



Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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Term Dates

29th Jan—29th March
16th April—29th June
16th July—21st Sept
8th October—21st Dec

For Your Diary

JULY

Wednesday 25th

- Parent Teacher Interview Bookings Close 4 p.m.

Thursday 26th

- Gifted & Talented Writers Workshop

Monday 30th

- Curriculum Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Tuesday 31st

- Parent Teacher Interviews

AUGUST

Monday 6th

- School Council at Scarsdale

Friday 10th

- Swimming
- DISCO

Tuesday 14th

- Young Authors Day

Friday 7th

- Swimming

Friday 24th

- Swimming

Friday 31st

- Swimming

REMINDER

◆ Parent Teacher Interview Bookings Close 4 p.m. Wednesday 25th July

◆ Swimming forms and payment due Wednesday 1st August

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Woody Kid of the Month



Our Woody Kid for the month of June is Shara B. Shara models the kind of work habits that teachers love to have filling up their classrooms. She has a positive and open attitude, listens well and eagerly shares her thoughts in class discussions. She is reliable and someone that always participates in class discussions and constantly displays perfect manners. Shara consistently demonstrates the qualities and values that are encouraged at our school. She is kind, friendly and a great role model to her peers and classmates. Her hard work and steady improvement is a credit to her enthusiastic approach to her learning. We have been particularly impressed with her critical thinking around topic such as dinosaurs, 3D shapes and science, where she has been able to predict or hypothesis outcomes with very little, if any, help from the teacher. For her positive attitude and great work ethic, Shara is a deserving recipient of

Congratulations!

Welcome Back

On behalf of the Smythesdale team, I'd like to welcome everyone back to school after the holidays. Hopefully, we are all feeling rested after the break and are ready for a productive term of learning. It is hard to believe we have already reached term three and, as always, it is shaping up to be a busy one. Kaylene Trigg is on leave for the first four weeks of this term and I am filling in for her as Campus Head. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have a query or a concern and I will endeavour to address the issue.

Leanne Beeson-Canty

STAFFING

Ms Mayman will be on personal leave for the remainder of this term, Mr Bahr will continue to replace Ms Mayman while she is on leave. We understand that having multiple teachers in a school year isn't ideal, but unfortunately this is out of our control. We will continue to work as a team to provide the best possible education and support for all our children at our Smythesdale campus. We would encourage all parents to attend the upcoming parent teacher interviews and ask any questions you might have around your child's educational needs, as highlighted in the school reports. We would also like to welcome back Mrs Francis, after her family leave.

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Charlotte

for clearly speaking two sentences about yourself in preparation for presenting a formal introduction speech—

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(jikoshōkai).
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Loulou

for introducing yourself to the class in a clear voice, as well as quickly finding the class item you were asked for.

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Caitlyn

for giving the written script recognition task a 'red hot go' and using great strategies to complete. Keep up the positive work.

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Jai

for giving the written script recognition task a 'red hot go'.

Keep up the positive work.

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YOUNG AUTHOR'S PROGRAM

On Thursday, 26th July, students who are members of the 'Young Author's Program' will be participating in their second workshop which will be held at Federation University. This workshop will be focussing on editorials, proofreading, etc. The guest speaker for the day is Michelle Smith from the Courier paper. There are approximately 75 students participating from six different primary schools across the Ballarat region. The six primary schools take it in turns in organising the workshops and this time, both Canadian Lead PS and Woody Yaloak PS are planning the day.

CURRICULUM DAY - SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR - 30th July

As previously advertised, next Monday is a curriculum day for students. Staff will be attending the Scarsdale Campus to work with Ruth Cornell who is a School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support coach in the Central Highlands region. Some of the topics to be covered include:

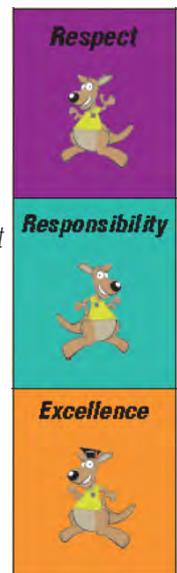
- Refreshing our knowledge of school wide positive behaviours
- Improving the application of the VIVO reward points program
- The teaching of the respectful relationship program
- Reviewing our school code of conduct
- Planning effective lessons about expected behaviours around the school.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS

Next week, our school wide positive behaviour focus shifts to the very important concept of *responsibility in the yard*. *Being responsible requires clear and explicit teaching. We are not 'born responsible', rather through explicit teaching, modelling from both adults and children and life experiences we all learn this valuable skill. Being responsible takes courage, maturity, leadership, respect, excellence and smart decision making. All things we want our students to show.*

The explicit behaviours we will be teaching our students over the next month include:

- Reporting major problems to staff members
- Being honest and making smart choices
- Using equipment for its purpose
- Following the rules
- Remembering to borrow it, use it, return it



SWIMMING (Friday 10/8, 17/8, 24/8, 31/8, 7/9, 14/9)

Just a reminder that swimming permission notes and payments (\$65) are due on 1st August (next Wednesday). As per our School Council policy, all permission notes and money must be returned by the due date for the child to participate.

We strongly encourage all students to attend the program as it is part of the Victorian Curriculum that expects students to:

- Develop knowledge and skills relating to survival swimming and basic water safety so that **a child's drowning risk is significantly reduced and community safety is enhanced**
- Identify swimming as a lifelong physical activity.
- Build awareness, knowledge and skills so that students can safely participate in a range of aquatic activities.



Students who do not participate are still expected at school and will be completing activities linked to achieving the curriculum standards.

The whole campus will be attending together this year to save travel time and costs. Buses will leave Smythesdale at 10:30am. Pool time is from 11:00am – 11:45am and we hope to be back at the campus at approximately 12:30pm.

SMYTHESDALE PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEW DAY - 31ST JULY

Thanks to those families who have booked times for our parent teacher interviews next Tuesday. If you haven't booked yet the online booking system is still open until 4.00pm tomorrow. Please refer to the information sent home last term about how to do this. Alternatively, Sharon will be able to assist you with this at the office.

The objective of parent-teacher interviews are to:

- involve the parents in the educational process
- document the student's progress for the parents**
- reflect on learning outcomes and goals
- give parents the opportunity to express feelings, questions and concerns,
- establish ongoing communication networks between the teacher, parents and student.

Here are some suggestions that you can do to prepare prior to the interview to ensure that it is a worthwhile experience for you.

- read through your child's report and work out which specific areas you have questions about.
- if your child has started Foundation and attended a kindergarten program in the previous year, you may wish to review and discuss your child's Transition Learning and Development Statement at your first parent-teacher conference.
- ask your child if there are any questions they would like you to ask or if there is anything they would like you to tell the teacher.
- ask your child what they think the teacher is going to tell you.
- write a list of questions you want to ask your child's teacher and take notes during the conference so you can share the comments with your child or other members of the family.
- think about any information you will need to let the teacher know e.g. changes that have had an impact on your child, you and your child's goals for learning.

ASSEMBLY

Our weekly assemblies take place each Friday from 3.00pm and are run by the Campus Captains. All of our parents and families members are welcome to join us and celebrate the learning that has taken place over the week. .

BOOK FAIR 13th-17th AUGUST

Once again we will be having the Scholastic Book Fair at Smythesdale. We will be set up in the specialist room (next to the senior room) and be open for book purchases before and after school for the entire week. This is an event that the students get excited about and is always well supported by our school community. It is a fundraiser for the campus and a percentage of all sales is given to the school to spend on books. More information will be sent out as the time gets closer.

UPDATE FOR FUNDRAISER FOR ROSELLA WARD

A huge thank you to everyone that participated in our pyjama days at the end of last term and donated money. The students enjoyed the activities and got right into the spirit of the day and staff were very cozy working in their pjs, onesies, dressing gowns and fluffy slippers. Families were extremely generous towards the cause and a total of \$467 was raised across Woody Yaloak. This amount has been donated to the Rosella Ward at the Royal Children's Hospital in memory of dear little Jack. This is Jack just after birth and before he became ill.



Captain's Chat



It has been a great start to term 3. Last Friday, we had the last session working on the teepees and this week we are going to place them in the garden. These should be a bright, fun addition to the school yard.

Inala, Mia, Lachlan & Mitchell

S.E.P.E.P GRAND FINAL

Congratulations to the Smythesdale Snakes for winning last term's SEPEP hockey grand final over the Black Panthers.

Unfortunately, the Unhealthy Unicorns were knocked out in the semi-final. The game was played fiercely in pyjamas as it **was pyjama day at Smythesdale but that didn't slow anyone down.** The coach's award went to **Lachlan Newton.** Plaques have been ordered and will be added to our SEPEP board asap. Congratulations to all students who played really well and developed better hockey skills as the season went on. This term we will be playing basketball.

HOT CHOCOLATES

Hot chocolates continue to be sold each day for the bargain price of 50c. Many students take advantage of this warm treat at recess. The loyalty program is working out well, with children enjoying every 6th hot chocolate for free. .



BREAKFAST CLUB

Once again the government has distributed food to allow us to run our breakfast program. This term we will continue having our breakfast club every Wednesday morning before school. Food is available from 8:15 until 8:50.

SENIOR HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT - HEALTH FAIR

All senior students were given an assignment sheet last week that outlines the expectations for completing their Health Fair homework projects. These projects will need to be ready to present at the Senior PLC Health Fair on the 12th September. The Senior PLC, in conjunction with Ballarat Community Health, have also organised informative and fun health education activities for our senior students on this day. These will cover important topics such as: bullying, body image, nutrition and mental health.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

This term for sporting schools the program is going to be basketball. A specialised coach/player is going to be hired to conduct many different basketball drills and skills. This is a free program that will be held every Monday for 5 weeks, at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility at Smythesdale. It will be starting on Monday, 13th August and ending on the 10th September. The program will be split into two groups; Foundation/1/2 will be from 4-5pm and gr 3/4/5/6 will be held from 5-6pm. Depending on numbers, the two groups may be combined.



FLEXIBUZZ

Please make sure that you have downloaded and setup the FlexiBuzz app. We send out lots of important information pieces **through this and we don't want any of our families to miss out on important information.** Please see Sharon if you have any questions about the app or need some assistance setting it up.

LEADERSHIP PHOTOS

Any students who are part of the leadership team can purchase a 25cm x 20cm Campus Leadership photo / Campus Captains photo for \$18.00. Photos can be viewed at the office. Order forms can be obtained from the office and are due back no later than Friday 27th July.



PARENTS & FRIENDS

MAJOR FUNDRAISER

We are planning on holding a major fundraiser on Friday, 19th October. It will be a family event held at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Centre (Smythesdale) and will require many parents to help out with set up, during the event and the clean up. We would like to get an indication of how many parents/guardians/grandparents would commit to volunteer to ensure we can run the event and make it successful. Please fill out the attached form and return to the school by this Friday, 27th July, where we will discuss at our meeting to see if we will go ahead with it. Thank you.

PIE DRIVE

Thank you to those families who supported our recent Pie Drive. Also thanks to Nicky and Kym for packing them to get them out to families so the pies were nice and fresh.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FACEBOOK PAGE

Did you know that our parents and friends group has a facebook page? We mostly use it to communicate with parents and we would love you to join so that we are reaching more of our families. We might talk about events coming up, things that are happening, and occasionally we call out for helpers.

The page is overseen by our committee and is only used for discussions relating to parents and friends (and the odd question about if it's casual clothes day, or is breakfast club on). Any posts will go through an approval process via admin. **To join our page, please search 'Smythesdale P&F' and request to join.**

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is this Friday, 27th July, 2pm, in the art room. All welcome.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 24th July	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 26th July	Gifted and Talented Writers' Workshop
Monday 30th July	Curriculum Day
Monday 6th August	School Council @ Scarsdale
Friday 10th August	Woody Yaloak Primary School Disco, Swimming begins
Tuesday 14th August	Young Author's Day
Monday 20th August	Beginning of Children's Book Council Book Week
Wednesday 22nd August	Junior PLC museum excursion
Monday 27th August	School Council at Ross Creek
Thursday 30th August	Write a Book in a Day
Wednesday 5th September	Student Leadership Battle for Australia excursion
Wednesday 12th September	Senior PLC Health Fair
Thursday 13th September	Middle PLC Werribee Zoo excursion
Friday 14th September	School disco, Division athletics
Friday 21st September	End of term three.



THE SCARSDALE BRANCH OF
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ARE HAVING A

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Do you have a coat hiding in the back of the wardrobe?

What about the coat you don't really like?
Or the coat the kids have outgrown?

Winter is here and many people don't have a warm coat.

You can drop off your coat donation at the Smythesdale Hub and we will ensure they all find a new home with someone in need.



CLEARANCE!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

8am - 5pm

Saturday

28th & 29th July

753 Linton-Carngham Rd Snake Valley

Supported by Woody Yaloak PS Snake Valley Campus

WELLBEING WITH TEENAGERS

THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST

TIME: 7:00PM - 8:30PM

VENUE: THE WELL, 19 HEALES ST, SMYTHESDALE

AUDIENCE: YEAR 7-10 STUDENTS & PARENTS

COST: FREE

This interactive workshop for young people and parents will explore the signs and symptoms of deteriorating Health and Wellbeing and provide practical strategies to improve motivation, self-respect, attitude and leadership.

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REGISTER: EMAIL KARL.KASBACH@GPLAINS.VIC.GOV.AU OR CALL (03) 5220 7177

**Woody Yaloak Primary School
Smythesdale Campus**

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In order for us to be able to run this event we need commitment from many volunteers. Please fill out this form and return it to Smythesdale campus by this Friday, 27th July.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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**Woody Yaloak Primary School
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Name: _____

Please circle your response

I will be able to help

I will not be able to help

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