

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



Woady Yaloak Primary School

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2017 Term Dates

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

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

For Your Diary

MAY

Wednesday 17th

- Sporting Schools Hockey

Friday 19th

- Gifted and Talented Workshop #2
- Sovereign and Eureka Division Cross Country
- Winter Sports #1

Saturday 20th

- Ross Creek Trivia Night

Monday 22nd

- Education Week Begins
- Sporting Schools Basketball

Wednesday 24th

- Sporting Schools Hockey

Friday 26th

- Winter Sports #2
- Education Week Ends

Monday 29th

- School Council Meeting 6.30pm at Scarsdale
- Sporting Schools Basketball

PERMISSION FORMS
AND
MONEY DUE

Wednesday 24th

- Gr F/1/2
- Donegan's Farm
- Middle PLC Aboriginal Culture Day

Principal Message

STAFFING

This week we have seen 2 changes to our staffing at Woady Yaloak. Unfortunately Mrs Dwyer has had a sporting accident, that has put her out of action until term 3. Mrs Dwyer's replacement will be Miss Lauren McConchie who has been teaching at Haddon and Alfredton in a variety of roles. We have already started the communication processes between Miss McConchie, Mrs Dwyer and Mrs Fitzpatrick.

Last week we completed an interview panel for Mrs Francis's replacement, as she started her maternity leave this week. We are happy to welcome Mr Jason Bahr. Mr Bahr has been teaching at Buninyong Primary School and recently has covered Mr Whitcher absence.

As a school we try to have stability for our classes, but unfortunately we have to work through individual cases as they arise. Our students are always at the centre of these decisions.

Woady Feed Forward

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Last week students at all of our campuses celebrated Mother's Day by organising stalls, afternoon teas etc for their mums or special persons in their lives. Campus heads have indicated that every event was successful and well supported by the students and families. As a school we understand that every family has its unique complexities, this is why we give our students the opportunity to make something for a special person, if mum is not around. This is the same for other special days for example 'Father's Day'. School's try to be as inclusive as possible with special days, taking into consideration unique family situations and religions. In situations like these special days or a family belief, it's always good practice to have open communication with the school/teacher, so that we are all on the same page, to support your child in feeling happy about themselves.

CURRICULUM DAY

Last Friday, staff from each campus came together a Scarsdale campus to reflect and formalise our whole school writing program (VCOP). It has been a year since we were involved in the VCOP (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation) training. Over the past year each team of teachers have been working on implementing the elements of VCOP, in regards to planning, teaching and assessing writing at all year levels. Last Friday's curriculum day was focussed on each team having a discussion to reflect on what's working well and what needs to be put in place to have consistency in every classroom.

Research suggests that there is more variability in the way teaching happens within schools, rather than between schools. This is a major focus of our school, in every area. By the end of the day we made a plan to have a set of non-negotiables in every grade around our writing program.

Curriculum days are planned and budgeted for in the previous school year. These dates and focus areas are part of a consultative process with staff, approved by school council, then communicated to our school community well in advance of these days happening.



COMMUNICATION

Currently our main communication means is via our school newsletters and school app (TiqBiz). We understand that the traditional school newsletter may not be meeting the needs of schools, so we are researching possible alternatives. The work we have done indicates that **most people these days view on their personal device and that many people 'view', rather than 'read'**. If our current newsletters have large pieces of information, many people will be not reading the main content, therefore missing vital information. We will continue to let you know of any developments.

An option we are investigating is to have our own school Facebook page, where promotional information will be posted and continuing to have our school app (TiqBiz) as logistical information for reminders. Any parents wishing to give feedback on this topic, please send through your ideas or call me directly.

SCHOOL GROUNDS

Scarsdale

The septic works have now been completed at our Scarsdale campus. There will be some tidying up on the oval, where the grass area will be cut and some more top soil spread out over the next week. The system has now been upgraded to handle the usage and be aligned with departmental guidelines. Over the past years the guidelines have changed in the way the system was designed. An area has been fenced off on the oval to be compliant with these guidelines, as a result this has improved the safety between the oval and the dirt road, but has restricted the area of the oval. Our school grounds are still more than enough space for our students to play at Scarsdale.

Ross Creek

We have now had formal approval for the Ross Creek septic system upgrade. This is a full replacement and will be completed by June 30th. The current system was built for around 70 students. For the past seven years we have been trying to have this replaced, finally we have some good news. Works have already started, which will restrict the parking access for both parents and staff. All of the septic tanks will be replaced and a new area will be fenced off, to meet the current EBA guidelines.

These works won't affect the current student toilets, the plan will be to install the new tanks and switch these over from the old system on the same day.

TRANSITION

This week information will be sent out about transition open days for our campuses for 2018. It's important for our school to promote ourselves in each of our communities. Over four sites we have families enrol from a variety of locations.

I have been discussing this with campus heads and explained the importance of each campus having an open day, where families have a chance to have a tour around each campus.

We have been discussing ways of getting information to our communities via our feeder kinders and via the post. We have four fantastic Parent and Friends groups in our school, sometimes the best promotion of a school is via testimonials. We ask that our current parents play a vital role in promoting our school to future families.

CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday, 19th May, 2017 eight students from Woody Yaloak PS have qualified for division cross country. All of the staff and students would like to wish Elliot B, Tynan CP, Ben S, Tristan Q, Mike B, James B, Luke C and Callum S all the best in representing Woody Yaloak Primary School at this event.

Competitors are required to be present at least 30 minutes prior to their event. It is up to families to ensure students are at the start line ready to go when their event is called. Mrs Trigg will be at Victoria Park so students need to find her before their event. Well done and good luck.

DONEGAN'S FARM

On Tuesday, 30th May the Junior PLC classes will be going to Donegan's Farm as part of their Inquiry topic 'Where does our food come from?' The permission form was sent home with last weeks newsletter and is due to be returned Wednesday, 24th May.



WINTER SPORT

This week, our grade 4/5/6 students will be involved in round one of the winter sport program. This annual event pits the Linton and District campuses / schools against each other in fun, participation orientated sports including football, netball, netta and indoor sports. Football will be held at the Snake Valley Recreation Reserve (due to the unavailability of the Smythesdale ground) and indoor, netta and netball will be held at Smythesdale. Those students playing football will be supplied with a football jumper and students playing netball will be supplied with a bib etc. Given the weather is usually very cold, please ensure your children bring warm clothes to wear before and after the events. If you need any further information please contact your child's classroom teacher. Parents are welcome to attend and support their children, games commence at 1pm.

TREE DRIVE

Snake Valley Parents & Friends are pleased to be able to offer, for the 8th year, a tree drive. We have received very positive feedback, from those who purchased in previous years, about the size and quality of the trees and are confident offering quality plants at great prices again this year.

There are many varieties of apple, pear, plum, peach, nectarine, cherry, almond, olive, citrus and other fruit trees. Farm trees and ornamental trees are also available. Prices are favorable compared to commercial offerings. An order form and details have been sent home to each family today. Extra order forms for friends are available from your campus office.

Orders, along with payment must be received by Wednesday, 14th June 2017
Thank you for your support, Snake Valley P&F.

CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund)

This is the last opportunity for families holding a valid means tested concession card or temporary foster parents to apply for CSEF. \$125 per year will be paid for each child at primary school. Payments will go directly to the school. Parents who are eligible for this payment need to apply by completing the application which can be obtained from the office and provide a copy of their current health care card.

Cory Pohlner
Principal

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Smythesdale
Tuesday nights from 23 May to 25 Jul, 7pm-9pm
Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility
55 Heales Street, Smythesdale 3351

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Hey Kids "It's Time for another Blue Light"

This is an invitation to all local primary school pupils to attend **Ballarat Blue Light's next disco on Friday, May 19th.**

We have plenty more prizes to local attractions to give away this disco, including family passes to Sovereign Hill, Ten Pin Bowling & the Ballarat Wildlife Park. So don't forget to ask your parents if you can come along.

**Friday 19th May
7PM to 9PM**

At Sebastopol RSL Hall, Beverin Street, Sebastopol.

Entry is only \$7 Per Person.

Blue Light Disco is drug, alcohol and weapon free.

It's fully supervised and there are No Pass Outs.

Children must be dropped off and picked up by a Responsible Adult.

For more information call Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson 0409 865 093

Don't forget to watch out for your photos in 2017 on

[facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratbluelightdisco)

You can also follow us on Snapchat at [bluelight](#).

We can't wait to see you there!



Woody Yaloak Primary School

TRIVIA NIGHT

HOSTED BY PT - FROM 3BA
SATURDAY 20th MAY 2017
7PM FOR 7.30 START

WHEN: SATURDAY 20th May 2017
7PM FOR 7.30 START

WHERE: BALLARAT GREYHOUND RACING CLUB
RUBICON ST REDAN

COST: \$15 PER HEAD
8 - 10 PEOPLE PER TABLE
SINGLE TICKETS AVAILABLE
DRINKS @ BAR PRICES

BYO: NIBBLES

FOR TICKETS:
Casey Douglas. 0424 164 726
Jill Burt 0411 894 594
Sally Cassar 0409 341 422

Woody Yaloak Primary School

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL GO TO
ROSS CREEK CAMPUS

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY 



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS
MAJOR FUNDRAISER

"TREE DRIVE"

ORNAMENTAL TREES, FRUIT TREES, SHRUBS AND MORE!

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM CAMPUS OFFICE

PLEASE RETURN YOUR ORDER & PAYMENT BY WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE 2017

ORDERS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS
(999 Snake Valley—Smythesdale Rd)

ALL ENQUIRIES: TANIA - 0427 559 432



What have the Middle School been up to?

Reading

During the last few weeks, students in the middle PLC have been concentrating on the predicting strategy.

Inquiry

During this term the students have been learning about Aboriginal culture in their inquiry lessons. This has included art, language, food and land use. The students have been using a web resource designed by the teaching staff to self-pace their learning. We have been pleased with the way the students have worked on this. In the coming weeks, the students will be learning about European settlement and will look at some of the impacts of this on Aboriginal life.

Science

Continuing on from last term, students in the middle PLT have been constructing their magnetic force board games. They have been able to apply what they have learned so far in this unit through working in small groups and discussing and comparing their ideas with each other.



After scrutinising a photo of a child standing next to a fence with a snake photo-bombing it, Emily, Zac D, Jasper and Ruby worked together to predict what they thought happened before, during and after.



Grace, Sebastian and Zac S critiquing a photo of a dog with its head stuck in the fence. They predicted that it was chasing a ball and that's how it got stuck.



Meanwhile... Mia gave a fantastic performance of her poem, Little Princess.



Kassidy, Zander and Gemma worked together and enjoyed comparing their predictions of what they thought happened to the girl that had a snake right beside her.



Cody, Nate, Emily and Scarlett, using the class iPads to visit the First Contacts Inquiry website.



Selena, Chloe and Zac worked together and used different resources to create a fishing game.



Addison and Tilly discussed the aim of their game and developed rules and instructions for others to play.



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Writing

This term, the Middle PLC students have continued working hard to write persuasive and narrative texts. They have been applying their new knowledge and skills to produce great examples to be displayed around the room.



Jim, Eamon, Mat and Joel working hard creating persuasive posters to be displayed around the room.



Caitlyn and Abi working hard on their persuasive poster, trying to persuade people to come and visit the place they have created.



Bondi and Annie busily finish their persuasive poster, trying to be as creative as possible to persuade their audience.

Numeracy

This term students are learning to solve multiplication and division problems using a variety of strategies learnt throughout the unit.



Josh and Riley enjoyed using the skip counting dominoes to find out multiples of 9.



Alycia and Levi are using the skip counting dominoes to count by 4's.