



Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2017 Term Dates

- 31st Jan - 31st Mar
- 18th Apr - 30th Jun
- 17th July - 22nd Sep
- 9th Oct - 22nd Dec

For Your Diary
OCTOBER

Wednesday 18th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Friday 20th

- Junior Swimming
Ms Wood, Mrs Dwyer
Mrs Weickhardt and
Mrs Hines Classes

Monday 23rd

- Whole School PFA Meeting at Smythesdale 10am

- School Council Meeting at Ross Creek

Tuesday 24th

- iPad Information Night at Smythesdale 6pm
- Cybersafety Session with Des Hudson at Smythesdale 6.30pm

Wednesday 25th

- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

- Ecolink Excursion Gr F/1

Friday 27th

- Senior Presentation Ball
- Junior Swimming
Ms Wood, Mrs Dwyer
Mrs Weickhardt and
Mrs Hines Classes

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ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TERM FOUR!

A big welcome back to our students and their families for term four. Our wonderful students have settled in well this term and have been showing excellent work habits across all year levels.

I would like to extend a warm Woody welcome to Peace Y and her family. Peace joined our school from Haddon PS at the beginning of this term and has quickly settled into our campus and already build some great friendships with her peers.

This term there are some wonderful learning experiences planned for students in all year levels. A snapshot of these are:

- Transition activities for our senior students
- Our Middle PLC students will be enjoying three days in the bush at Cave Hill Creek
- As part of their Mini Beast unit, our Junior PLC students will be heading to Ecolink in Bacchus Marsh.
- Our swimming program will run for students in all year levels
- Grandparent's Morning and our annual Book Fair
- The Senior Tech Fair
- Christmas activities including Christmas Cooking and the end of year movie trip.
- Our annual presentation evening, held in our outdoor stage area.

If you have any questions about any upcoming events, please don't hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

PHOENIX COLLEGE 2018 SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

Yesterday, Mr David Garner (Phoenix College, Assistant Principal), visited our assembly to present some scholarships to Savannah D, Callum S and Chloe J for 2018. On behalf of all the Ross Creek Community, I would like to congratulate Savannah, Callum and Chloe on this wonderful achievement and am sure they have a exciting future as they move into secondary education.



2017 STUDENT ATTITUDE TO SCHOOL / PARENT OPINION SURVEY REFLECTION

A big thank-you to the 43 respondents of the Parent Attitude to School Survey. The data was very positive which was great feedback for our very hardworking staff. As always, the data highlighted some areas of opportunity to improve, and while we all enjoy getting a pat on the back, our focus is looking at how we can continually improve the learning experiences for the students at the campus. The data that you provided the school with is taken very seriously, and will be used to guide future programs for the students at Ross Creek. Some of the positive areas of feedback included

- 91% of respondents agreeing that our teachers have high expectations for success of the students.
- 95% of respondents agreeing that our school promotes positive student behaviour at all times
- 94% of respondents agreeing that their children are very connected with the school.
- 100% of respondents agreeing that their children enjoys the learning they do at this school.

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE

WED 18TH OCT:

- Cave Hill Creek Medical Forms
- Ecolink Excursion Gr F/1
- Woody Under 12 Cricket

WED 25TH OCT:

- Technology Fair Senior PLC
- Gr 6 Country Bus Forms
- Blast Cup Cricket

FRI 27TH OCT:

- Cave Hill Creek Full Payment Due

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS CONTINUED

When staff analysed the data, the two greatest areas for opportunity and growth were in teaching of organisational skills to support the management of homework and providing students with strategies to work through teasing, name calling and bullying situations.

These two areas will be focuses in all classrooms throughout the the remainder of the year and in early 2018.

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS?

Teaching students and young people organisational skills is one of the very important roles of a both a teacher and a parent. Good organisational skills for students will support them to complete work on time, stick to deadlines and make sure all notes and important information get home to a parent / guardian. As we are in term 4, now is a great time to continue to encourage students to improve their organisational skills in readiness for moving to a higher grade next year. Some ways we are doing this at school include:

- Encouraging students to be organised with their swimming gear during the swimming program.
- Providing students with constant reminders about passing on notes / newsletters to their parents / guardians.
- Students getting all of their school belongings organised at the start of the day.
- Providing structures around homework Eg. making sure it is taken home on the correct day and returned on time.

As a parent, it would be great if you could continue to support your children to be responsible for some of these and other tasks related to school in the lead up to transitioning to a higher grade in 2018.

BULLYING IN SCHOOLS: A TEAM APPROACH

It was great to see the student opinion survey data inform us that our students feel bullying and harassment does not happen on a regular basis at our campus. This was backed up by both the student and parent data saying that 95% of students feel safe every day at school! This is very pleasing to hear. However from time to time, bullying does occur, as it does in all schools across the country.

The vast majority of students do not want bullying to occur, but often don't know how to stop it. The rate of bullying in schools is consistent over time - it hovers around 1 in 5 students and has done so for years.

The reason for this is not that prevention programs are ineffective, but that there is consistently a percentage of young people who believe that bullying is an acceptable way to interrelate. These people need to be educated that bullying is not acceptable - ever.

This means that schools should have ongoing campaigns and programs to prevent bullying, to intervene effectively when incidents occur, to celebrate diversity, and to promote friendship and positive social behaviours.

The culture of a school is set by the leadership and teachers, but it is students and parents that can really make it strong. When students feel empowered to tell adults when bullying occurs, to create opportunities for positive relationships and make commitments not to engage in bullying they can establish a positive peer group culture that makes a huge contribution to the school culture.

So how can peer groups combat instances of bullying?

Most students are heroes in waiting but they need to be encouraged to realise it. The idea that you can and should stand up for others, rather than being a passive observer to bullying, is an important value which should be actively promoted. There are several ways schools can do this:

- Students can sign a pledge or an agreement not to passively condone or accept bullying wherever it occurs and whoever is involved. This reduces anonymity and increases positive commitment.
- Students can receive training in 'resilience': a set of skills which predicts good outcomes for young people and is also associated with less bullying in schools. They are then empowered to develop projects to create a positive change in their school or community. These students are often called Resilience Ambassadors.
- Woody Yaloak Primary School Buddies Program- These programs broaden connections between students and have shown to be effective in increasing resilience and reducing bullying.
- Bullying partly occurs when we see other people as less human and less sensitive than they truly are. When we connect people and encourage them to act heroically in the face of bullying, the cultures of schools change. Heroism is the enemy of bullying.
- Groups or alliances can celebrate diversity in the school population.

WOODY YALOK PRIMARY SCHOOL 2018 IPAD / CYBERSAFETY INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday evening is the information session for I:1 iPad use in the senior classroom in 2018 at 6.00pm and following this at 6.30pm, Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson will be presenting a cybersafety session for parents of students in any grades across our school.

PIE WARMER LUNCHES

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS ONLY

PLEASE NAME ALL LUNCHES

PLEASE ENSURE LUNCHES ARE WRAPPED CORRECTLY

APPROPRIATE LUNCHES FOR PIE WARMER ONLY
NO MICROWAVING

LOST PROPERTY

Please remember to check the lost property box out the front of Miss Hannah's class for any missing items.

There are a large number of jumpers, hats and drink bottles that have been handed in.

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS CONTINUED

You Can Do It Awards



CONFIDENCE

Josh P
Cooper G
Mia T
Lilly S



RESILIENCE



PERSISTENCE



GETTING ALONG

Alex H
Peace Y
Matt H

ORGANISATION



The session will run for approximately an hour and focus on strategies that parents can implement to best support their children to remain cybersafe. This will be the 5th session that Des has run across Woody this year so if you were unable to make it to the previous talks, I would highly recommend your attendance. Could you please remember to RSVP on the flyer that was sent home last week. If you have questions about these sessions, please see Mr Bell or Mrs Webb.

FOUNDATION / GRADE 1 / GRADE 3 ECOLINK EXCURSION

Just a reminder that all of our F-2 classes will be attending an excursion to the Ecolink centre in Bacchus Marsh on Thursday, 26th October. We will be taking part in their Education program about Minibeasts; which is very interactive and lots of fun. Each child will need to bring a packed lunch and drink for the day. The buses will leave Ross Creek at 9.00am in the morning and will return for normal school pick up.

The excursion is FREE, please ensure that each child returns their permission slip by Wednesday, 18th October.

2017 WALK THE SHIRE CHALLENGE

Walk to School month is a fun and easy way for Victorian primary school kids to build healthy habits for life. This year, the students at Ross Creek are participating in Walk Around the Shire Challenge. This involves each class being challenged to walk around the perimeter (350km) of the Golden Plains Shire.

Over the next four weeks, students from all grades will be walking around a kilometre track in an attempt to 'walk around the shire.' This fun activity has many health benefits and will be complemented by free fresh fruit each week for the duration of the challenge. We thank the Golden Plains Shire for their ongoing support with Walk to School.



ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will begin on Wednesday, 18th October and continue on Wednesdays from this date. Breakfast will be served in the **Science / Visual Arts / LOTE Room** between 8.15am-8.45am. Breakfast consists of cereal, muesli, toast and baked beans.

HATS (NO HAT NO PLAY)

With the UV rays now increasing, just a reminder that as an accredited Sun Smart School, students are required to wear their hats at recess, lunchtime and when outside for class activities throughout the day. If your child does not have an approved school hat, they are available to purchase them from the office.

REGIONAL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL RESULTS

Last Friday we had a number of students from Ross Creek attend the regional athletics Carnival at Llanberis. Well done to Amy B, Matt H, Chloe J, Luke C and Kade R who all represented themselves, their families and their school exceptionally well. The students' results were as follows:

Amy B- 5th hurdles and 4th shot put, Luke C- 7th hurdles, Matt H- 4th shot put, Chloe J- 8th hurdles and Kade R- 5th hurdles.



WELL DONE SIENNA AND ASHLEE!

Over the holidays, Sienna C and Ashlee J competed in the state titles with their calisthenics team, Sovereign Calisthenics. Their team had been undefeated all year in their division I junior section. Amazingly, they participated in the recent state championships and won! They completed six different styles of dance at each of the competitions. We wish the girls the very best for their final competition in two weeks which is Royal South Street Eisteddfod.

Congratulations Sienna and Ashlee!



Congratulations!

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CERTIFICATES

Do you assist with:-

- ◆ Listening to reading,
- ◆ Excursions,
- ◆ Sporting activities,
- ◆ Cooking,
- ◆ Hot lunches,
- ◆ Or as a general classroom helper

- then we require you to have a "Working With Children" Certificate.

For parents to assist in our campuses we are required to see and file a photocopy of a current Working With Children Certificate.

The Department and the State Government guidelines require all parents who assist in the schools to have a current certificate. This is to safeguard your children's welfare. The certificates are only valid for five years.

If you do not have a certificate, please apply for one as volunteers are cost free.

Forms to apply for this are available at: <https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wccu/onlineapplication.do>. Once you have lodged your application at the Post Office, bring your receipt to school and you can simply fill in a Statutory Declaration, this will enable you to volunteer immediately. The Statutory Declaration covers the period of time between applying and receipt of your working with children card.

2017 GRANDPARENTS / SPECIAL FRIEND'S MORNING

On Monday 30th of October, we are holding our annual Grandparents / Special Friend's morning at Ross Creek. Our Grandparents / Special Friend's morning begins with an assembly in the multi from 9.00am then our students will move back to their classrooms, where our special guests can enjoy some grandparents themed activities throughout the morning.

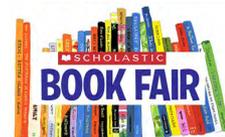
Our grandparents / special friends are invited to bring in an 'object from the past', which they will be invited to share with the students throughout the morning.

After all this fun in the classroom, our guests are invited back to the multi to enjoy a morning supplied, supplied by our school community. We are certainly looking forward to huge turnout for one of the great events on the school calendar.

2017 ROSS CREEK BOOK FAIR

Our annual Ross Creek Book Fair will be open from Monday 30th October until Wednesday 1st November. The hours of the fair are from 8.30am-9.00am each morning and from 3.30pm-4.00pm each afternoon. The students will complete a 'wish list' in the week prior to the Book Fair to give you an indication of the some of the books they may enjoy.

The Fair will also be available to our grandparents who may wish to purchase a book.



SWIMMING

Just a reminder that swimming continues for junior PLC students on Fridays throughout term 4. Please remember to send swimming gear each week with your children.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP

On Wednesday, 1st November (week 4 of Term 4) the Grade 3 & 4 students are off to Cave Hill Creek camp. Approximately 90 students from across Woody are attending this camp.

Parents are to drop their child at our central Smythesdale campus on Wednesday, 1st November at 9:00am. All medications must be clearly labelled and handed to Mr. Whitcher before departure. Parents are to pick up their child from the Smythesdale campus on Friday, 3rd November when the bus returns at approximately 2:30pm. What to bring: Students will need to bring morning tea, lunch and a drink for the first day in separate, clearly named, disposable packages. These will need to be packed separate to clothing, perhaps in a day pack.

Please remember that Medical/Asthma forms are due back this **Wednesday, 18th October** and final payment for this camp is due **FRIDAY, 27TH OCTOBER**. If you have any questions regarding camp please contact your child's teacher.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN PROMOTION

THANK YOU! We had an absolutely fantastic response for the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion last term. At the final count, the Ross Creek Campus collected 13,220 stickers! Once this total is approved, these stickers translate into points that we will use to purchase a huge amount of resources for the students at our campus. We appreciate your support and look forward to sharing with you all the wonderful resources we will purchase.



BOOK FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am in need of 2 volunteers for the Book Fair. If you are able to assist at the counter on either the mornings / afternoons on the Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, can you please contact me at school.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

During term 4, students have the opportunity to participate in cycling and netball for the Sporting Schools Program. We are extremely lucky to have Let's Ride running the cycling sessions and Netball Australia running the netball sessions. The Sporting Schools Program is a great opportunity to get children involved in sports and active in their local communities. If you are involved in either activity we ask that you see it through and attend every session. Please find further information in the permission form attached. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask Molly Hughes from the Scarsdale campus.

BIRDS OF PREY EVENT

The Scarsdale Parents & Friends are hosting a 'Birds of Prey' fundraiser on Friday 17th, November. This will be an amazing time for young and old to enjoy and is a great night out for families. A BBQ will be available from 5pm and the show begins at 6pm.

Tickets are available at ALL campus offices. Please see the advertisement for full details.



TUESDAY
IS
STUDENT BANKING
DAY



The Woadstock DVD's have arrived at our campus. For those who have ordered a copy please see Brenda in the office with your \$5 payment.

We have extra copies available to purchase for those who didn't place an order or wanted another copy.

COMBINED PARENTS AND FRIENDS MEETING

Next Monday, October 23rd we are having a guest presenter at our combined P&F meeting. Troy Johns is an expert on School Wide Positive Behaviour and he will be attending this meeting to help guide us in the next steps of building our framework. A hugely important part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour journey is seeking input from our school community. It is important for this framework to be successful to seek input from teachers, students and parents so that our framework fits our needs and suits our school. Troy will also be working with students and teachers during the day in order to gather input from a variety of sources. We are inviting all parents to join us next Monday at 10 am in the Smythesdale staffroom.

CHICKEN POX

We have had a case of chicken pox reported at our campus. If your child is feeling unwell then please check for this disease. Students who have chicken pox are to be excluded from school until fully recovered or at least five days after the first eruption appears. Again if your child is not feeling well then home is the best place for them.

APPLES

We have been given a large delivery of apples through our Breakfast Club program. We are using these apples to fuel our students but would love for some families to take some home also as we have LOTS and LOTS. Please feel free to grab a few whenever you are here.

Eamon Johnson
Campus Head

Whole School Walkathon- Thursday November 9th

(Back Up Day- Thursday November 16th)

WOADY WALKATHON



The major whole school activity next term will be a Walkathon held at Ross Creek Campus. This will be held on Thursday November 9th with the back up day being Thursday November 16th (depending on weather). Each child will be given a fundraising form to obtain donations at the beginning of Term 4. On the day students will need to wear suitable shoes for walking and a wide brimmed hat. This year students are also encouraged to come dressed up as a sports person. PFA will be providing fruit, cordial and a barbeque lunch. Children will not need to bring play lunch or lunch on this day. Parents are most welcome to come and join in.

It would be appreciated if the fundraising form and money could be returned in the week before the event as we are awarding prizes to children on the day and need to tally the amounts raised before hand.

Deborah Mayman

SPONSORS NEEDED!

The Scarsdale P&F will be holding a 'Bird show' at the Smythesdale Hall on November 17th. There will be a family BBQ first at 5pm followed by the show at 6pm. We are looking for \$50 or \$100 sponsorship from local businesses. In return for your support, businesses will be recognised on the night, presented with a certificate of appreciation and be offered advertising in the upcoming newsletters until the event. If you would like to be a part of this, please forward your business card or ad to archibald.karne.k@edumail.vic.gov.au, and make payment to gain instant benefits of advertising in our newsletter. If you have any questions in regards to this please contact Karne Monday-Wednesday on 53428514. We appreciate your support for this event.



Junior BLOC are putting on a show at the university on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 27th-29th of October. If you are interested please ask your parents to look up the BLOC website for ticket purchasing details. Congratulations to Frances Robbins, an ex-Scarsdale student who will be appearing in it.

Woody Yaloak Primary School DISCO

Strictly Primary School Age Children

Friday 24th November

6.30pm-8.00pm

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility

Smythesdale

\$5 Entry

NO PASS OUTS

Canteen, Novelties & Raffle Prizes

Further Info
Contact Kaylene Trigg
53 42 8565

Woody Yaloak PS
Scarsdale Campus

Presents LEIGH VALLEY
Hawk and Owl Sanctuary

Birds of Prey Show

When: November 17th

Where: Smythesdale Hall

Cost: Tickets \$5 per person

Family tickets \$20 (2 Adults 2 Kids)

(extra kids \$2.50 each)

Get In early
Limited seating

Tickets Purchased at
Scarsdale Campus Office
Mon-Wed

BBQ Dinner at 5 pm Snags \$2
Burgers \$3

Show starts at 6 pm

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

17 October 2017



Upcoming Fundraisers

- Term 3
 - 5 cent Challenge

- Term 4
 - 5 cent Challenge
 - Shopping Tour – Saturday 18th November, 2017
 - Bunnings BBQ – Saturday 25th November, 2017
 - Recipe Book – Submissions Due by Friday 13th October, 2017

Treasurers Report

Main Account	\$7,865.07	
Deposits	\$500	(Transfer from Petty Cash)
Withdrawals	\$380	Footy Road show (half of total)
Petty Cash	\$781.20	
Deposits	\$444	(PFA Wood raffle)
Withdrawals	\$660.00	(Firewood/Transfer to Main Acc)
Fundraiser Profits		

Upcoming Events

NEXT ALL CAMPUS PFA MEETING:

Monday 23rd October, 2017 at
10am in the Smythesdale
Campus Staff Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO
ATTEND PFA MEETINGS☺

NEXT PFA MEETING:

Tuesday 24th October, 2017 at
7.30pm

PFA NOTES/CORRESPONDENCE:

Could ALL Notes relating to the
PFA please be posted in the
PFA Box located outside Mrs.
Weickhardt's Class Room.
**Please do not use Woody
Yalook Primary School
envelopes. Thank you for your
co-operation.**

President: Casey Douglas

Secretary: Chelle Henderson

Treasurer: Jenny Clarke

e:mail rosscreekpfa@gmail.com

Please check the
Noticeboard and
Facebook page for more
information.

Save the Date - Volunteers Required

Book Fair (8.30am – 9am) & (3.30pm – 4pm)	Monday 30th October, 2017 Wednesday 1 st November, 2017
Bunning BBQ	Saturday 25th November, 2017

**Please let a PFA member know if you can volunteer
any time on the above dates.**

Melbourne Shopping Tour

The date for the upcoming Melbourne Shopping Tour has been booked for Saturday 18th November, 2017. Please register your interest with a PFA member and complete a registration / payment form (attached to Newsletter).

5 Cent Challenge

The 5c challenge encourages kids to bring to school as many 5c pieces as they can find lying around the house, in the car, fallen between the seats in the lounge etc. The class with the most 5c pieces at the end of week 2, term 4 will win a prize. Money raised will go towards maths materials for the classrooms.

Stickybeaks Shop Lunch Bags

Stickybeak Shop Lunch Bags are available from Brenda in the Office in various colors for \$10.50 each.

Relay for Life

Heidi Busscher (Woody Parent) will be selling pots of strawberry 🍓 plants 🌱 for \$5 each to raise funds for Relay for Life. If anyone is interested please see Brenda at the office. Delivery will be Friday after school or Monday morning as requested on form.

Vanilla Slice

Ingredients

- 2 bought puff pastry sheets
- 250ml (1 cup) milk
- 1 vanilla bean, split
- 3/4 cup cornflour
- 1/2 cup custard powder
- 220g (1 cup) caster sugar
- 750ml (3 cups) thickened cream
- 50g unsalted butter
- 3 egg yolks
- Icing sugar, to dust

Method

1. Preheat oven to 210°C. Line a 23cm square pan with aluminium foil, so that the foil comes up over the sides (this allows you to lift out the slice).
2. Place each pastry sheet on a baking tray lined with non-stick baking paper, then bake for 8-10 minutes or until golden brown. Set aside to cool. Once cool, place 1 pastry sheet, cooked-side up, in bottom of pan. (You may need to trim it slightly to fit.)
3. Place milk in a pan over medium heat. Scrape in vanilla seeds and add bean too. Warm gently, then set aside for 10 minutes.
4. Place cornflour, custard powder and caster sugar in a pan. Strain milk, discarding bean, into pan with cornflour and whisk until smooth. Add cream, then return to heat, stirring constantly, over low heat until the mixture thickens and boils. Add butter, stirring well to combine, then remove from heat and whisk in egg yolks, one at a time, until smooth. Pour into pastry-lined pan and set aside to cool slightly before placing other piece of pastry, cooked-side up, on top. Refrigerate overnight.
5. Remove from pan, cut into squares and dust with icing sugar.



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Secretary: Chelle Henderson

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