



# 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

## NOVEMBER

### Wednesday 29th

- Sporting Schools-Cycling
- Gr 5/6 Meet the Professor
- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45pm

## DECEMBER

### Friday 1st

- Casual Clothes Day
- Junior Swimming  
Mrs Mayman, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Major/Ford, Mr Snibson, Mrs Dwyer, Ms Wood, Mrs Weickhardt and Mrs Hines Classes

### Monday 4th

- Senior Swimming  
Mrs Angel, Miss Hannah, Mr Bell & Mrs Webb's Classes

### Wednesday 6th

- Sporting Schools-Cycling (Last)
- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45pm

### Thursday 7th

- Christmas Cooking

### Friday 8th

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

## PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE

Fri 1st December:  
• 2018 Book List

Wed 6th December:  
• Graduation Dinner

Wed 13th December:  
• Movie Day & Campus Picnic

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## Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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## Woody Kid of the Month November



Cooper is a kind and helpful member of the Foundation class, he comes into school each morning with a smile and leaves the same way each afternoon. He is a good friend to everyone he meets. Cooper works hard in the classroom to do the most learning that he can, he always gives everything his best effort and has had a wonderful year. Congratulations Cooper, we think that you are a star!

*Congratulations!*

## VICTORIA POLICE BLUE LIGHT STUDENT OF THE MONTH (OCTOBER)

At last week's assembly, Hannah C and Ned O were presented with the Victoria Police Blue Light student of the month award for October. Both Hannah and Ned are well respected members of our school community who have regular attendance, show a positive frame of mind to their school work and build positive relationships with both staff and students. Well done Hannah and Ned!

*Congratulations!*



## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS

As we are approaching the end of the school year, many valuable learning experiences are taking place. We are still placing a high standard and expectation for students' work habits and behaviour. It is famously quoted by the Chief of Army Lieutenant General David Morrison that "the standard you walk past is the standard you accept". All teachers will be focusing on student behaviour and work standards. It is important that students still try their best in class, follow the school values, complete their home reading and homework tasks, and aim to end the year on a high.

## 2018 ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN APPLICATIONS

Over the last week and a half, our grade five students have been invited to apply for our campus captain and vice-captain positions for 2018. The election process for these positions is very thorough and asks the applicants to:

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS CONTINUED

PIE WARMER LUNCHES  
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
ONLY

PLEASE NAME ALL  
LUNCHES

PLEASE ENSURE  
LUNCHES ARE WRAPPED  
CORRECTLY

APPROPRIATE LUNCHES  
FOR PIE WARMER ONLY  
NO MICROWAVING

- Complete a written application outlining why they are suitable for the position;
- prepare and present a speech to their peers and
- participate in an interview process.

The successful applicants will be selected based on a combination of the interview process, recommendations from both senior leadership and staff and a student vote. The successful applicants will be announced at the end of year presentation evening.

The written applications are due to be completed by tomorrow. If your children have any questions about the process, please encourage them to speak to Mr Bell, Mrs Webb or myself.

### 2018 FOUNDATION TRANSITION DAY

Last week we welcomed our 17 excited (and a little nervous) Foundation students and their families for their first transition day. The students were quick to enjoy the toys and activities that Mrs Hines had set out while the parents enjoyed an information session and a wonderful morning tea supplied by our 2017 Foundation families (thank you!).

Throughout the morning, our new students enjoyed some games in the classroom, familiarising themselves with the classroom, building and the playground. The day was capped off by meeting their buddies for next year. We look forward to them visiting again on the statewide transition day on Tuesday 12th December.



### SEMESTER 2 STUDENT REPORTS

Staff are currently finalising assessment pieces and drafting semester 2 reports. This is a time consuming process and takes a huge amount of analysis, moderation and drafting. These reports will be sent home with students on Tuesday 19th December.

### 2018 GOVERNMENT TRANSITION DAY (TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER)

On Tuesday 12th December, our campus will participate in the statewide transition day which involves all students working in their 2018 classes from 9.00am-1.00pm. Our grade 6 students who are attending government Secondary Schools will also attend their schools for the day. Year six students who have attended their transition days to independent schools on alternate days are not required to attend our school on this day, to allow the 2018 classes to begin to get to know each other.



### 2018 CLASS GROUPINGS

Staff are currently finalising classes for 2018. Both students and parents have had the opportunity to have input through requests and friend choice lists. While every attempt is made to meet all requests, it is not always possible. When creating classes, our priority is to ensure the student groupings best meet the academic and social needs of all students across the campus. The finalised classes will be displayed on the 2018 transition day.

### BULLYING

A few weeks ago, Mrs Trigg and Miss Hannah attended a PD in regard to bullying. Our school policy on bullying (which is available on our school website) was considered as we refocused on the actions our school takes against bullying. Some learnings from the day were:

- Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons.
- Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert).
- Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.
- Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying.
- Effective methods to deal with bullying include sharing concerns, having a no blame approach, using restorative chats, having no-blame conferences, and using mediation.

## 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.

## You Can Do It Awards



CONFIDENCE

Ben S  
Mia R  
Callum W



RESILIENCE



PERSISTENCE



GETTING ALONG

Ajay F  
Teagan B  
Noah C  
Nathan M

ORGANISATION



Lara C  
Chase T  
Caitlin T  
Kelsie H  
Rhys W

## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS CONTINUED

- People feeling bullied should use significant others to reduce their risk factors.
- It is extremely important to develop conflict resolution skills.
- Consider others and walk in their shoes i.e. consider that 14% of 4-17 year olds experience mental health disorders (2nd Australian Child & Adolescence survey 2015)
- More information can be gained from <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/> - Please take some time to check this resourceful site and please see staff if you feel that there is a bullying scenario that needs addressing.



## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS

### ROSS CREEK CHRISTMAS COOKING

Christmas is just around the corner and that brings our campus to one of its most popular extra-curricular events; Christmas Cooking! Through PFA fundraising, students will be invited to bake / create / cook a number of tasty Christmas themed treats! These will be gift wrapped and brought home. This is one of the highlights of the year for the students and something they thoroughly look forward to. If you wouldn't like your children to participate, can you please let your classroom teacher know. Any questions please see your child's teacher.



### GRADE 6 GRADUATION

This year's graduation takes place at the Woody Recreation centre on Thursday, 14th December. We are very busy with our preparations and hope that students are working on their speeches and practising their songs. It really is a memorable night and a great opportunity to reflect on the wonderful times students have had at Woody Yaloak PS. A reminder that students should be smartly dressed and arrive at the Rec reserve at 6pm.

### 2018 BOOKLISTS

A reminder that all booklists for 2018 are due to the office by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. We will then be able to place stationery orders so they arrive by day one next year. The fee of \$105 per student needs to be paid by the end of term 1 next year.

### END OF YEAR MOVIE SESSION

To celebrate another amazing year, we will once again be having a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas and then head to Victoria Park playground for a picnic lunch. The date is Tuesday 19th December. There is no cost for the celebration as the P&F will be covering all costs for the day including movie tickets, bus travel and snacks at the movies. The movie we are watching is Coco. A permission note will be sent home today with all the details and must be returned by the due date.



### BOXES OF JOY

To help brighten Christmas time for disadvantaged children and your people, our students leadership team are encouraging families to support the YMCA Boxes of Joy project. The project involves families donating small gift items (that can fit in a shoebox) which will be dropped off at the Delacombe Community Hub so boxes of joy can be delivered to local kids this Christmas. Some suggestions for the boxes of joy include:

- Socks, skipping ropes, books, bouncy balls
- Balls, balloons, bubble wands
- Personal products such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste, elastics
- Texts, notepads
- Small stationery items
- Baby toys
- Play dough, puzzles, stickers

We have had quite a lot of presents dropped off already which is wonderful to see! All of the gifts will be delivered to the Delacombe Community Hub next week.



## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS CONTINUED

TUESDAY  
IS  
STUDENT BANKING  
DAY



The Woodstock 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

**ROSS CREEK PRESENTATION EVENING**

The Ross Creek Campus presentation evening is rapidly approaching. The evening will take place on THURSDAY, 21st DECEMBER and will be held in outdoor stage area of the school. The evening will begin at 6.00am with a picnic (BYO) and include some special presentations and a visit from a 'special guest.' There will be a coffee van in attendance on the night. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

**SENIOR SWIMMING**

Our swimming program is now in full swing with our senior and middle PLC classes on Monday and the junior grades on Friday. It has been great to see the students remembering to bring their gear each week and watching their skills improve.

**GR 5/6 MEET THE PROFESSOR DAY**

Tomorrow the senior students are off to the Australian Catholic University to complete a 'day at uni'. This 'Meet the Professor' excursion will be a day where our students learn about pathways into university and all of the wonderful opportunities each student can have. We look forward to hearing reports from the students about this day and what it has them thinking about for their futures!

**PHOENIX COLLEGE SENIOR BAND VISIT**

Two weeks ago, we were paid a visit by the Phoenix College Senior Band who performed for our students at staff. The students got to sing along to some well known tunes as well as being introduced to the instruments that make up a senior college band. It was great to see Rachel and Thomas (ex-WYPS Ross Creek students) performing so well!

**BUNNINGS BBQ**

Despite a late spring storm causing havoc with the tent and BBQ, our PFA and parent helpers did an awesome job at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday. Over \$1,800 was raised which will directly subsidise the upcoming movie day at the Regent Multiplex. A huge thank you to all the volunteers that gave up their time on the weekend to support the school. Thanks to the PFA members who did the organising of bread, sausages and rosters etc.

**FIRST AID TRAINING**

All staff have an opportunity to complete First Aid training tonight and next Tuesday. Staff will attend 6 hours of tuition to ensure we are up-to-date with current practices and gain adequate qualification.

**2018 BACK TO SCHOOL DATES**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Teachers Resume

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Grade 3-6 Commence

Tues 30<sup>th</sup> & Wed 31<sup>st</sup> January - Grade 1 / 2 will attend testing appointments (Booking details will be sent home shortly)

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Foundation students commence (They don't attend school on Wednesdays in February)

**EARLY ARRIVALS**

Please remember that students who arrive prior to 8.40am will not have access to the school building.

*Eamon Johnson*

Campus Head

## Captain's Corner



Last week, the new Foundation class had their transition day. All of this year class helped them around the school. The whole campus had school swimming, Foundation-Gr 2 on Friday and the rest of the campus on Monday. The Talent Show is being held on Wednesday, 20th December. Good luck to all those who have entered. Don't forget about the Boxes of Joy which is located out the front of the office.

By:  
Hannah, Mike & James



BUSHFIRE SAFETY SESSION

cfa.vic.gov.au

# Are you FireReady?

➤ If you live here you are at risk of bushfire or grassfire

➤ Be prepared and know what to do

➤ Planning ahead can save you and your family from being killed by fire

CFA invites you to attend a free information session to learn about:

- ✔ the bushfire risk in your local area
- ✔ Fire Danger Ratings and what they mean for you
- ✔ warnings and how to receive them quickly
- ✔ personal safety and how you can survive a bushfire.

For further information, please contact CFA West Region Office on 53295610 or refer to CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for details of other meetings in your area.

Session address details:

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017  
 11.00am  
 Smythesdale Fire Station  
 74 Brooke St, SMYTHESDALE

You will have an opportunity to ask questions about bushfire safety and talk to your local CFA.



PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE.  
**FireReady**



## ROSS CREEK TOWNSHIP BUSHFIRE SCENARIO

What would **YOU** do if there is a fire in your area?

- The scene is set, how will you respond?
- Join in a thought provoking, role play situation
- **ARE YOU PREPARED?**

This scenario is facilitated as a "hypothetical" situation where the participants are given roles and locations and asked to respond.

Use your knowledge and understanding to benefit others.

Session details:

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

7.00pm – 9.00pm

Ross Creek Community Hall  
Sebastopol/Smythesdale Rd, ROSS CREEK

Free BBQ provided 6.30pm

Please note: For the safety of the community, CFA may postpone community meetings if a Total Fire Ban has been declared.

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**FireReady**

For further information visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au)

## 2018 MORNING AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Bookings are now being taken for the 2018 school year. All days are currently available. Morning care runs from 7.45am to 8.45am.

Afternoon care runs from 3.30pm-5.30pm or 6.00pm if needed.

For more information please contact

Barb Aberdein  
Phone: 0423 736 304



2018

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8-12 JAN

SUMMER CAMPS  
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8-12 JAN & 15-19 JAN

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LIVE THE OUTDOORS

# PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

28 November 2017

## Upcoming Fundraisers

- Term 4
  - Christmas Raffle – Drawn 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2017

## Save the Date - Volunteers Required

Christmas Cooking	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Grade 6 Graduation	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Teacher's Thank-you Afternoon Tea	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Movie Day	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017
Presentation Day	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December, 2017

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

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November we had our Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser. The weather was perfect (mostly) which made for a very successful day, seeing us raise over \$1800 for our school. We would like to thank everyone who helped out prior to and on the day. Whether it was sorting out shopping, equipment lists, doing the ordering / shopping for supplies, lending eskies to keep the drinks & sausages cold or helping out on the day, every little bit helps. Without your help, days / events like these are not possible.



## NEXT ALL CAMPUS PFA MEETING:

First Term in 2018 - tbc

## NEXT PFA MEETING:

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017 at 2pm in the Staff Room

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND PFA MEETINGS☺

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.

## Stickybeaks Shop Lunch Bags

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

President: Casey Douglas

Secretary: Chelle Henderson

Treasurer: Jenny Clarke

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Please check the Noticeboard and Facebook page for more information.