



Woody 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

## AUGUST

## Tuesday 2nd

- Concert Practice at Wendouree Performing Arts Centre
- Lifes A Musical Concert  
6.30pm-9pm at Wendouree Performing Arts Centre

## Friday 4th

- Casual For A Cause

## Monday 7th

- Sovereign Hill Excursion Gr 2's Ms Mayman, Mrs Major/Ford and Mrs Dwyer/Fitzpatrick

## Friday 11th

- Woody Disco

## Monday 14th

- Curriculum Day  
No School Today

## Permission Note and Money Due

- Wed 2nd Aug: Gr 2 Sovereign Hill Ms Mayman, Mrs Ford/Major & Mrs Dwyer/Fitzpatrick
- Fri 4th Aug: Sporting Schools
- Wed 30 Aug: Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Smythesdale &

## Principal Message

## 45 YEARS OF TEACHING SERVICE

Recently one of our staff members achieved a very special milestone, reaching 45 years of teaching service. On behalf of our school community I would like to congratulate Gay Pearse for her service to Woody Yaloak Primary School and the profession. **45 years in any one field is an amazing effort**, I'm sure education has seen some major changes over this time. Ms Pearse received a special presentation in Melbourne by the Minister for Education, the honorable James Merlino.



*Congratulations*

## MENTAL TOUGHNESS 4C'S- CONFIDENCE (SELF BELIEF)

This week I wanted to share some information about the 'confidence' part of mental toughness. There are 2 types of confidence categories for mental toughness;

Confidence in Abilities

## Sensitive:

- Reluctant to express a view
- Low self belief/confidence
- Inner belief missing- seek external
- Unsure they have specific knowledge about a subject

## Tough:

- Have strong self belief
- External validation not required
- Work hard, use abilities to the full
- Happy to engage in discussions

## Mental Toughness Summary

Over the past 4 Woody newsletters I have shared what the 4C's of mental toughness are. Those who are mentally tough achieve more and generally get a better deal in life. This doesn't mean that if you are sensitive that you don't achieve things in life, it's just harder for these people to do this.

The point of sharing this information with our school community is for people to talk about the content, in order to be self aware, for both mentally tough and mentally sensitive people.

## Woody Feed Forward

### DES HUDSON

To support the ongoing responsibility we have to continually promote cybersafety, we have arranged for Leading Senior Constable Des Hudson to visit each campus to conduct a parent and student cybersafety session. The dates and times for these session are:

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> August: Ross Creek Campus (after assembly)

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> August: Snake Valley Campus (after assembly)

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September: Smythesdale Campus (after assembly)

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September: Scarsdale Campus(after assembly)

These cybersafety sessions will be for students in our senior classes and parents of students of any age. Each session runs for approximately 1 hour 15 minutes and focuses on practical strategies to ensure our students understand how to remain cybersafe in our increasingly global society.

There has been a lot of organisation put into these session and it would be wonderful to see a large number of parents at each session. If you have any questions, please see your campus head teacher.

### CURRICULUM DAY

Our final curriculum day is fast approaching. On August 14<sup>th</sup> the staff will be learning about the new Victorian Curriculum, with a focus on the digital learning area. When our dates were set for 2017, we decided at school council to not have a curriculum day in term 4 as **it doesn't give** much time for staff to implement the learning from the day and also term 4 is very busy with end of term proceedings.

### GRADE 2 SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION

#### IMPORTANT PLEASE ENSURE YOU KNOW THE DATE OF YOUR CHILD'S EXCURSION

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> July Mrs Hughes, Miss Woods and Mrs Weickhardt's grade 2s attended Sovereign Hill.

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> August Ms Mayman, Mrs Ford/Major and Mrs Dwyer's grade 2s will be going to Sovereign Hill.

Please make sure you have read the sheet attached to your permission form so that your child will be dressed appropriately. If you have lost this please ask your teacher for another one.

Please ensure that you drop your child off at 8:45am at the Sovereign Hill carpark at the rear of Sovereign Hill in Magpie St. Pick up is from the same spot at 3:15pm. A teacher from your campus will be there waiting.

Students may bring a maximum of \$5 spending money but this must be handed to the teacher on the morning of the excursion.

## SOVEREIGN HILL COSTUME GRADE 2 REQUIREMENTS LIST

- Flat black or brown shoes or boots (NOT sneakers or runners).
- Avoid boots with writing on them.
- Desert boots are suitable.
- **Girls' socks LONG and preferably white.**
- **Boys' LONG socks may be black, brown, grey or white. (NO ankle socks. NO pictures or writing.)**
- In cold weather, a T-shirt or spencer worn under costume is advisable, as long as it does NOT show.
- In cold weather, girls may wish to wear suitable tights under their costume.
- Ear-rings are NOT appropriate for boys. Girls may wear small studs or sleepers only.
- NO facial piercings.
- NO wrist watches are to be worn while in costume.

### GIRLS' HAIR

- **Girls' hair may be parted in the centre, tied back neatly (plaits or buns if possible).** Plain hair ribbons or rubber bands are suitable. (NOT bright colours)
- Plastic clips or scrunchies are NOT suitable.
- NO nail polish or jewellery.



## Woody Feed Forward

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

Last week at our school council a number of items were discussed and ratified.

#### Grade 3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp

The first was the upcoming grade 3/4 camp to Cave Hill Creek. This year we have a large group of students attending (98). Although this camp **isn't until November it is good to let parents know the dates and details, so that families can start to make arrangements.** The cost for the camp will be approximately \$208 per student, which is subsidised by school council. As always, any parents wishing to make a payment plan can do so by contacting their campus office.

#### Grade 2 Sleepover

On September 21st, our grade two students from all campuses will be participating in a sleepover. This is a sleepover for grade 2s only and is designed to help prepare these students for camp in grade three. The children will arrive at the Snake Valley Campus at 7pm on the Thursday evening, already wearing their pyjamas, having had baths/showers and eaten dinner. We will share a supper, play games, read together and watch a movie while we settle down to sleep. On Friday morning the children will get dressed and ready for school, eat breakfast and pack up their bedding. All children attending the sleepover will stay at Snake Valley Campus for school on Friday. Fruit will be supplied for morning tea. As parents may need to be at other campuses for the end of term 1.30pm pick up time, the grade 2s who are sleeping over will be available for pick up from 12.30pm onwards.

Students will be provided with evening supper (a hot chocolate and toastie), popcorn while watching the movie, breakfast in the morning and fruit for morning tea.

#### 2018 Book lists

At school council we discussed our 2018 booklist fees. From 2018 our booklist fee for Woody Yaloak will be \$105 per student. We **haven't** increased our fee for 2-3 years. Naturally over time with inflation, things become more expensive and school materials are no exception. Even **with the increase, this still doesn't cover the initial costs for the materials or replacements throughout the year. We try** and inform our school community as soon as we can, so that families do not get lumped with payments in one hit, as always payment plans can be arranged at any campus. More information will be communicated with families by the end of the year.

### END OF YEAR PRESENTATION NIGHTS

Although this is very early, we have now scheduled our end of year presentation nights for each campus.

Smythesdale: Monday, December 18th from 6.00-8.00pm

Snake Valley: Tuesday, December 19th from 6.00-8.00pm

Scarsdale: Wednesday, December 20th from 6.00-8.00pm

Ross Creek: Thursday, December 21st from 6.00-8.00pm

### WE WANT OUR PARENTS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training.

**It is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement** and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. If parents have general feedback about a school event, either positive, constructive or a concern, our school has a clear process through our parent concerns and complaints policy.

When: The survey needs to be completed by parents between the following dates: 7th – 27th August

How: A letter will be sent home with next weeks campus newsletter (one per family), this has a unique link to the survey.

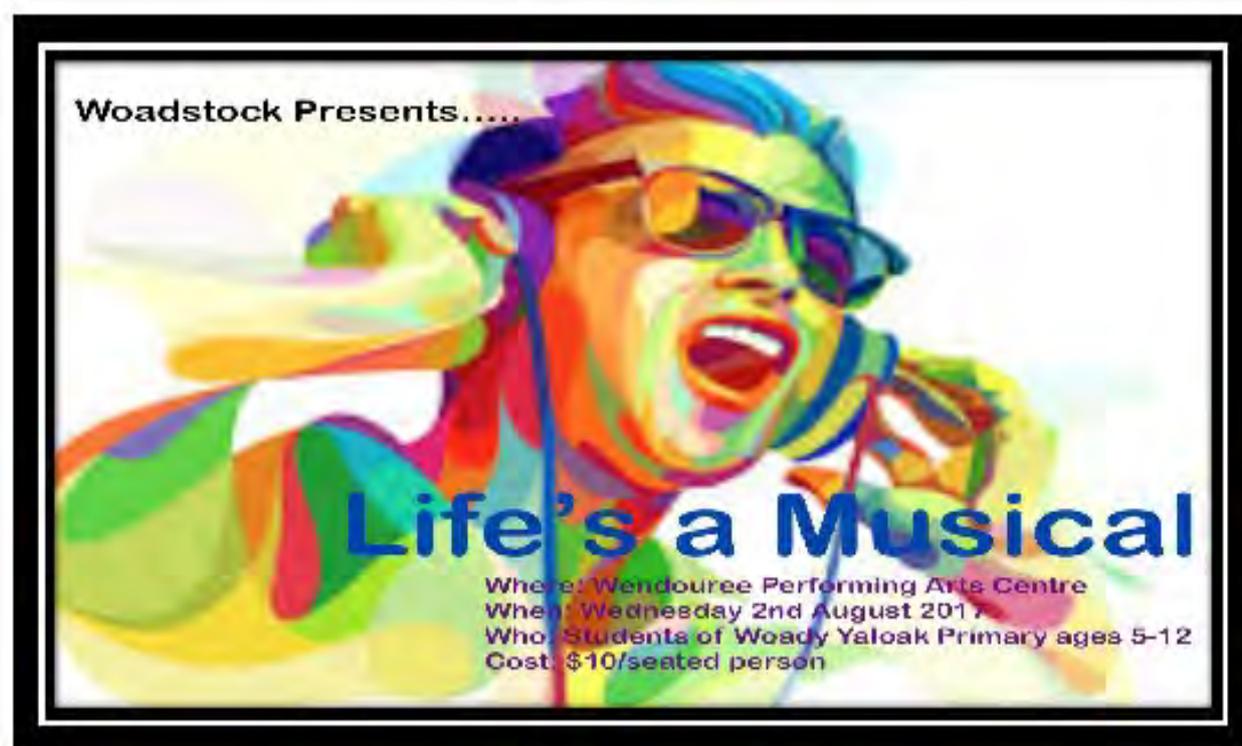
#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION :

- Parents are not to share or publish the survey link on social media sites.
- The survey platform captures data such as IP address, browser and time stamps, which we can use to help identify any patterns that may appear to be suspicious if a school raises concerns.
- The survey link will also be disabled as soon as your school reaches the survey response quota.

### WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

Woody Yaloak have entered a team into the Write a book in a day competition. It is a competition where students from Years 5 and over can participate. There are different divisions for the competition and we have entered into the Years 5-6 category. There are strict guidelines and rules that must be adhered to including working for twelve hours straight from 8am to 8pm. We have a team of eight students from all campuses. They will be meeting at the Smythesdale Campus on Thursday, 24 August. We wish them luck!

*Corey Schler*  
Principal



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## *Final Concert Note*

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Rehearsal Day - TOMORROW 2<sup>nd</sup> August 9am-3pm.

Students will come to school as normal where buses will transport them to the venue.

Students require:

- A **cut lunch** and piece of fruit. No hot lunches or shop lunches are available. Please paper bag and name your lunches.
- No school bags will be traveling to the venue.
- A disposable named **bottle filled with water** only. We will use for the rehearsal; refill for the concert night and then throw away.
- **All children need to wear their black clothes to rehearsal day!** For warmth, and to keep them clean, wear your school uniform over the **black clothes**. **Ensure all clothing is named!**
- All children (except SV Gr 5/6) will require a single **coloured t-shirt** for the final song. (Some children may have already brought this to school, if not please hand it in to your teacher).
- Hand any **medication** required to the classroom teacher to administer. Please label clearly!

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## Concert Night

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- All students need to be checked in with their teacher on arrival at 6:30pm, ready for a 7pm start and dressed in their black clothing. Parents are to bring children to the foyer where the students will be ushered into the auditorium.
- Parents are not permitted into the auditorium until showtime.
- Parents will appreciate the mammoth task of dismissing 300+ students to the safe care of the correct adults, so at the conclusion of the night all parents will be asked to clear the auditorium and wait in the foyer.
- Each campus will be dismissed separately with their classroom teacher to the foyer area.
- Parents are to collect their children.

Attached to the newsletter is a running sheet of the nights events, feel free to bring it along.

Alternatively, there will be programs available in the foyer with further information and photos attached.

We are asking for a gold coin donation to cover the printing costs.

Please put your donation in the wishing well.

*Please reassure children that the concert will be a fun and enjoyable experience, generating treasured memories that will last with them through their school years.  
It's about participating and belonging to the Woody Yaloak Primary School family!  
We cannot wait to see you all there!*

*The Arts Specialist Team*



SMYTHESDALE	SNAKE VALLEY	SCARSDALE	ROSS CREEK
Whole school		PLC Groups	

1	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	Beauty And The Beast - Be Our Guest
2	<b>JUNIOR PLC</b>	Mary Poppins - Supercalifragilistic
3	F - Mrs Hines	Singing In The Rain - Theme
4	1/2 - Mrs Dwyer	Grease - Grease Lightning
5	1/2 - Miss Wood	The Little Mermaid - Under The Sea
6	1/2 - Mrs Weickhardt	Seussical The Musical - The Things You Can Think
7	F - Mrs Wheeler	Charlie & The Chocolate Factory - Oompa Loopa songs
8	F/1/2 - Ms Mayman/Mr Bahr	Annie - It's a Hard Knock
9	F/1/2 - Mrs Major/Mrs Ford	The Wizard Of OZ - Medley
10	<b>MIDDLE PLC</b>	Sound Of Music (sang in Japanese) - Do Ra Me
11	3/4 - Mrs Angel/Mrs Collins	Camp Rock - We Rock
12	3/4 - Miss Hannah	Jungle Book - I Want To Be Like You
13	2/3 - Mrs Hughes	Matilda - Revolting Children
14	3/4 - Mr Whitcher	Blues Brothers - Shake Your Tail Feather
15	3/4 - Mr Snibson	Pirates Of Penzance - Foreman Bares His Steel
16	<b>SENIOR PLC</b>	Little Shop Of Horrors - Theme
17	5/6 - Mr Bell	Rock Of Ages - Hit Me With Your Best Shot
18	5/6 - Mrs Webb	Footloose - Theme
19	4/5/6 - Mr Harris	Hairspray - You Can't Stop The Beat
20	5/6 - Mrs Beeson-Canty	High School Musical - We're All In This Together
21	5/6 - Mr Cox	Mamma Mia - Abba Medley
22	<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	Kinky Boots - Raise You Up/ Just Be



# What has the Senior PLC been up to?

## Reading

This term we will continue developing our skills during reciprocal reading. Students are beginning to carry out their roles with less teacher assistance and are gaining confidence to raise their own questions about a particular text. They will continue to be supported when working in their groups and begin to record their responses together.

## Numeracy

Students have investigated our Australian currency. They have compared different currencies and also become aware of currency converters. This knowledge will be extended as we commence our classroom economy focus where they will learn about expenses, income and the cost of living.

## Writing

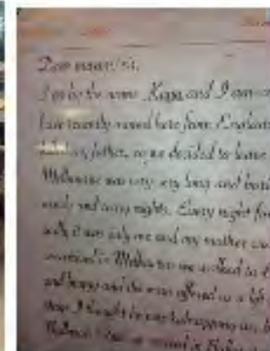
The senior class at Smythesdale have been preparing for their upcoming visit to Sovereign Hill by writing letters to their 1850s school teacher. These letters form the backstory for their role-play at Sovereign Hill. In order to write from the perspective of a child from this era, the students have had to recall previous knowledge of colonial life and life on the goldfields. The students have included names of family members, tales of their journeys to Australia and then Ballarat, occupations of parents and details of their dwellings.



Deakin and James independently reading their novels whilst Georgia, Katie, Alicia, Aston and Ben participate in our reading strategy, reciprocal reading.



Mr Cox's class displays our Australian currency. As apart of our maths unit students will learn about Australian money and also about what tax is.



Smythesdale students producing some 1800's writing which will be used at Sovereign Hill when they visit.



# What has the Senior PLC been up to?

## Inquiry

This term we are learning about what the importance of economic and financial decision-making is in everyday life.

Through this learning students will discover what affect their choices as a consumer make, why businesses exist and what enterprising behaviours and capabilities each student has. We are using a 'Earn and Learn' model of learning which will focus on setting up a community in our classrooms. This is where the kids essentially sink or swim on how well they run their businesses (unless they work for the teacher – the public service) while dealing with tax, rent, insurance and day-to-day bills.

## Sovereign Hill

Snake Valley and Ross Creek students were involved in the Sovereign Hill 1800's experience where they learnt about how students lived in the 1800's, how students dressed and what was taught in schools. The students also got to go gold panning and buy some raspberry drops.

Smythesdale and Scarsdale will get the same opportunity later in the term.

Our class has started giving out weekly payments which the students are quite excited about. They are not overly happy about paying bills such as health insurance, table and chair taxes and fines.



In the pictures below boys from Ross Creek campus are seen catching a ball on a string with a piece of wood. Kayden W, Patrick A, Sienna C and Ash J are trying their luck at finding some gold.

