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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

THANK YOU

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to an end. This year we have much to celebrate, last week all campuses reflected on the achievements of our students, volunteers, staff and the wonderful opportunities our students have been involved in throughout the year.

I would like to personally thank everyone in our school community for their support and involvement in our wonderful school. To the many parents who have volunteered their time and effort, I thank you. Although you don't directly notice this, by having an active role within the school and working with classroom teachers, your children benefit from your actions, as they see the connection you have with the school.

I would also like to thank all of our hard working staff, in the offices, classrooms and leadership level. It is a joy coming to work, working with such a positive and hardworking bunch of people.

Thank-you to all of our school councillors, again this is an enjoyable group to work with and each member represents all of our 4 campuses.

A reminder that our last day of the school year is this FRIDAY, 22nd DECEMBER. Students will be dismissed at 1.30pm from school.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas. I hope you have a restful break and enjoy the time with your family and friends. Stay safe and we will see you all in 2018!

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

Merry Christmas





For Your Diary
2017
DECEMBER

- Tuesday 19th
 - Snake Valley Presentation Evening
 - Reports To Parents Wednesday 20th
 - Scarsdale Presentation Evening
 - Smythesdale & Snake Valley Movie Day
- Thursday 21st
 - Ross Creek Presentation Evening
 - Scarsdale Movie Day
- Friday 22nd
 - Term 4 Ends 1.30pm Finish

2018
JANUARY

- Monday 29th
 - Teachers Begin
- Tuesday 30th
 - Gr 3-6 Begin
 - Gr 1/2 Testing
- Wednesday 31st
 - Gr 1/2 Testing

FEBRUARY

- Thursday 1st
 - Foundation-2 Begin



2017 CORANGAMITE MEDAL

Last week we celebrated the annual Corangamite award. We were lucky enough to be joined by MP Sarah Henderson, who presented the awards. This is a really special award that is presented to one outstanding student per campus, per year. It highlights a student who performs extremely well in all their studies, shows the school values and supports other students.



CONGRATULATIONS!

2018 BACK TO SCHOOL DATES

- Mon 29th January - Teachers Resume
- Tues 30th January - Grade 3-6 Commence
- Tues 30th & Wed 31st January- Grade 1/2 will attend testing appointments (Bookings close tomorrow 9.00am Wednesday, 20th December)
- Thursday 1st February - Grade 1/2 & Foundation students commence
(Foundation students don't attend school on Wednesdays in February)

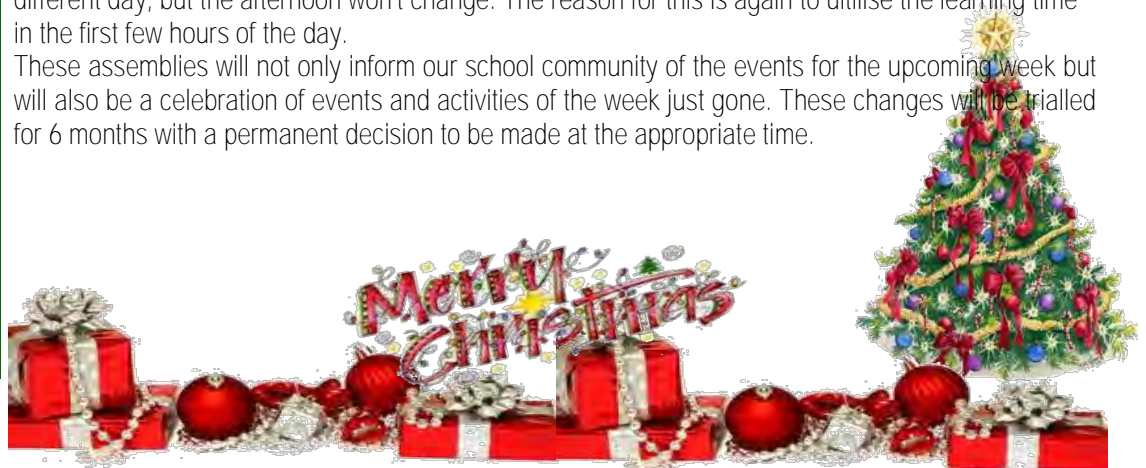
CHANGE OF LUNCH TIMES / ASSEMBLY FOR 2018 (TRIAL)

Next year we are trialling a change of our daily format. Research shows that the optimal learning time for students is morning and to capitalise on this we will be adjusting our timetables for the first six months.

- Session one will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am (Fruit break at 10:00am)
- Recess - 11:00 am - 11:30 am
- Session two will be from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- Lunch - 1:30pm - 2:30 pm
- Session three will be from 2:30pm - 3:30 pm.

Along with our timetable changes we will also be changing the day and time which we hold our assembly. From the beginning of 2018 assembly will be held in the afternoon. Each campus maybe a different day, but the afternoon won't change. The reason for this is again to utilise the learning time in the first few hours of the day.

These assemblies will not only inform our school community of the events for the upcoming week but will also be a celebration of events and activities of the week just gone. These changes will be trialled for 6 months with a permanent decision to be made at the appropriate time.





CAMPUS CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN APPLICATIONS

A huge congratulations to all the Grade 5 students who applied for Campus Captain positions in 2018. The applications and speeches were extremely good this year from all campuses and the effort students had put into their preparation was definitely evident. This has made the decision of choosing Captains and Vice Captains all the more difficult.

The 2018 leaders will be announced at the campus presentations from Monday to Thursday.

FLEXIBUZZ APP

Have you installed FLEXIBUZZ yet??? This is the fastest way we can communicate with our schooling community and it can easily be installed on your smartphone. It allows us to send messages, reminders and important information directly to your phone. You can also enter student absences or send enquiries and you can select the specific Campus or all Woody Campuses to keep up to date with events! If you know of any new families starting in 2018, please feel free to remind them of our app.

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On Behalf of Woody Yaloak Primary School we would like to thank the following sponsors for our awards at Graduation and our Campus Presentation nights, your support and generosity is much appreciated by our school community.



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