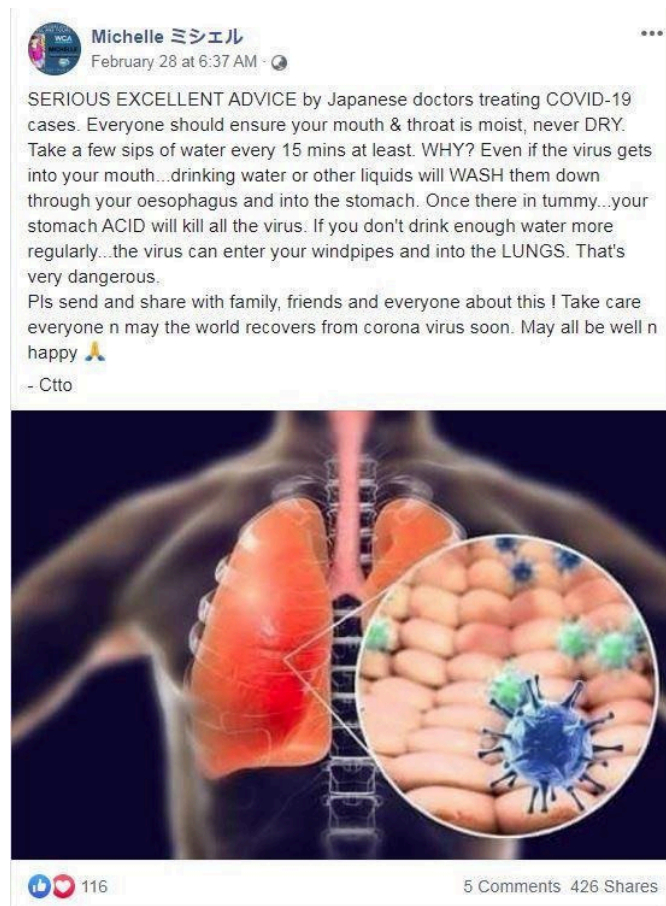


Submission from Paige (15 – SA)

What is Real?

Free Verse Poem by Paige

Inspired by fake news regarding COVID-19 in 2021 (that sipping water every 15 minutes would kill the virus!) and how concerning it is that false information can be so easily shared.



It starts small
A flicker, a private post
I wonder if it is true
Could it be?

Now it has been shared
By one friend to another
Gasping at the thought of this new information
We share it on

On and on the news is shared
Water can cure COVID!
It brings waves of audiences

Keen to solve the pandemic

However, at the back of my mind
I wondered, could it truly be
Something as simple as water can cure a global crisis?
I shrug off my doubts and join the crowd

But as the myth grows
Scientists delve deeper
They know this cannot be!
They just need evidence

The scientists work hard
Late into the night
Early into the morning
They research, determined

A wave of disappointment floods over the people
The myth has been busted!
The simple answer to a big problem has been foiled
All hope seems crushed

It started with a flicker
A quiet little post
It ended with a lesson
To always check the facts

For rumours spread like ripples
Growing with every share
But the truth is worth the waiting
And now I handle information with care.