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Biblical Focus 2009: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18

NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st August, 2009. Week 4, Term 3

From the Principal

Greetings!



I am very pleased to announce that our school has signed a building contract and work has now commenced on the new Multi-purpose Hall. This very important milestone is the product of much hard work on the part of the Board and others in our community, including the previous Principal, Catriona Wansbrough. As many of you know, the new hall will open up a much wider range of sporting, performance and other community activities at school, and it is to be funded as part of "Building the Education Revolution", an initiative of the Australian Government. It is genuinely exciting to receive such a major piece of infrastructure in this way, and we are very grateful to both the government and our gracious God for this provision. We are also very fortunate to have CSD Engineering, a highly professional local company, acting as project managers throughout what is one of the most significant construction projects in the history of the school to date.

At this point, attentive readers might be thinking, "He's certainly changed his tune! A few weeks ago he said this project *wasn't* the most exciting thing happening at school." Well, I stand by my original assessment. As important as it is, I believe ultimately that this hall will be less significant and less enduring than our day-to-day work of providing students with an excellent, Christ-centred education. But I'm a big kid at heart, too, and it's great fun to watch those big trucks and heavy machinery at work.

I am also reminded that Jesus often used building construction as a metaphor for life. As he concluded the Sermon on the Mount, his most famous sermon of all, he said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the rock." (Matt 7:24-25)

As we lay down the foundations of a new hall, it is very appropriate to reflect on the foundations that underpin our lives.

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mike

Mike Nightingale

Sport Report

Last Friday we had 3 High School students, **Renee Wortley, Kirralee England & Tim Burgess** travel to Wollongong for the South Coast Secondary Zone Athletics Carnival. They performed very well and achieved some amazing results.

Both **Tim & Kirralee** have now qualified to compete at the CSSA State Carnival next Thursday. Congratulations to all 3 on your effort and we wish Tim & Kirralee all the best.

Results are:

Tim Burgess	16 yr Boy 100m	2 nd - State selection	Kirralee England	16yr Girl Long Jump	2 nd - State Selection
	16 yr Boy 200m	3 rd		16 yr Girl Javelin	4 th
	16 yr Boy 400m	3 rd		16 yr Girl Shot Put	6 th
	16yr Boy 800m	3 rd		16 yr Girl 100m	7 th
	16 yr Boy Long Jump	4 th			
	16 yr Boy Shot Put	6 th			
	16 yr Boy Javelin	8 th			
Renee Wortley	14 yr Girl 400m	7 th			
	14 yr Girl Long Jump	7 th			

Primary State Carnival results will appear in the Newsletter next week.

Liz Fairbairn - Sport Coordinator.

Debating achievement -

Congratulations to **Ellen Fletcher** who placed 3rd best speaker in The ACT Debating Union Murray Trophy 2009 competition. Well done Ellen!

Liz Dee - Debating Coordinator

SMCS Open Day and Book Week - Library Safari Theme

A big thank you to all those who donated books to the school and purchased books as gifts for their children. Approximately \$1800 was spent which will enable the library to buy numerous new Christian titles for our children's enjoyment.

Thank you to Pat Redmond and her daughter Kathleen for their assistance on the day.

By the way, it would be lovely if people who donate their books to the library could leave their name with the book so a 'Donated by sticker can be inserted in the book.

Kind regards & blessings,

Gail Curzon, Librarian.



If you would like to receive your newsletter by email please send an email to: newsletter@smcs.nsw.edu.au

NOTICES

It's Children's Book Week again, from 22 to 28 August!

Join the fun at Cooma Library as we go on safari to explore the mysteries of the library ... AND check out the Children's Books of the Year (including the BIG WINNER!)

All welcome! Groups are particularly invited for special half hour sessions. Please book by phoning 6455 1730.

Construction Zone:

Please be aware that construction has now commenced on the Multi-purpose hall and the Infants / Primary Playground will be closed to all children until the building site is fully enclosed.



Reminder for 2010 students:
Just a reminder for any families moving on at the end of the year – we would like *at least 1 term's* notice as we are organizing our classes for 2010.

With thanks.

Boys Club

We will meet **Friday 21ST August**. We meet from 5.30 – 6.50pm and the group is open to all boys aged 7 – 11.

We'll have lots of fun with indoor activities to test your skills. **Cost \$2.00.**

Please note:

This term Boys Club will be on only **every 2nd Friday.**



Girls Brigade to be held fortnightly.

Girls Brigade is on at the church:

- Kinder to Yr 6 – 3.30 to 5.30pm (contact Liz Mills 0428 365 308 for more details)
- High School – 7.00 to 8.30pm (contact Foss Miners 6452 3299)

New girls are welcome anytime.

Dates this term: Tues. 1, 15, 29 September.

NOTICES



Open Day - Tuesday 18th August

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to such a successful K-6 Open Day!

Teachers and students alike loved having a chance to demonstrate their progress in literacy and numeracy during the "Journey through the Grades". Everyone then had a wonderful time making masks and reading books with a safari theme for Book Week.

For at least a few, though, the highlight of the day was the monster sausage sizzle at lunch time!

Many parents, teachers and students needed to work together to make this day so much fun, and to all those who helped we say "Thankyou!"

From the Jumping Fleas

The Netta competition ended last weekend with the girls putting in a great performance to show how well their skills have developed over the season. Congratulations to **Hannah Learoyd, Stephanie Watsford, Danielle Mohr, Georgie Allen, India Taylor, Paton Stokes Marshall (SMEGS) and Tahlah Fergusson** (Cooma Public) on a fantastic season, the girls were terrific sports, had a lot of fun and improved out of sight over the 12 weeks to finish up as one of the strongest teams in the comp. A big thank you and full credit to their fab coaches, **Kirrallee England and Louise Watsford** who gave up their Saturday mornings to coach the girls and who made it such a success. We can look forward to some more great netball next year when the girls enter the under 12's netball competition.
GO FLEAS!!!

Interschools Skiing

We would like to wish our State Interschools Skiers all the best as they head off to compete at the State Interschools Competition next week. **Georgie Allen, Deuchar Allen and India Taylor** will represent SMCS in the Division 5 Moguls event, and **Angus Allen, Hugo Allen and Robyn Allen** will represent the school in the Div 4 Moguls and Skier Cross, whilst **Robyn Allen** will compete in the Div 4 Alpine event. Good luck!! And thank you once again to the parents who support this competition.
Fiona Taylor, Interschools Skiing Coordinator.

News from Uniform Committee

Please find following a brief summary of matters discussed at the Uniform Committee meeting on 15/08/09.

1. Year 10 leaving jumpers: The Year 10's have expressed an interest in arranging **leaving jumpers**.
2. Senior Skirts: Senior Girls will now be able to choose to wear either skirts or pants, **the skirt will not be a compulsory item of uniform**.
3. Boys' trousers: Uniform Committee has agreed to begin **phasing in the Senior style Midford boys' winter pants to the Junior School**. (Midford 9112PLP) It was decided these pants are warmer and a more appropriate cut. Uniform can be purchased from either Squishy's or South East Embroidery.
4. Second hand uniform sale: The Uniform Committee will be holding a **second hand uniform stall** at the end of term. Uniforms for sale must be clean and in good order and clearly marked with price and name of family selling uniform. The stall will be held on Thursday 24th September and the intention is to sell goods from 8am until 10am and then again from 2pm until 4pm. Please send uniforms in to school from Monday 21st September.

A reminder to check our uniform requirements before purchasing uniform, the official styles and style numbers are clearly set out in the school handbook, and our local suppliers, Squishy's and South East Embroidery, are aware of our requirements.

Please don't hesitate to contact Fiona Taylor on 64546311 if you have any queries or concerns.

Cooma Community Garden:

The "Lawns to Lunches" program incorporates a series of workshops open to everyone, including families, plus a special School Holiday Workshop for kids (age 5+) to be held in conjunction with Cooma Library on Wednesday, 14th October. Bookings to Sue at the Cooma Library Phone 6450 1730

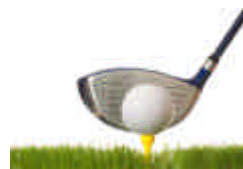


Get Your Kids Active in 2009

Play Squash & Golf for a lifetime of fun and fitness. Winter/ Spring Programs for 2009:

Junior Golf Clinics – Saturdays 1-3pm

Starting September 5th for 9-15 year olds.
\$8.00 per student.



Junior Squash – Wednesdays 4.30 – 6.30pm

Starting 19th August for 8 – 15 year olds.
\$6.00 per student.

All enquiries to: Mick & Loretta O'Connor
Phone 6452 1213 or 0413 751 964

Cooma Athletics Inc. Registration Dates.

Thursday 3rd & 10th September 2009.

Snowy Oval Clubhouse

4.00pm – 5.30pm

(Please bring copy of birth certificate or proof of age)

Enquiries Norma 043 787 3706

Season commences 17th September, 2009 at 4.00pm

Cooma North Preschool Assoc.Inc. **FETE** – 3 Brown St., Cooma North
Saturday 19th September 2009 Featuring our star attraction for the day...

The Great ZAMBONI – Comedy Magician

Two shows 11.00am & 1.00pm

BBQ & Refreshments Petting Paddock Pony Rides Teddy Bear Hospital
The Great Zamboni Tombola Plant Stall Cake Stall Krispy Kremes etc.

POSITION VACANT

SMCS REQUIRES
THE TALENTS OF
AN ENTHUSIASTIC
SOCCER

COORDINATOR FOR
THE 2009/10 Six-A-Side
competition and also for the
2010 Winter competition.

For all requirements of this position please
contact Brett Simpson on 6452 7648 or
0402 205 987.

Email: magiclean@optusnet.com.au



WANTED...

The art room
would very
much like egg
cartons for use
in students' art projects.

Please send them to school
with your children or drop
them into the office.

Thank you,
Ruth Salzke – Art Teacher

