



Woody Yaloak Primary School

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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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For Your Diary
MARCH

Wednesday 21st

- Snake Valley Life Ed Van

Friday 23rd

- LDSSA Sports Day

Monday 26th

- Senior PLC Excursion
Movie & Library

- Ross Creek Campus

2019 Enrolment Tour
10.00am

Tuesday 27th

- LDSSA Back Up

Sports Day

Thursday 29th

- Term 1 Ends

1.30 Finish

APRIL

Monday 16th

- Term 2 Begins

Wednesday 18th

- Camp Wyuna

Thursday 19th

- Camp Wyuna

Friday 20th

- Camp Wyuna

Wednesday 25th

- ANZAC Day

No School Today

Friday 27th

- Curriculum Day

No School Today

PERMISSION FORMS AND
MONEY DUE

MARCH

DUE WED 21ST:

- Senior PLC Movie/Library
Excursion

- Camp Wyuna Forms

DUE MON 26TH:

- Payment of \$125 For
Camp Wyuna

APRIL

DUE Wed 18TH:

- Canberra Camp Forms
and \$50 Deposit

Principal Message

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

The internet and social media provide great opportunities for us to network and stay in touch online. While these technologies can offer a positive space for sharing information and ideas, they also have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups or even whole communities.

Just as you would discourage your child from acting inappropriately online, it's important to remember that sometimes, negative comments posted about a school community by parents or caregivers can have a bigger impact than expected. Reputations of staff, schools and even parents can be damaged.

Whenever you're online, you are potentially speaking to an unlimited audience, even if you think your conversations are private. Taking a few moments to think about the content you post could save upset, embarrassment - and even possible legal action or police involvement.

Parental and community feedback is important for schools. If you have a concern, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to us, rather than discussing it in a public forum. If you are worried about online content involving the school community, contact your campus and ask to speak with your Campus Head or me directly.

If you are posting online, remember that your comments help build and support the school community. **Make sure you're honest, respectful, considerate** - and a good role model for your children.

This piece isn't about a specific incident in our school, it's a general reminder or discussion starter for our school community.

COPING SKILLS (RESILIENCE)

Last newsletter I discussed some coping skills, which hopefully reinforced some strategies families already use with their children. In this week's Woody newsletter, I wanted to discuss some ways, we as parents can help our children to build the required skills they need to become happy, resilient children for the future.

What parents can do?

Help children feel they are loved and belong.

One of the most important things is a sense of belonging.

Allow comforters

Comforters such as dummies, blankets or special toys can help young children to cope with stresses in the early years. They need them most in new situations or separations from parents, such as bedtime or when they go to childcare. Usually they are ready to give them up by the time they are 3 or 4, but not always. If your child needs a comforter a lot of the time when they are at school there may be something else going on in their life that is worrying them.

Support your child's self-esteem

Children need to feel good about themselves. In childhood and adolescence, children need to know that they are loved because of who they are (not just when they have done something that pleases the parent). They need to feel they have a place in the family and that they will be missed if they are away and they have a part in what needs to be done eg family chores.

Support your child's self-esteem continued

They need you to:

- spend time with them
- support their interests
- show you care – with actions and words
- show you are interested in what they have to say – **even when you don't agree.**

Build your child's self-control

Children need to develop a sense of being able to manage things for themselves as they grow up. They can start learning this from babyhood. There are lots of ways that you can teach them this kind of confidence.

- **Allow your toddler to try (so they feel good about managing new things) and to say 'no' (within reasonable limits).**
- Show delight in what your child is learning.
- Help them to learn to do things for themselves instead of you always having the answers.
- Give your child choices and then be prepared to let them have their choice.
- **Ask your child's opinion about things that are to do with them (you do not always have to do what they say but help them to feel that they has some say).**
- **Start to teach them to solve their own problems. For example, if 2 children quarrel you can get them to listen to each other's feelings. Then ask them to think about what they could do to try and fix the problem. They might need some ideas or help to get started.**
- **Give approval and encouragement for trying new things and for getting something right, even if your child doesn't get it all right at first. For example, if your daughter is learning to put her shoes on and she gets them on the wrong feet, you can tell her that you are pleased that she has tried and managed to get them on. Then you can help her with the next step of getting it right.**
- **Give children lots of time to do what they are good at. It is tempting to keep them practising what they aren't so good at, and maybe this is necessary, but they also need time to succeed.**
- Give them opportunities to learn new skills.
- **Provide encouragement to attempt difficult tasks, and respond positively to your child's mistakes. This teaches your child how to handle challenges better next time eg "That's okay, let's work out what to do if it happens again."**
- As children get older give them responsibility for doing things for themselves, eg work out how to spend pocket money, prepare a meal, shop for themselves (within reason). Be prepared for them not to do it the way you would – and for them to make mistakes.

Protect your child from adult problems

If you're having troubles with your child's other parent make an effort to keep your child out of adult business. Help your child to see it is not their fault (children often believe it is). He/she also needs to know that whatever happens somebody will be there for him/her. You might want to find another caring adult such as a grandparent to support them while you are feeling very stressed.

Find outside support for your child

When life gets difficult, children often do better if they have some support from people apart from their parents. It could be a grandparent, relative, family friend or teacher. As children get older their own close friends can provide some of this support.

Have family rituals to celebrate events and daily routines

The little special things that you do every day and on special occasions help build a sense of inner security. The family routines and rituals are powerful organisers of family life that offer stability in times of stress or when families are in trouble.

Special rituals are about how you celebrate special occasions, eg birthdays, name days, family reunions, Christmas. These can include the day your child was adopted, started school or got a job, or your family became a step-family.

Daily routines can be, for example:

- tucking your child into bed and kissing them goodnight
- how you say goodbye in the morning
- something special that you do when your child gets home from school
- what you do when having a meal together.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

During the last 2 weeks of this term, we will be meeting with various focus groups within the school, in order to gather vital information to write of self-evaluation for the school review. Last week we met with focus groups of teachers

Throughout the week, we will be visiting each campus to meet with students to gain insights to different areas of the school and classroom environment. At our school council meeting on Monday night, we discussed some key questions around areas within the school.

Campus Heads have been asked to approach some parents to represent their campus, at a whole school parent meeting on Thursday, March 22nd from 9.30am in our Smythesdale campus staffroom. It's important that we get representation from each campus, so that all communities have input to the self-evaluation.

Below are some questions we will be discussing together:

- **Is Woody Yaloak PS meeting your child's needs academically?**
- Do you think your child is being challenged in their learning?
- **Do you feel you have a good idea of your child's learning progress?**
- Does this stretch beyond written reports and parent teacher interviews?
- If the school has high expectations around sleep, diet, attendance being on time and being ready to learn, do you think parents will share those high expectations?
- What are the behaviour expectations for students? What strategies does the school use to communicate with you if there are any concerns?
- Do you find you can approach staff about concerns?
- How effective is communication between the school and parents? What communication do you value? How could the school improve communication to and from parents?
- **What do you want the school's focus to be in the next four years?**

During the review days, both students, staff, parents and school councillors will also have input. Thank-you in advance for your involvement in this important process for our school, its much appreciated. Remember the purpose of a review year, is to:

1. Learn from the past
2. Understand the present
3. Plan the future.

Corey Pehlner
Principal

CAMPUS UPDATES

SENIOR PLC DAY

All senior students are expected to attend the Movie Day and Library visit on **MONDAY 26th MARCH**. The students will **watch the movie 'WONDER' at the Showbiz cinemas before having a library tour in Ballarat.**

This is a great opportunity for all of our senior students to mix together and culminate a great start to the year.

A note for this excursion was sent home last week and is due back Wednesday 21st March, along with the \$15.

SMYTHSDALE CAMPUS

EASTER ACTIVITIES - Easter Buddy Day

On Wednesday, 28th March, we will be holding a special Easter Buddy Day. Students will spend the day working on Easter activities with their buddies and enjoying some Easter surprises.

The day will begin with an Easter Hat Parade and we are asking students to make an Easter hat at home to wear in the parade. Winners in each class will be awarded prizes for the most imaginative hat designs, so start planning now.

The Student Leaders are organising an Easter Colouring Competition to be completed at school on the day. A different picture will be given to each of the three classes, increasing in difficulty and detail. Winners will receive a tasty surprise.

There will be a lot of Easter activities eg Easter Cookie Decorating, Easter Egg Potato Printing, Easter Chick Paper Craft and Easter Basket Making. The day will finish off with an Easter Egg Hunt and Hopping Races organised by the Student Leadership Team.

WORKING BEE

In order to get our campus grounds looking neat and tidy we will be holding a working bee on Wednesday, 21st March commencing at 3 pm. Jobs that need attending to include spreading soft fall, weeding of garden beds, spraying weeds, pruning of shrubs, general yard tidy up.

What to bring (if possible): wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pruners, brush cutters, spraying equipment, any other equipment you think may be useful!

Thank you in advance for your support.



CAMPUS UPDATES

SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS EASTER PARADE & RAFFLE

On THURSDAY 29th MARCH, we will be having an Easter Hat parade! This will link in with the casual for a cause. Students can come in casual clothes and wear a special hat for the parade. The parade will commence at 10:00 a.m. and then we will draw the raffle. Some hot cross buns will also be provided for morning tea by the P&F team.

SCARSDALE CAMPUS SHADE SAIL COMPLETE!

The sails have been hoisted up and tightened and they are now ready for years of quality sun shade for our students here this year and into the future. We are very happy for all **the work that local providers 'Shade n Sails' have completed and our playground has** been reinvigorated by the addition of the shading. Many of the senior students were part of the application process and were a big help in gaining the grant for the school - well done to all those students. The students enjoyed sharing the grand opening of the Shade Sail with an Icy Pole and a bit of play in the shade!

EASTER RAFFLE

Don't forget to sell as many Easter Raffle tickets as possible as all money raised goes towards Parents & Friends tasks throughout the year and helps to support our students learning environments and experiences.

Our grand Easter Raffle will be drawn on Monday 26th March and the students are very excited to see who the winners will be!

Please note our Grade 4s, 5s and 6s will arrive back at the campus at about 2:55pm. The raffle will be held at 3:15pm.

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS 2019 STUDENT ENROLMENT TOUR

We have had quite a large number of enrolment inquiries for 2019 and many tours have been given through the campus for prospective students. We will be running our first 2019 group student enrolment tour on Monday, 26th March at 10.00m. A morning tea will follow. If you know of any families in the area that may be interested in attending, can you please ask them to contact Eamon Johnson at the campus.

PFA EASTER RAFFLE DONATION

This year, the PFA are running an Easter Raffle, raising funds for the resurfacing of the basketball court. Our campus is requesting that each family donate an easter egg that will form prizes for the raffle.

Every egg that is donated will earn the family one free ticket into the raffle. (Please see Brenda at office to claim your free ticket). All egg donations can be left at the office with Thursday, 22nd March the last day for Easter egg donations. Thank you for your support.

EASTER HAT PARADE / PFA RAFFLE

Our campus will be having our annual Easter Hat parade and drawing of the PFA raffle on Thursday 29th March at 1.00pm. Parents are welcome to attend.



HAPPY
EASTER





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2018 LDSSA SPORTS DAY

Canteen Price List

Hot food

Pie	\$4.00
Vegie Pastie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Dim Sims	3 for \$2
Hot Dogs	\$3.50

Sandwiches

Egg & Lettuce	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Salad	\$3.50
Ham & Salad	\$4.00

Gluten Free Options

Hot Dogs	\$3.50
Pie	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00

Sweets

Fruit Cup	\$1.50
Lolly Varieties	\$0.50
Fruit (whole pieces)	\$1.00
Iced Donut	\$2.50
Jam Donut	\$2.50

Drinks

Icy poles	\$0.50
Soft drinks	\$2.00
Water	\$1.00
Fruit box	\$1.00





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SMYTHESDALE

Please contact our campus office to organise a tour.



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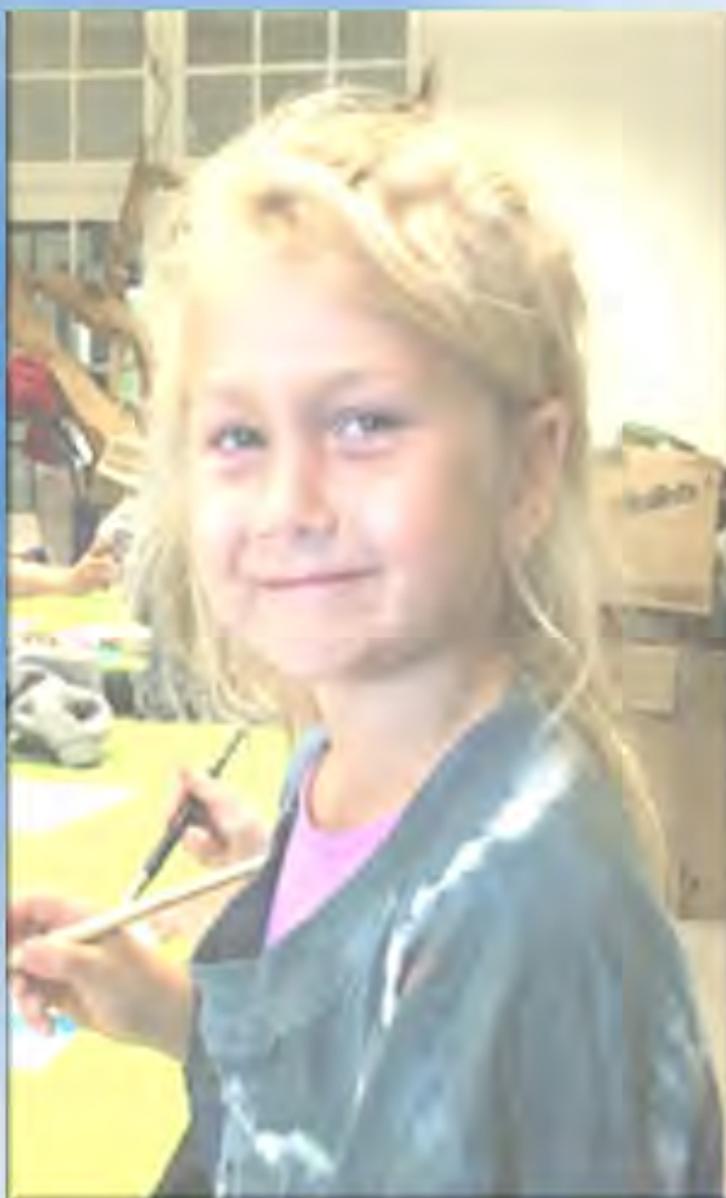
SCARSDALE

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ROSS CREEK

Monday March 26th, Followed by morning tea.



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