries@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au) or call your local branch – Cooma (02) 6451 1630 and Bombala (02) 6458 3196.

Learn more about library services in the Snowy Monaro by visiting <https://www.snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au/352/library-services> or searching "Snowy Monaro Regional Library" on Facebook.



## Calendar of upcoming Events



>>> July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Staff Professional Development Week	13 Staff Professional Development Week	14 Staff Professional Development Week	15 Staff Professional Development Week	16 Staff Professional Development Week	17
18	19 Students Return for Term 3	20	21	22	23 Snowsports	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Snowsports	31

## >>> August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Snowsports	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Snowsports	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 Snowsports	21
22	23 Book Week	24 Book Week	25 Book Week	26 Book Week	27 Snowsports	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

## >>> September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 Snowsports	4
5	6 Year 7 Immunisation Day	7	8	9 Whole School Musical	10 Whole School Musical	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Last day of Term 3	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

## 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)

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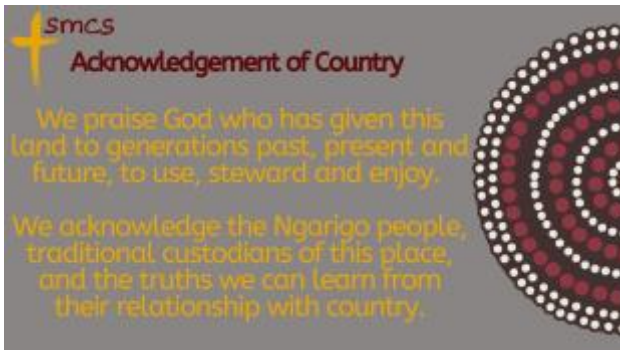
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**Acknowledgement of Country**

We praise God who has given this land to generations past, present and future, to use, steward and enjoy.

We acknowledge the Ngarigo people, traditional custodians of this place, and the truths we can learn from their relationship with country.