A Hectic Day

The clock radio jolts me awake. The satellite forecast for the Saturday weather was right for a change – it’s pouring with rain. I quickly check my e-mail inbox – 5 new messages.The MP4 video files have finally finished downloading. Oh no,I forgot to wash my shorts for the rugby game. Oh well ,I’ll just put them in the washing machine on a quick rinse cycle.

Time to grab some breakfast – a quick bowl of quick oats heated for 1 minute in the microwave! Let me flip to channel 301 and watch the cartoon network while I have breakfast.

“Uh Dad, sorry but can we stop at the ATM on the way to the match? I need to draw money. Sipho sent an SMS last night to say that he had managed to book some tickets through Computicket for that concert we wanted to go too.”

“Fine I’ll wait in the car”. Dad is so paranoid about getting robbed – he’s installed a new tracker system. He says it is for insurance but I just think he just likes gadgets. I don’t think he has learnt to use that dashcam he installed or the Bluetooth streaming device for that matter! OH NO, HE HAS SET THE ALARM OFF IN THE HOUSE AGAIN. HE CAN NEVER REMEMBER HIS ACCESS CODE TO ARM THE HOUSE. WE’D BETTER NOT BE LATE – COACH WANTS US TO WARM UP PROPERLY AND CHECK OUR HEART RATES ON THE MONITOR HE BORROWED FROM THE SPORTS INSTITUTE.

Only one minute left in the game. The electronic scoreboard shows that we are still one point behind. Finally I get the ball, swerve around my opponent – it's a try! I hope Dad got a shot of that on the high res camera on his new phone. I'll ask him to share it with me. “Dad can we stop at the mall to pick up the tickets, and get a hot chocolate?” He’s happy as he can buy flowers and chocolates for mom for their anniversary. He put the wrong date in the calendar on his phone! Thank heavens he bought his credit card with him. “Ok Dad, while they’re scanning your items I'll order the hot chocolate at the cafe. Meet you there.”

Home at last. “Dad I don’t think your door is shut – there is a light still flashing on the console in the car.” The sprinkler system switches on just as we get to the front door. It’s been a great day – I think I’m going to just chill out in front of the TV and do some channel hopping until the concert tonight.