



Snowy Mountains Christian School

Newsletter 2022 T2 wk 3

From the desk of Mrs Meyer



I have been reading a book entitled 'Thoughts to Make your Heart Sing', by Sally Lloyd-Jones & Jago. I learned quite a few things that I did not know. For example, did you know:

- That a giraffe can clean its own ear with its 53cm tongue? That is a very big tongue.
- No two zebras have stripes exactly alike. That's like our fingerprints.
- A hippo isn't yawning at you – it's showing off its teeth so birds will clean them.
- Fifty thousand cells in your body will die and be replaced all while you are reading this sentence.

Wow! We live in an incredible, miraculous world! The Bible says that nature is just a shadow of what it will be when God comes back to mend His broken world. If this beautiful world is just a shadow of what it will be like when God comes back...what on earth will you be like?

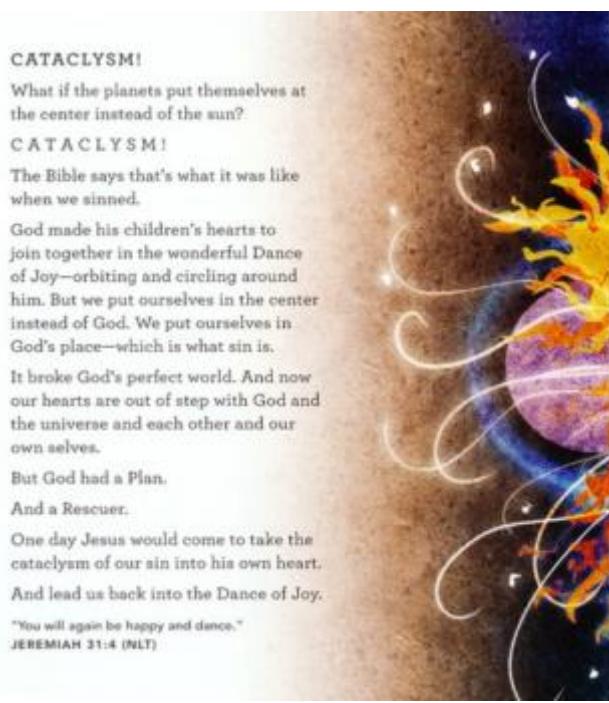
Isaiah 55:12 says "You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands!" Here God was speaking to a discouraged people in captivity, whose future was uncertain and whose life was hard. These verses unfold His path for moving His people from their thirst and longings to fulfillment, peace, and joy.

We too have been experiencing some discouragement and uncertain times during these last two weeks. Many students and staff members are having to isolate due to COVID-19 and classes had to be combined to cover this unfortunate sequence of events. We too can be encouraged that God has good plans for us here now and in the future.

I hope and pray that you have a great week.

Ella Meyer





Mrs Salzke is retiring...

Mrs Ruth Salzke has been an integral part of Snowy Mountains Christian School since its early days, and we are sad to be saying goodbye to her after such a long time of service, faithfulness, teaching and investing in young lives at SMCS.

Thank you Mrs Salzke for everything that you have done for so many children, and families over the many years that you have been at SMCS.

We hope you enjoy your retirement, spending time with your beautiful family and going on some great adventures!

Tuhan memberkati mu... sampai jumpa lagi

(God bless you... see you soon!)

SMCS will be giving Mrs Salzke a gift on Monday 23rd May to thank her for all of her years of love and service to our school and community. If you would like to send her a message or card, please pass it along to Mrs Kamenyitzky in the school office or email Mrs Gotts at finance@smcs.nsw.edu.au



Primary Mutterings..

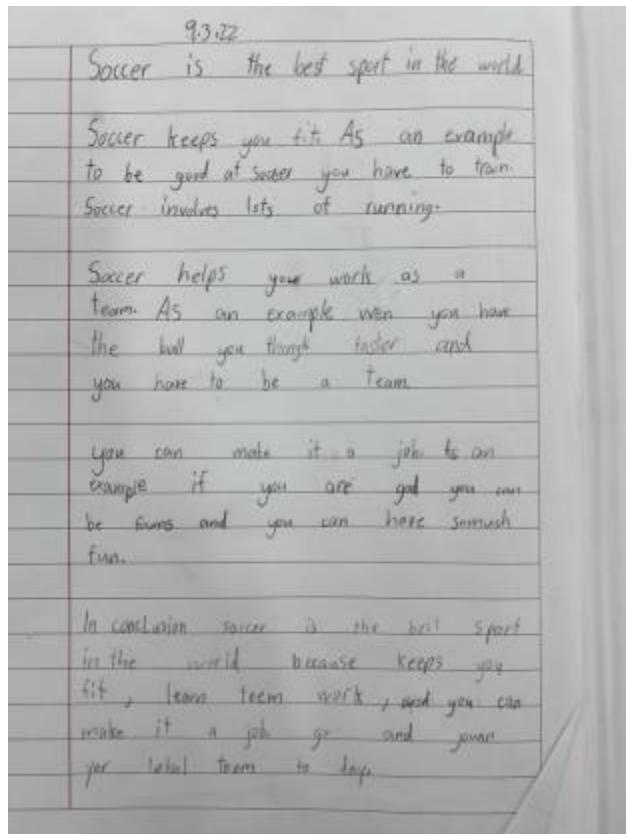


As you know our Bible verse for the year is ‘Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened and do not be dismayed for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’ Joshua 1: 9 (ESV). In light of this verse, our wonderful Year 3/4 class have been learning about the Armour of God from Ephesian 6: 10 – 18.

Each week we have studies one part and learned of people in the Bible who used this element. Finally, we have made our own solider who is wearing the armour as a reminder of all that we have learned.



In Writing, our focus has been persuasive writing. The students have now written their 'masterpiece' and here is a few samples. I believe they have done a terrific job.



1 - Eden's Writing

Valentina

I think that my brother should have a puppy.

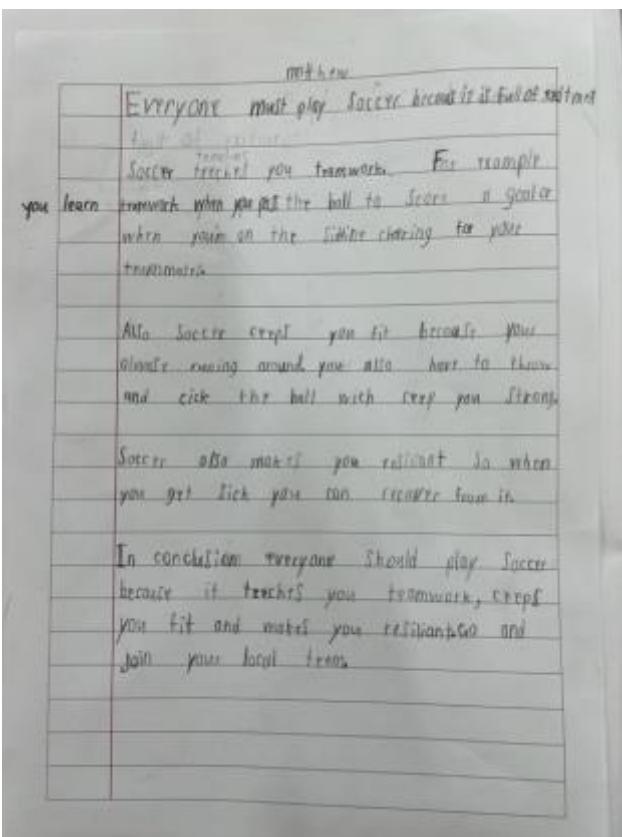
Dogs are Alessandro's favorite animals.
He thinks dogs are so cute and beautiful.
He thinks they are perfect for playing
with everyone.

He would be a good owner. He
would feed the dog so that
it doesn't go hungry. He would
go everywhere with his dog.

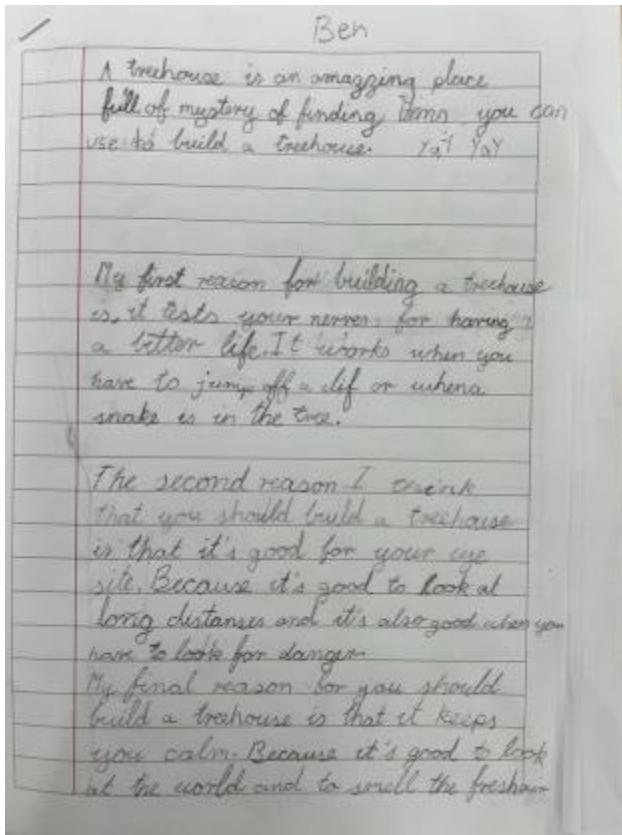
It would be good for Alessandro's
health. Walk the dog for exercise.
Dogs make good friends.

In conclusion I think that my
brother can have a puppy because
he promises that if he would
have a puppy he would
care for it.

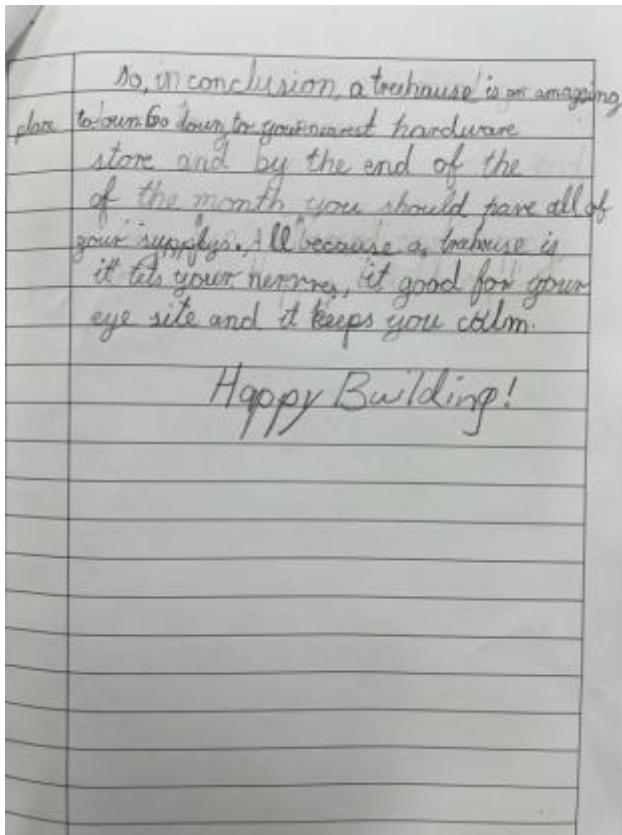
2 - Valentina's writing



3 - Matthew's writing



4 - Ben's Writing

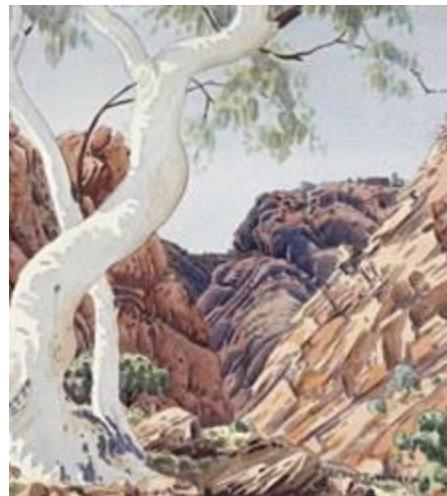
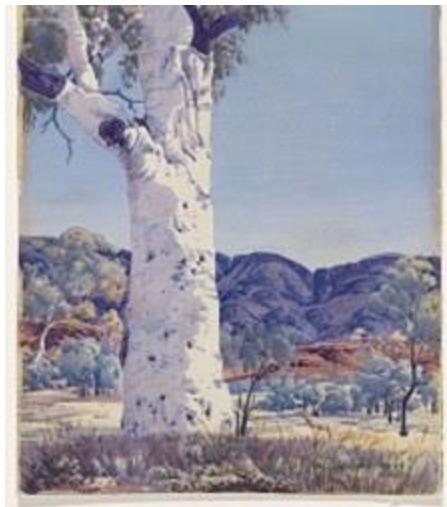


In Science, we have studied the changing states of matter. In concluding this unit, we have looked at how the melting and cool of matter has been useful to people such as in cooking or making tools from metal. Now we have been discussion plastics; its usefulness and its problems. The student have also designed some posters to encourage us all to use plastic in a more conservative way.





In Art we have complete our unit on dance which climaxed in the presentation of our item in the school musical- A Not So Terrible Parable. Now we are studying Visual Art and in particular landscapes. The first artist we studied was Albert Namatjira. We have painted, in watercolours, landscapes inspired by his paintings such as 'Ghost Gum and Gorge' and 'Ghost Gum'. Compare our works with Albert Namatjira's.



This week we are studying the art works of Arthur Streeton, an artist from Victoria. His style of painting is more impressionist in nature. We learned how our visual memory ‘fills in the gaps’ in the artwork. These artworks are still in the making process, but are inspired by Arthur Streeton’s painting called ‘Fire’s On’



Mrs Dani Wadland

3/4 Teacher

High School Happenings..



This term in Science, Stage 4 has begun looking at Force. We have learnt there are different reactions to force like speeding up, stopping, remaining still and moving in another direction. We also studied how force can be measured, it is measured in Newtons and 1 Newtons equals to about 100 grams. The students had a go at measuring how much force they can muster through putting bathroom scales on the wall and pushing as hard as we could. Most students were able to push between 200 and 350 Newtons.

The students were then given a task to use Gravity as a force and hit a ball with a bit of wood using only gravity to move the wood. There were some interesting contraptions designed and made with most of them using gravity well to move the wood. In the coming week, we will be looking at magnets and the electromagnetic forces.





In Stage 5 Science, we have began exploring our Universe. We began by looking at the life cycle of stars and found it interesting that the star light we see today could actually be 3000 years old and that the star it shines from may actually have already died years ago. It is amazing how complex the Universe is, and we are amazed that the Universe also praises God.



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STEM Project

Over the next term, students in 7-10 will be working on their Science Project as a part of the Science curriculum. For this project we will be incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to develop something which will help make 'A Cleaner World'. These Projects will be presented at the Snowy Mountains Christian School STEM Fair in late Term 3. More information to come.

Elyse O'Connor

Sport Spot



Starting last week, students from Kindergarten through to Year 8 started developing their tennis skills during Sport with Tom Perea. The students will continue to hone their tennis skills, throughout the term,

under the guidance of Tom, thanks to the school receiving a grant from Sporting Schools Australia. Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport and connect them with community sport opportunities. Sporting Schools aim to help students build the confidence and capability to be active for life. Included are some photos of the students enjoying their first lesson with Tom.







Cross Country

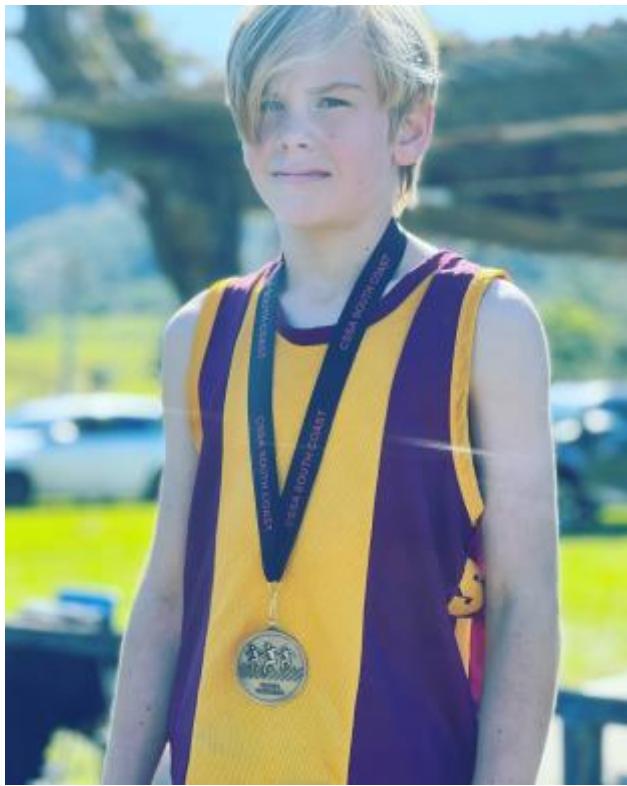
During assembly on Monday morning, the Age Champions in the School Cross Country race received their medals in recognition of their accomplishment. Many of these students went on to represent the school in Nowra last Friday, May 6, competing in the Zone Cross Country. They competed against students their own age from other Christian Schools within the Southeast region. Mrs Wadland was the team manager on the day and was pleased with how the students performed. Due to a lot of rain falling recently in the region, the track was rather muddy, however the sun was out and the wind was blowing, helping to dry out the track.



Matthew Groves finished 1st in the 10-year boys 2 km run, and finished extremely close to breaking the record, while Ellie Watson finished 3rd in the 11-year girls 3km run. Jordan Groves finished 7th in his 13 year old group for their 3km run, and Grace Wadland finished 9th for the 15 year old girls, 4km run.

Congratulations to all the participating students who ran to the best of their ability on the day.













Active Kids are Smarter Kids

Now in its 23rd year, the National Walk Safely to School Day is an annual event when all Primary School children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. We are promoting the Walk Safely to School Day on Friday the 20th of May. We will walk from Centennial Park in Cooma to school, along Mittagang Rd. If you would like your child to participate in this event, please let your classroom teacher know and we will wait at Centennial Park for them. Please have your child at Centennial Park by 8:00am on Friday May 20, 2022 so they can enjoy a beneficial walk to school with their peers and two teachers. We will need to leave the Park no later than 8:10am, to ensure we make it to school on time. Looking forward to seeing you bright and early.

Regular physical activity can help develop important life skills, and boost self-esteem, motivation, confidence and wellbeing. Studies have shown that cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness are strong predictors of the risk of developing [heart disease](#) and [type 2 diabetes](#) in later life, and that vigorous exercise in childhood helps to keep these risk factors in check. Frequent moderate intensity and, to a lesser extent, low intensity exercise will still help improve kids' heart health and their metabolism. Physical activity is a key component of the treatment of many long-term conditions in 6-18 year olds.

Amanda Forster

Sports Coordinator

Student Service Council



It was another special ANZAC day for our wonderful Australian rural town of Cooma NSW. The morning began as a typical autumn morning, foggy with the promise of sunshine. We had twelve students and four staff members from the Snowy Mountains Christian School participate in the Cooma Monaro RSL Sub-branch Commemoration of ANZAC Day March and Morning Service.

In the ANZAC Day order of service it states “The Returned and Services League Australia (RSL), is a support organisation for the men and women who have served or are serving in the Australian and Allied Defence Forces.

The RSL’s mission is to ensure that programs are in place for the well-being, care, compensation and commemoration of serving and ex-service Defence Force members and their dependents; and promote Government and community awareness of the needs for a secure, stable and progressive Australia”.

The service was organised and led by D Feaver, Geoff Stokes and one of our SMCS board members and Salvation Army Corps Officer Sandra Mortimer. Sandra had recently had Covid and was still recovering. She did a tremendous job leading the singing and prayers. The Address was given by Rear Admiral Matthew Buckley CSC RAN, Head of Nuclear Powered Submarine Capability. He spoke of the past 80 years of war, of those who have served bravely for our country, alongside New Zealanders and their service to our countries.

A presentation was made for the ANZAC of the Year, Shelby Stanley, who had only last year been helping to organise the 2021 ANZAC day service with Geoff Stokes.

One of the students asked me what was the difference between ANZAC day and Remembrance day, and also why do we wear rosemary in our button holes during the march and service?

ANZAC DAY 2022

APRIL 25

"They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them."

LEST WE FORGET



6 - <https://www.nsw.gov.au/about-nsw/anzac-day-2022>

Here is a reminder of why these days are important and what the wearing of rosemary represents:

"ANZAC Day marks the anniversary of the first campaign that led to major casualties for Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. After the Second World War, ANZAC Day became a day to commemorate all the Australians and New Zealanders who have served our country. It is held every year on 25 April.

ANZAC Day stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps with soldiers in the First World War who landed on Turkey's Gallipoli Peninsula at around dawn on Sunday 25 April 1915.

Held on 11 November, Remembrance Day (formerly known as Armistice Day) is observed by the Commonwealth of Nations to honour and remember all who have died as a result of war. Remembrance Day also marks the anniversary of armistice which ended the First World War.

Like ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day is a day to remember loved ones lost while they protected our country. It's a day to honour and respect family and friends who bravely served our country, and to honour their commitment and loyalty to Australia, the Commonwealth and our freedom.

Each year, Remembrance Day falls on the 11th of November. On the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month, a minutes' silence is observed and dedicated to all soldiers who died fighting to protect our nation. It was at 11am on 11 November 1918 that the guns on the Western Front fell silent after more than four years of continuous warfare".

<https://www.somervillefunerals.com.au/about-us/days-to-remember/remembrance-day-anzac/>

Significance of Rosemary

"Since ancient times this aromatic herb has been believed to have properties to improve the memory. Traditionally, sprigs of rosemary are worn on Anzac Day and sometimes on Remembrance Day, and are usually handed out by Legacy and the RSL. Rosemary has particular significance for Australians, as it is found growing wild on the Gallipoli peninsula".

<https://www.awm.gov.au/commemoration/customs-and-ceremony/rosemary?msclkid=8067e7aec54911eca5a3f8809ae66d0c>

Thank you to our SSC members and students Ronan, Victoria, Jordan and Joshua Groves, Joshua Mills, Molly and Will Taylor, and our school banner carriers Michelle McPhie and Ben Kamenyitzky, our school wreath layers Mia Aitkenhead and Jada Horneman and Mia Poucher who read a Remembrance Reflection on our school's behalf. Thank you also to the staff who attended Allysia Kamenyitzky, Alana Stibbard and Nancy Groves. And a big thank you to all the parents who helped their children to come along and attend the 2022 ANZAC day in Cooma.

Lest we forget

Emily Shumack





School News





****NEW DATE****

Thursday 20th October 2022

Thank you!



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!



COOMA SCHOOL LUNCHES

10% OF ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL

Lunch orders available on Mondays and
Thursdays.

Please place your order online before 9.30am

[www.coamaschoollunches.com.au](http://www.coomaschoollunches.com.au)

O, Music!

Private Music Lessons at School

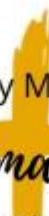
with George Zhao (MMus / PhD Candidate)

Individual 20/30 Minute Lessons
Available for the Piano, Keyboard and Accordion

Text George on 0492 810 000

www.omusic.au

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



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Primary School Teacher

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Want to work with a fantastic team?

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

**Snowy Mountains Christian School in Cooma NSW
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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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Financial Administrator



Snowy Mountains Christian School
Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 15th at 12pm

All members are encouraged to attend.

Celebrating 25 Years



SMCS was a safe-haven for my children and I, when we arrived in the country 14 years ago.

The sincere, loving care of Catriona and the teachers for my children and for us as a family was astounding.

The school went the extra mile to help the children to adapt and catch up and was instrumental in shaping them to become the Godly young people they are today. The small cohorts allowed them to blossom and gave them many opportunities they never would have had in a large school. They developed their deep love and knowledge of music through outstanding mentoring. Various opportunities to perform on stage flowed from this, and this built their confidence and skills. This is just one of many skills obtained at SMCS that they still use as young adults.

When they left the school at the end of year 10, they were well prepared academically, socially and spiritually to face the many challenges of growing up.

As a family we will forever be grateful for the input of SMCS in our lives! Happy Birthday SMCS

Judith Truter













Saturday 10th September

Fundraising News...



Snowy Mountains Christian School

Flannelette Mufti Day

Friday 20th May 2022

Please come dressed in your favourite Flannelette Pjs or Flannelette shirt and bring a \$2 donation to go towards High School and Primary School Camps!

*Thank you for your support!
SMCS Fundraising Committee*

Hot Chip lunch orders

Friday 20th May 2022

\$5.00 for a cup of hot chips, sauce and a juice popper.

Orders will be due back to the school office by Wednesday 18th May



Proceeds will go towards High School and Primary Camps

Snowy Mountains Christian School

Lollipop guessing Competition

Can you guess how many lollipops are in the jar?
(The Jar is located in the school office)

\$1.00 per guess!

Proceeds will go towards the High School and Primary School Camps!
The closest guess will win the jar of lollipops.
Winner will be announced at the Monday morning assembly on
30th May 2022

Thank you for your support! SMCS Fundraising Committee

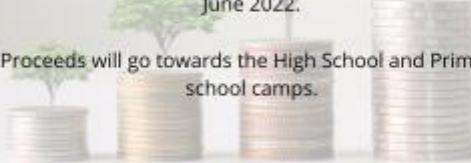
Loose change challenge

From the 20th May - 20 June 2022 each class will have a bucket in their classroom to collect loose change.

At the end of the month, the class that has the most coins in their bucket (not \$\$ amount) will win!

The Winning class will be awarded a class prize on 22nd June 2022.

Proceeds will go towards the High School and Primary school camps.



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 Barwon Ave. and Bonar Street, Cooma.

COOMA NORTH FAMILY FUN MORNING



**COME AND JOIN US - CUTTING WEEDY
COTONEASTERS OUT OF YOUR LOCAL BUSH!!!**

INCLUDING GAMES FOR ANY YOUNG KIDS!

**FOLLOWED BY A FREE SAUSAGE
SIZZLE!**

WHEN

**Saturday 14th May, 2022
10am – 12 noon**

WHERE

**Cooma North Ridge Reserve
Meet at end Doondoo Place**

HOW DOES THIS WEED AFFECT YOU?

- Increases fire threat
- Forms dense thickets around eucalypts, making them more prone to dieback
- Increases populations of currawongs

A FAMILY FUN

EVENT

Friends of North Ridge
Reserve Bushcare group,
together with:
Cooma Landcare



WHAT TO BRING

- Enthusiasm
- Gloves
- Loppers
- Strong shoes, Hat,
- Drinking water

BENEFITING

Health of nature on
Cooma North Ridge

FACEBOOK

**Friends of North Ridge
Reserve, Cooma**

SMCS School Calendar



MAY2022

	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 <u>Whole School Photo Day</u>	13	14/15 SMCS AGM
WEEK 4	16 SMGS Production for High School	17 Defence Force Recruiting presentation for 9/10	18 Hot Chip orders due	19	20 \$2 MUFTI DAY (FLANNELETTE) Hot Chip Lunch orders today	21/22 NAPLAN ends
WEEK 5	23	24	25 Yr 5/6 RAGE Program	26	27 State Cross Country	28/29
WEEK 6	30 Exam Week	31 Exam Week				

JUNE2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 6			1 Exam Week Yr 5/6 RAGE Program	2 Exam Week	3	4/5 Workshop Day Fundraiser
				Kinder 2023 Info Night		
WEEK 7	6	7	8 Yr 5/6 RAGE Program	9	10 Athletics Carnival	11/12
WEEK 8	13 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	14	15 Yr 5/6 RAGE Program	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						

JULY2022

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT/SUN
WEEK 10					1 High School Camp to Tasmania Last Day of Term 2	2/3
	4 Winter School Holidays	5 Winter School Holidays	6 Winter School Holidays	7 Winter School Holidays	8 Winter School Holidays	9/10 Winter School Holidays
	11 Winter School Holidays	12 Winter School Holidays	13 Winter School Holidays	14 Winter School Holidays	15 Winter School Holidays	16/17 Winter School Holidays
	18 Winter School Holidays	19 Winter School Holidays	20 Winter School Holidays	21 Winter School Holidays	22 Winter School Holidays	23/24 Winter School Holidays
	Staff PD Week					
WEEK 2	25 Students return Term 3	26	27	28	29	30/31

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





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.

