



Woody Yaloak Primary School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU

This will be the last newsletter for 2016. I would like to take the opportunity to thank a number of people for their efforts and hard work during the year.

Firstly, to our students, who have worked extremely well to apply themselves, show resilience and accept learning/social challenges. I would like to again congratulate each of our grade 6 graduating students on your academic and social development and growth and wish you every success for the future. We hope you have many wonderful memories of your time at Woody Yaloak P.S. and use your learning to support you in secondary school and later in life.

Thank you to our dedicated staff at Woody, this year we have faced many challenges and everyone at all campuses have continue to work as a team and to promote us as one. I believe to be a good teacher, you need to be a good person first and luckily for our children and parents, we have a whole school of quality teachers, that turn up to school each day, committed to get the best out of every student and each other.

Thank you to Sharon, Karen, Rhonda and Brenda in our 4 office areas. You continue to show a professional attitude and go above and beyond in your support of the teachers, students and parents in our community. I would like to wish Karen all the best for her new adventure at Forest Street Primary School. Karen will be having a 6 month period at this school. This is not a good-bye, but a good luck and thank-you for all your hard work over the years at Woody. Brenda will be replacing Karen in the office at Ross Creek for the 6 months and we will be employing another office staff member for 3 days at Scarsdale, this will be communicated, once finalised in term 1, 2017.

Thank you to the amazing Parents & Friends Committees –To the executive committee and the many members who attend meetings, help out, offer ideas and feedback and support school events. We certainly have an amazing team who are very well supported and this really benefits each campus and students. We encourage current families to help induct the new families to our school and get them involved early into our working groups.

Thank you to our Campus Heads, who offer wonderful support, guidance and suggestions to me on a daily basis. Although it is impossible to be physically visible at each campus all the time, I have complete confidence in my leadership team.

On behalf of all of our 4 communities. We have had wonderful support from local businesses, community groups, historical groups, local government departments and sporting clubs which all contributes the wonderful educational opportunities the students at the campus receive.

Thank-you to Paul and all of our school councillors for their support over the year, this is a very important group of people, that provide feedback and support, with the lens of our 4 different communities. I encourage others to get involved in school council in 2017, it is non threatening environment, that has the students best interests at heart and very rewarding for you to be involved in.

And finally...the parents and carers. Thank you so much for the wonderful support of your children in ensuring that Woody Yaloak Primary School can provide a selection of educational opportunities that encourage academic and personal growth. We have valued your support throughout 2016. You all make a valuable contribution and we are honoured to be part of your children's education. I would like to personally thank each of those families who are leaving us in 2017, your input to our school and your child's education, as I said at our grade 6 graduation, there is no surprise that children do best in school when there is a strong connection between home, school and the child.

*Have a restful break, take care of
 Yourselfes and enjoy the time with
 Your family.*

Merry Christmas everyone!





For Your Diary

DECEMBER

Tuesday 13th

- Scarsdale Presentation Evening

Wednesday 14th

- Ross Creek Campus Presentation Evening
- Snake Valley Movie Day
- Scarsdale Movie Day

Thursday 15th

- Smythesdale Campus Presentation Evening

- Ross Creek Movie Day

Friday 16th

- Smythesdale Movie Day

Tuesday 20th

- End of Term 4- 1:30pm Dismissal



2017

JANUARY

- Tuesday 31st
- Grades 3-6 Students begin

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 2nd
- Grades F-2 Students begin

2017 SCHOOL DATES

Next year Grade 3-6 students will commence school on TUESDAY 31st JANUARY. Grade F-2 will commence on THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY. Staff will resume on Monday 30th January and will be at their campus in the afternoon. Foundation students do not attend school each WEDNESDAY throughout February but will be asked to come in for testing appointments.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home this Friday 16th December. Please take the time to carefully read the comments, examine the progression points and utilise suggestions given in the 'How to help at home' section. Teachers have dedicated a huge amount of time to assessing, reviewing and editing comments to show what achievements your child has made and what growth they have shown. If you have any questions or seek clarification of comments, please speak with your child's teacher.



Corey Pehlner
Principal



CAMPUS/COMMUNITY NEWS



THANK YOU

The Smythesdale Campus would like to thank Snake Valley, Scarsdale and Ross Creek Campuses for such a great response to our Smythesdale Fundraiser-Christmas Raffle. The support is much appreciated! It will be drawn on Thursday the 15th of December. The lucky winners will be contacted by phone. Good Luck & Thank you all !!

Thanks Kaylene and Corey for the lovely, casual morning tea last week. Was nice to have a laugh & see the other parents & staff.
Thanks Kaylene for your valued input with the movie day organisation.

Smythesdale Campus Parents & Friends

UNITING CHURCH CHRISTMAS SERVICE COMMUNITY CAROLS

Monday December 21
at
Snake Valley Uniting Church
at
7:30pm

