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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

MAY

Friday 4th

- Woady Disco #1
- Casual Clothes Day- Crazy Hair Day Snake Valley Campus
- Pyjama Day Ross Creek Campus

Monday 7th

- Whole School PFA Meeting at 10am at Smythesdale
- Sporting School- Badminton

Wednesday 9th

- Sporting Schools-Golf
- **Mother's Day Stall** Snake Valley and Scarsdale

Thursday 10th

- **Mother's Day Morning** Tea 10.30am Scarsdale
- **Mother's Day** Afternoon Tea 2.30pm Smythesdale, Snake Valley and Ross Creek
- **Mother's Day Stall** Smythesdale and Ross Creek

Friday 11th

- Curriculum Day
- No School Today

PLEASE RETURN ALL SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS VOUCHERS ASAP



Principal Message

First of all I wanted to congratulate all of the staff and students for their efforts on the grade 3/4 Camp in week 1. Our students were all very well behaved and had a fabulous time. Thank-you to our wonderful staff for your organisation and supervision on camp. It is not easy for staff to be away from their own families and be on duty 24/7 for 2 and half days.

CURRICULUM DAY CATERING

I would like to thank our PFA from Ross Creek for supplying our delicious morning tea and lunch at our curriculum day. All of the staff enjoyed the food and we all thank those who gave their time on and before the day.

CELEBRATION DAYS/SPECIAL EVENTS

Over the coming weeks all of our campuses have organised a celebration for our wonderful mums. As all of our 4 communities are unique, campuses may choose to do things a little different. Last week I spoke to a parent around a planned Mother's Day celebration. There was a concern raised around the time of the day and how it was hard for working mums to attend some events like this, which I totally understand. As a school we are always open to feedback and take on board suggestions made.

As a school it is very hard to please everyone with planned events. What we try to do is give enough notice for parents to know of events well in advance, as we understand that many families have to budget for the costs and everyone is busy trying to juggle work/family.

A possible solution to find out a preferred time/day for parents for celebration days, would be for campuses to send out in the campus newsletters an expression of interest prior to the day, then the majority of responses would go ahead. If you think this idea would work, please feedback to your campus head.

The other part of planning special days is around the hours staff work. Schools are bound by department guidelines and it is up to leadership to work within them. There is a lot of 'good will' in schools, where staff go above and beyond the requirements on a regular basis. This is always a factor in planning events and is determined by timing. An example of this would be the staff who attended the Grade 3/4 camp or events like parent/teacher interviews. In the example of a school camp, the staff on the 3/4 camp worked an extra 30 hours during the week. If we were to ask them to attend another event before or after school during this week or the week after, it simply wouldn't be fair.

I think it's important to be transparent with our school community and explain the 'why' as much as possible. I think when people understand the reasoning behind decisions, people are more willing to accept them. As I stated earlier we are more than happy to except feedback, constructive or positive and we thank those who do so. At the end of the day, we all want the same thing and that is to provide the best possible place for our children.

WHOLE SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS- **CHANGE OF TIME AND VENUE**

Last week an email was sent to the email distribution list about our next scheduled whole school PFA meeting on Monday, May 7th. It has come to my attention that some parents will be involved in the Food Handlers course at Snake Valley at 10.00am, the same time as the scheduled PFA meeting.

I am suggesting that we keep the same day, but change the location to Snake Valley and have a starting time of 9.15am. The main item will be the upcoming events at the Pony Club and also a chance for PFA's to share their events with each other. Please note no agenda will be sent out for the meeting.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

FOUNTAS AND PINNELL READING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last Friday our staff from all 4 campuses were involved in our first reading professional development at our Snake Valley campus. The focus of the day was on the "Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Continuum".

Fountas and Pinnell Literacy Continuum

The continuum is a comprehensive resource for teachers. It provides 1000's of reading behaviours and understandings that are required at each level for students to demonstrate thinking within, beyond and about the text. These behaviours and understandings describe what students will be expected to do in order to effectively read and understand the text.

This resource was created to help teachers and schools assess and teach in a consistent, comprehensive way. The continuum is a tool for teachers to assess, plan and teach and ranges from Foundation to Year 8 levels.

This continuum is the foundation for setting clear learning goals and planning specific lessons for students based on those goals.

As a school we understand the importance that reading plays on all curriculum areas and life in general. Our goal is to have our students to have an in depth understanding of these reading behaviours progressively from Foundation to Grade 6 and beyond.

This curriculum day was the start of a 4-5 year plan around reading for Woody Yaloak Primary School. Over time, we will continue to update you on our achievements. I'm sure as we progress the staff will be able to have the tools to share in depth assessments about your child's reading development, rather than just a reading level. The continuum we have started to use goes well beyond your child's reading level, it unpacks specific behaviours a child should be able to display within each level, for both fiction and non-fiction books.

Our second curriculum day we will be continuing to build on the learning from the first day, so that staff have a consistent way of assessing and teaching the behaviours set out in the continuum.



CAMPUS UPDATES

MIDDLE PLC EXCURSION FOR TERM 2

Last week in the middle PLC newsletter we advertised that there would be an excursion to Polly Woodside in late term 2. Unfortunately due to **high costs we won't be going on this excursion this term. The middle PLC will instead be going on excursions in term 3 and 4.** Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

SMYTHESDALE

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA AND STALL

Mother's Day is fast approaching! We will be holding our annual Mother's Day stall on Thursday, 10th of May. Gifts range from 50c to \$5 and all classes will be given an opportunity to attend This year we would again like to recognise mothers, grandmothers and our female carers at a special afternoon tea. This special event is being held to recognise the significant roles mothers, grandmothers and our female carers play in the lives of their children. We would love for you to join us for an afternoon tea, prepared by your children, (under strict supervision) on Thursday, May 10th at 2:30 pm.

SNAKE VALLEY

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA AND STALL

After such a success last year, we will once again be offering an afternoon tea for mums, grandmothers and significant others on Thursday, 10th May. Our event will commence at 2:30 p.m. Students will pamper you, offering delicious afternoon tea and spend some quality time with such significant role models. **The Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday, 9th May.**

SCARSDALE

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA AND STALL

On Thursday, 10th May we will be hosting a Mother's Day morning tea at 10am. Students will be inviting their wonderful mums, step-mums, aunts, grandmothers and other significant ladies in their lives to come and join in the fun! The event commences at 10:00 in our open space. **Your children will work with some Mother's Day based activities with you and you will then be invited to enjoy some morning tea whilst they do all the packing up!** We hope you enjoy this wonderful occasion and hope that all of our wonderful mums & special ladies have a beautiful day on Sunday, 13th May. **A Mother's Day stall will be held on Wednesday, 9th May.**

ROSS CREEK

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA AND STALL

On Thursday, 10th May, we will be hosting a Mother's Day high tea at 2.30pm. Students will be inviting their wonderful mums, step-mums, aunts, grandmothers and other significant ladies in their lives to come and join in the fun! Invitations were sent home yesterday. Our annual Mother's Day stall will also be held on Thursday, 10th of May. Gifts will range from \$1 to \$5. Students should bring their money for shopping in on the day.



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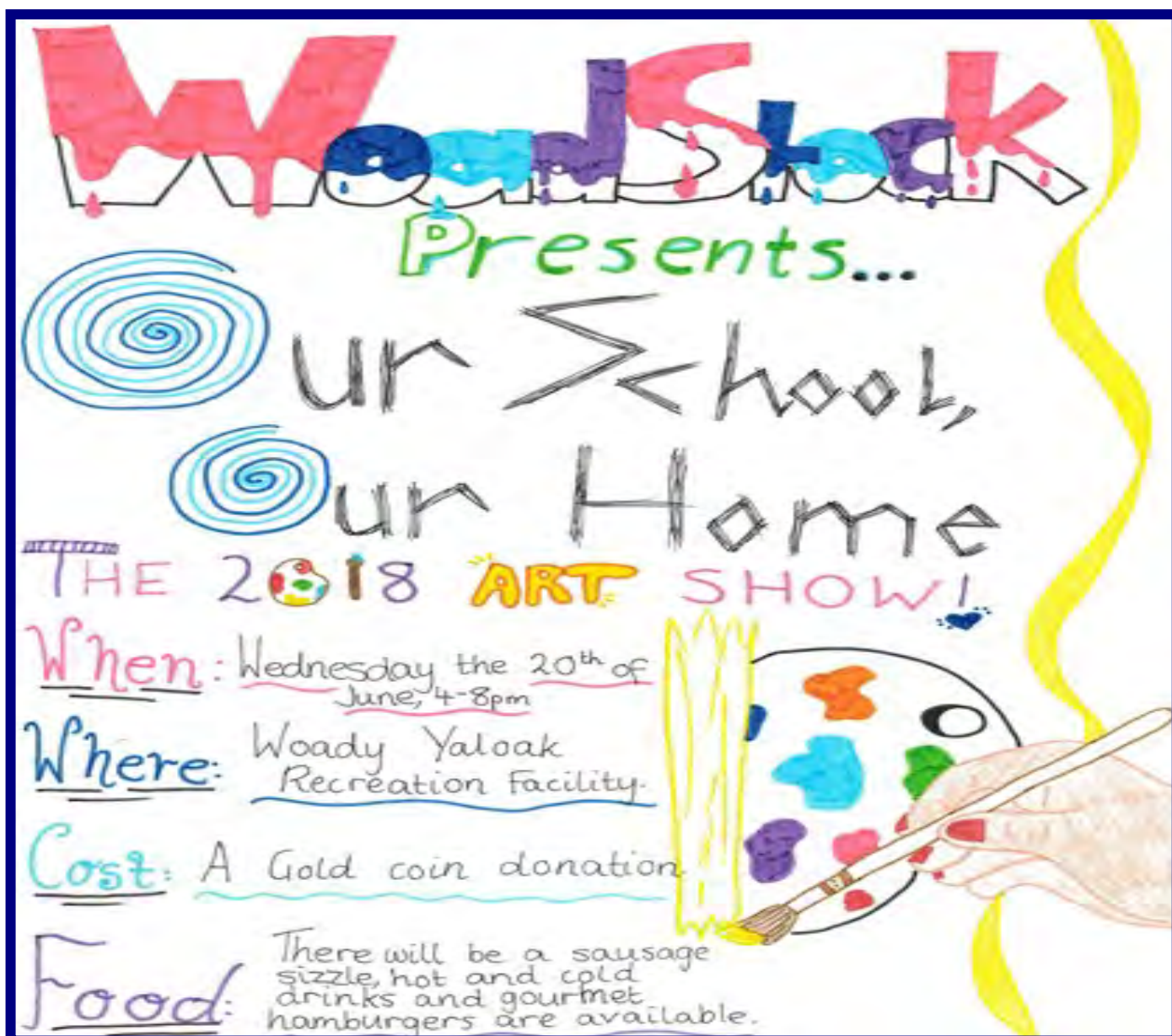
As we get closer to the Art Show, we are asking for any local artists that would like to show their artwork at our show. **To date we have 2 artists from the Scarsdale area but we would like all campuses involved. Here's an opportunity to show your skill and demonstrate the depth of knowledge within our local community.** If this is something you would like to be involved in, please contact the local campus with your details and I will contact you.

Donations please!

We are in need of 60 shoe boxes and 150 white square tiles approx. 70mm x 70mm. If you have some at home or are a business that are interested in donating, please bring them in. It would be most appreciated!

Your children are excited and keen to show off their artistic prowess, please mark the date in your calendars so they can be a part of it on Wednesday 20th June from 4-8pm. Children are not required for the whole time and need to be supervised by an adult. We realize this time can be busy for families and have provided mobile sausage sizzles, gourmet burgers, hot and cold drinks for purchasing at your convenience.

Thanks again for your continued support
The Specialist team





CAMPUS UPDATES

Woody Yaloak Primary School DISCO

Strictly Primary School Age Children

Friday 4th May
6.30pm-8.00pm

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility

\$5 Entry
NO PASS OUTS

Canteen, Novelties & Raffle Prizes

Further Info
Contact Kaylene Trigg
53 42 8565

WHO WANTS TO WIN PRIZES?



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