



Snowy Mountains Christian School

Newsletter 2022 T1 wk 8

Week 6, Term 1

From the desk of Mrs Meyer



It was so good to see so many of you at the School Picnic, Cross Country run and Slime Fundraiser. It really highlighted, for me, how much we need to be together. The COVID-19 pandemic has robbed us of this ability to connect and encourage each other. Thank you for your assistance at each event. There are quite a few photos in this newsletter edition to check out.

Living, learning, playing and being in community is part of our DNA, because it reflects how God is with himself and His children. We need relationships, and especially relationship with God. We treasure the times when we can come together as the extended school community and look forward to more as the year progresses.

At the end of this term, we will farewell Mr. Morgana Santiago, our Maths and Science teacher, and Ms. Patricia James from Yr. 5/6. This has been unexpected for them and us, and we are so thankful for their contribution at the start of this year. Please pray for them and for the students who will have a few changes. The School Executive are working out new plans for next term and will let you know when finalized.

This year is the 25th Anniversary of Snowy Mountains Christian School. That is the result of a wonderful effort from so many people who trusted God to make this happen for the sake of our children. During the year, we are planning some special events to celebrate this together. You will also see a variety of contributions in the newsletters from some of the people who have been part of that journey. In this newsletter, Dr Rob Wiles has told us of one of the ways God has blessed the school right from the very beginning. I am learning so much as I talk with people who have been here longer than me.

Next week, we are looking forward to our school musical, "A Not So Terrible Parable". This is being held on Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April. Please come along to see our students enjoy music and performance. Tickets are for sale on the school website. I hope to see you there!

Have a great week,

Mrs Ella Meyer

Primary Mutterings



Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 have had a fantastic start to the year. They have been busily engaging in all sorts of activities and learning over this first term.

On the 22 February we celebrated the fun of the date: 22/2/22 coming dressed up in our ties and tutus. The children engaged in a number of activities all around the number 2 and enjoyed playing dress-ups for the day.

The children and I have also been learning about natural, constructed and managed environments as part of our Geography unit. They created this awesome poster celebrating all the different types of environments that can be found in the world.

As a class we are looking forward to all the adventures that are coming this year.

Janita Pristavu



1 - Ties and Tutus 22/2/22



2 - Bella helping Ronin with sorting and classifying Week 2



3 - Maggie and Oliver sorting and classifying.



4 - Name Rockets Week 1



5 - Tayla working on fine motor cutting skills Week 1

High School happenings...



This term, the students in the 9/10 Visual Arts class have been deepening their learning of tone, colour and the skill of drawing. They have completed a variety of tasks around Still Life compositions.

Mrs Ella Meyer







High School Canberra Excursion:

We had a wonderful cultural experience in our nation's capital on Monday 7th March 2022.

It was the first time in nearly two years that we could have a 'proper' excursion, and thankfully the weather was perfect for exploring and eating outdoors.

Our first stop was at the National Gallery of Australia to see the centenary exhibition of Jeffrey Smart.

This exhibition was chosen to support the students' Poetry units of learning. The paintings provided rich materials for writing about imagery and for students to create their own interpretations and stories to go with each painted scene. We moved around in two groups hearing from our tour guides about Jeffrey Smart's life, painting techniques and influences on his artwork.

According to the National Gallery website:

“The year 2021 marks one hundred years since the birth of acclaimed Australian artist Jeffrey Smart. This major exhibition celebrates and commemorates this significant centenary.

One of Australia’s most celebrated artists, Smart sought inspiration from the world around him – looking to the environment of urban and industrial modernity – which he transformed through his imaginative sense of theatre and intimate understanding of geometry and composition. These potent and intriguing images have become emblematic of 20th and 21st century urban experience”.

[Jeffrey Smart - National Gallery of Australia \(nga.gov.au\)](http://nga.gov.au)

Comments made by our high school students about the Jeffrey Smart exhibition included:

- “It was very colourful and interesting” – Imogen, Mia
- “I liked the lines and the colours” – Tyler
- “I like how he put the guy (Clive James) and people in the pictures” – Matt
- “All the skies were grey...and shady”, “Every single sky is unique” - Jordan, Josh, Ella, Jada
- “He used the colour blue a lot” – Molly
- “He liked to use basic flat colours instead of a whole heap of shades” Mia P
- “There is usually a person in every picture” – Courtney
- “The people always looked lonely” – Emily
- “The colours weren’t that good” – Will
- Some artworks looked damaged or scuffed. It generally wasn’t my cup of tea. I don’t find art that fascinating, but it’s cool to look at other people’s hard work” – Ronnie
- “The one in the columns stood out the most” – Robert
- “It doesn’t look like the pictures have much meaning behind them. He just painted what he saw” – Sage
- “The paintings were colourful and contrasting at the same time” - Caleb

Mrs Emily Shumack







PASS Class's Duke of Edinburgh Hike

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped us ensure this Duke of Edinburgh hike could go ahead! We really appreciate the loan of vehicles, administration assistance, equipment shared and time and expertise by all involved. An especially huge thanks to Noel Chesham our local mountain and camping expert, and to Mr Shumack for his camping expertise, jokes and lighting the fire each morning.

Although the first night's forecast looked to be wet, thankfully over the evening the rain began to clear. It was a pleasure to take the 9/10 PASS students on this hike. Their team work, attitude and enthusiasm was infectious! See the attached photos of our Base Camp at Wares Yards for a glimpse of our camp site that I think even the most experienced campers would find impressive! Our hosts were a number of swamp wallabies and warbling magpies.

Day 1

Our hike began from Wares Yard, I am glad the students and I did not look at the size and height of the mountain before we climbed it. Those small ten contour lines on our *Kosciuszko Northern Activities – Kiandra – Tumut* map do not give a clear picture of how steep our 1 and 1/2 hour climb really was! Over the course of the morning we zig zagged our way through Mountain Ash saplings and trees. Although the evidence of the bush fires could be seen with black stumps and streaks of black on trunks with regrowth, it felt like we were walking through the terrain of a healthy and growing National Park. We stopped for a short break at the top of Gang Gang Mountain. The early morning fog had not lifted so we could only see to Nungur Plain rather than the amazing view overlooking Adaminaby and beyond.

We were pleased to make it to Gavel's Hut for a long lunch break. We lit a fire and boiled the billy and hung our socks up to dry like Christmas stockings on Christmas Eve. In our day packs we all carried a mug, leftovers from dinner the night before wrapped in foil - roast potatoes, sausages and bacon, which we reheated over the coals in the fire place. We enjoyed reading through the messages left in the huts

guest book. We discovered that a pair of Cross Country skiers a few years ago in June had fallen in a creek (Rock Forest Creek perhaps?) and had written that Gavel's hut had saved their lives. They were able to light a fire, boil a billy and dry out as the snow fell outside.

Another school had camped at the hut and were not left with a high rating by following hikers. So we ensured we followed Mr Chesham's motto "Leave the hut as you find it, or in better condition". As we sat examining our map and the route home we estimated that our 20km hike for the day was longer than we had thought. We had already walked around 18km by the time we reached Gavel's hut. It was only a 9km walk back to Wares Yard and some of it along Schofield's Trail.

Some students were excited to spot three mobs of brumbies. Some brumbies had foals. A couple of students were not so excited to walk near a couple of snakes. I think one small snake slithered over a hiking boot! Although a lot of the wildflowers had already bloomed the Yellow Paper Daisies could be seen in large clumps. We made it back to camp by about 4pm, a good day's 27km hike.

Day 2

We packed up camp before driving a few kilometres away to a spot near Tantagara Dam wall where we struck out for Townsends Hut. We stopped to have a look at the view towards the building going on for Snowy 2.0. We observed the rows of accommodation rooms with roofs like red Lego, a bit of a maze to get around of an evening I would imagine. The trucks and vehicles going in and out towards the tunnel about Tangara Dam reminded me of ants busy at work, going in and out of an ant's nest. We observed that the Dam level was low, even after the huge amount of rain we have had. We assume that was because the Snowy 2.0 building could go ahead below the water level. It proved to be a good thing on our hike later that morning, as we had to wade through the Murrumbidgee river to get to Townsends Hut.

In our back packs we carried a small towel and shoes to wade across the river, and again mugs for the anticipated Billy Tea. Some students chose to tough it out in bare feet across the smooth river pebbles. Another student had brought a fishing rod, which they made use of while we had morning tea in the gorgeous Townsends hut overlooking the river and Gulf Plain. We watched dusky wood swallows dart below us through the gum trees. This walk was a wider vista of the beautiful mountain country plains. There were a number of little creeks and marshy areas to balance across on thick clumps of grass or tussocks. We saw less brumbies on this walk. But a lead stallion kept a close eye on us as we headed south-east towards Circuits Hut. Some students thought Mr Chesham was going to make them walk forever to find the hut! It is hidden at the base of the gum tree bush, and you almost stumble upon it as the red wood wall is hidden amongst the trees. It was obviously lived in for long lengths of time in the past as there evidence of an orchard and forget-me-nots growing amongst plants on the edge of a nearby creek.

We had a short stop at this hut due to our time limit. It was a 40 minute trek back along Circuits and Pedens Hut trail to our cars. A stopover in Adaminaby for ice creams and then home to waiting parents and a warm bath and bed.

A great two nights and days of adventure, challenges, learning bush skills and time in our stunning National Park. Let's do it again soon!

Mrs Emily Shumack (9/10 PASS Teacher)

















School News





Snowy Mountains Christian School



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

Presents:

A NOT SO
**TERRIBLE
PARABLE**

Thursday 31st March at 6.30pm

&

Friday 1st April at 6.30pm

Tickets are \$7.00 each and available for purchase on the school's website.

Hot drinks by the Coffee2630 Van and snacks sold by the SMCS fundraising team will be available each evening.



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Snowy Mountains Christian School *Primary School Teacher*

We are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated **Primary School Teacher** to join our team of staff at Snowy Mountains Christian School.

The applicant should be a passionate individual who shows a genuine love for students, with a fun and innovative approach to teaching and learning.

Position commences Term 2, 2022.


Applicant must be a Christian who is an active member of a Bible-believing Church and should be someone with:

- Recognised and appropriate tertiary qualifications and experience, including NSW teacher accreditation or ability to obtain it
- A willingness to uphold the vision and ethos of Snowy Mountains Christian School
- Dedication to delivering an excellent Christian curriculum
- Committed to professional development for delivery of effective pedagogy
- Strong interpersonal, communication and problem-solving skills
- Effective organisational and management skills and competent use of ICT in classroom practice
- Valid Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- The ability and/or willingness to teach another discipline would be an advantage.

This position is suitable for all levels of experience.

To apply for this position, complete and return the application form found on the schools' website at www.smcs.nsw.edu.au/employment-opportunities, along with a covering letter and current CV by email to: office@smcs.nsw.edu.au

Applications close: 3pm Monday 28th March 2022



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Secondary Science Teacher

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The Principal
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Cooma NSW 2630

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Applications close: 3pm Monday 4th April 2022



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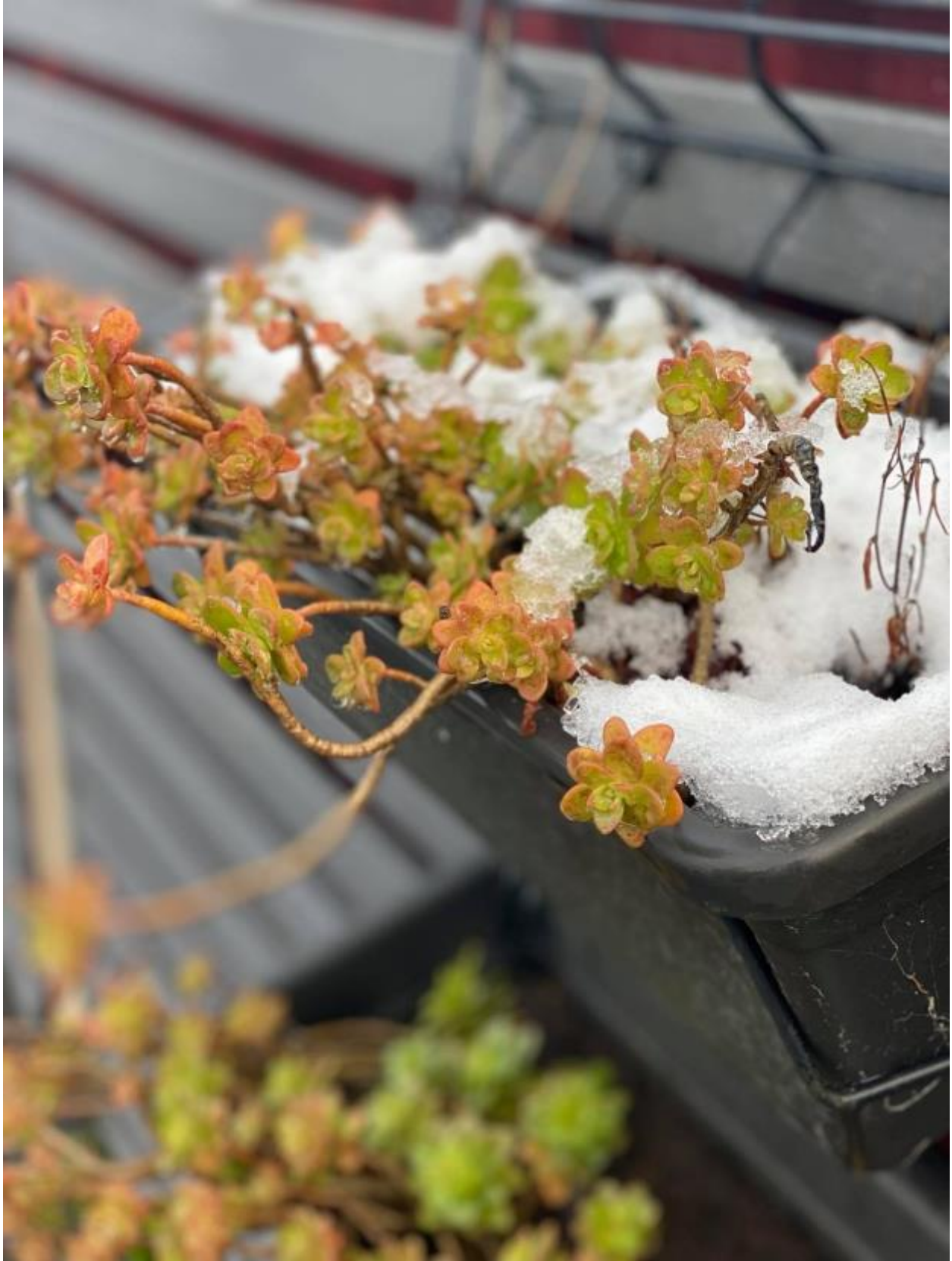
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Sport Spot



Cross Country

After all the rain that the Monaro region has recently received, Friday March 18, was a glorious day for running Cross Country tracks.

The day began with the High School students running either a 3km, 4km or 6km track at North Ridge. Despite the rough and wet condition of the track, the students were keen and ran well without any injuries. There were 6 checkpoints on this track, and I would love to thank all the teachers, Mrs Anana Poucher, Miss Rachel Stibbard, Mr Paul Wadland and Mrs Lucinda George for helping make this event a success. The extra helpers on the day are an asset and are appreciated.

The weather continued to hold out for the successful running of the Primary Cross-Country carnival back at school, between recess and lunch. Again, I would like to thank Mr Paul Wadland, Mrs Andrea Horsburgh, Ms Sue Bate and Mrs Kat Mills for generously giving their time on the day.

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Mrs Amanda Forster

Sports Coordinator









Celebrating 25 years...





Did you know.....

25 years ago, when the first School Board was looking to appoint the founding principal, they were seeking an exceptional person but the confirmation came in an unexpected way!

After two years of planning and much prayer, without finding a suitable candidate, the deputy principal at Taree Christian School advertised that he and his wife had a vision to found a Christian school, so the SMCS Board excitedly invited them to Cooma. After the visit they declined the appointment, believing that God was leading them to Queensland. Very disappointed, the Board went back to praying.

One Sunday morning at church, the then pastor, Kevin Carlson, asked me to send a fax to our applicant, making a second request that they might reconsider. I was very reluctant as they had been so definite that they were not coming to Cooma. It was a busy day getting lunch for our family and getting back to a Church Family Meeting that afternoon. When we arrived, Kevin immediately asked if I had sent the fax and I indignantly pointed out it was Sunday and as the fax would be going to his school, he wouldn't receive it until tomorrow but Kevin was so insistent that I said I would send it when we got home. Against my better judgement, I sent the fax later that day but was shocked when less than ten minutes later, the phone rang and an excited Geoff Wainwright declared: "I received your fax!" Feeling guilty for sending it, I was blown away by what came next! He said: "I was at the School picking up some things and walked past the fax machine and saw your message. What you don't know, is that when Gail and I said 'no' to Cooma, we laid a fleece before the Lord and said, '*Lord, if you mean for us to go to Cooma, they will ask again!*'" The rest is history.

Robert Wiles

Founding Board Member

Financial Administrator



High School Kitchen - Ready for use!

We started the renovation in March 2021 and saw a few delays due to COVID-19. With the final inspection now complete, the high school kitchen is ready for all to use.

We hope this space will continue to grow student's love of learning and that it will facilitate many wonderful events in the future.

A big thank you to all involved, particularly Mr Anthony Van Der Plaat, the builder, and Mr John Vanderhout.

Please enjoy the short video of the renovation.

Mrs Lucy Gotts



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Fundraising News



Our Slime Spectacular Fundraiser and BBQ lunch on Friday 18th March was a huge success and enormous fun for all participants!

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated towards this event and for supporting Snowy Mountains Christian School. Your generosity and kindness has meant that we have exceeded our goal amount significantly!

We look forward to communicating the exact amount raised, in our next newsletter.

Our Fundraiser could not have been as successful as it was without key volunteers and your donations.

A big thank you to Coles Cooma for donating a \$100 gift voucher to our BBQ lunch!

Thank you to Johnny and Elyse O'Connor, Claire and Kara Hynes, Sarah Davis, Krissy McPhie and Nick Kamenyitzky for running our BBQ lunch, and then backing this up with making slime, throwing it at students, and then the final, big clean up after all of the fun!

Thank you to Cindy and the Australian Fundraising Specialists for all of your support and help in making the Slime Spectacular as fantastic as it was!

A big thank you to Mrs Meyer and all of the staff too, who helped out and supported the fun run! To Mrs Forster and Mrs Wadland who assisted in setting up the course for the fun run, after the Cross Country, and to Mr Shumack for corralling the High School Students, and the Primary Staff for encouraging and organising the Primary Students for this fun event!

Thank you to Mrs Gotts for helping out with the counting of monies and your financial wizz skills, and Miss Alana for the wonderful photos!

Finally, we wish to thank our wonderful God, for blessing the day with good weather, safety and His good Grace.

Please enjoy some of the great action photos from the day!

Allysia Kamenyitzky

Fundraising Chairperson























Snowy Monaro Community Notices



IGNITE YOUTH

TERM 1: REASONS TO BELIEVE

11TH FEBRUARY: WATER FIGHT

25TH FEBRUARY: PUPPET SHOW

11TH MARCH: CLUEDD

25TH MARCH: THE BEST BOOK

8TH APRIL: EDGELENT ART

Year 7-12 Welcome

6:30 - 8:30 Friday

At Cooma Baptist Church
-Corner of Boona St and Barossa
Ave.

\$2 donation

Contact Ben Hamann for further information and questions
email: ben.hamann@gmail.com
Ph: 0437 065 738



COME & TRY RUGBY!

Cooma Red Devils Junior Rugby

RED DEVILS RUGBY

New & existing junior players all ages welcome - come along to our FUN & FREE "Come & Try" Rugby afternoons.

Wednesday 16th & 23rd of March

Brumbies development coaches will be present.

Come down and make some new friends and play some rugby!

TRAINING LOCATION

Rotary Oval - Murray St, Cooma NSW 2630

TRAINING TIME

4:30pm-6:00pm

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information, please contact Peter Douch - Junior President

E: douchpeter@gmail.com

P: 0427 892 335





CWA Cooma Branch are presenting a

HIGH TEA

100 YEARS OF CWA OF NSW!

Cooma Car Club, Bolaro Street, Cooma

Saturday, 2 April, 2022

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

\$30.00 per person

Tickets: Fabric Salon, Vale Street, Cooma

Tickets to be purchased by 26 March 2022.

Ticket only entry.

Group Bookings Welcome

Fashion Parade by Millers

Come along for an afternoon of fun!



Enquiries: Kaye Anderson 0417 472 226
Margaret Williams 0407 379 210

Proceeds to CWA Local Community Projects

COOMA CHAMPS TENNIS



School Holiday Tennis Camp

ROYAL TENNIS CLUB COST:\$130

BBQ LUNCH

CAMP 1 : Wed 13 April – Thurs 14 April, 2022.
9AM-3PM

CAMP 2 : Thurs 21st April – Frid 22nd April, 2022.
9AM-3PM

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER AVAILABLE

Please contact Tom Perea : 0404838049

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

SMCS School Calendar



MARCH 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 5		1	2 PASS D of E Explorations	3 PASS D of E Explorations	4 PASS D of E Explorations	5/6
			Kindy students home day	Primary school swimming lessons		
WEEK 6	7 Canberra Excursion for High School	8	9	10 Primary school Water Day with Snowy Hydro	11 High school Water Day with Snowy Hydro	12/13
					Primary visit Cooma Show	
WEEK 7	14	15	16	17	18 Cross Country Slime Spectacular Fundraiser	19/20
	5.30pm SMCS Family Picnic			Primary school swimming lessons		
WEEK 8	21	22	23	24	25	26/27
				Primary school swimming lessons		
WEEK 9	28	29	30	31 School Musical		

APRIL 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 9					1 School Musical	2/3
WEEK 10	4 High School Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences	5	6 Primary School Parent/Student/ Teacher Conferences	7	8 Last Day of Term 1	9/10
	11 School Holidays	12	13	14	15	16/17
	18 School Holidays	19	20	21	22	23/24
WEEK 1	25 ANZAC Day Public Holiday	26 School students return for Term 2	27	28	29	30

Contact Us

We would love to hear from you!

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2022 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 31 January 2022 - Friday 08 April 2022

Term 2 : Tuesday 26 April 2022 - Friday 1 July 2022

Term 3 : Monday 25 July 2022 - Friday 23 September 2022

Term 4 :Monday 10 October 2022 - Wednesday 7th December 2022

Board of Directors

John Vanderhout (Chair Person)

Judy Taylor (Secretary)

Robert Wiles

Farhad Khan

Malcolm Anderson

Neil Poucher

Sandra Mortimer





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.

