



Woady Yaloak Primary School

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2016 Term Dates

- 28th Jan - 24th March
- 11th April-24th June
- 11th July-16th Sept
- 3rd Oct-20th Dec

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

For Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 30th

- iPad Information Session

DECEMBER

Thursday 1st

- R/C Christmas Cooking

Friday 2nd

- Casual Day
- Snr Swimming –R/C

Monday 5th

- Junior Swimming

Tuesday 6th

- State Wide Transition Day

Wednesday 7th

- R/C Parent Helpers Thank you Morning Tea

Thursday 8th

- Grade 6 Graduation

Friday 9th

- R/C Senior Swimming

Monday 12th

- S/V Presentation Evening

Tuesday 13th

- Scarsdale Presentation Evening

Wednesday 14th

- Ross Creek Campus Presentation Evening

S/N Movie Day

Scarsdale Movie Day

Thursday 15th

- Smythesdale Presentation Evening

R/C Movie Day

Friday 16th

- Smythesdale Movie Day

Tuesday 19th

- End Term 4-1:30pm Dismissal

Principal Message

Last week each Campus Head and I attended a professional development on the second day of the School Wide Positive Behaviours. Over the next couple of weeks our school is going to be focusing on the expected behaviours around 'orderly movement' around the various areas within each campus.

At campus assemblies this week, each Campus Head and myself discussed with the children the different locations/situations when students/staff and parents have to move around. Once everyone had a common understanding of what the term 'orderly movement' meant, we moved onto discussing some current problems in these areas.

The students and staff shared their suggestions for some expected behaviours to address these problems. The idea behind this process is to have a common set of expectations for everyone in our school. Below I have outlined an example from our Scarsdale campus.

Area/Situation: Open areas and front of the school

Current problem:

- Running inside at the end of the day
- Pushing past other students to get to the pickup area

Expected Behaviours:

- I will walk in a calm way to my pick up area
- I will respect other people's space around me
- I will keep my voice to a respectful level

By having consistent language and expected behaviours for all of the areas within each campus, that is well understood and modelled by staff, parents and students. Instead of saying, "don't run", when we see students running in an area, we would like to hear comments like, "Is that an expected behaviour for how we move around will result in a calmer culture for everyone in our school?" By having this different lens, we can then have the conversation with a student around options for replacing their current behaviour with an agreed expected behaviour.

This is a simple example of the sorts of things that are involved in a whole school approach.

This may seem very simple, but it's important for us to focus on the whole child and teach them social and emotional skills, as well as academic skills. We cannot expect all children to understand these expected behaviours, without teaching them.

PERMISSION NOTES / PAYMENT REMINDERS

Due: Wed 30th Nov
Graduation Dinner RSVP/
Payment

Due: Fri 2nd December
2017 Student Stationery
Package

WOADY FEED FORWARD

OFFICE STAFF CHANGE

Next year will also see a small change in administration in our school. Mrs Karen Relouw will be working at our Ross Creek campus two days a week and Mrs Brenda Forty working the other three days. This change will allow Karen to also work at the Scarsdale Campus of our school three days per week.



WOADY FEED FORWARD

FACEBOOK/SOCIAL MEDIA SITES

During our last school council meeting we discussed our current communication methods that are currently been used at Woody. Next year we will be developing our social media policy, so that everyone has a common understanding of the purpose in using these platforms by the school and the groups within the school.

Part of this process will be asking feedback from parents around what they value and find useful in how we currently communicate information to parents and vice versa. Personally I feel when technology is used effectively, it can save time and effort for users, but this requires a lot of forward planning around the processes.

There have been questions raised at school council around our Parents and Friends facebook sites. Due to these facebook groups not being monitored and owned by the school and also no guidelines around its purpose or use, opens up a lot of questions and confusion by our staff and school community. These will be conversations we need to have, so that the right information is being communicated to our school community and so that the social media sites we use are being used effectively.

In the meantime can we ask that any parents posting on the Parents and Friends facebook groups keep the postings as school information only and only information that has come directly from the school. There have been a couple of examples of misinformation been put on these sites, that have caused confusion within the community, which has not come from the school/campus. Any concerns or questions can be directed through the normal channels in line with our parents complaints and concerns policy.

PARENT INFORMATION FOCUS- CYBER SAFETY

This week a letter and tiqbiz post was sent out, informing that we had to cancel the Cyber Safety Information Evening for parents. Unfortunately our presenter had to go into hospital. We are working with her to arrange another time for term 1, 2017. By this time the children will have their ipads and will be set up to the network. We will sent new permission forms out in term 1 to these parents involved.

STATIONERY PACKAGE

Information outlining the process and costs associated with the stationery package for 2017 was recently distributed to students. Please make sure you return this by the due date (**Friday, 2nd December 2106**) so that we can complete the ordering process and books will be at school for the students first day. Any families that wish to set up a payment plan, please contact the campus office to arrange this process.

2017 STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY (TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER)

The statewide transition day will be held on Tuesday 6th December. On this day, students are placed in their 2017 class groupings and work with their teachers for next year. 2017 class groupings are placed on end doors of the corridor and won't be changed after this day.

The transition day ends at 1.30pm, where 2017 Foundation students return home and students return to this year's classes. Parents of 2016 year six students are reminded that they do not attend school on this day to allow the 2017 classes to settle and begin to form relationships.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION

The date for the Grade 6 graduation is **THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER**. The event will be very similar to other years. It takes place at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Centre from 6 p.m. If you have any questions about the format or what is required please contact your Campus Head or your child's teacher.

2017 CAPTAINS

Grade 5 students have been invited to apply to be 2017 student captains. This a wonderful opportunity and we look forward to the applications where students can share their excellent leadership skills and show how they can be fantastic role models at our campus. Applications close next Friday 25th November and the applicants will be interviewed by Mr Pohlner, Mrs Trigg and this year's captains. 2017 campus captains will be announced at our presentation evening.

In 2017, Mr Pohlner plans on working really closely with the student leaders, to give all of our students a voice within the school. This will be done by first of all looking at the student and parent survey data, then discussing what this means and what we can do to improve our school. Regular meetings will be planned throughout the year, both face to face and via our video conference units.



CAMPUS/COMMUNITY NEWS

RIDE FOR RESEARCH

Ex Woody Yaloak student Iesha Humber & her father Jeremy will start the new year riding around Tasmania to fundraise for the Fiona Elsie cancer research institute.

Iesha and Jeremy will be visiting the four campuses on Friday 2nd December to talk about their adventure. They will be riding over 1500 KMs in under 3 weeks. 100% of all donations raised will go to the charity. All travel and living expenses will be covered by the family and our designated sponsors.

Please spread the word and support our ride by searching

<https://www.facebook.com/ride4research/> or
<https://fecri.org.au/>



Thank you from Iesha and Jeremy

Ross Creek Campus PFA Thermomix Raffle

There are currently 30 "unsold" raffle tickets left for purchase. The cost is \$20 per ticket. If you and or anyone else you know would like to purchase tickets please contact Karen at the Ross Creek Campus Office.

Raffle is being drawn on Monday 5th December, 2016.



Hey Kids Help Us Celebrate

"Blue Light Turning 40 Years Old"

**December Blue Light Disco
Friday 9th December 2016
Disco 7PM to 9PM**

Somebody **WILL** Be Lucky and Win
New Sony X-Box.

Friday 9th December : 7PM to 9PM
Sebastopol RSL Hall: Beverin Street, Sebastopol.

Entry \$7 per person.

This Blue Light Activity is Drug, Alcohol and Weapon Free.
Fully Supervised and there are No Pass Outs.

All Children must be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.
Enquiries – Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson 0409 865 093

Watch Out For Our Photos in 2016 on the Blue Light Web Site
www.bluelight.org.au

You are cordially invited to

**Smythesdale's 2016
Community Christmas Carols**

Sunday, December 4 @ 6pm
new venue Smythesdale Gardens
(If it's wet, Recreation Hall, Smythesdale)
Questions? Call Linda - 0428 945 010



Please join us for a great night of FUN!

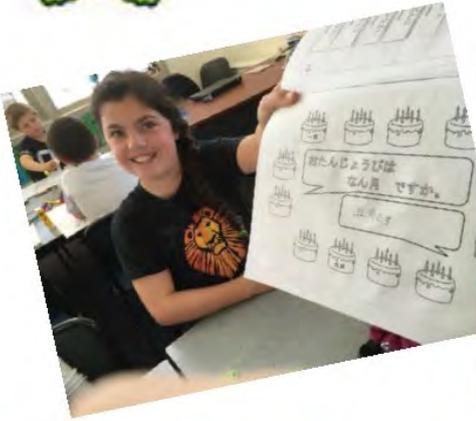
- * Free Sausage Sizzle
- * Free Face Painting
- * Haddon Concert Band
- * Singing
- * Free Jumping Castle
- * Smythesdale P&F Cake Stall
- * Local Musical Talent
- * Santa AND MUCH MORE!!

(Santa arriving by CFA fire truck at 8.00pm)

We have been working very hard in our three specialist areas, Japanese, science and performing arts (music). Here is a small snap shot of some of the things we have been doing.



Japanese



Performing Arts: Music



Science

