

Morning sharing by Jonathon Chow Chun Yuen from 3A(7)

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Good morning everyone. My name is Jonathon Chow. Like my classmate, Xavier Au, I want to tell you about another excellent English novel. The book I'm going to tell you about is a teenage book. It's called "Love, Ghosts and Facial Hair" and it's by an Australian writer, Steaven Herrick, who enjoys writing about teenage boys. The novel has won many prizes.

The story is set in the 1990's near Sydney, in Australia and it's about Jack, a 16-year-old boy, his family and his girlfriend, Annabel.

Jack has a pretty cool character. He is just an ordinary teenager with a dad and a sister and a girl he secretly loves. Later, I learn that his mother died from cancer when he was only 7. He has what he calls a dream family and a real family, and his dream family is sometimes very funny. In his dream family, he imagines that his father is very rich, his mother is still alive, his sister is a famous nurse and he is a famous writer. However, in his real family, his father is poor, his mother has died, his sister is working at an ordinary job and he is just a student at school hopelessly in love with a girl called Annabel.

I can really relate to Jack because he is just a teenager like you and me. He makes mistakes. He loves his family. He dreams and he falls in love. He also misses his mum very much, but he has the courage to keep on going to follow his dreams because he knows that is what his mum would really want.

The main message from the novel is how important it is for us to be positive, to face our problems and to keep our dreams alive.