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2018 Term Dates

- 30th Jan - 29th Mar
- 16th Apr - 29th Jun
- 16th Jul - 21st Sep
- 8th Oct - 21st Dec

For Your Diary

FEBRUARY

Thursday 15th

- Breakfast Club Begins 8.15am-8.45am

Monday 19th

- AFL Clinic With Western Bulldogs
- School Council Meeting 6.30pm at Snake Valley Camp

Thursday 22nd

- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Monday 26th

- Whole School P&F Meeting at Smythesdale 10am

Tuesday 27th

- Responsible Pet Ownership Gr F-2
- PFA Meeting 7.00pm

MARCH

Thursday 1st

- Breakfast Club 8.15am-8.45am

Friday 2nd

- Casual Clothes Day

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE:

Wed 14th Feb

- Student Information

Wed 28th

- CSEF Form

Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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FROM THE CAMPUS HEAD

WELCOME BACK TO 2018

A big welcome back to all of our students and families for another school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and have come back recharged and refreshed for another big year at Woody.

A special welcome to our 17 new Foundation students who have begun their exciting journey into school life. I am really pleased to report that our Foundation students have settled in really well and completed some great work in the first couple of weeks.

A special welcome also to Nikolai S and Seth N who have joined our school this year. I am sure both students will really enjoy their time at our school and I want to wish a warm Woody welcome to their families.



2018

Back L-R Luka, Ruby Emily, Taylah, Milla N, Mitchell

Front L-R Taylor, Troy, Krystal, Sienna, Hudson, Jessica, Izabella, Milla Q, Leon, Macklin and Giles

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS

2018 ROSS CREEK CAMPUS INFORMATION NIGHT / WELCOME BBQ

Last night we had approximately 120 people attend our Welcome BBQ and Information Night. The night had two purposes:

1. Provide an opportunity for families to catch up with each other and staff in an informal environment
2. Provide families with information about classes and the campus for the upcoming year.

Hopefully those families who attended got something out of it and have a greater understanding about things that will be happening around the school in 2018.

Last night, I presented a campus information guide for 2018 that I handed out to families who were in attendance. This guide covered things from buses, pick up and drop off procedures to communication and student lunches. If you would like a copy, there are some available from the office.



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"



As a SunSmart school all students are required to wear royal blue broad brimmed or approved bucket hats when outdoors. Students who do not have their hats will only be able to play in the undercover area. Hats can be purchased from school for \$11.50



STAFFING

Below is a list of the Ross Creek Campus staff for 2018. Each staff member brings a variety of skills, experiences and passions to the classroom that should ensure a rewarding academic year for all students.

Foundation – Mrs Wendy Hines
 Gr 1/2- Mrs Trish Weickhardt
 Gr 1/2- Mrs Jamie Dwyer (Mon/Tues/Wed/Thurs) Mrs Amber Fitzpatrick (Fri)
 Gr 1/2 – Ms Emily Wood
 Gr 3/4- Miss Meghan Hannah
 Gr 3/4 – Mrs Jo Angel (Mon/Tue/Wed) and Mrs Fiona Collins (Thurs/Fri)
 Gr 5/6 – Mr Grant Bell
 Gr 5/6 – Mrs Megan Webb
 Digital Technologies - Mr Leigh Snibson
 The Arts - Mrs Anna Strybosch
 LOTE – Mrs Keryn Rhodes
 Integration- Ms Sue Butson
 Campus Head – Mr Eamon Johnson
 Office Admin - Mrs Brenda Forty (Mon - Fri)
 Principal– Mr Corey Pohlner
 Assistant Principal (Welfare)- Mrs Kaylene Trigg

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUPS

We congratulate our 2018 student captains:

Campus captains – Aston B and Amy S, Campus Vice Captains – Ashlee J and Sienna C. These students will represent Ross Creek at a range of events and occasions including regular student leadership meetings.

Students in years 3-6 have also had the opportunity to apply for student leadership positions in 2018. Application forms were handed out last week and were due back yesterday. The students who are applying for these positions will present their application later in the week. These positions will be announced at an upcoming assembly.



Campus Vice Captains – Sienna C and Ashlee J. Campus Captains – Aston B and Amy

STUDENT ABSENCE AND LATENESS

There is absolutely no doubt that regular attendance provides the best opportunity for students to learn to their full potential. In saying that, we do not want sick children at school as they struggle to concentrate and potentially spread infections to others. If your child is away from school for any reason, you are required to contact the school and let us know. This can be done through the Flexibuzz App, Phone, note with brother sister, email to school etc.

The Department of Education have altered their policy on student attendance and staff are now required to contact families of absent children each day if the school has not been notified. If your child is away from school and we are not notified, you will be phoned, emailed, messaged through our attendance program etc. to ensure we can account for all students each day.

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS

WESTERN BULLDOGS AFL CLINIC AND VISIT

Our campus has been lucky enough to have been selected to have a visit from a number of players from the Western Bulldogs AFL team next Monday. The players will be arriving at 1.30pm and conducting a clinic with the grade 5/6 students for approximately 40 minutes.

Following on from this clinic, the players will be involved in a Q and A session with the rest of the campus.



COLES VOUCHERS

It's started already! Coles are running a promotion to allow schools to collect vouchers which can be redeemed for sports equipment. Please collect the vouchers and send them into school. The promotion runs until April so let's see how many we can collect!



PIE WARMER LUNCHES

MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
ONLY

PLEASE NAME ALL
LUNCHES

PLEASE ENSURE
LUNCHES ARE
WRAPPED CORRECTLY

APPROPRIATE
LUNCHES FOR PIE
WARMER ONLY
NO MICROWAVING

TUESDAY
IS
STUDENT BANKING
DAY



**Sending
Cash To
School!**

Parents are asked to send the correct amount when sending in cash payments to school. We do not keep cash overnight on the premises and so do not carry change. Cash should be sent in a sealed envelope with the name of the child and the activity being paid for clearly written on the outside.

All Parents and Friends activities including fundraisers and hot lunches are to be kept completely separate.

Please name any envelopes containing money or forms clearly with your child's name and grade.

**Selling at
lunch times.
50 cents each.**

**FOOD ALLERGIES / ANAPHYLAXIS**

We have several students with allergies or an intolerance to particular foods and preservatives. To assist us with providing a safe environment, we would appreciate your support by liaising with staff about particular foods being brought to school. We ask that you do not send nuts or products containing nuts or egg products to school. If you are supplying birthday cakes or treats for your child's birthday, please speak with your child's teacher to determine what is safe to bring to school.

RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

On Tuesday 27th February, students in Foundation- Grade 2 will get a visit from the responsible pet ownership program. The Responsible Pet Ownership Primary School Program is aimed at 5-12 year olds and has been delivered to over 1 million Victorian primary school children. It visits over 800 primary schools each year across the state. The program includes a dog visit, multimedia tools, role play, song and story time.

The program focuses on teaching students about dog safety:

- when dogs should be left alone
- things we should not do to dogs
- how can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- a safe way to approach and greet a dog
- what to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog.



The program also introduces and develops the following concepts:

- choosing an appropriate pet general welfare and husbandry
- the importance of identification and registration
- confinement and housing, exercise and training.

There are a range of presentations designed to target the specific audiences in relation to grade level, prior knowledge and learning modes.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will begin on Thursday and continue each Thursday from this date. Breakfast will be served between 8.15am-8.45am. Breakfast consists of cereal, muesli, toast and baked beans. This year, breakfast will be served in the **Science / Visual Arts / LOTE Room**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

The Victorian Government has announced funding over four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities. Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year will be paid for each child at primary school. Payments will go directly to the school. Parents who are eligible who have not previously received the CSEF need to apply by completing the application form distributed last week along with a copy of their current health care card. If you received the CSEF in 2017 and your eligibility details have not changed, you do not need to reapply in 2018. Please return to school by **Wednesday, 28th February**.

FLEXIBUZZ

Our school app is available via the Apple App Store for iPhone users or Google Play Store for Android users. This app will provide many notifications of important dates and events for both our Ross Creek campus and the entire Woody Yaloak PS. Please use this app and have notifications turned on to ensure you are kept up to date with all happenings. Additionally - if your child is sick you can fill out an absence notification that gets sent straight through to our office - how easy is that!

**HATS**

As a Sunsmart accredited school, all students are required to wear approved hats from the beginning of September until the end of April and when the UV index is above 3. Approved hats are the royal blue broad brimmed hats available from each office and cost is \$11.50

VISITOR / SIGN IN BOOK

A reminder for ALL visitors who are going to be in the campus for longer than five minutes are to sign the visitor's sign in book. This is to ensure we have accurate records of everyone who is in the campus in case of an emergency. The sign in book is located at the office window.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP

The grade 3/4 camp to Wyuna is 18th –20th April. An expression of interest form is attached to today's newsletter. Parents can start making payments now and the camp must be paid in full before attending.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Unfortunately, we have been notified that our school is not eligible for Sporting Schools Funding in term 1. From the information provided, funding should be available in term 2 which will mean a return of the program.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last week, Brenda sent home envelopes that contained student information stored on our system. Can all families please check that this is information is correct and return to the office. In the case of emergencies, this information is used so it is vital these records be accurate. **THE SCHOOL DATA BASE CANNOT BE UPDATED UNTIL ALL ARE RECEIVED BACK.**

PARENT PORTAL

Last week we understand that parents received an email notification inviting them to a parent portal. This was a system generated notification by our reporting software program. The email address that parents have supplied the school is used for this communication. It wasn't the school's intention for this email to go out to parents, without an explanation of the portals use or purpose.

The portal is a secure website that allows parents to log in and view all information that our school has uploaded relating to your child. The information on the portal is in PDF form and allows parents to access information like;

- Semester reports
- Notes
- Behaviour incidents
- Individual learning plans
- Absence information

Our staff are yet to start to use this portal and when we intend to, we will give our parent community the time required to prepare for such a change. We apologise that this automatic system error happened, we would never roll something out to parents without notice.

COMMUNICATION

Research has proven that open communication between home and school is very important in providing the best support for students to achieve their full potential. Throughout the year, there will be times you will need to contact the school / class teacher for various reasons. Generally speaking, the classroom teacher is the first point of call for most general classroom inquiries. Unless otherwise arranged with the teacher, the best method to contact staff is in person or by phone. Social media, home phone etc. are to be avoided. (This is also a recommendation from the Department).

We do ask that meetings / discussions that are likely to take longer than a couple of minutes are to be arranged at a suitable time where an appropriate amount of time can be allocated to properly work through an issue. Contact details for the school, including email, can be found on the school website.

2018 SEMESTER I KEY DATES

I have listed below a number of dates for key school events throughout 2018. More information will be distributed about these events throughout the year. More activities and dates will be distributed as they are confirmed.

February

Monday 19th – School Council Meeting

March

Tuesday 13th- Thursday 15th Ross Creek Life Education Van Visit

Monday 19th- School Council Meeting

Thursday 29th End of term 1

April

Monday 16th - Term 2 begins

Wednesday 18th- Friday 20th – Grade 3/4 Camp

Monday 23rd- School Council Meeting

Tuesday 24th- Ross Creek Campus Anzac Day Service

Wednesday 25th- Anzac Day public holiday

Friday 27th- Curriculum Day (Student Free)

May

Friday 4th – School Disco #1

Thursday 10th – Ross Creek Campus Mother's Day activity (More details to follow)

Friday 11th- Curriculum Day (Student Free)

Tuesday 15th- Thursday 17th- NAPLAN Testing

Monday 28th / Tuesday 29th– School Photos (Day to be confirmed)

June

Monday 4th- School Council Meeting

Monday 11th - Queen's Birthday

Friday 15th – School Disco #2

CAPTAINS

O R N E R

Welcome back to school for 2018. We hope you had a fun and relaxing holiday. This week we introduced the new school values and helped kids understand what they are. Also a big welcome to all the new families at Woody. We hope the foundations have enjoyed their first couple of weeks at school. The 3/4s and up that applied for leadership will be reading out their speeches/application on Thursday the 15th. We hope everyone is enjoying school and that's all from us.



By Amy, Aston, Sienna & Ashlee.

UPDATES FROM THE OFFICE

Newsletters/Notices

Newsletters and notices are distributed on Tuesdays. Sometimes a notice has to go home on another day but as a general rule everything goes home on a Tuesday.

Newsletters via email

Newsletters can be emailed each week. If you would prefer this option email me at: forty.brenda.i@edumail.vic.gov.au or fill in the form attached.

Newsletters are also available through the smart phone Flexibuzz app.

Information on how to stay in touch with Flexibuzz is attached.

Please see me if you are having trouble.

Excursion/Incursion Notices

Excursion/incursion notices are printed on yellow paper. We are trialing a new permission form this term. If the form is NOT returned it is assumed your child is NOT attending. So if you see a yellow paper please

“read it, sign it, pay for it and return it” to school asap.

It is school policy that children will not attend an excursion/incursion if forms and PAYMENT are not returned by the due date.

Please keep the top half of an excursion/incursion notice as that has all the details of the event.

Eg: what to bring, pick up times etc.

When paying for activities please place money in a payment envelope (attached to today's newsletter) with your child's name, amount enclosed and excursion/incursion name on it.

If paying by BPay please write the receipt number on the return section. For direct debit payments though BPay please mark DD on the notice to be returned.

Your Reference number and BPay details are on the excursion form.

Please note: We carry no change in the office.

Please keep P&F money separate to excursion/account money.

Booklist

Parents are reminded that booklists must be paid for by the end of term one.

The deadline for anything to go in the newsletter is Monday at 4pm.

Thank you
Brenda

IF IT'S ON
YELLOW
PAPER

READ IT

SIGN IT

PAY FOR IT
RETURN IT

*If a note comes home on yellow paper, it needs to be signed and returned **ALONG WITH PAYMENT** by the due date*

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.



SOVEREIGN AND EUREKA DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS

50m Events- Friday, 2nd March, 2018.

BALLARAT AQUATIC CENTRE 50M POOL:

DOORS OPEN AT 8:45am via group 50m pool entrance for a 9:30am start

- EACH SWIMMER **MUST** BE ABLE TO SWIM **50 METRES**.
- Parents are responsible for transport and supervision on the day as there will be **NO** teacher present.
- Entry is \$10 per swimmer – which allows swimmers to compete in a maximum of 2 individual events, 1 Freestyle relay and 1 Medley relay.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

ENTRIES DUE THURSDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2018

Please email details to Mrs Dwyer - dwyer.jamie.e@edumail.vic.gov.au

or phone Ross Creek Campus on 53420478

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