



Newsletter 2021 Term 3 Week 5

LET US FIX OUR EYES ON



THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTOR  
OF OUR FAITH

HEBREWS 12:2

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



Before the current COVID-19 lockdown, the television had been covering the Tokyo Olympics. In the coverage, I saw an interview with the Australian track cycling star Matthew Glaetzer at the end of his race. He did not receive a medal. But the interviewer was commenting on his recent recovery from thyroid cancer and asked him what the future held for him. He answered, '**God's got my back. My future is secure!**'

Wow! That got my attention, so I looked up more about his story. Glaetzer is Australia's best male track sprinter at the moment, with two world championship titles and three Commonwealth Games gold medals to his name. But Olympic success has eluded him. "I do not want this stopping me from doing what I love," he says. "This has been a setback, but as athletes we are always working with an injury here or there. I am just treating this like a little injury. If all goes well, it won't hold me back." (i)

"It is frustrating that the journey will be even tougher now," he says. On that road to Tokyo, Glaetzer – a devout Christian – is taking strength from his faith. "As soon as I got that call, I started praying. I thought: 'God, it is out of my hands, I put my faith in you, and I will draw on you for strength during this period.'

This real story is so encouraging and a great example to our young people and all of us, to stand up for what we believe and not hold back when given opportunity to share our faith. And it encourages us whilst we are in uncertain times. My prayer is that we can say '**God's got my back. My future is secure!**'

I hope you have a great week.

Mrs Ella Meyer

(i) <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2019/nov/19/matthew-glaetzer-im-treating-this-like-a-little-injury-cancer-wont-hold-me-back>



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

***Mrs Ruth Salzke***

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

I teach Bahasa Indonesia from Kindergarten to Yr 6.

### **How long have you been involved in the school?**

I was asked to assist in the K/1/2 class as a volunteer with the late Fay Bevan in the early days of the school. At that stage I was looking for a way back into teaching, when my third and youngest child began school.

I have continued as a teacher with many teaching roles over time.

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

I am passionate about nurturing children, so that they can connect with others at school and begin to flourish.

I am passionate about trying to live what I believe. I often see myself as a lighthouse through which God may shine. The problem is that quite often my windows are foggy and need cleaning!

### **What do I do for fun?**

Time with my grandchildren, gardening, baking, reading, being at the beach or somewhere warm as often as possible, making patchwork quilts, having a glass of sparkling wine, camping in our camp trailer.



## Primary Mutterings



This term Years 5 & 6 have been enjoying exploring the Asian region. Each week has taken us to a different country where we have had the opportunity to try some food and see what life is like in that area. So far, we have looked at Pakistan, India, Vietnam, Indonesia, China and Japan with Turkey and Jordan coming up (hopefully) soon. Students have enjoyed trying Chinese Green Tea, Vietnamese Rice Paper Rolls and a few dishes from India.

Check out the photos!









To complement this Geography unit, students have been reading “Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes”. This novel follows the life of a young girl in Japan after the bombing of Hiroshima. While she survives the initial blast and lives happily with her family, she later develops leukaemia before passing away at 12 years old. As a last hope Sadako makes paper cranes and wishes that she will become well again.

Ms Janita Pristavu



Part 1 - The Sasaki Family

My family had my grandmother, but I have always missed her after she died from the atomic bomb when I was two. My mother is very strict but loving and kind. She is supportive of me, and papa is the same. No wonder they married!

I do have some siblings, my older brother is Masahiro – he is very boring, all he does is eat, sleep, repeat. He used to be full of fun but now he just ignores me. Mitsue is a little pest, she just won't be quiet. Same with Eiji, my little brother, except that he always whines.

By Levi

Part 1 – Race Day

Today is a very exciting day. My race is finally here. I can't wait!

I was a bit afraid of how I would go when it was my turn for the relay. I ran as hard as I can. I ran with all my strength. My heart was thumping so loud it hurt against my ribs. When the race was over, I felt dizzy. I learned that our team won. I was so happy. The whole bamboo class surrounded me cheering and shouting. To make the dizziness go away I had to shake my head.

All winter I tried to improve my running speed. I really wanted to qualify for the team in Junior High. I trained everyday but sometimes after a long run the I felt the dizziness, but I didn't want to tell my family about it.

By Matthew M.

#### Part 2 – Hospital

All that Sadako wanted was to go home. Sadako hated being in hospital, but she did have hope. If she folded 1000 paper cranes the gods would send her wish.

Sadako felt sad after staring at the maple trees for about two hours. Kenji made her think that she would die next. Kenji died at nine. Sadako sent him a crane to give him hope.

By Matthew C.

#### Part 2 – Kenji

I really wanted to go home. One night when I was out to the roof, I saw a kid called Kenji. He was nine years old. He said that he had leukemia. I said that is not possible because he is nine and IT happened ten years ago. He said he got it from his mother.

We started talking like old friends. A few nights later Kenji did not come up.

I heard a bed rolling. The nurse said that Kenji had died.

By Ethan

## High School News



Miss Stewart has been teaching Stage 5 English *Of Mice & Men*. They have been exploring what life was like in the during the Great Depression in Soledad, California. Students researched images of the time to provide them with an understanding of the time the characters lived in.



Stage 4 have been exploring life in Japan as a Samurai kid in Sandra Fussel's *White Crane*. This book looks at how kids with disabilities overcome the life's difficulties. As part of their study, students looked at sayings which encourage individuals in life.



**Snowy Mountains Christian School**

*Year 7*  
*Taste & See Day*

A day all Year 6 students looking at going into Year 7 in 2022, to come along and see what SMCS has to offer!

**Wednesday 15th September 2021**

9am - 3pm

Lunch Provided for all Year 6 Students going into Year 7 in 2022

Register your interest at [smcs.nsw.edu.au](http://smcs.nsw.edu.au)

## Sport Spot



### **Zone Athletics Carnival**

With the new COVID restrictions in mind, our South Coast Zone Coordinator has booked Beaton Park, Wollongong for

Primary Zone on 18 October

Secondary Zone on 19 October.

Naturally whether or not these carnivals go ahead depends on the lifting of restrictions.

Like wise the State Athletics Carnivals have been set for:

Primary State Athletics – 28 October

Secondary State Athletics – 3 November.

### **Snowsports**

Unfortunately, due to state-wide COVID restrictions, Snowsports has been suspended until further notice. We will recommence when restrictions have been lifted. We are currently looking into refunds for days missed due to the restrictions and will let families know when this has been resolved.

## Exercise in lockdown

The Australian guidelines recommend that children between the ages of 5 and 17 years old should get at least an hour's worth of accumulated "moderate to vigorous physical activity per day involving mainly aerobic activities." They also recommend that we should break up long periods of sitting and keep sedentary screen time to no more than 2 hours.

Despite our regular sports be on hold we can still enjoy physical activity. Here are seven ideas you and your family can do to stay fit and active while at home:

Idea 1: PE online. There are a number of online PE lessons that you can access. One popular one is 'PE with Joe' found on Youtube

Idea 2: Family handball competition. Take a sports activity that the whole family can do such as hand ball, backyard cricket or soccer and turn it into a competition between the whole family.

Idea 3: Keep sports equipment in view. By having sport equip 'laying around' it sparks the idea of doing something fun with it.

## School News



Thank you to all families who had a chance to donate cans of soup to the Salvo's Community Pantry. As you can see, from our pyramid, we collected quite a lot of cans despite the lockdown.





## School Notices



Snowy Mountains Christian School

# Cooma School Lunches

Due to the current lockdown restrictions for regional NSW, our wonderful friends at Cooma School Lunches (aka Subway) will be unable to take online orders at this time.

If you would like to order "Cooma School Lunches" for your child if they are attending school in person, please call the shop on 6452 7767 and Mark will make sure your child's order is delivered to SMCS.

*Thank you to Mark and your team!*

### **Cooma Baptist Church opportunity –**

#### **Fuel for Father's Day**

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) planes need fuel to do the incredible work they do, saving lives in remote places across the world.



Communities need flights but can't afford them. With the cost of fuel rising, there is a greater need than ever to raise funds. This Father's Day there is an opportunity to purchase jerry cans of fuel on behalf of our father's and in exchange MAF can continue to subsidise flights for those who need them most.

When the equivalent of one 20L jerrycan (just \$50) gets poured into our aircraft, we are fuelled for 20 minutes of flying. For isolated communities, it replaces days of travel on foot. These short flights have saved many lives.

With your gift of fuel for Father's Day you can be a part of this life-saving ministry

The need is great but the goal is to make it achievable by selling Jerrycans of fuel for only 20L at \$50, 10L at \$25 or a donation of \$10. They make a great gift and each purchase comes with a card to say thank you for saving lives.



If you wish to take part please complete a purchase form and return to the front office.

**Do not EFT the school as this is a Cooma Baptist Church initiative.**



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!

## Snowy Mountains Christian School *Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences*

### High School

Monday 13th September 3.30pm-7.30pm

### Primary School

Wednesday 15th September 3.30pm-7.30pm

Please book your time online at  
<https://www.smcs.nsw.edu.au/book-online>

**We're registered to  
WIN a \$20,000**



**Play-Based Learning Village  
for our School!**



**CASTLE  
& CUBBY**

**And if we WIN, so could YOU!**

For the chance to win a \$2,000 cubby  
for home simply register at  
[www.castleandcubby.com.au/pages/competitions](http://www.castleandcubby.com.au/pages/competitions)



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# 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!

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## *Community Notices*





## PLATYPUS MONTH 2021

### Volunteers needed for Platypus Surveys in the Cooma area!

Waterwatch is running group surveys throughout August at the Cooma Creek and the Murrumbidgee River Reserve (just north of Cooma) to help learn more about our local platypus population. Our survey program is now in its 8th year and provides important population trend data. Late winter is ideal for spotting platypus as they are more active in the lead up to their breeding season.

**No experience necessary. COVID safe measures in place.**

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COOMA CREEK	MURRUMBIDGEE RIVER - NEAR COOMA
WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM	SATURDAY 7 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM
SATURDAY 14 AUGUST: 6:30-8:00AM	WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST: 4:00-5:30PM
WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM	SATURDAY 21 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM
THURSDAY 26 AUGUST: 6:15-7:45AM	WEDNESDAY 25 AUGUST: 4:15-5:45PM

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For more information and to RSVP please contact

Antia- 0429 778 633 or [coomawaterwatch@gmail.com](mailto:coomawaterwatch@gmail.com)



Credits: Photos of platypus by Waterwatch Sanctuaries and sunset photo by Tim The Travel Man

## COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS



### School Holiday Tennis Camp

**ROYAL TENNIS CLUB** COST:\$130

### BBQ LUNCH

CAMP 1 : Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept- Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 2021. 9AM-3PM

CAMP 2 : Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Sept - Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Sept, 2021. 9AM-3PM

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AVAILABLE

**Please contact Tom Perea : 0404838049**

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

## *Calendar of upcoming Events*



***Please note that the current calendar may change as lockdown advice continues to be given. Thank you for your understanding.***

>>> August 2021

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

>>> September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Hot Chocolate Thursdays Subway	3 Snowsports	4
5	6 Year 7 Immunisation Day Subway	7	8	9 Whole School Musical Hot Chocolate Thursdays Subway	10 Whole School Musical	11
12	13 Subway	14	15 Year 7 Taste and See Day	16 Hot Chocolate Thursdays Subway	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

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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*

### Board of Directors

John Vanderhout (Chair Person)

Judy Taylor (Secretary)

Robert Wiles

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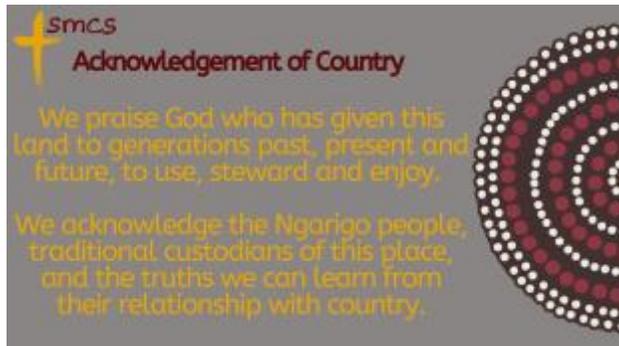
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**SmCS**  
**Acknowledgement of Country**

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.