



Woody Yaloak Primary School SCARSDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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Woody Kid of the Month February



Macey has made a fantastic start to the school year. She is an enthusiastic and friendly member of the class who is always helping others. She arrives each morning with a smile on her face and can always be relied upon to complete tasks to the best of her ability. In the playground Macey assists other students when they are hurt or need a friend to play with. This term Macey has been focusing on correctly writing upper and lower case letters and because of her determination has achieved some great results. Well done Macey. Keep up the great work!

Campus Head Report

4 WEEKS INTO 2017

We have had an excellent start to Term 1, 2017 with lots of quality learning activities happening across the campus from Foundation through to Grade 6.

There has been some incredibly imaginative narrative writing taking place with our senior students resulting in stories that might just one day make it to print! They are fantastic! Our senior students have also been using MyEd online to complete learning quests - it's a great platform for learning with technology as a tool.

Our middle students have been learning how to use persuasive language in an exposition writing piece, as well as using the VCOP program to further complement their writing skills.

Our junior students have been focusing on the correct way to hold a pencil to make sure they are writing as best as they can. They have also been doing lots of work learning the letters of the alphabet and letter blends.

All students have also been enjoying the use of ClassDojo in all rooms and realising just how often they show the Woody Yaloak values in their day-to-day lives at Scarsdale campus. It has been rewarding for the teachers also to see this in action and to see students support each other to 'Achieve Together' in 2017.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE BEST THINGS IN THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL?

Chloe - learning more Japanese with Sensei - when I grow up I want to be a Japanese teacher. I've really enjoyed doing some letter blend work with Ms Davidson!

Robert - I've been really enjoying the athletics practise and doing great skip counting with Mrs Hughes! I've been reading super well too :)

Jayden - Science class has been lots of fun because we're using wires & circuits. Doing tennis after school last night was cool too!



2017 Term Dates

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

For Your Diary

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 28th

- Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- School Sport Practice

MARCH

Tuesday 14th

- Phoenix P-12 Community College Information Evening

Monday 20th

- Hot Cross Bun Orders Due Back

Wednesday 22nd

- School Sports

Monday 27th

- Hot Cross Buns Delivered

MAY

Friday 12th

- Curriculum Day (no students at school) – Staff training regarding Writing / VCOP

JUNE

Monday 19th

- Curriculum Day - Staff training regarding School Wide Positive Behaviours

AUGUST

Monday 14th

- Curriculum Day – Staff training Victorian Curriculum

PERMISSION NOTES

Wednesday 15th

Athletics Sport's Meeting

Monday 20th

Hot Cross Buns Orders Due

Monday 27th

Hot Cross Buns Order Collection Day

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

YOU CAN DO IT



PERSISTENCE

Lanah S
Taylay A
Joshua K
Damon K
Seth P



GETTING ALONG
Beau. S

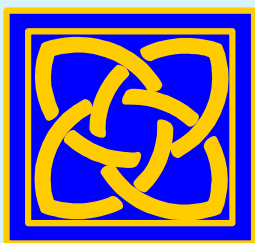


RESILIENCE

Will M
Dekota S
Courtney A



CONFIDENCE
Riley D



STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

A big thank you to our school captains for running the selection of the school leadership team for 2017. We have a magnificent team of student leaders ready to encourage and lead our students in the best way possible this year. Each applicant has gone through the process and our additions to the student leadership team for 2017 looks like this:

- Gr 3: Mia Tilley & Riley Hodson
- Gr 4: Ryan & Ross & Maia Draper
- Gr 5: Gemma Smith & Daniel Grant
- Gr 6: Our school captains



At next Monday's assembly we will be having a special portion dedicated to celebrating this team and hearing from them about what they envision for 2017 at our school.

PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all the parents and carers who are attending a Parent/Teacher interview today. It is a really important investment of time for all involved and ensures that we understand the students we teach as best we can. If you were unavailable to book a time today, please contact the relevant staff member to make an alternate time to ensure we have the best possible parent / teacher / students teams.

PALL (PRINCIPALS AS LITERACY LEADERS COURSE)

Last Thursday and Friday, I was lucky enough to be involved in the Principals As Literacy Leaders course with all campus heads from our school. The purpose of the course is to improve the literacy achievement of our students through developing the capabilities of primary school leaders to be effective literacy leaders. This is an ongoing course throughout 2017. At the completion of the program, Woody Yaloak will have developed a literacy intervention plan that supports and promotes literacy (primarily reading) learning across our school.

GIFTED AND TALENTED WRITING PROGRAM

This year, Woody Yaloak Primary School is involved in a community of practice (collaborative learning team) with a number of other schools, focussed on identifying and extending the gifted and talented writers we have at Woody Yaloak. This is a wonderful program to enhance our classroom teaching and learning programs and to ensure we give our gifted and talented students the greatest opportunities to display their talents. More information about this sought after program will be shared throughout the year.



WELCOME CAMPUS PICNIC

Thank you to the families & friends that attended our welcome picnic on Monday 13th February. We had an outstanding turnout and it was so pleasing to see our families getting to know one another and the staff at Scarsdale Campus. These type of events are really important for understanding your child's learning environment outside of the classroom and shows them how much you care about their world at school. We look forward to seeing more parents at the upcoming Working Bee (further details about this in the Working Bee section) and getting to know your children and their families even more.



ABSENCE & LATENESS

**IT'S NOT OK
TO BE AWAY**

We understand that from time to time students are absent from school. We ask that you notify the school either by phoning the office / teachers, use the Tiqbiz app or send a note explaining the absence. If your child is away for two consecutive days and we are not informed, we will endeavour to contact you and check-in to see what's happening.

Did you know....?

If your child misses 1 day per fortnight, that equates to 20 days per year which is 4 weeks per year and over 13 years of schooling means that they would miss 1.5 years of schooling – a startling fact!

ICT USER AGREEMENTS

All students in Mr Harris & Mrs Cahir's class need to read over and sign the ICT User Agreement sent home last week. These documents are important for students to read over and remind themselves what is appropriate at school with ICT and for schools and parents to take a shared responsibility towards all students becoming high quality digital citizens.

TIQBIZ - SCHOOL APP & NOTIFICATIONS

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 Scarsdale 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! :)

WALK-TO-SCHOOL DAY

We will be holding our first walk to school day for the year next Wednesday 8th March, weather permitting. Mrs Hughes will meet the students at the Scarsdale park, on Pitfield Road at

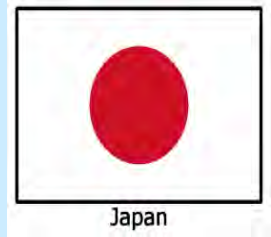
8.20am and walk with them to school. When the students get to school there will be a healthy breakfast waiting for them. If any parents are able to help with serving and cooking of breakfast or walking with the students to school, it would be greatly appreciated.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS**

We have had a fantastic start to the Sporting Schools program with many students enjoying the tennis last night. Athletics starts tomorrow night and I'm sure this will make students well prepared for the school sports at the end of the term. Please remember that if your child is registered for a sport, it is important that they attend all sessions.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club has been going for 2 weeks now and has been such a great way to start each Wednesday. The Baked Beans have been the highlight so far, having never been better! Remember breakfast club will be available from 8:15am-8:45am but please ensure your child arrives earlier rather than later to give them time to eat and be prepared for the start of day.



Japan

**JAPANESE
STUDENTS OF THE
WEEK**

Chloe H

for

showing a
'working hard'
attitude when
practising how to
greet and
introduce
yourself.

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and

Riley S

for

showing
persistence while
learning our
hiragana kana.

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LIFE ED

The Life Ed van will be visiting this Thursday 2nd of March. This is a very worthwhile program and the children really enjoy it. Over the next few weeks, the students will be completing activities in workbooks that revise the key messages heard in the van. We can't wait to hear all the adventures Harold has been up to lately



WORKING BEE

A Working Bee has been scheduled for Friday 17th March, from 3:30pm— until 6pm. There will be a BBQ dinner provided at the end by our very own Parents & Friends Committee! Having the Working Bee straight after school on Friday means we can get straight into it whilst everyone is still around and have all our work done in a matter of a couple of hours! It's going to be a great time to get to know parents, students and teachers and all help out to make our school even better. There is a return slip on the notice given out last week - please return this with the details filled in so we know what jobs we can set out and how many we cater for. Many thanks in advance! Please see Mr Harris if you have any questions, suggestions, or jobs you'd like to put your hand up for!

Friday 3rd March- Casual Day

This Friday, children are encouraged to wear casual clothes and bring a gold coin donation. The money raised on this day will go towards a student leadership project that will be selected in the coming weeks by the student leadership team themselves. What an exciting way for them to start the year on projects that will benefit all of our students.

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.

EGGS

Our outstanding chickens have been laying eggs at a rate we've not seen before! We have cartons of eggs for sale for \$3. To purchase one just see one of the staff members and you'll soon be on your way to the best breakfast of the year!

SCHOOL SPORTS

This year the School Athletics Day will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at the Linton Rec Facility. This day is a fantastic day for all students to participate in. Parents are encouraged to stay and support their child and assist in the day where needed. The canteen will be available with lots of healthy lunch items and drinks. All students need to be transported by parents or guardians to the **Linton Rec Reserve** by 8.45. On arrival and departure please see one of the Scarsdale staff so your child can be signed in. In the case of inclement weather the backup date for the sports is Thursday 30th March.

HOT LUNCHES

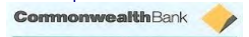
A reminder that we offer students an opportunity to have food heated using our pie warmer on TUESDAYS. Suitable foods can be sent along wrapped in foil and marked with your child's name. Each classroom has an esky which the monitors collect at recess and heat up ready for lunchtime.

EFTPOS FACILITIES

EFTPOS facilities are available at each campus during office hours.

Payments for accounts can be made using any Debit Card, VISA or MasterCard.

No cash out and minimum transaction of \$10.00.



We welcome



REMINDERS



Student Information Details are **DUE TOMORROW.** The whole campus information cannot be updated until all are received back.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

All news items must be received **NO LATER** than 4pm Mondays

CAPTAINS CHAT

By Ella, Sophie, Sienna and Jack

- * We have elected the leadership team, it wasn't an easy decision but we have a strong group.
- * We encourage all families to joining us at the working bee next Friday
- * This Friday is casual for a cause day, to improve our school
- * We are excited to have some new sporting equipment that we are using to practice for the upcoming sports



School Banking

Our school is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students again in 2017.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit of 50¢ or more earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. *(Please note: There is ONE Token Redemption day per term, dates will be advertised in future newsletters.)*

The rewards available during 2017 are:

Cyber Handball, Colour Change Markers, Tablet Case Smiley Emoji Keyring, Volt Handball, Pencils & Tech Case Epic Earphones

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!

You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child's birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start bank-ing straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on **Tuesday** using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.



Parents and Friends

We are holding our annual **Easter egg raffle** and we are requiring donations such as Easter eggs or any spare baskets/tissue paper or cellophane that you may have. Please leave these at the office or pass onto one of the parents and friends committee members. **The raffle will be drawn at assembly on March 27th.** If anyone knows of any businesses that would be happy to donate eggs or money please let one of us know. We are hoping to have a prize for every classroom and also a major 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize draw for the whole campus. There are spare raffle books in the office.

We are hosting a **Hot Cross Bun Morning Tea** for the students on **Monday March 27th.** An order form will be sent out on the 21st of March. Choc chip, fruit and fruitless buns will be heated and served at recess. We will also be selling hot cross buns from bakers delight in packs of 6 for families to purchase. Please see attached order forms and get those orders in nice and early! For every half dozen sold our school receives \$2. Remember to ask other family members such as grandparents and neighbours to support our fundraiser. These will also be delivered on Monday March 27th. This will be a busy morning for the Parents and Friends so let someone know if you are able to help in any way.

Bakers Delight Sebastopol continue to support our school with 5% of the proceeds from sales being donated to the school (if the rewards card with the number **4034** written on it is presented at the time of purchase). We are attaching new cards for anyone who doesn't have one already.

Our next meeting is Monday March 6th in the staffroom straight after assembly. Feel free to come along and have a cuppa

Shrove Tuesday

Morning tea was a huge success. Thank you to Liz, Cherie, Deb, and Amanda for volunteering their time to cook for and serve the students, and also to teachers for your assistance.

Also a huge thank you to Safeway Eastwood St for donating the fruit for toppings for our students



VOLUNTEERS
don't necessarily
have the time;
they just have
the heart!

Elizabeth
Andrew