



Snowy Mountains Christian School

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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 11th September, 2009. Week 7, Term 3

From the Principal

Greetings!

As a relative newcomer to Cooma it has been a great pleasure to experience the first signs of spring in the past two weeks. I'm not talking about the worst of the cold weather being behind us – especially since quite a few have said this was a mild winter by local standards, and one or two have even warned that winter may not yet have completely passed – what I'm speaking about are the beautiful cherry blossoms, daffodils and other flowers that have begun to appear all over town. I suppose that some of you who have grown up here may take them for granted, and I know it's not particularly blokey of me, but I think there is something very special about four distinct seasons, especially when they are punctuated by such fabulous changes in colour. (Who says I'm not in touch with my feminine side?)



For a seasoned schoolie such as myself, another sure sign of the springtime is a need to begin planning for the following school year. In some respects this provokes the same reaction as when Easter eggs appear in the supermarkets sometime in January. "LEAVE ME ALONE! It's too early!" Of course in other respects, just like the cherry blossoms, it also heralds a new cycle of hope and anticipation for what might be achieved in the lives of our students. At school this week we welcomed the very first buds of spring by holding a High School Information Night. (Don't laugh! This is better than the practices of the ancient Israelites - look up II Samuel 11:1.) This night was an enjoyable time where Year 10 students were encouraged to prepare for the upcoming demands of the School Certificate, where Year 6 students had an opportunity to discuss their transition into High School, and where Year 8 and Year 9 could think about the processes of choosing their electives for 2010. Overall, the evening was just one of many efforts we make to help our students prepare for the future. Next Tuesday, we will run "Taste and See" activities when, for one day, our students experience what it is like to be in the year above. Year 2 students can try Year 3 on for size, Year 6 can try Year 7, and so on.

The intention of these activities is not merely to ready students for the changes that must inevitably follow from one year to the next. We also hope to underline the values that remain constant throughout all their years of schooling at SMCS. Each year for every student we seek to provide an excellent, Christ-centred education where individual gifts are developed and individual needs are met. As one season ends and another begins, it is a good reminder that at this school all our efforts anticipate a time when *truth sprouts green from the ground, and righteousness pours down from the skies (Psalm 85: 11).*

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mike

Mike Nightingale

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

NOTICES

Primary Transition Day

On Tuesday the 16th September, the school will be running a 'Taste and See Day' for Year 6 to High School. As part of this process we will be moving all grades **UP to the next year level** for the afternoon session. In the past we have found this to be a useful experience for our students to spend some time with their new peer group, as well as their new teacher. If you have questions regarding this please see me. Thanks.

Steve Carter

Primary Coordinator.

Help Us Spend Some Money!

The school recently received a National School Pride Grant from the Federal Government to improve the look of our school.

One of the projects involves painting, particularly the main Administration Area, as well as the Infants Toilets and the corridor from the Sanctuary to the Playgroup area.

Everyone is invited to a very special
"Let's spend Kevin's money Working Bee"
on **Saturdays 12th and 19th September**, starting at 8:00 am until about 3:00 pm.



We are hoping to complete as much of this painting as possible before new carpet is laid during the next school holidays (Another opportunity to spend more money).

Michelle's Swim School

Bookings are now being taken for term 4 Squad sessions and Learn to Swim at the Cooma Swim Centre and the Cooma Hospital Hydrotherapy Pool.

For bookings and enquiries please phone:
Michelle on 6452 4289

'Kids' Blast'

If your child is not involved in another Sunday School, why not bring them to '**Kids' Blast**', an exciting kids program every Sunday during school term from 10.15 – 11.30am.

Your children are welcome to join the Church in Worship between 10.00-10.15am. You are welcome to join us at that time also.

Pastor Gary.

Six A Side Soccer

Registration forms have been handed out to interested students for the summer Six A Side soccer competition. When these are returned to me, I will compile the teams and let you know who's in what.

I will then hold a brief meeting for those interested in how the competition will run.

Keep an eye out in the newsletter. Please endeavour to return forms asap – if your child did not get one, there are spares at the school office.

Steve Carter



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Hockey Anyone???

It's on again – the annual Parent vs Kids Hockey game.
The parents are looking for anyone interested in playing.
Date: 25th September
Time: 1.30pm – 3.00pm



Please leave your name and contact number at the office if you'd like to sign up.

Thanks,
Sandra Wassink.

P.S. We may even train this year!

Cooma Red Devils Under 15 Rugby Union team: Joint Premiers 2009!

Congratulations to team members from Snowy Mountains Christian School - **James Cole, Isaac Worley, Jordan Shaw, Zac Nisbet, Tom Lee & Sebastian Dominish** who fought back from 20 – 15 down with only a couple of minutes on the clock to equalize the score at 20-all with Trinity from Goulburn on the full time whistle. A truly committed effort – well done!

SMCS Fundraiser – *Green Clean Eco Pack*

The fundraising committee is introducing a new fundraiser that will benefit both your household and the school!

It is an environmentally friendly, all purpose, money saving and easy to use product, and is a concentrate.

For only \$20 you can make 25 trigger bottles, bringing the cost to only 80c per bottle! Out of every \$20 you spend the School receives \$5.00!

The fundraiser will kick off on **18th September**, so be sure to send your order form in by **10th September** to receive your Green Clean Eco Pack!

For further information visit the website at www.greenfundraising.com.au or see the office staff for sample/display.

Orders are being taken now, please return your completed order form with payment to the office.

PROTECT YOUR KIDS ONLINE

To access a fact sheet prepared by Australian Bankers' Association Inc go to
[www.bankers.asn.au /default.aspx?ArticleID=1379&PrintFriendly=True](http://www.bankers.asn.au/default.aspx?ArticleID=1379&PrintFriendly=True)

Information is provided about the following topics:

- What are the Risks?
- Communicating your Issues
- What are the risks of posting too much personal information online? Why should you and your kids care?
- Safety Tips
- Secure the home computer or your child's laptop
- Do the same threats exist when my kids are using a mobile telephone?
- What do I do if I think my child has been targeted by criminals online or has had their identity compromised?