



Newsletter 2021
Week 9

Term 2

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON



THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTOR
OF OUR FAITH

HEBREWS 12:2

From the desk of Mrs Meyer...



From the desk of Mrs Meyer...

That made my day!

What an interesting phrase. My mother used it every time she saw a train. She would say “That has made my day.” Why would seeing a train prompt this comment? You would need to know that her father was the engineer/driver of the ‘Ben Chifley’ steam engine and she would wait to see the train come home each night.

If someone or something makes your day, they make you feel very happy. Something that makes an otherwise ordinary or dull day pleasingly memorable for someone.

So, what makes your day? What gives you joy?

I have a few things that make my day:

- I love ducks and to see emus, brumbies and echidnas in the wild.
- I love driving over the rise into East Jindabyne and the beautiful lake extends before your eyes. An “Ah!” moment.
- I love it when children find joy in learning and get excited when they discover something new.

- And I love waking up, looking outside and snow envelopes the house and yard. This happened for me last week.
- I love how God's Word encourages me.
 - Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."
 - Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him." This is real joy, not a temporary fix!
 - Isaiah 26:3-4 'You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

There will be a variety of things and people who bring us joy. During the winter months, many people become depressed, lacking in Vitamin D. It is important for us all to seek joy intentionally. The media continually reminds us about how hard things are.

Let's be people who seek real joy; Real joy that only comes from Jesus.

That has made me very happy, restored my confidence, and otherwise gratified me. This twentieth-century expression relies on the meaning of *make* as "succeed."

However, in the mouth of a tough police detective named Dirty Harry, a film role played by Clint Eastwood, the phrase was turned into "Go ahead = *make my day*," meaning "Give me a chance to get back at you." In the presidential campaign of 1988 George H. W. Bush used the phrase quite frequently, as President Ronald Reagan had before him, and it was not always clear which meaning was intended.

It is an idiom meaning you have just said or done something great for me and that has made this day a very great and important one. Simply: You have made me happy today.

It is sometimes used as a dare or warning like by Clint Eastwood in the Dirty Harry movies – Make my day – Go ahead and do something stupid then see how I will enjoy dealing with you or punishing you.

Find something to smile about. Always find something to laugh and smile about throughout the day this will keep your mood up and you will have a great day. Your positive energy attracts more positive things in your life; remember this always.

It makes my day to be able to wake up in a country where I'm free

To be able to walk outside on my front porch and feel the sunshine on my face and hear the birds chirping

To come back in and sit at my table and enjoy a mug of hot coffee with my husband before we are both off to work

To walk into my office, sit at my desk, and make a salary in the comfort of my own home

To listen to uplifting and motivating podcasts as I drive.

To have lunch and share a laugh with my husband as we talk about our work day so far

To have my children call me to talk about their lives and trust me enough to take my advice

To share dinner in the evening with my family as we make small talk at the kitchen table

To get a kiss and hug from my grandson and him tell me "Grandma, you're my best friend"

To fall asleep at night with my face in an enthralling book

I'm one grateful woman in that it doesn't take much to make my day. I'm living a life I only dreamed about as a child

And the joy to know I get to wake up and do it all again tomorrow

It's the simple things

Ella Meyer

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

Ms Liz England....

What is your role in the school?

I have had many different teaching positions in the school, but this year I am privileged to teach every student in the school. I am the librarian. I also teach music to Kinder to Year 6, PDHPE and Creative Arts to Kindergarten, as well as PDHPE & Christian Perspectives to Year 7/8 and Yr 9/10.

How long have you been a part of SMCS?

I have been involved with SMCS since its inception and was part of the original team designing the school uniform. At the beginning I was not fully qualified, so I helped Mrs Fay Bevan in the K-2 class and became the reading support person. Whilst doing this, I completed my Bachelor of General Studies/ Bachelor of Teaching degree. I am now in my 21st year of teaching at Snowy Mountains Christian School.

What are you passionate about?

There are many things about which I am passionate. One of my greatest loves is seeing kids and teens stand strong for God; watching them live out and share their faith. One of the highlights in my teaching career was being part of two students in my Year 3 class commit their lives to Christ. I love to just chat with God throughout the day as I go about the normal stuff. But I do love to talk to Him about the important things too. I am very passionate about my friends and care for them deeply. Therefore, I am in constant discussions with God about their health, safety and welfare.

My second passion is my family. I have three amazing grown children, all of whom went through SMCS as part of the early life of the school. They are all grown and happily living in their own homes and enjoying life. I also now have one very precious two-month-old Grandson, whom I absolutely adore.

I am also a bit of a Disney/Harry Potter/Lego nut! And combining them is just total bliss. My house is filled with all of these (it is a good thing my children have grown and left home – their rooms are full of Lego!)

I am also blessed to have two crazy dogs, Zeus and Apollo, who keep me busy. They have been a real comfort during tough times.

What do you do for fun?

This may sound a little odd, but I love to study and learn! I am currently work on two Master's degrees and have plans for the next adventure once I complete them.

I love to travel and see the world God has created for us. I have had many trips abroad, and once COVID has finished tormenting us, plan to see more.

During my downtime I love to read, particularly crime thrillers and murder mysteries, and I absolutely love to build my Lego. I have often had an audio book playing whilst building Lego – I frequently combine my loves!

So, that is me in a nutshell; I hope you are still awake!



Primary Mutterings



On Wednesday 9th June, the students from years 5 and 6 had Lara from the Parliamentary Education Office visit. The class was set up into a mini-mock parliament. They had a debated about a wildlife bill. The bill was about wildlife and farms and how wildlife should be protected on farms. Levi acted as Prime Minister and Thomas was the Leader of Opposition. We also had lots of other: The Speaker (Imogen), Clerk (Zachary), minsters (Charlie, Matthew & Mason), shadow ministers (Ethan, Matt M and Robert) and a cross bencher (Tyler). Henry was the Sergeant of Arms and carried the mace.

Debating happened by people standing up if they wanted to speak and the speaker nominated a minister. Everyone else sat down while the nominated minister made their speech. After the speech supports would say “here, here”.

After everyone had said their piece there was a vote in which supports said “aye” and those against said “no”.

Lara also shared several facts about parliament house some of these were:

There are 2700 clocks and that they all must be on the same time.

The size of the Australian flag is the size of a double decker bus.

It was a noisy debate, but all students learnt a lot.

By 5/6 students and Janita Pristavu





High School News



The amazing Stage 4 Mandatory Tech class has been working on designing and making chopping boards this semester with some fantastic results! They have used various different timbers, construction and design techniques, including engraving, routing, burning and epoxy resin finishes.

Please enjoy this selection of chopping boards!

Mr Shumack

(AKA Chris Hemsworth)













Sport Spot



We had fantastic weather for our athletics carnival. Fantastic because it was good weather considering the wintery conditions we experienced just the previous week. The attitude of the students and their participation levels were brilliant. We even establish a new SMCS tradition – the Best and Fairest point system. Teachers awarded students points for their attitude, behaviour, encouragement, and service on the day.

Our first three 'Best and Fairest' recipients were:

Maddie McKeahnie in Year 2

Samuel Thompson in Year 7

Mia Aitkenhead in Year 9

Thank you for being such great examples of sportsmanship in our community.

While our littlest students enjoy their Infants Athletics Carnival at school with Mrs Forster or older students spent the day at Snowy Oval running, throwing and jumping. On the day we had an amazing 22 records broken! Jordan Groves establishing many in the 12 Year Secondary Boys and Nick Constantinou for the 17 Year Boys. Below are all the students who set new records:

8 year olds – Ruby Wassink – Turbo Jav, Shot Put, High Jump

9 year olds - Matthew Groves – High Jump and Shot Put

Eden Khan – 1500m

12 year Secondary – Jordan Groves – Discus, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, 200m, 400m, 800m,

Charlotte Crane – Javelin, Shot Put

13 year olds – Micah Khan – Long Jump, High Jump, 200m

17 year olds – Nick Constantinou – Discus, Shot Put, Long Jump, Javelin, 200m, 400m

Congratulations to all our new record holders.

The Age Champion is awarded to the highest point scorer in their age category. This year's Age Champions are as follows:

Junior Primary Girl – Eden Khan

Junior Primary Boys – Matthew Groves

Senior Primary Girl – Imogen Walker

Senior Primary Boy – Matthew Markham

Junior Secondary Girl – Grace Wadland

Junior Secondary Boy – Micah Khan

Senior Secondary Girl – Mia Poucher

Senior Secondary Boy – Joshua Groves

After tallying up the points for both the Infants Carnival, SMCS Carnival, the points for a new record and the Best and Fairest awards the overall winning house was Gould on 1771 points. Congratulations Gould team members.

I would like to give a special thanks to all our teachers and parent helpers who ran the events and recorded the results. Your time and careful adjudication is greatly appreciated.

Dani Wadland

Sports Coordinator







We were finally blessed with favourable weather for our Athletics Carnival on Tuesday the 15th of June. While the older students went to Snowy Oval, the Infants had their carnival out on the school front oval with Mrs Chesham and Mrs Forster. The students enjoyed a variety of exercises throughout the day and benefited from having Mrs Mills and Mrs Lau watch them participate in most of the day's activities. Some of the activities included: shot put, turbo javelin, hurdles, tunnel ball, the sack race, a running relay, skipping races, the egg and spoon race and many games with the parachute. The students enjoyed their day finishing off with a relaxing video, after all the tiring activity.

Mrs Amanda Forster









From the Student Service Council



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





Snowy Mountains Christian School received \$4000 worth of brand-new books from Dymocks Children's Charities along with Association of Independent Schools NSW as part of a Library Regeneration Program. The books have been selected from a carefully curated catalogue of quality titles to ensure SMCS could receive the most suitable books for the needs of the students and the curriculum.

We sincerely thank Dymocks Children's Charities and Association of Independent Schools NSW for this generous program!!!



Fundraising thank you!



Our Primary School Disco Fundraiser was a huge success!

Thank you to all of our students, teachers, volunteers and families who helped out on the night, and for all of the hard work and preparation that went into the evening!

A very special 'Thank you' to Cooma Little Theatre, who generously contributed the disco lighting set up! It really topped a great evening off! And also a special thank you to the Davis/McKeanie family who generously donated towards the evening!

Our final fundraising total for the evening came to approx. \$570, which will go towards Primary and High School camps!

Thank you again to everyone!

SMCS Fundraising Committee

Return and Earn bins for SMCS



On Thursday 17th June, SMCS had a visit from Edwina Lowe, Snowy Monaro Regional Council's Resource and Waste Education Officer, to roll out the new school "Return and Earn" bin! This means that students can now place their empty popper and other drink containers into the bin and SMCS can receive 10c for each container to help fundraise for the students!

Edwina also reminded the students of the reasons why waste separation is important and that we should use the red/yellow and white (soft plastics and 'Return and Earn') bins correctly.

Thank you to Edwina for her visit and we will work on separating our waste properly!

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



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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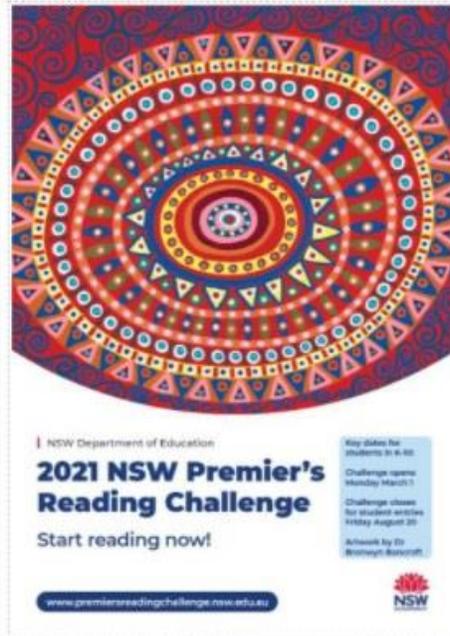
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NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2021



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



Starting Wednesday 2 June

3.30-4.30pm Wednesday afternoons during school terms

LEGO Club for Kids at Cooma Library

Design, build, create and play using LEGO at the library!

No need to book, just drop in!

11am Saturday 5 June

Saturday Storytime

Cooma Library

Bring the whole family to Saturday Storytime at Cooma Library!

Themed Storytime, craft & fun!

PLUS!! Warm up with delicious Hot Chocolate & Raisin Toast!

Bookings encouraged, please call Cooma Library on 6451 1637 or email libraries@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au

Walk-ins welcomed.

11am Tuesday 15 June

Biggest Morning Soup

Cooma Library

Warm up with a delicious bowl of soup at Cooma Library while helping to raise money for an important cause.

Soup & Bread Roll for a donation to the Cancer Council.

10.30am Wednesday 16 June

Preschool Storytime

Cooma Library

Preschool Storytime @ Cooma Library

Theme: Winter

Join us for fun & laughter, stories & craft.

Biggest Morning Soup



Cancer
Council

11am Tuesday 15 June 2021
Cooma Library



Bring the whole family!

SATURDAY STORYTIME

Craft activities

Cooma Library
11am Saturday 5 June 2021
Theme: Welcome to Winter!



EXCURSION TO
**National Museum
of Australia**
In collaboration with YNSW

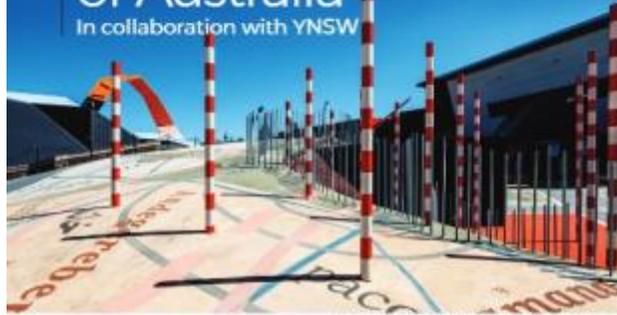


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Time for some history and culture.

Join us in a free excursion to the National Museum of Australia. Transport will be provided from Cooma to Canberra return, with lunch included.

ITINERARY

When: Thursday 13 July 2021
Meet: Centennial Park Cooma 9am
Depart: Cooma 9:30am
Museum Tour: 11am
Lunch: 1pm
Depart: Canberra 3pm
Arrive: Cooma 4:30pm

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

RSVP: by Friday 18 June
CommunityYouth@snowymonaro.nsw.gov.au
0437 135 092
Cost: FREE





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Ages 12-17
All activities are Free!

JUNE / JULY 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TUE 29th JUNE	WED 30th JUNE	THUR 1st JULY	FRI 2nd JULY
STREET ART WORKSHOP Learn to cut and spray your own street art stencil. Lunch provided 11am - 3pm	POOL COMP & TRIVIA DAY How are your pool skills & your trivia knowledge...time to test them both! Lunch provided 11am - 3pm	EXCURSION DAY Time for some culture... join us in an excursion to the National Museum of Australia. All costs covered & lunch provided. More details to follow.	MOVIE MARATHON Kick back & enjoy a movie marathon. Popcorn, snacks, lunch & drinks provided. 10am - 4pm
TUE 6th JULY	WED 7th JULY	THUR 8th JULY	FRI 9th JULY
HOMEMADE PIZZA MAKING Make your own pizza dough, pick your own toppings...Bellissimo 10am - 3pm	MACRAME MAKING Come in & master the art of Macrame. Lunch provided 11am - 3pm	COOKING WITH CATH Pasta Day quick / easy meals. Starting @ 11.30am	CHILLAX DAY Come in & chill for the day. Lunch provided 11am - 3pm

Y Space | Cooma

For any enquires please text or call Cathy - 0403 498 322.

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Tuesday, 8 June 2021

FREE MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Parents and carers will be able to book in for free mental health workshops hosted by headspace, thanks to a \$1.2 million investment by the NSW Government.

Minister for Mental Health Bronnie Taylor said the workshops will help parents and carers better understand the unique challenges facing young people and learn practical tips, strategies and skills to support them.

"These sessions are for any parent or carer who is worried about their child and doesn't know how to start a conversation about what's going on in their lives," said Mrs Taylor.

"We're building a safer, stronger NSW, and these workshops will address local challenges, point the way to local support services and allow the community to ask questions about what they can do to help young people who are struggling."

headspace CEO Jason Trethowan said understanding suicide will also be a key part of the training.

"Many young people have thoughts of suicide when life seems unbearable and they can't imagine another way out of what they are going through," Mr Trethowan said.

"The vast majority of these young people will not act on those thoughts, but we want parents and carers to be able to talk about such thoughts in a way that doesn't inadvertently shame the young person or encourage them to stay silent."

The NSW Government is investing \$1.2 million over two years for 200 workshops to be delivered across NSW.

Parents, carers and community members supporting young people experiencing mental health challenges can register to attend upcoming events by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/s/headspace-national-youth-mental-health-foundation-30549622220>

MEDIA: Brigid Glanville | 0427 805 738

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

Email: sandra.mortimer@salvationarmy.org.au

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

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COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS



School Holiday Tennis Camp

ROYAL TENNIS CLUB COST:\$120

BBQ LUNCH

CAMP 1 : *Wed 30 June - Thurs 1 July, 2021. 9AM-3PM*

CAMP 2 : *Wed 7 July - Thurs 8 July, 2021. 9AM-3PM*

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AVAILABLE

Please contact Tom Perea : 0404838049

Qualified Tennis Australia Coach, ATPGA Accredited, Active Kids and Sporting Schools certified.

Calendar of upcoming Events



>>> June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 Drumbeat Years 5-8	2	3	4 Whole School Photo Day DISCO night	5
6	7	8 Drumbeat Years 5-8	9	10 High School Excursion	11 Athletics Carnival	12
13	14 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	15 Drumbeat Years 5-8 Primary Assembly (Yr 5/8)	16	17	18	19
20	21 High School Camp Borambola	22 High School Camp Borambola	23 High School Camp Borambola	24 High School Camp Borambola	25 Last day of Term 2 High School Camp Borambola	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

>>> 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

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

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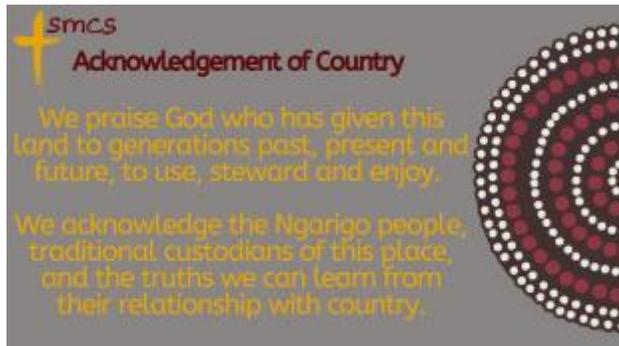
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Acknowledgement of Country

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.