



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 18th September, 2009. Week 8, Term 3

From the Principal

Greetings!

As most of you know, Snowy Mountains Christian School has a longstanding and fruitful relationship with Cooma Baptist Church.

Over the years we have shared much more in common than our buildings.



This week the church held a "Week of Prayer" and while, naturally enough, the school was not their only focus, I was very encouraged that we featured prominently amongst the issues they brought to the Lord. I should confess that I failed to arrive even once on time to a 7:00am start, but even so I genuinely enjoyed the opportunity to join with others to pray for every class from Pre-Kinder to Year 10; for our families, teachers and support staff; and for the safety and progress of the building program. Once or twice I was even humbled when someone prayed for me!

At times almost everyone wonders about the value of prayer. Even if you only pray occasionally, it's almost certain that at some stage you've faced the disappointment of praying and praying without seeing an answer. Should I give up or keep going? Is there something I'm not doing properly? Is God even listening or am I just talking to myself?

Jesus teaches us to approach prayer in the same way as a small child approaches a parent. Don't over analyse it – bring your needs straight to your father in heaven. God is as happy as any parent to hear what is on your mind, and, just like any good parent, he won't always give us exactly what we ask for!

An incident this week demonstrates how important prayer can be to a school. You may have seen footage of a terrible head-on accident involving a car and school bus in southern Sydney. Those children were from Sutherland Shire Christian School, a school where I was once a teacher and where I know their principal, Andrew Middleton, personally. Miraculously, despite massive damage to both vehicles, none of the students were critically injured. As Andrew said by email, "despite everything, God is good."

We should never take for granted the involvement of God in our lives. Sometimes, as in this case, he answers our prayers directly by protecting those we love. At other times his ways are less clear and he simply asks us to trust him. At all times, though, he delights to be welcomed into our lives through prayer, and he always gives us what we really need.

Lord, teach us to pray... (Luke 11:1)

Yours for the Kingdom,

Mike

Mike Nightingale

SPORT REPORT

Last Tuesday saw yet another fine performance from one of our young athletes.

Angus Allen represented SMCS at the CIS State Athletics carnival in the Junior Boys 800m.

He put in a fantastic effort which placed him 7th out of a field of 17 runners. This is an amazing achievement. Congratulations Angus!

Liz Fairbairn – Sport Coordinator

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

NOTICES

NAPLAN RESULTS:

All NAPLAN results were mailed to parents this week. If you have not received your child's results (Students in Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9) please phone the school office on 6452 4333 and a copy will be provided.

School results will be collated, analysed and reported in the Annual School Report for 2009.
Mike Nightingale.

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Wednesday 23rd September 2009.

Teachers are available for parent interviews from 3.30 – 5.50pm.
Each interview is for 10 minutes. Please book at the office on 6452 4333.

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 **Saturday 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 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



Hockey Anyone???

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



Please leave your name and contact number at the office if you'd like to sign up.
This is your last chance to join us. Thanks,
Sandra Wassink.

Spalding Corner

Rule 3

When 'g' is followed by an 'e, i or y' it MAY say 'j'.

Example: gent, giant, gypsy.

This rule does not always apply.

SMCS Soccer News

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL SMCS soccer teams who have ALL WON their respective Gala Finals! A FANTASTIC effort by ALL the players! We join with all their parents in thanking coaches, and supporting and encouraging parents who have assisted their children in this sporting arena. SMCS would also like to take this opportunity to thank Brett Simpson who has assisted the teams as school soccer coordinator all year organizing teams and being available at all times.

In light of Brett having a break from coordinating, if any parents are interested in working with Steve Carter to continue developing the fine soccer tradition of SMCS for next year, please see Steve or email him at coordinator@smcs.nsw.edu.au. There is a general schools meeting planned for either the 21st or 28th of September for this year's coaches to discuss certain issues with Brendan Toohey, the schools junior soccer coordinator. Brendan would like to discuss the following issues:

- Age groupings
- Team inequalities
- Gala days
- Super days
- Senior finals
- Canteen
- Equipment
- Coaching clinics
- Refereeing
- Rules



Once again if you are interested, please phone or email Steve so he can pass this information on to you.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN TO ALL SOCCER PLAYERS!

** **Coaches** – please return all soccer jerseys to the school office. Thank you.