

CONGRATULATIONS KASSIDY



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KASSIDY J WINS NATIONAL COLES DESIGN A BAG COMPETITION

Last Friday, Kassidy J from the Ross Creek Campus was announced as the winner of a national competition to design a reusable shopping bag for Coles. Kassidy was one of 14 winners across Australia who will see their tote bags gradually rolled out between now and the end of the year. This comes as Coles phases out single-use plastic bags by July 1.

Kassidy came up with a colourful design featuring her favourite fruit, pineapples. "I was mind blown, speechless, jumping up and down screaming, I was so happy when I found out," she said. Kassidy's design was one of 1000 entries and each winner will get a \$5000 grant for an environmental project at their school. Ten cents from the sale of each \$1 bag will go towards Guide Dogs Australia. On behalf of the Woody Yaloak Primary School, I would like to congratulate Kassidy on her amazing achievement.

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2018 Term Dates

- 30th Jan - 29th Mar
- 16th Apr - 29th Jun
- 16th Jul - 21st Sep
- 8th Oct - 21st Dec

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Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

For Your Diary
 MARCH

Monday 12th

- Labour Day

No School Today

Tuesday 13th

- Ross Creek Life Ed Van

Wednesday 14th

- Ross Creek Life Ed Van

Thursday 15th

- Ross Creek Life Ed Van

Monday 19th

- Scarsdale Life Ed Van
- School Council

Meeting 6.30pm at
 Scarsdale campus

Tuesday 20th

- Smythesdale Life Ed Van

Wednesday 21st

- Snake Valley Life Ed Van

Friday 23rd

- LDSSA Sports Day

Tuesday 27th

- LDSSA Back Up Sports Day

Thursday 29th

- Term 1 Ends
 1.30 Finish

APRIL

Monday 16th

- Term 2 Begins

PERMISSION FORMS AND
 MONEY DUE

MARCH

DUE WEDNESDAY 7TH:

- Ross Creek Life Ed Van

DUE WEDNESDAY 14TH:

- Sports Day
- Smythesdale, Snake Valley & Scarsdale Life Ed Van

Principal Message

Student Leaders

Last week in campus newsletters our 2018 school leaders were announced. I would like to congratulate all of our students who have been nominated the various leadership roles within our school and also those students who applied. I am looking forward to working closely with our student leaders at each campus, especially in our review year.

Coping skills (resilience)

This week in the newsletter I want to discuss some coping skills, which will hopefully reinforce some strategies families already use with their children. As a dad on young children myself, I know the complexities of raising children. I am mindful of including too much information in a newsletter, but sometimes without putting everything down, the message is lost.

Resilience is a person's ability to cope with living in spite of stresses. It's about coping with problems, and building strengths that protect and promote wellbeing. If children have a lot of adverse things happening in their lives there will always be some effect on their wellbeing, but we now know much more about the things that will help protect them.

We cannot always prevent things going wrong for our children, but we can help them build strengths so that they are more able to successfully face challenges and setbacks. Some people not only face and overcome a difficult situation, they can even be strengthened by it

Resilience is built on 3 main building blocks:

- I CAN... make a difference – I can:
 - talk to others about things that frighten or bother me
 - find someone to help me when I need it
 - find ways to solve problems
 - control myself when needed.
 - I AM... a worthwhile person – I am:
 - loved and loveable
 - happy to do nice things for others and show I care
 - respectful of others and myself
 - willing to be responsible for what I do.
 - I HAVE... people around who I trust and who love and support me – they:
 - show me how to do things right
 - want me to learn to do things on my own
 - help me when I am sick or in trouble
 - will keep me safe.
- Children also need:
- families (in all the many forms)
 - supervision, limit setting and support
 - to make a contribution
 - to feel they can succeed

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- to feel good about themselves
- to try new things
- to feel included and appreciated
- other people for support
- to feel they can count on you
- a sense of optimism
- people they can look up to
- to learn to persist
- a sense of humour

Some things that are stressful for children

Here are some of the bigger life events that are stressful:

- parents (or others close to them) are ill or die
- disability – their own, another child in the family or a parent
- family break-up – separation or divorce
- a new baby being born when the child is very young (under 2)
- if parents see child as 'difficult'**
- parents fighting or violence in the home
- abuse – physical, sexual, emotional or neglect
- too many changes in a child's life, eg schools, teachers, where they live and who cares for them**
- car accidents
- catastrophes – events like bushfires, floods, war.

In the next Woody newsletter, I will discuss some ways we can help as parents, to help our children build the required skills they need to become happy, resilient children for the future.

Corey Pehlner
Principal

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School Review Training

Last week Mrs Trigg, Mr Johnson and myself attended a training day in Melbourne for our school review in term 2. In the remaining Woody newsletters this term, I will share some key information around the 2018 review process.

Geelong School Visits

Last week I joined a group of Principals and visited some schools in Geelong, that had performed consistently well over the past 3-6 years in Numeracy. The aim of the visits was to find out what they were doing to achieve these results.

It was pleasing to hear that many of the things both schools were doing well, were the areas we have started to implement or developing at Woody. Below I have highlighted the key findings from the school visits;

- There was a clear and detailed curriculum plan in literacy and numeracy, that were consistently followed by all staff
- Teachers had a consistent teacher resource for literacy and numeracy and a copy was bought for each year level
- Parents had access to their students results in more detail for example they could log into a 'parent portal' to access what curriculum 'I can statements' their child had mastered. This was on top of the dots on the report and teacher comment
- School report comments were based around the child's effort and behaviour (know the learner), not the curriculum, as parents could access this information in 'real time', throughout the term
- The schools had ways to communicate to parents on their child's learning each day through apps like SeeSaw and Showbie, as well as whole school communication through an app

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- Students behaviour was acceptable 99% of the time, so more time was spent on learning
- Assessment data was regularly analysed and used to improve the teaching in every class and used to help students set personal goals
- Student data was used to predict the student's future success and used by teachers to measure success of teaching
- There were regular observations on teaching within the classroom by school leaders and other teachers and feedback was given to teachers
- After each observation, the teacher would report back to their team and share what the focus was, what they learnt and what were the next steps for them
- Teams of teachers work together on a weekly basis to help improve teaching and learning
- Teachers set targets in their own goals for each year level, based on student assessments
- Intervention and extension was put in place for students in numeracy and literacy
- Teams of teachers had direct input to the school's Annual Implementation Plan
- Each staff member had coaching sessions by a member of the leadership team
- Ipads were used a tool for student learning

It is hard for parents to understand what happens within a school day. I think it's important for us as a school to communicate the 'behind the scenes' areas we are developing, so that the partnership is strong and together we give our children every chance of success for themselves. As I mentioned earlier, many of the areas I have highlighted are things we have already implemented or have plans to implement, the key is we consistently develop these over time and not add extra things to our teachers.

CAMPUS UPDATES

LINTON & DISTRICT ATHLETICS DAY - Save the date!

The LDSSA athletics day will take place on FRIDAY 23rd MARCH! The back-up date is Tuesday 27th March. Please add the date to your calendar. We love seeing as many parents as possible attend the day.

The sports, held annually at the Linton Recreation Reserve, brings together neighbouring schools and campuses including Smythesdale, Snake Valley, Scarsdale, Ross Creek, Cape Clear PS, Linton PS and Napoleons PS in a day focused on participation and having fun. Children are asked to arrive at Linton no later than 8.45am with the cost being \$8.00 per family which covers ground hire, cert teams, ribbons, equipment etc. (Please see today's note)

Parents are responsible for transportation on the day. Children wear their school uniform, runners etc. and will be provided with a green bib to wear on the day. A canteen and coffee van will be in action on the day. This is a family day where parents and family members are encouraged to attend and enjoy this wonderful community event.

If you have any questions or difficulties with transport, please chat with other parents/guardians or speak with a staff member.

If you are able to transport some of our sports equipment including the high jump mat to Linton, this would be very much appreciated...please let the staff know.

STUDENT ABSENCE AND LATENESS

There is absolutely no doubt that regular attendance provides the best opportunity for students to learn to their full potential. In saying that, we do not want sick children at school as they struggle to concentrate and potentially spread infections to others. If your child is away from school for any reason, you are required to contact the school and let us know. This can be done through the Flexibuzz App, phone, note with brother or sister, email to school etc.

The Department of Education have altered their policy on student attendance and staff are now required to contact families of absent children each day, if the school has not been notified. If your child is away from school and we are not notified, you will be phoned, emailed or messaged through our attendance program etc. to ensure we can account for all students each day.

FLEXIBUZZ - SCHOOL APP & NOTIFICATIONS

Our school app is available via the Apple App Store for iPhone users or Google Play Store for Android users. This app will provide many notifications of important dates and events for campuses and the entire Woody Yaloak PS. Please use this app and have notifications turned on to ensure you are kept up to date with all happenings. Additionally - if your child is sick you can fill out an absence notification that gets sent straight through to our office - how easy is that! :)



CAMPUS UPDATES

GRADE 3/4 WYUNA CAMP

The grade 3/4 Wyuna Camp is 18th –20th April. All camp information will be sent home this week with medical forms etc to be returned by Wednesday, 21st March. Due to short time constraints, only half of the camp (\$125) has to be paid by 26th March. This amount must be paid for your child to attend. Any outstanding balance must be paid by the end of term 2.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN VISIT

This year the Life Education van will be visiting each of our campuses, please see campus newsletters for details around dates and times. The Life Education Program has been empowering children and young people **to make safer and healthier choices through education for nearly 40 years. It is Australia's largest preventative health organisation, endeavouring to empower children to live a safe and healthy life through education.**

Each student at each campus will get the opportunity to participate in an interactive session in the Life Education van, learning about specific strategies to lead a healthy lifestyle. The units the classes are seeing are:

5/6: Relate, Respect and Connect

3/4: bCyberwise

F/1/2: Growing Good Friends



SENIOR EXCURSION

On Monday 26th March, our senior students will be having their first joint PLC excursion.

We are heading to Showbiz cinemas in Delacombe for a private screening of 'Wonder', which is the book we have based our Term 1 literacy around.

After the movies, we will be heading to the Civic Hall for lunch before having a tour of the Central Highlands Library at the Ballarat branch.

A permission note has been distributed today and is due back on Wednesday March 21st. No late notes will be accepted as we have to give final numbers to the cinemas.

CANBERRA CAMP 2018

In October our grade 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to attend Canberra camp. This is a fantastic experience for our students, visiting our national capital. Over the course of the week, students mix with children from all four campuses whilst visiting a large range of educational and fun attractions. Cost of the camp before subsidy will be \$520, however with the subsidy of \$30 by fundraising held across the school eg **Disco's, Deb Ball, Walkathon and a further \$30 from the Federal Government subsidy** the discounted cost to parents will be \$460. A letter of offer will be distributed next Tuesday.

LIFE EDUCATION / THE BRIDGE OF HOPE BOOK DONATION

Amazing news! Recently our school was informed through funding from Life Education Victoria and partner The Bridge of Hope Foundation (<https://www.boh.org.au>), that we were selected to receive \$7,000 for a library regeneration program. This funding will enable each campus to share in \$7,000 worth of brand new books for our library.

This amazing amount of money will greatly assist our school in being able to provide exciting, new literature for our students to read. The books have been selected and will be delivered to school in the coming weeks.

Our school is very thankful to both Life Education Victoria and the Bridge of Hope Foundation for their amazing generosity.



HATS

As a SunSmart accredited school all students are required to wear approved hats from the beginning of September until the end of April and when the UV index is above 3. Approved hats are the royal blue broad brimmed hats available from each office and cost is \$11.50



COMMUNITY NEWS



GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE FAMILY DAY CARE

Join our educator team

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Do you have a Certificate III or Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care?

Would you like to work from home?

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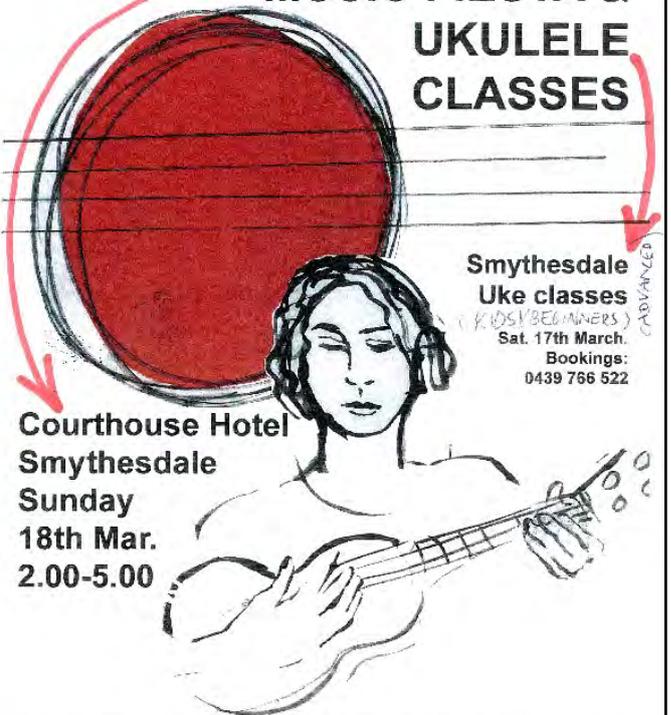
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Smythesdale Uke classes (FOR BEGINNERS) Sat. 17th March. Bookings: 0439 766 522

Courthouse Hotel Smythesdale Sunday 18th Mar. 2.00-5.00

Fun afternoon of music featuring local acts



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, 16th March.

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 16th March
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 bbluelight.

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