



Newsletter 2021
Week 10

Term 1

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON



THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTOR
OF OUR FAITH

HEBREWS 12:2

From the desk of Mrs Meyer...



We have reached the end of Term 1 and so much has happened. Thankfully we are now able to invite our school community back, whilst still keeping with imposed COVID-19 restrictions. It's been one year since the school closed to visits from family and friends, however we do still have to be careful and abide by the restrictions set out from our authorities. Please continue to collect your child from the Boona Street doors to the sanctuary. We will let you know when that will change, if it changes. There are various changes which needed to be made that may continue, because it works better for the school community.

The Easter holidays are a special time, however it is important to remember the real reason for Easter. It is all about Jesus!

Good Friday is a time for remembrance and mourning for what Jesus did for us. He was betrayed, beaten, and crucified on a cross. He was accused of everything even though he did nothing, and he was mocked for saying the truth about Himself.

But that isn't the end of the story. Three days later, He rose from the dead. He conquered death, won the battle for our souls, and saved people.

At Easter we rejoice, because we no longer need to live in the rebellion we struggle with, or in the past we can't forget. We can live in the hope of Jesus Christ, His love for us, and the truth that He conquered all sin and the consequence of it, death. Through His death, we died to our sin, but through His resurrection, we are born new in Him.

My prayer is that you will enjoy considering Jesus this Easter, and you will have a wonderful, safe holiday.

Mrs Ella Meyer

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

Mrs Elyse O'Connor

I teach English to Years 7 to 10, I also teach HSIE and Work Education to Year 9 and 10 and I have recently stepped officially into the Secondary Coordinator role.

I have been teaching at SMCS since 2014, and have taught a range of subjects including Drama and Food Technology.

I am fervent about teaching, especially when students have their 'light bulb' moments. I am encouraged when students begin to seek answers to questions they have, and deepen their knowledge about God.

In my free time, I love spending it with my family. I also enjoy reading a good book, learning new skills in a range of crafts, baking and creating interesting desserts and playing board games with close friends and family.



Primary Mutterings



Library News

This term we have been having fun finding out a little more about space. We have begun to turn the library into outer space. K/1/2 have turned themselves into astronauts, Year 3/4 have made origami space shuttles and Year 5/6 have made their own original astronaut models.

We have read many factual and fiction books about Space and we are registered to join in a Nation wide reading of the book "Space", simultaneously being read on the international space station, next term.

We will be continuing with this theme for Term 2.







We were able to purchase some extra copies of many of the Guinness World Records books for the library. All the students love to look at and borrow these books.

Something new we have tried this year is that we have had the library open each Monday and Thursday lunchtime for any student wanting to come in and quietly work (homework, catch-up or assignments) or for those who just want to quietly read. A few students have taken this up, and I am sure more will do so as the weather turns cold.

It has been a great way to start 2021.

Ms Liz England

Music news

Kindergarten to Year 6 have been working very hard this term on their musical prowess. Many of you may have heard them practicing.

In K/1/2 we have been working on many of the old and new songs and finger plays. We enjoy singing and acting out 'The Ants Go Marching' and 'Mr Clickety Cain'. We have learned other songs such as 'Five Little Ducks', 'Five Green and Speckled Frogs', '10..9..8..God is Great' and 'The Jesus Hokey Pokey'. We have learned the finger plays of 'Grandma's Glasses', 'Five Cheeky Monkeys' and 'Open, Shut Them'

The Yr 3/4 and 5/6 classes have been learning the recorder. They are learning to read music which some of them find to be quite a challenge! It is a whole other language.

Their tone is improving as we are working on blowing gently rather than blasting as loudly as we can. Some have mastered this well while others are still working on it.

The 5/6's have also started to look at Beethoven. They will be given an assignment to complete on him early next term.

Ms Liz England

Huge Congratulations to Mason Holster from Year 5!

Mason went to Corowa on the weekend for a dance competition.

He had 4 solos and a duo. The solos were Musical Theatre 'I wanna be like you' out of the Jungle Book, a Vocal Solo from Frozen called 'When I'm older, sung by Olaf', a Jazz number called 'Kung fu fighting', a Song and Dance called 'Consider yourself', and a Song and Tap, to 'Singing in the rain'.

Mason placed 1st for Musical Theatre, 1st for Song and Tap, 1st for Song and Dance and 1st for his Jazz number. He also received 2nd Place for his Vocal Solo.

Well done Mason!







High School News



During Term 1, the Year 9/10 Elective Visual Art class has been learning about Impressionism and Landscapes. Jess Miners, Mia Poucher, Josh Groves, Chloe Thompson, Sage Rowsell and Mia Aikenhead did some wonderful variations and created their own landscape/seascape using Impressionist techniques and brush strokes. Here is some of their work.







SMCS Public Speaking Competition



Monday, the last week of term, was a very exciting day at SMCS as we welcomed back our annual public speaking competition. We had eighteen amazing speakers ready to share and challenge us with their thoughts.

This year we had two external adjudicators – Mrs Carolyn Ewart from Snowy Hydro and Mrs Sandra Mortimer from the Salvation Army. These ladies had the difficult task to judge the winner of each stage group. They also spent time, particularly with our secondary students providing insightful, individual advice to improve speech delivery and content.

As the whole school listened, we were grateful that COVID restrictions had eased to the point we were permitted to welcome one family member for each speaker as a part of the audience.

Mrs Ewart and Mrs Mortimer were extremely impressed with the quality of the speeches from Kindergarten to Year 10; in particular, the content and the level of sophistication of the arguments and challenges. The ladies also expressed how appreciative they were of the level of respect and attentiveness of the audience.

At the last they made their judgements, and it is a pleasure to inform you of our stage winners.

Early Stage 1 – **Michelle McPhie**

Stage 1 – **Zane Beere**

Stage 2 – **Ben Kamenyitzky**

Stage 3 – **Levi Wadland**

Stage 4 – **Grace Wadland**

Stage 5 – **Mia Poucher**

Dani Wadland and Elyse O'Connor

Coordinators





From our Chaplain....



This Term I have been opening Room 2 (the Chaplaincy room) as a drop in room for students on Friday at lunchtime.

The students have enjoyed participating in a variety of craft activities including playdough, diamond art, colouring and drawing. They also have the opportunity to play with the school Lego, which has been largely donated. Some of the Lego creations have been added to week after week, making some incredible works of art.

Friday lunchtimes are a great opportunity for students who are feeling like they need a break from the playground, or just want the opportunity to participate in some different activities. It also helps me to build relationships with the students, so that they feel more comfortable coming to have a chat if they are struggling in any way. We would really welcome any donations of Lego, craft supplies or diamond art kits to use on Friday lunchtimes. These supplies are also very valuable for students who need to come and talk or just take a break away from the stresses of their day. These activities help them to calm down and relax and begin to see things more clearly.

Mrs Nancy Groves



Sport Spot



SMCS Cross Country

Friday 23 April 2021

Week 1 Term 2

Time to find your sneakers and get training!

Events are as follows:

12/13yrs secondary students will run 3 km at 9:30am (at North Ridge Reserve)

14 to 17yrs girls will run 4km at 9:45am (at North Ridge Reserve)

14 to 15yrs boys will run 4km at 9:45am (at North Ridge Reserve)

16yrs boys will run 6km at 9:30am (at North Ridge Reserve)

11 to 12yrs primary students will run 3km starting at 11:45am (at school)

8 to 10yrs students will run 2km starting at 12:15pm (at school)

5 to 7yrs students will run 1km starting at 12:30pm (at school)

Parents welcome. Come and be a part of the day!



Netball News

A few weeks ago I was privileged to take two teams of netball players to represent SMCS at the annual inter-schools gala day.

The students all conducted themselves in a highly respectful manner both on and off the court. The Yr 9/10 team had their work cut out for them, up against some very tough opposition. They played well, winning some and losing some!

Great effort, guys!

The Yr 7/8 team played extremely well. They were undefeated up until the final game. A win here would place them 1st, a draw would place them 2nd and a loss would place them 3rd. Sadly, they went down by one goal! A valiant effort.

I was so proud of all the students; their attitude and efforts.

We look forward to trying again next year.

Also, thank you to Tierra Bradbury for helping out with some of the umpiring.

Ms Liz England







School News



Bell Shakespeare Incursion

On Friday 26th March, Snowy Mountains Christian School was fortunate to be able to host 'The Players' from Bell Shakespeare. 'The Players' performed **Just Romeo and Juliet!** for students in years 3 – 10. The play is based on Andy Griffiths book which follows three characters as they rehearse Shakespeare's play *Romeo and Juliet*. Throughout the play there was laughs and fun interactions with the audience as well as some helpful facts about Shakespeare and his play *Romeo and Juliet*.

There was also a special appearance by SMCS's own Tom Walker and Chelsea Mathews. It was a fantastic end to week 9 and we are thankful that Bell Shakespeare's 'The Players' could come to our school.

Mrs Elyse O'Connor



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/>

COOMA SCHOOL LUNCHES

10% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

FOOD DRINKS SIDE ITEMS CONTACT

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN Online between **11 and 21 May 2021**.

In preparation for NAPLAN Online, our school will also be participating in practice tests between 22 March and 1 April. The practice test is a trial-run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN Online in May. It is not an assessment of student ability and the tests will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN Online is not recommended. Students can use the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in the NAPLAN Online tests.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please contact your child's teacher.

School Notices



SMCS NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of Snowy Mountains Christian School Limited will be held at Snowy Mountains Christian School, Corner Baroona Avenue and Boona Street, Cooma North.

Date: Sunday, 16th May 2021

Time: Commencing at 11:50am.

We would love to see all members of the Company present and anyone else interested is most welcome.

Lucy Gotts

Company Secretary

If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of SMCS Limited, please contact a SMCS Ltd Board Member.

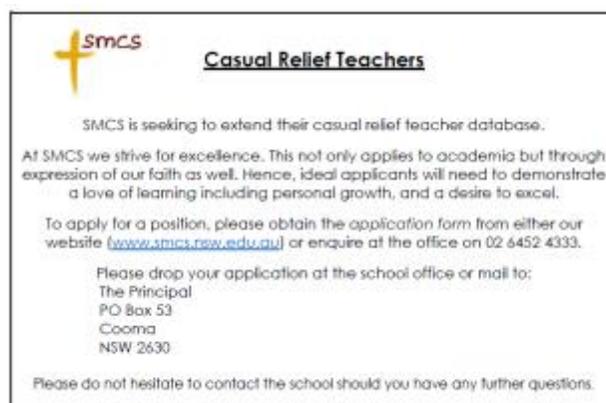


Thank you to all our families which have generously supported the Term 1 fundraiser.

We raised OVER \$200 for Vision Christian Media.

Well done everyone for your generous donations, many guesses for the lollipop jar, and for wearing your crazy socks on the last day of term!

Congratulations to Blake Davis for guessing the closest number of lollipops in the jar!! Blake guessed 115 lollipops, and there were 114 in the jar!



The winner's of Mrs Meyer's Easter Colouring Competition are:

- Victoria Groves (Judges Special Choice)
- Shiyao Xia
- Zachary Khan
- Eden Khan
- Chloe Thompson
- Ella Barker

The winners were independently chosen by the 9/10 Visual Arts Elective class and have enjoyed a hot pizza lunch on the last day of term!

Congratulations!



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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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





Y SPACE Cooma

Ages 12-17
All activities are Free!

APRIL 2021 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

TUE 6th APRIL	WED 7th APRIL	THUR 8th APRIL	FRI 10th APRIL
CHILL OUT DAY Gaming, pool table, books and food. We have you covered. Lunch provided. 11am - 3pm.	STRING ART & CRAFT Come in and channel your craft skills. Lunch provided. 11am - 3pm.	GAMES DAY Old school games day with Scrabble, UNO, Monopoly etc. Lunch provided. 11am - 3pm.	PANCAKES & SHAKES DAY YUM - enough sold!!! 11am - 3pm.
TUE 12th APRIL	WED 13th APRIL	THUR 14th APRIL	FRI 15th APRIL
Centre closed	CHILL OUT DAY Gaming, pool table, books and food. We have you covered. Lunch provided. 11am - 3pm.	MOVIE DAY Enjoy a movie & popcorn. Lunch provided. 11am - 2pm. <i>Secret Life of Pets 2</i> The Kissing Booth	COOMA SKATE PARK JAM Free sausage sizzle. All skill levels welcome. From 2.30pm.

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SNOWY MONARO REGIONAL COUNCIL





Please Join Us

On Tuesday, April 13th 2021

At 11am

At Dorothy Dickens Books & Music
For a Family Tea Party

*Make your own silly hat to bring along and join us for a
kid-friendly high tea with your family. Listen to some stories,
play some family friendly games and take home a little
memento to remember your day.*

\$20 per person

RSVP by Friday, April 9th, 2021.

Bookings Essential via (02)6452-6052 or
dorothydickens@snowy.net.au



Aspire UC School Holiday Program

Supporting parents and carers who are studying, and
teaching kids about careers

Easter 2021, 12-16 April
CUC Snowy Monaro, 38 Bombala St Cooma

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-12:00	Dance Drama Music	Eco Warriors	Engineering	Art	Art vs. Science
1:00-3:30	Harry Potter	Art vs. Science	Dance Drama Music	Eco Warriors	Engineering

Ages 7-12 years, max 10 participants per session

Parents/carers must be on the premises during all school
holiday program activities

[View the Program Guide Here](#)



[Register Here](#)



COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS



School Holiday Tennis Camp

ROYAL TENNIS CLUB COST:\$120

BBQ LUNCH

CAMP 1 : Thurs 8 - Fri 9 April, 2021. 9AM-3PM

CAMP 2 : Wed 14 - Thurs 15 April, 2021. 9AM-3PM

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AVAILABLE

Please contact Tom Perea : 0404838049

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

Sir William Hudson Memorial Centre

ABN: 31 001 882 328

Your Chance to reinvent SWHMC's identity by creating our new Logo!

Sir William Hudson are seeking inspiration from the creative student minds of the Monaro to develop a logo that you think reflects the values of the Aged Care sector and our region.

The details:

- The competition is open to Primary and Secondary Students at all schools in Cooma
- Your logo submission can be hand drawn or digital
- If submitting a digital design, please submit as a jpg file
- Your design must be unique (not a copy of an existing design)
- Prizes will be given to the top 3 entries
- Primary school winning entries will receive 1 x \$50 voucher to spend locally
- Secondary school winning entries will receive 2 x \$50 vouchers to spend locally
- Winning designs will be selected by the Board and Management of SWHMC
- All artists agree to transfer all rights of their submission to SWHMC if their submission is selected as a winner
- SWHMC are under no obligation to use the winning designs
- Please email your designs to ea@swhmc.com.au and include your contact details and the name of your school
- All entries are due on or before Friday 30th April 2021
- Please contact SWHMC on the above email if you have any questions.

We look forward to receiving your fabulous designs and announcing our winners!

LIVE LIFE YOUR WAY

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Calendar of upcoming Events



Date for your diary... May 15th 2021

SMCS Working Bee

>>> April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Last day of Term 1	2 Good Friday	3
4 Easter Sunday	5 Easter Monday	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Students Return for Term 2	20	21	22	23 Cross Country	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

>>> May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3 Zone Cross Country	4	5	6	7 Athletics Carnival	8
9	10	11 NAPLAN starts	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Whole School Photo Day	21 NAPLAN ends	22
23	24 Exam week	25 Exam week	26 Exam week	27 Exam week	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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

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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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