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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

AUGUST

Friday 10th

- Gr 3-6 Swimming
  - Woody Disco #3
- Monday 13th
- Foundation-2 Swimming
  - Sporting Schools Basketball Begins
  - Primary Schools Golf Tournament
- Tuesday 14th
- Ballarat Young Author's Program Workshop #3
- Friday 17th
- Gr 3-6 Swimming
- Saturday 18th
- Ross Creek Avenue of Honour Rededication Ceremony
- Monday 20th
- Book Week Begins
  - Foundation-2 Swimming
  - Sporting Schools
- Tuesday 21st
- Book Week Dress Up Day
- Wednesday 22nd
- Junior PLC IMAX & Museum Excursion
- Friday 24th
- Gr 3-6 Swimming

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE:

- Due Wed 8th Aug:
- Primary School Golf Tournament
- Due Wed 15th Aug:
- Junior PLC IMAX & Museum
- Due Wed 22nd Aug:
- Canberra Camp Medical Form
  - Write A Book In A Day

# Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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## Woody Kid of the Month July



Rachel is an enthusiastic learner who is always striving to improve her abilities in every area of the curriculum. She takes on challenges with a positive attitude and persists until she has reached her goals. Rachel walks into class every day with a smile and treats everyone with respect and friendliness. She adapts to any situation she finds herself in and never misses an opportunity to have a go at new experiences. Congratulations Rachel, you are a very deserving Woody Kid!



### ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS

#### PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents. It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of parents' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

Families have been invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year the Parent Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 23rd July to Sunday 26th August.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the survey period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. The survey results will be reported back to the school at the end of September via school council and the school newsletter.

This year we have tried to keep our school community up to date with some of the whole school improvement strategies we have been focusing on as a staff via the newsletters. It's important to do this, so that our school community has the knowledge to support the school and also to answer questions around school improvement via surveys like the Parent Opinion Survey.

It is well documented that this year we developed our new Strategic Plan for the next 4 years. In order to write this plan and set new goals, we used the results from our staff, student and parent surveys. We equally value the input from staff, students and parents, this is why we try to communicate the survey's importance.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.



**BOOK WEEK**

The annual Children’s Book Council Book Week is fast approaching! As usual, a highlight of the week is the annual Book Week Dress Up Parade. The students are encourage to come dressed up as their favourite book character and join in on the parade to celebrate reading. The date for the parade is Tuesday 21st August and will take place in the multi-purpose room just after 9.00am. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to see all of the great costumes. This was the most suitable date to avoid the swimming program. The students will also be celebrating book week through art activities based on the 2018 shortlisted books.



**THE CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA**

SINCE 1945 — YOUR CONNECTION TO STORY

**SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS- RESPONSIBILITY IN THE YARD**

Over the past two weeks, we have been focussing on teaching our students about how they can responsible in the yard. These behaviours include:

- Reporting major problems to a staff member.
- Returning equipment to the appropriate spot.
- Make smart decisions
- Using helping hands.

If would be great if you could have a discussion about these expected behaviours with your children and encourage them to show these both at school and home.

**STUDENTS' ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

In June, all Grade 4-6 students complete their attitudes to school survey. This was completed electronically and here is a summary of the results:

- 96% of students felt their teachers creates effective learning time
- 92% of students felt the learning was differentiated for them
- 88% of students felt that the school provides a stimulating learning experience
- 97% of students said the teachers expect the kids to pay attention
- 90% of students said the teachers set clear rules for behaviour
- 99% of students said that teachers expect them to do their best
- 82% of kids said they put in effort all of the time
- 81% of students felt the teachers' have general concern for their wellbeing and know if something is bothering them.
- 87% of students had a strong connection to school
- 74% of students felt they had a say in their learning
- 92% of students felt a high sense of inclusion.
- 93% of students feel safe at this school
- 84% of students said they know where to get help if they are being bullied
- 13% of students said they have been left out of this and had rumours spread about them.
- 6% of students said they have been hurt or threatened by another student.

*Respect*

*Responsibility*

*Excellence*



Data obtained from the Ross Creek students will be compared with other campuses and then action plans will be created. The student voice and feedback is extremely well regarded and will influence many decisions made by staff.

**ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS**

**DIVISION NETBALL COMPETITION**

*On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August a team of Woody girls competed in the B grade netball championships at Llanberris Reserve. We had a great day playing netball, trying different positions and making new friends. The best part of the day was making the finals, we tried very hard for the whole game but unfortunately, we lost. We had a wonderful day!*

Georgie F and Emily J.



**WOODY FOOTY TIPPING**

Can all footy tipping fees be paid to the office ASAP as we need to finalise all payments.

Thank you.

**LOST PROPERTY**

There is a **LARGE** amount of lost property in the sick bay. If your child is missing jumpers etc please call in and have a look

## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS ACTIVITY NEWS

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.

**ROSS CREEK BUS TRAVEL**

Have your bus travel details changed? I am in the process of updating the bus roll for the second semester and need to know if any families bus details have changed? If your children are currently on the bus roll but are no longer accessing the service, can you please let me know so I can ensure the bus roll is accurate.

**WINTER SPORT MAKE UP DAY**

I am pleased to advise that the make up day for those participating in the winter sport program will be Thursday 6th September. I will put in another reminder for this event in a later newsletter.

**BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA**

Each year the 'Battle for Australia' commemorative service is held to honour the courage, sacrifice and service of Australians and their Allies who repulsed Japanese attacks on Australia, on the Kokoda Track, at Milne Bay, on the Coral Sea, and in other fiercely fought actions during the perilous days of the Pacific War.

We are invited to this year's service on Wednesday 5th September which recognises the efforts of the 75th year anniversary of 1943 battles in Lae, Salamaua, Buna and Gona. Free bus transport will be provided to all of our Grade 3-6 student leaders and captains. They will be required to meet at Smythesdale campus at 8:15 a.m. and will travel to the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne for an 11 a.m. service. Mr Harris and Mr Johnson will be supervising students and permission notes will be sent home next week.

**SWIMMING PROGRAM**

Our annual swimming program has begun with our F/1/2 students starting their program yesterday. Swimming and water safety is an important life skills that we take very seriously. It will be wonderful to see the development in the confidence, awareness and skill of our students in and around the water this term. The students will also complete a dry water safety program later in the year as part of the swimming lessons.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

Permission notes confirming your child's place in Sporting Schools have been sent home today, please return the signed note at the first session which is Monday, 13th August.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast club will continue each Thursday this term (not in week 10) Students in all year levels are welcome to attend for some fruit, toast and cereal from 8.15am in the art room. Breakfast club closes at 8.45am.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

On Monday 13th of August, four students from Ross Creek will be hitting the fairways competing in the primary school golf tournament. Stan M, Elliot B, Max H and Jack R will be competing against other golfers from the district at the Buninyong Golf Club. Callum W is an emergency for the event. On behalf of the campus I want to wish the students all the best.

**ROSS CREEK AVENUE OF HONOUR REDEDICATION**

On Saturday 18th August, the Ross Creek Avenue of Honour will be rededicated with a service beginning in the Ross Creek car park area at 11.00am. This day will mark the centenary of the original planting in 1918. This service begins at 11.00am sharp and concludes with some refreshments and light lunch in the small hall. Some representatives from our campus will be involved in the service. Please see the attached flyer for further information.

**JUNIOR PLC IMAX AND MELBOURNE MUSEUM EXCURSION**

Our Foundation, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes have an exciting excursion planned to the IMAX cinema and Melbourne Museum on 2nd August. Permission notes have gone home and are required to be returned no later than Wednesday 15th August. The bus will be leaving Ross Creek at approximately 8.00am and return at approximately 5.30pm. Please ensure all notes and money is returned to avoid missing out. If you have any questions please ask the classroom teachers.



# SWPB

## Respect



Milla N  
Gemma C  
Jasper J  
Izzy S  
Jye S

## Responsibility



Finn H

## Excellence



Tex D  
Jaxson E  
Jay B  
Selena W  
Chloe W  
Zac O  
Jesse R

### SECONDARY PLACEMENT 2019

It is an exciting time for our grade 6 students as they get closer to the end of their primary schooling and transition to secondary school. The placement offers for secondary schools will be sent out tomorrow (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August) to all families with grade six students who applied for public secondary schools for 2019.

### MATHS CHALLENGE DAY

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September, each campus will be sending a team of senior class mathematicians to compete in the Maths Challenge Day. The event will be held at Buninyong PS.

Students will be selected based on students results and classroom teachers will let them know. Permission notes with more details will be sent home shortly.

### FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

All dads, grand dads and significant males are invited to our annual Father's Day breakfast. It will take place from 7:30 until 9:00 on **FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**. There is no cost and we hope all the dads can come along and spend some extra time with your wonderful children.

### SCHOOL DISCO

Just a reminder that the next whole school disco is this Friday. The disco commences at 6:30 and concludes at 8 p.m. All funds raised at school discos subsidises school camps and excursions. A recent example is subsidising the upcoming junior and middle excursions.

### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 10th August – Woody Yaloak Primary School Disco, Grade 3-6 Swimming begins  
Monday 13th August- Primary School Golf tournament, Sporting Schools begins  
Tuesday 14th August– Ballarat Young Author's Program Workshop #3  
Saturday 18th August- Ross Creek Avenue of Honour Opening  
Monday 20th August- Beginning of Children's Book Council Book Week  
Tuesday 21st August- Book Week dress up as your favourite character book parade  
Wednesday 22nd August- Junior PLC museum excursion  
Monday 27th August- School Council at Ross Creek  
Thursday 30th August- Write a book in a day competition  
Friday 31st August- Father's Day Breakfast  
Wednesday 5th September- Student leadership Battle for Australia excursion  
Thursday 6th September- Winter Sport make up day.  
Friday 7th September– Maths Challenge day  
Wednesday 12th September- Senior PLC Health Fair  
Thursday 13th September- Middle PLC Werribee Zoo excursion  
Friday 14th September- School disco, Division athletics  
Thursday 20th September-Footy Colors day & AFL Roadshow  
Friday 21st September- End of term three.

*Eamon Johnson*

Campus Head

# CAPTAINS

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If you didn't know, our leadership team has been doing the nude food challenge so make sure you decrease the amount of rubbish by putting all your food in containers! Just a reminder when you have a drink out of the bubble taps be sure to turn them off so we don't waste water. Have a good week!



By Amy, Aston, Sienna & Ashlee.

PIE WARMER LUNCHES  
MONDAYS & FRIDAYS  
ONLY

PLEASE NAME ALL  
LUNCHES

PLEASE ENSURE  
LUNCHES ARE  
WRAPPED CORRECTLY

APPROPRIATE  
LUNCHES FOR PIE  
WARMER ONLY  
NO MICROWAVING

# Ballarat Young Author's Program

## Workshop # 2



TUESDAY  
IS  
STUDENT BANKING  
DAY



Dear parents,

As you may be aware, the school's one to one iPad program has been running for several years now. Since the program began there have many been changes in technologies and opportunities for creating quality learning experiences have increased.

We understand that over the years, a number of the secondary schools our students graduate to, have changed the device types students are required to bring to school. As a primary school it is hard to cater for all secondary school devices with our current program. Our main focus for any teaching and learning area within our school is the curriculum and what skills the students require.

Given this, we feel the time is right to look to our community for feedback on the program and how it is organised. Below are a web address and QR code. Both link to a 10 question survey addressing the structure of our program. I look forward to reading your responses.

Kind regards,

Leigh Snibson  
Digital Technologies Teacher  
eLearning Coordinator  
Woody Yaloak Primary School

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YXKBQKY>



### Sending Cash To School

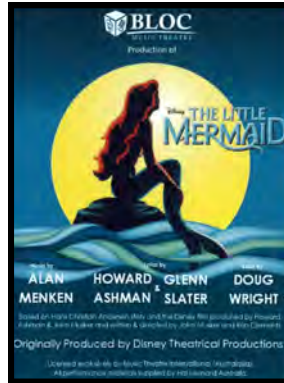
Parents are asked to send the correct amount when sending in cash payments to school. We do not keep cash overnight on the premises and so do not carry change. Cash should be sent in a sealed envelope with the name of the child and the activity being paid for clearly written on the outside.

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.

## BLOC

Children and parents interested in Musical Theatre. BLOC junior is putting on Disney's 'The Little Mermaid' this coming weekend. Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August. I would highly recommend this production as it caters specifically for young children and the cast is made up of children aged 10-16 years. The website to purchase tickets from is [http://blocmusictheatre.com/2018\\_tlm/book\\_now/](http://blocmusictheatre.com/2018_tlm/book_now/). There are 4 shows only which are held at Founders Hall Mt Helen, Federation University.



### Ross Creek World War One Avenue of Honour Rededication Ceremony



**Photo: Pte James Morrissey, Service No. 1737**

The Ross Creek History Group would be honoured by your attendance at the rededication ceremony for the renewed Ross Creek Avenue of Honour and the unveiling of Panel of Remembrance

**Saturday 18 August 2018**  
**Ross Creek Community Hall, Ross Creek**  
**Service will commence at 11.00am**

RSVP:

Woody Yaloak Primary School (Ross Creek Campus) **5342 0478**

Or Rosemary Barnett **0439 506 494**

RSVP BY: 3/8/2018

Light Refreshments will be served

For more information please contact Rosemary Barnett M: 0439506494 T: 53428877

**Ross Creek, Victoria, Australia**