



Snowy Mountains Christian School

Newsletter 2022 T2 wk 1 (Musical
Edition)

From the desk of Mrs Meyer



Welcome to Term 2. The holidays seemed to go so quickly and now we are back and going again! Before we know it, it will be end of the term again!

During the break, our students represented our school at the ANZAC Day march and ceremony. They did a wonderful job and we are proud of their dignified behaviour at such an important event in the life of our country. Jesus tells us, 'Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends' (John chapter 15, verse 13). And that is what Jesus did.

Jesus loved God and loved people, so He willingly died for us. Humanity was separated from God due to sin and deserved punishment. Our very lives were in danger—just like the people around the world that soldiers die to protect. Yet Jesus, the Son of God, loved us and therefore went into battle against sin, and was victorious by dying in our place. He sacrificed His life so that we could be saved and have a relationship and peace with God.

I would like to welcome three new students to SMCS:

Justin Gabriel, Year 10

Julia Gabriel, Year 4

Amity Rolfe, Year 9

We pray that they will feel welcomed, comfortable and cared-for during their time at our school.

I hope you enjoy this special edition of the school newsletter celebrating the fine work of all our students in last term's Musical, 'A Not So Terrible Parable'.

Mrs Ella Meyer

A Not So Terrible Parable Presented by Snowy Mountains Christian School

The school musical 'A Not So Terrible Parable' is inspired by the story of the Good Samaritan, a parable that Jesus told, found in the Bible in the book of Luke 10: 25- 37. Thanks to the theatre company 'Big Little Stuff', this story has become a fun whodunit.

Set on a dark and stormy night ... a man lay beaten by the side of the road. Two travellers passed him by. Mysteriously, he is delivered to the doorstep of the quaint Mountain Vista Inn, where the startled guests, the butler and the maid (of course!), and the famous detective must use their wits to sleuth out every clue to get to the bottom of this mystifying 'whodunit'. Mystery, candlelight, organ music, and strange pizza toppings all awaited as we joined our host Alex McAlister to solve the mystery!

The putting together of the musical 'A Not So Terrible Parable' started way back in 2020. The appeal of the play was the whodunit aspect. We were inspired with the idea of the message of caring for our neighbour coming to life in a 'Cludeo' style whodunit. Little did we know how important this message would be during our COVID times.

Early in 2021, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Wadland and student teacher, Miss Stewart evaluated auditions and decided on cast members. It was decided that the following students were to play these roles:

Character	Description	Actor
Alex McAlister	The host of Master's Peace Theatre; sits in a large armchair and speaks to the audience in a very suspenseful manner—with a hint of a British accent	Molly Taylor
Guy Random	A real estate investor; the victim of an apparent robbery; a sincere and earnest everyday guy who wants to learn the truth about what happened.	Caleb Ventura (later to be Will Taylor)
Grace Mountain-Vista	The proprietress of the Mountain Vista Inn; she is the "pillar of the community"—proper, proud, a bit suspicious.	Mia Poucher
Yvette	Maid: flighty and overly dramatic, she has a tendency to faint at the drop of a hat.	Emily Anderson

Evelyn	Maid: level-headed; becomes fed up with Yvette's dramatic tendencies.	Ella Barker
Jeeves	The butler; observant, well-mannered, and very hard-working.	Charlotte Crane
Ricki Blaine	A famous detective: calculating and cunning, eager to solve the case.	Grace Wadland
Justin Case	Ricki Blaine's trusted sidekick.	Joshua Groves
Jenny Barrister	A lawyer; somewhat haughty and rigid, insists on living "by the letter of the law" rather than by its spirit.	Jada Horneman
Brooks Binder	A door-to-door Bible salesman; smooth, glib, knows about the outside of his Bibles rather than what's on the inside.	Reuben Khan
Samantha Ayrton	The pizza delivery girl: initially a bit secretive, but ultimately reveals she has a very generous heart and wants to help those around her.	Imogen Walker
Flash Back Scenes	Flashback scene showed what our suspect did when they found Guy Random injured on the road to the Mountains Vista Hotel	Issy Collits Sage Roswell Taylor-Grace Roberson
Backstage Crew		Micah Khan Jordan Groves Sam Thompson



1 - Molly Taylor who played the character of Alex McAlister



2 - Will Taylor who played the character of Guy Random



3 - Mia Poucher who played the character of Grace Mountain-Vista



4 - Emily Anderson who played the character of Yvette



5 - Ella Barker who played the character of Evelyn



6 - Charlotte Crane who played the character of Jeeves



7 - Grace Wadland who played the character of Ricki Blaine



8 - Joshua Groves who played the character of Justin Case



9 - Jada Horneman who played the character of Jenny Barrister



10 - Reuben Khan who played the character of Brooks Binder



11 - Imogen Walker who played the character of Samantha Ayrton

Soon after our cast were given their scripts we went into COVID lockdown and isolation. Although the students admirably continued to learn their lines and rehearse via video meeting, it was decided that 2021 was not the year to put on a school musical. Things went on hold, although students continued to learn their lines with the hope that the musical would go ahead in early 2022.

As 2022 came around, the students were very keen to commence rehearsals and Mrs. O'Connor was pleased to work with them. In the meantime, the primary students began in earnest to learn their songs, with the assistance of Mrs. England as the Music teacher and their classroom teacher.

Once the primary students could sing their songs with confidence, they put together the dances. The choreography was created as a joint collaboration between students, with the class teacher only acting as a facilitator. Costuming was decided upon and parents began putting them together at home; with only a few embellishments from the school. Our primary students were ready to move practices out of the classroom, and onto the stage.

Meanwhile our secondary students were rehearsing with Mrs. O'Connor. Just before the final week, Caleb Ventura, our Guy Random, had to go into isolation and would be unable to join in with the play. Gallantly, Will Taylor stepped into the role and did a fantastic job learning the part in less than a week! Fortunately, no other outbreak of COVID occurred before the big day.

As with most musicals, the last week is when everything comes together. Year 5/6 began to paint the backdrop and the staging was complete; our primary students were practicing on the stage and our

actors could see the set coming to life. Once the main cast started rehearsing in costumes, sound effects and the primary songs were added, their acting skills rose to the occasion and their characters came to life during full-dress rehearsals. They were ready to perform for an audience.

The first big night came about. There was a mixture of nerves and excitement. The main cast members and Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. Wadland, Miss Alana and Mrs. Shumack assembled early to dress, put on make-up and fashion hair. The whole cast helping each other. It was wonderful seeing the students working together, encouraging one another and sharing excited nerves.













The primary students came a little later, getting into costume, assisted by Mrs. Pristavu and Mrs. Forster. They then waited for the start of the play.





After grabbing a coffee and something to eat, thanks to the organisation of the Fundraising Team, the audience was seated. The lights were dimmed and the spotlight directed onto the stage. The performance began with all the primary students singing the introductory theme song 'On a Dark and Stormy Night!'

Our mystery story was introduced by the narrator Alex McAlister, performed by Molly Taylor. Molly set the scene beautifully, she invited us into the foyer of the grand Mountain Vista Inn and introduced us to its owner, butler and maids. Molly continued throughout her performance to create the suspense that a mystery needed for it to be enthralling. Concluding with a well delivered monologue, revealing the message behind our play of loving your neighbour.



Our victim, Guy Random, was played by Will Taylor. After making a very dramatic and convincing entrance, by falling onto the floor, Will continued with a terrific performance, looking forlorn and beaten while being fussed upon by the Mountain Vista Inn's staff.

Shortly afterwards our forthright and confident detective, Ricky Blaine, played by Grace Wadland and accompanied by her side-kick, Justin Case, played by the very debonair, Josh Groves, entered the foyer with fanfare.



The side story and banter between the elegant proprietor Grace Mountain-Vista played by Mia Poucher, butler Jeeves, performed by Charlotte Crane, the maids Yvette and Evelyn, played by Emily Anderson and Ella Baker, and Justin Case kept the mood of the play light-hearted. Often the dramatic fainting of Yvette and catching by Jeeves brought laughter to the audience. The swooning over Justin Case by the maids also brought smiles and giggles.

Grace Wadland as Ricky Blaine strutted confidently throughout the play bringing forward each suspect for cross examination. The first suspect – Jenny Barrister, played by Jada Horneman as a letter of the law type of character, was found to have neglected her duty to help our victim find safe a place to recover from his attack. Jade created a character that was sassy and matter of fact. She convinced the audience to have the heart to stop to help a stranger.

Although there were a number of dad jokes and play on words throughout the play, the best lines were delivered by Ricky Blaine and Brooks Binder, played by Reuben Khan. As Ricky Blaine was investigating Brooks Binder's actions on this dark and stormy night, the audience were quick to laugh as they watched the banter between these two characters. The highlight being some slap stick humour as Justin Case grabbed Brooks Binder's collar, causing Brooks to fall to the floor, allow Ricky Blaine to examine Brooks shoe to find he had a missing sole! Evidence of his lack of compassion towards our victim, Guy Random.



Each time our detective revealed what each suspect had done, or not done as the case maybe, a 'flashback set' was revealed. Our drama elective class had pre-recorded footage of our victim lying on the side of the road and each of our suspects walking right on by without assisting. This video was projected onto the large TV screens to assist our audience in picturing the events of the night. Issy Collitts, Sage Roswell, Taylor-Grace Roberson did a terrific job, putting these scenes together.

Our primary classes performed their songs with energy and enthusiasm. Year 5/6, dressed as detectives, began with the song 'Whodunit?', a very catchy tune which audiences would hum as they left the theatre. Our K/1/2 class were dazzling and cute in sunglasses, colourful skirts and vests. Their song reminded us we can love others because God first loved us. The Year 3/4 class delighted the audience, dressed in pyjamas, as they sang and danced two songs – 'Your Word is Alive' and 'Every Day'. Their

favourite song being 'Every Day', where wearing pyjamas symbolised waking up every morning to a new day ready to love God through our actions.





So, in the end, who was our kind and compassion mystery person who brought Guy Random safely to the hotel for care and recover? Ricky Blaine solves the case by exclaiming that the rather shy and demure pizza girl, Samantha Aryton, played beautifully by Imogen Walker; who has been popping in and out of the hotel foyer delivering odd pizzas all night was indeed the kind stranger who had delivered Guy Random to the hotel earlier that fateful evening. Case closed, mystery solved!



The feedback from the audience was excellent. Some saying that the performance on the Friday night slightly better than that on the Thursday. Overall, the whole school musical was a huge success. Not just for giving students performance opportunities and a chance to develop a sense of community and teamwork, but also for the delivery of the message to love one another. An important message for living a life that pleases God.

Special thanks and acknowledgements need to be given to Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Wadland for organising and directing the play, Mr Shumack who was on the sound desk, and Mrs England who taught the songs to the primary students. Special thanks to Micah Khan, Sam Thompson and Jordan Groves for backstage organisation, the parents and teachers who helped with costumes and makeup behind the scenes.

Mrs Dani Wadland



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!

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*Clothing Pool
Fire Sale*

Monday 2nd May & Wednesday 4th May

Available in the Link between
8.30am-9.30am & 3.00pm-3.30pm

Jumpers/Shorts/Grey Pants - \$5.00 an item
Hats/Pairs of socks/Tights - \$1.00 an item

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12 - George will be teaching privately at SMCS on Wednesdays in Term 2!



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Want to work with a fantastic team?

Are you a passionate, fun, motivated and innovative teacher?

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is currently seeking a High School Teacher to join their team of staff.
Commencing Term 2, 2022.**

**Permanent Part-Time or Full-Time position
This position is suitable for all levels of experience.**

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

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Lost Property

Please ask your child/ren to check the lost property boxes in the school's link area, if they are missing any items.

We have jumpers, water bottles and containers in the lost property (just to name a few)!

The Lost Property is emptied at the end of each term. Staff cannot guarantee that items will still be there at the beginning of the following term.

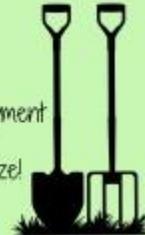
Thanks for your help in this matter!

Financial Administrator



You're invited to
CBC & SMCS Working Bee
Saturday 7th May
8am - 12pm

We will be focusing on the back garden.
Please continue to maintain covid-safe health practices and byo equipment.
Morning tea provided - and the chance to win the lucky door prize!



Snowy Monaro Community Notices



Praise & Worship Night

at Cooma Baptist Church

Friday 17th June, 2022

7pm

Cooma Baptist Church Sanctuary - All welcome!
Supper will be provided.

Cooma Baptist Church, corner of Barclay St. and Roma Street, Cooma.



Snowy Monaro Regional Council is inviting learner drivers and supervisors to attend a FREE online road safety workshop.

The workshop will offer advice and safety tips to help learner drivers make safer choices and assist supervisors to provide a good learning environment.

Workshop Details

Venue: Online Via ZOOM

Date: Tuesday 3 May, 2022 OR Thursday 5 May, 2022

Time: 4:00pm-6:00pm

Book your place at the workshop through the link here:

www.eventbrite.com/e/safer-learner-drivers-workshop-tickets-327820458817

If you have any question please contact Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 6451 1350

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SMCS School Calendar



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

MAY 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 1						1
WEEK 2	2	3	4	5	6 Zone Cross Country	7/8 SMCS Working Bee
WEEK 3	9	10 NAPLAN Starts	11	12 Whole School Photo Day	13	14/15 SMCS AGM
WEEK 4	16	17	18	19	20 NAPLAN ends	21/22
WEEK 5	23	24	25	26	27 State Cross Country	28/29
WEEK 6	30 Exam Week	31 Exam Week				

JUNE 2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6			1 Exam Week	2 Exam Week	3	4/5 Workshop Day Fundraiser
				Kinder 2023 Info Night		
WEEK 7	6	7	8	9	10 TBC Athletics Carnival	11/12
WEEK 8	13 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14	15 SMCS Public Speaking Competition	16	17	18/19
WEEK 9	20	21	22 Year 7 2023 Taste n See Day	23	24 High School Camp to Tasmania	25/26 High School Camp to Tasmania
WEEK 10	27 High School Camp to Tasmania	28 High School Camp to Tasmania	29 High School Camp to Tasmania	30 High School Camp to Tasmania		
Notes						

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.

