

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



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

Monday 14th

- National Science Week Begins

Wednesday 16th

- Sporting Schools AFL

Friday 18th

- National Science Week Ends

Monday 21st

- Sporting Schools Volleyball

- Book Week Begins

Wednesday 23rd

- Sporting Schools AFL

Friday 25th

- Book Week Ends

Monday 28th

- Sporting Schools Volleyball

Tuesday 29th

- School Photos Smythesdale & Ross Creek

Wednesday 30th

- School Photos Snake Valley & Scarsdale

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st

- Woody Disco
- Casual For a Cause
- Maths Challenge Day

## Permission Note and Money Due

- Wed 30 Aug: Gr 5/6 Sovereign Hill Smythesdale & Scarsdale
- Wed 6th Sept: Junior, Middle & Senior Swimming All Campuses

## Principal Message

## WELCOME

I would like to welcome 2 new staff members to our Woody staff. Miss Amelia Brereton will be replacing Mrs Collins at our Snake Valley campus, as Mrs Collins has gone on family leave. Miss Lauren McConchie will be replacing Mrs Morrison at our Snake Valley campus, who is also starting family leave. We wish both Mrs Collins and Mrs Morrison all the best.

## WOODY DISCO

Thank-you to our school community for your understanding with the postponed disco last week. As you know there have been a lot of students and staff ill last week, not only at Woody, but around Ballarat. This disco will be rescheduled in term 4 and hosted by Scarsdale. There is still another one this term on September 1st, hosted by Ross Creek.

## CONCERT

I know all campuses have thanked and congratulated everyone with the recent concert and I am still receiving positive comments from people from outside our school. I would once again like to thank everyone involved, it was a great event for our school.

## VICTORIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This Thursday and Friday Mr Harris, Mr Cox and Mr Pohlner are attending the annual VPA Conference in **Melbourne**. **This year the theme for the conference is, "Inspiring Teams through positive leadership"**. The knowledge gained by this conference will be shared throughout our school with staff.

## CURRICULUM DAY- DIGITAL CURRICULUM

On Monday August 14th the staff focussed on building their understanding of the new digital learning area. First of all I would like to thank our Ross Creek PFA for supplying a beautiful morning tea and lunch, it was enjoyed by all staff who attended.

As we know technology has been in our curriculum for many years. The focus in the past has been on **building children's Information, communication and technology skills for example, knowing how to save a file, insert a photo, create a powerpoint display etc.**

Our new curriculum is designed to develop the knowledge of digital systems, understanding of data and creating digital solutions in an ever changing world. The curriculum is designed to develop these skills progressively over time from Foundation through to year 10.

This new curriculum is designed to be integrated into other curriculum areas for example numeracy and literacy. Even though there is no stand alone curriculum area for the old technology skills such as inserting a photo, saving a file etc, these are still important skills students need to learn. These skills are now integrated into other areas of the curriculum.



Left is Mrs Trigg, Ms Mayman and Mrs Hughes demonstrating how a internet network works.



## Principal Message continued

### THE NEW CURRICULUM- WHAT ARE THE AREAS?

Often in the media anything new in education is blown out of proportion. Our new curriculum is no exception. There has been a lot of hype around coding, which only accounts for 2 out of the 23 outcomes in primary schools. Another misconception is that our children will spend all of **their time on computers with this new curriculum. 50% of the new curriculum is what we call 'unplugged', meaning that a device** is not needed to meet the outcomes. A lot of the curriculum is about the thinking processes and understanding how things work. The jobs of the future require our children to be good problems solvers, be creative and have an understanding of how things work, in order to create solutions to problems, not so much how to use devices.

### Digital Systems

**In very simple terms, this refers to students understanding about software, hardware and networks. It's important for students** to learn over time how digital systems work because our jobs of the future are changing. Many people think that technology is taking over the workforce and jobs will not exist for people, this is not the case. Many jobs are not becoming redundant, they are just changing. An example of this is at supermarkets. The skills now required by staff are different from the traditional checkout process, now people are using the self service. In this example supermarkets still need staff on the self service area. At times the system has faults that requires the staff member to understand the digital system and problem solve to fix it.

### Data and Information

This part of the curriculum is very similar to what is already happening, with very strong links with the numeracy curriculum.

### Creating Digital Solutions

This part of the curriculum refers to problem solving, by breaking problems into steps. From Foundation to 6, the students will learn some key thinking skills for example:

- Algorithms (A description of the steps and decisions required to solve a problem)
- Branching (Branching occurs when an algorithm makes a choice to do one of two or more actions depending on sets of conditions and the data provided)
- Iteration (Repetition of a process or set of instructions in computer programming)
- Coding or Binary (The use of two states or permissible values to represent data, such as the on and off position of a light switch or the transistors in a computer silicon chip that can be in either the electrical state of ON or OFF. Binary data are typically represented as a series of single digits referred to as binary digits (or bits) due to each taking on the value of either 0 or 1. For example,

If we wanted to show our birth month (September) in binary form, it would look like this:

128 bits	64 bits	32 bits	16 bits	8 bits	4 bits	2 bits	1 bit
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1

This example is basic to computer programming, the binary code presents the month of September, with the code 00001001. The curriculum builds on following and representing a series of steps in Foundation, to complex binary coding in secondary school.

There is a deliberate shift to teach our children about the vocabulary, so that children understand over time this technical language. Again this **is not completely new to our teachers, it's just a shift of thinking, which requires deliberate planning to expose our children** to these new vocabulary words.

A very simple example of the above terms is following a recipe, it requires following a set of steps, it requires someone to **'branch', with some** recipes having variations. It sometimes requires you to repeat a process.

## Woody Feed Forward

### TERM 3 SPORTING SCHOOLS

A reminder that the term three Sporting Schools program has started at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Centre at Smythesdale and also at the Ross Creek Recreation Reserve. Volleyball will be running after school on Mondays and AFL will be running after school on Wednesdays. Due to the Smythesdale ground being shut, the AFL program will be held at the Ross Creek Recreation Reserve. Just a reminder that students are expected to attend all session of their selected program.



## Woody Feed Forward

### DES HUDSON CYBER SAFETY VISIT

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, 28th August: Ross Creek Campus (after assembly)  
Tuesday, 29th August: Snake Valley Campus (after assembly)  
Monday, 4th September: Smythesdale Campus (after assembly)  
Tuesday, 5th 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. We realise that these times make it challenging for working families, so our newly formed ICT team will be organising an evening session in term four for families unable to make the times mentioned above. We would hope that these four dates and times allow all families in our school to make one of these important information sessions.

### WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY COMPETITION

**On Thursday, 24 August 2017, ten students from all four campuses will write a book in one day for childrens' cancer research. They will be meeting at Smythesdale campus. It's all part of the annual national "Write a Book in a Day" competition which is run by The Kids' Cancer Project.** The school has entered one team in the competition. Pupils will be given a brief and then within 12 hours write, illustrate, bind and submit a storybook of up to 5000 words. Each book is then donated to children undergoing treatment in hospitals around Australia. **The Kids' Cancer Project** is an independent national charity supporting childhood cancer research. Since 1993, thanks to strong community support the charity has contributed tens of millions of dollars to scientific studies to help children with many types of cancer. In order to qualify for judging **and have the chance to take out one of the coveted 'bragging-rights' awards, the school must raise a minimum \$240 per team. We wish our students all the best.**

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos are fast approaching, please see each campus dates below;

Smythesdale:  
Tuesday 29th August.  
Snake Valley:  
Wednesday 30th August.  
Scarsdale:  
Wednesday 30th August.  
Ross Creek:  
Tuesday 29th August.

All students are expected in full school uniform on this day.

*Corey Pehlner*  
Principal

**Woody Yaloak Primary School**  
**DISCO**  
 Strictly Primary School Age Children  
 Friday 1st September  
 6.30pm-8.00pm  
 Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility  
 Smythesdale  
 \$5 Entry  
**NO PASS OUTS**  
 Canteen, Novelties & Raffle Prizes

Further Info  
 Contact Kaylene Trigg  
 53 42 8565



**SNAKE VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE**

**PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW 2017**

**SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**  
**at Snake Valley Hall.**  
 TIME: 10:00am – 5:00pm  
 FOOD AVAILABLE – ‘COSY CAFÉ’

**ENTRIES CLOSE - FRIDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Inquiries/program requests to 53449251 (leave message) or clayton.sv.vic@gmail.com

**SNAKE VALLEY HALL COMMITTEE APPRECIATES SPONSORSHIP RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING**







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**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, August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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 18<sup>th</sup> August**  
**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/ballaratluelightdisco](https://www.facebook.com/ballaratluelightdisco)  
 You can also follow us on Snapchat at [bbluelight](#).

***We can’t wait to see you there!***  
*Blue Light Ten Pin Bowling Night is coming – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September Ballarat Lanes – Doveton St Nth. 7PM – 9PM \$10 per person.*



# Woadstock- Life's A Musical

**Wow!** What an evening! I think we can all agree that our 2017 concert was a raging success.

Thank you so much to all the parents and volunteers who worked countless hours on perfecting the amazing costumes and props you saw on stage. They really made a big impact and your time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

A huge thank you to all our fabulous students. We are so proud of you for your fantastic effort and for having such positive attitudes. Everyone had a wonderful time and it will be a night to remember for years to come. A special thank you goes to our campus captains for leading the evening in such a confident manner.

*Don't forget to see office staff if you are interested in purchasing a copy of the DVD for \$5.*



Whole school opening act -

Beauty And The Beast



Junior PLC- Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious



RC Foundation - Singing In The Rain



RC 1/2E - Under The Sea



SC F/1 - Oompa Loompa



SV F/1/2 - The Wizard Of Oz



SC 4/5/6 - Hairspray



# Woodstock- Life's A Musical



SM F/1/2 – Annie



SC 2/3- Matilda



SM 5/6 - High School Musical



RC 1/2T – Cat In The Hat



RC 5/6G – Hit Me With Your Best Shot



RC 5/6M – Footloose



SV 3/4 – Pirates of Penzance

Whole  
school  
finale-

Kinky Boots





# SOVEREIGN HILL

Last Monday the Grade 2 students from Smythesdale, Ross Creek and Snake Valley were fortunate enough to visit Sovereign Hill and attend the Red Hill National School. Students were fully immersed in the 1850s, learning about manners, costume, behaviour and re-living the discipline of school life on the goldfields. Students wrote on slate boards, played games such as knuckles, quoits and marbles and even made some butter by shaking a jar of cream. Students were amazed at how different school life was from then to now. All students thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in costume and experiencing school life in the 1850's.

