



Newsletter 2021
Week 8

Term 1

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...

Do you find yourself saying, "I ought to do _____?"

I do. The difficulty is that I find in myself this attitude: "I ought to do this, but I won't." Or, "I ought to do that, but I don't want to." In saying this, we are actually acknowledging that we do know what is the right thing to do. A sobering thought.

We all want our children to know what is right and to do what is right. But there is no guarantee they will do it. They probably won't! What is needed is a power which will enable them to understand and respond. That power is from Jesus Christ.

God's "ought to's" never change. We don't outgrow them. Our focus verse this year says, 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus; the author and perfecter of our faith.' Hebrews 12:2. And 2 Thessalonians 3:13 says, 'As for you, never tire of doing what is right.'

This is both an internal and an external thing. Our internal desire to do things God's way is displayed in the way we outwardly behave. It involves words and actions, and thoughts and feelings.

I am just so thankful that He knows me, loves me and helps me to do what I ought to do - without complaining. And He wants to do the same for you too.

Have a great week.

Mrs Ella Meyer

This week, the French students and Mrs Meyer were blessed by a beautiful French artwork created by Mrs Edith Bevan. They love it and Mrs Meyer was thrilled that they were also able to identify that it was in the Impressionist style of painting.

Thank you, Mrs Bevan.



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

Mrs Nancy Groves....

I am the School Chaplain. I work on Thursdays and Fridays, and my main role is to help look after the well-being of students and staff. In addition I assist with High School Christian Perspectives classes and Chapel time. I began at SMCS in a voluntary role in term 2, 2019 and took a paid position at the beginning of 2020. I am passionate about seeing people overcome obstacles and fulfil their dreams and goals. I like gardening - mostly vegetables, but I am learning to grow flowers as well. I also love music and have been teaching myself to play the piano. I like art (but rarely get time to do any), and I love reading autobiographies.

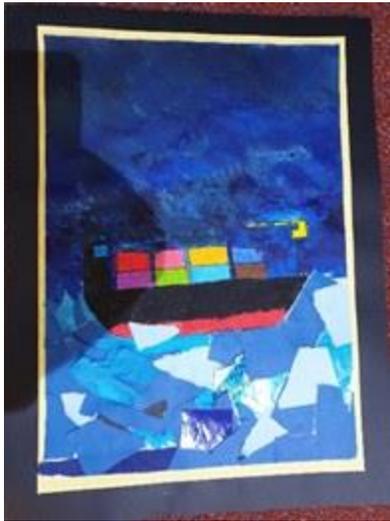


Primary Mutterings

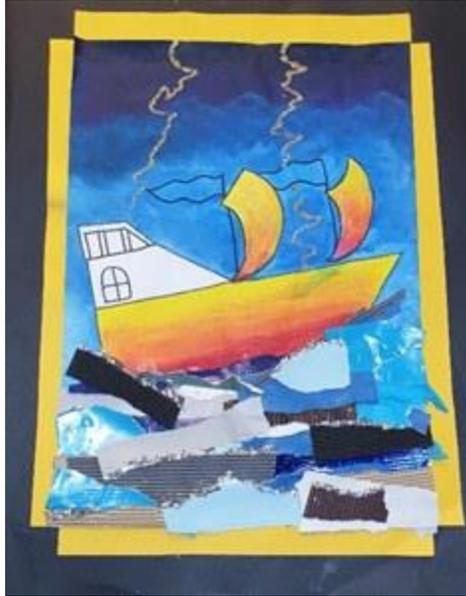


In 5/6 Art this term we are following an ocean theme. We have finished our first project this term of a ship in a storm. The students were given the opportunity to draw a ship – pirate, speed, ocean liner or other vessel of choice. They then traced their ship picture onto the presentation sheet before using permanent marker, oil pastel, paint and recycled paper to create their scene. Some then highlighted features using glitter. The students were also given the opportunity to mount their own work.

Mrs Janita Pristavu







High School News



This term the Stage 5 Timber Technology class learnt how to use mitre joints for picture frames. Here are some fine examples of framed students!

Mr Andrew Shumack

Sport Spot



SMCS Cross Country

This year our annual SMCS Cross Country event will be held on Friday 30th April which is at the end of Week 2 Term 2. Unlike other years, students will need to qualify for State Cross Country at a new Zone Cross Country event to be held on Monday 3rd May at Willandra (Browns Mt Rd, Camberwarra). More details will follow.

Students in Primary will run a 1km track around the school. If they are in Secondary, they will run a track marked out for them in North Ridge Reserve.

When: Week 2 Term 2 Friday 30th April

Primary events held at school include:

11 to 12yrs students will run 3km

8 to 10yrs students will run 2km

5 to 7yrs students will run 1km

Secondary events held in North Ridge include:

12 to 13yrs students will run 3km

14 to 17yrs girls will run 4km

14 to 15yrs boys will run 4km

16yrs boys will run 6km

So, get your joggers out and start preparing for this great event!

Mrs Dani Wadland



Clean Up Australia Day



On Friday 5th March, SMCS joined with Australia to “step up to clean up” for Clean Up Australia Day

Primary students did a great job of cleaning up around the school while High School students went further afield along Barooka Avenue, Mittagang Rd, Binalong St and near Snowy Hydro.

7 bags of rubbish, frames, a steel rod and a Christmas tree were collected!!

We found that the area was a lot cleaner than last year and that students had learnt a lot from last year in how to sort rubbish, particularly soft plastics. Great job everyone!

As we try to care for God’s creation and the community each day, we encourage everyone to think about 1 small thing that we can change, like picking up a few extra bits of rubbish when you see it; swap single use plastics for reusables... these small changes can make a big difference.

Thank you to all the students and staff who stepped up to clean up!

Mrs Lucy Gotts



18.3 million + <small>Australians have donated their time as part of Clean Up Australia activities over the last 30 years.</small>	36 million hours <small>of volunteer time has been donated to Clean Up activities to benefit our environment.</small>	380,000 + <small>tonne loads of rubbish have been removed as part of Clean Up Australia activities.</small>
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School News





Please note that, even though SMCS is not a 'nut free' school, there are some students with nut and seed allergies.

Therefore we ask for your mindfulness when preparing snacks and lunches.

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/>

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





Casual Relief Teachers

SMCS is seeking to extend their casual relief teacher database.

At SMCS we strive for excellence. This not only applies to academia but through expression of our faith as well. Hence, ideal applicants will need to demonstrate a love of learning including personal growth, and a desire to excel.

To apply for a position, please obtain the application form from either our website (www.smcs.nsw.edu.au) or enquire at the office on 02 6452 4333.

Please drop your application at the school office or mail to:
The Principal
PO Box 53
Cooma
NSW 2630

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any further questions.



Looking for VOLUNTEERS!

**WOULD YOU HAVE ONE AFTERNOON
FREE, ONCE EVERY 8 WEEKS?**

**DO YOU OWN YOUR OWN RIDE ON
MOWER?**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR 3 MORE WILLING
VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN OUR ROTATING
MOWING ROSTER!**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING, PLEASE CONTACT
PETE WILSON ON 0408 975 056**



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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SMCS Term 1 Fundraiser

*Can you guess how
many lollipops
are in the jar?*

If you guess correctly, you can win the jar
of lollipops!

\$1.00 a guess - you can guess as many
times as you would like!

Winner will be announced at the whole school
assembly on Monday 22nd March 2021
Any guesses that tie for first place will result in the
winners splitting the winnings evenly

SMCS's TERM 1 FUNDRAISER

VISION CHRISTIAN MEDIA

Vision Christian Media's dream is to deliver trusted Christian media to every Australian to help them discover faith and hope.

As we are "Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith", let's raise some funds for Vision Christian Media, so more people can hear the good news about Jesus!

**Helping People
look to God, daily**

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





We are excited to welcome Mrs Lucy Fisher back!

Mrs Fisher comes to Snowy Mountains Christian School on Thursdays and privately tutors in Vocal and Performance.

If this is something that you and your child might be interested in, please contact Lucy on 0418 669 446.

Calendar of upcoming Events



Date for your diary... May 15th 2021

SMCS Working Bee

>>> March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisation Day Premier's Reading Challenge Commences	2	3 Kindy Students stay at home	4	5 Primary Swimming Lessons Nobel Gas Day Clean Up Australia Day	6
7	8 High School Excursion to Canberra Zoo	9	10	11	12 Primary Swimming Lessons	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Primary Swimming Lessons	20
21	22 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm - Secondary	23	24 Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences 3pm-7pm - Primary	25	26 Primary Swimming Lessons	27
28	29 SMCS Public Speaking Competition	30	31	1	2	3

>>> 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	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Cross Country	1

2021 SMCS solar generation



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

We thought that we would share the generation with you each month.

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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