

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



Woady 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

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY
MAY

Thursday 31st

- Division Sport

JUNE

Friday 1st

- Wintersports #2
- Casual Clothes Day

Monday 4th

- School Council Meeting at Snake Valley

- Sporting Schools-Badminton (Last)

Wednesday 6th

- Sporting Schools-Golf

Wednesday 13th

- Sporting Schools-Golf (Last)

Thursday 14th

- Ballarat Young Authors Program Workshop

Friday 15th

- Woady Disco
- Wintersports #3

Wednesday 20th

- Woadstock-Our School, Our Home

4.00pm-8.00pm

Woady Yaloak

Recreation Facility

Friday 22nd

- Wintersports Round Robin

PERMISSION FORMS AND
MONEY DUE

MAY

Tue 29th: Division Sports

JUNE

Wed 6th: CSEF
 Foundation Winter
 Warmer Uniform Package

Principal Message

From June 15th I will be on study leave in the USA. Last year I was awarded a study award to undertake some work into the topic "Developing Others- Building Capacity". My focus of the study will be around developing a stress free culture. During my absence, Eamon Johnson will be Acting Principal. I will be back from leave from the first day of term 3. When I return I will be communicating my findings in the newsletter over time. There will not be big slabs of information at once, but rather on a needs basis. Part of the study tour, requires me to present my findings in Melbourne and also write a report to the Department.

Tree Works at Woady

Over the past 2 terms I have been working closely with school council and the Department around a strategy with the maintenance of our trees at all campuses. Trees play a big part of schools, in that that provide shade for our students, visually add to the outlook of the school and provide health benefits to everyone. In order for us to keep everyone safe, we are required to have regular checks on every tree in our school, which requires each to be assessed and any works be completed over time, based on a risk analysis. Part of these assessments also acts as a master plan, so that over time we can plan a structured approach to tree planting at our school. As you know trees take a long time to mature and have a life span, it's important that we as a school understand what trees we are planting, so that it prevents any safety issues later down the track.

All of the above costs a lot of money, as we are talking about thousands of trees over our 4 sites. I am happy to announce that we have been successful in obtaining a significant amount of money from the Department to complete all of the urgent, high and medium risk works, outlined in the assessments at all campuses. These works will start over the term 2 holiday break. 1 tree that was deemed 'urgent' was removed from our Smythesdale campus this week.

Woady Website

Our website calendar is now up to date. Over the past term, we had an issue with our hosting server, which caused our website to crash. Our website host has now repaired all of the lost data.

Corey Pohlner
 Principal

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS

Over the past 18 months we have been working hard on developing our model for the introduction of the School Wide Positive Behaviour framework. Hopefully by now this term is familiar with our students and parents and that our school community has a common understanding. I'm sure over the past week, many students have been coming home talking about our new VIVO rewards system, which is a direct link to our expected behaviours, within the behaviour matrix.

Our behaviour matrix is not the only part of the framework. Another equally important part is the explicit teaching of the skills required by the students for each of the expected behaviours. As a school we have given teachers the resources to do this. Part of this process is for students to have the understanding and skills to react to certain situations at school and in the general community. We all know that a holistic approach to education is the key in developing a whole rounded child and this is what School Wide Positive Behaviours is about. Teaching social skills, is as equally important as literacy and numeracy if a child doesn't have the skills and confidence to deal with social issues, they won't be in the right mindset to focus on their learning. Below I have outlined a simple 3 step process that might be useful in discussing with your child.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT CONTINUED

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS CONTINUED

Recognise: Does your child understand their body clues in certain situations for example;

- crying
- sweaty hands
- heart pounding
- Hair stands on end
- Wobbly knees
- Funny tummy

React: **Does your child understand that when they feel unsafe they can....**

- Say NO and use an I can statement to tell someone how they feel
- Run away
- Scream if they feel unsafe
- Tell someone

Report: Does your child have a known 'safety network'?

Some suggestions might be;

- Mum, Dad, carer, Grandparent, Uncle, Aunt, Principal, Teacher, Friend, Police etc

Of course when we refer to the above, we aren't just talking about school, these are life skills for all of us. This is an example of how important it is for there to be a 3 way partnership between school, home and the child.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE

This week we have another 2 days for our school review. On Wednesday and Thursday, some members of the panel will be visiting all our campuses to observe classrooms and meet with teachers and students from all grade levels. Our final review day will be next Friday, June 8th where we will reflect on all of the aspects of the first 4 days, then together as a panel start to plan our next Strategic Plan.

CAMPUS UPDATES

JUNIOR EXCURSION TO THE MELBOURNE MUSEUM AND IMAX

On Wednesday, 22nd August an excursion has been planned for all junior classrooms to travel to Melbourne by bus to the Melbourne **museum. Whilst investigating requirements of living things during term three we are using 'Dinosaurs' as a focus.**

The first part of the excursion will be viewing a film at the IMAX cinema, Museums Alive 3D, where David Attenborough moves around the London museum at night and the creatures come alive.

We then move around the museum in small groups with a focus being the dinosaur gallery but also many other wonderful and fascinating exhibits. The cost per student will be \$22, this has been heavily subsidised by \$15 per student through fundraising which will include some snacks to eat before getting on the bus to come home. Further details available later.

2018 EUREKA DIVISION SPORTS: FOOTBALL/NETBALL/SOCCER

This Thursday 31st May, we have entered teams in netball, football and soccer in the Eureka Division Sports.

Notes for selected students went home last Friday and were due back today.

PLEASE NOTE: There has been a change of venue for the netball and AFL football. Both teams were to play at C.E Brown Reserve, Wendouree, this has now be changed to Sebastopol Football and Netball Club.

Soccer:

Location: Morshead Park, Pleasant St, Ballarat (Please find Mr Johnson)

Time: 9:00 Arrive

9:30 Round robin matches begin

1:30 Finals

2:30 Presentations

What to wear: Students are to wear their Woody uniform. They will be provided a top and shin pads on arrival. Long socks are required.

AFL:

Location: Sebastopol Football and Netball Oval, Marty Busch Reserve, Sebastopol (please find Mr Bell)

Time: 9:00 Arrive

9:30 – 2:50 Round robin matches – Followed by finals

What to wear: Football shorts, socks and mouth guard. Jumpers will be provided on arrival.

CAMPUS UPDATES CONTINUED

2018 EUREKA DIVISION SPORTS: FOOTBALL/NETBALL/SOCCER CONTINUED

Netball:

Location: Sebastopol Football and Netball Oval, Marty Busch Reserve, Sebastopol (please find Mrs Trigg)

Time: 9:00 Arrive

9:30 – 2:50 Round robin matches – Followed by finals

What to wear: Please wear your Woody netball uniform.

Weather forecast isn't looking great, so make sure you bring appropriate clothing. Also bring a packed lunch, snack and lunch box.

Good luck to all involved!

Any queries please contact Mrs Dwyer on 53420478.

WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER FOR 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP

As previously outlined in newsletters we were contacted by the company of the Grade 5/6 Canberra camp letting us know that there is an issue with our accommodation arrangements for the upcoming camp in term 4. The accommodation we had booked will not be open when our camp is scheduled. This has forced us to look elsewhere for accommodation during the same time period. Canberra is a very busy place for school excursions and venues are booked 2 years in advance. Luckily, we have been able to source a brand new accommodation venue, called Canberra Park. They are willing to give us a 20% discount due to the unforeseeable circumstances. The issue we still face is the shortfall in costing. The difference in cost is \$50 per student, which works out to be \$4500 extra for the accommodation. As a school we have already heavily subsidised the funding for the camp to keep the costs manageable for parents. Although there are still 2 terms before the camp, I feel it would be hard for families to come up with an extra \$50 and at the same time, as a school we don't have endless amounts of money to cover shortfalls in things like camp. We won't be charging parents the extra \$50 per student for the Canberra camp.

To help alleviate the extra cost we are running a whole school Cadbury Chocolate drive and we are asking all families to sell a box of **chocolates. If each family sold one box of chocolates then we would cover the extra costs. Attached to today's newsletter is a form that needs to be returned by any family which DOES NOT wish to participate. If you do not return the form then it is assumed you are willing to sell the chocolates. Chocolates will be sent home in the next couple of weeks and money and any unsold chocolates will need to be returned to school in week 11. Firm dates will be sent out once we confirm orders.**

WOADSTOCK

Many thanks to Janelle B and family who have graciously donated and cut a campus set of tiles to the art exhibition. We are grateful to the parents and friends of the school community who have volunteered their time to showcase their artworks and/ or demonstrate.

'Woody is the place to be' and your children are thriving in a caring, compassionate environment. Our school is truly our home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Art show will be held on Wednesday, 20th June from 4-8pm at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility. 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





COMMUNITY NEWS

Woody Yaloak Primary School
DISCO
 Strictly Primary School Age Children
 Friday 15th June
 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



RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL (RSA) COURSE

Golden Plains Youth is offering a FREE Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) Course for young people aged 18 – 25 years who live in Golden Plains Shire.

This certificate course provides participants with the skills, knowledge and qualification to contribute to a safe and enjoyable environment in licensed premises and covers topics such as:

- Problems associated with excessive consumption
- Alcohol and the law
- Handling difficult customers

What you need to know:

Date: Wednesday 23rd May 2018
Venue: The Well, 19 Healey St, Smythesdale VIC 3083
Time: 8.00pm – 9.30pm
 Light refreshments provided

Golden Plains Youth is offering this course for FREE with a \$10 donation at \$10.00 per person.

Members are invited to bring 3-4 people to their next session.

You must register by Wednesday 23rd May
 To register contact Mark De Campo (Youth Development Officer) on (03) 5220 1106 or email mark.decampo@goldenplains.vic.gov.au





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SNAKE VALLEY
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What have the Juniors been up to?

Humanities

This term in Humanities, the junior students have been working on a unit of work titled 'My Place', based on the community and the people, places, services and activities that are found within communities. High emphasis has been placed on 'services', with discussion topics based around what the services are, why we need them, where they are located in the community and when they may be required. Later in the term, students will have the opportunity to design and make their own community.

Mathematics

In mathematics our Foundation students have been busy learning about numbers; writing digits and making the amount to match. Our grade 1 and 2 students have been focusing on the place value of numbers and using the MAB to show the numbers they can make. They have been challenging themselves with numbers into the thousands! Lots of 'hands on' active learning!



Reading to find out about communities



Writing about services in our community



People, places and services in our community



Making and sequencing numbers



Writing and making numbers





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Literacy

Students this semester have enjoyed participating in a range of tasks to improve their English during the two hour literacy block. In reading sessions teachers have been focusing on increasing student's word knowledge and comprehension through more oral language activities. In writing, students have written recounts, narratives, responses and procedures. Our goal has been to increase the use of 'wow words' and use different connectives other than 'and'.



All students at Woody have a red book box containing books they have selected. Some of these will be 'interest' books for students to 'read' the pictures and to talk about. Other books have been chosen by the students and should have passed the '5 finger test', making them suitable for reading practice at various times during the day.

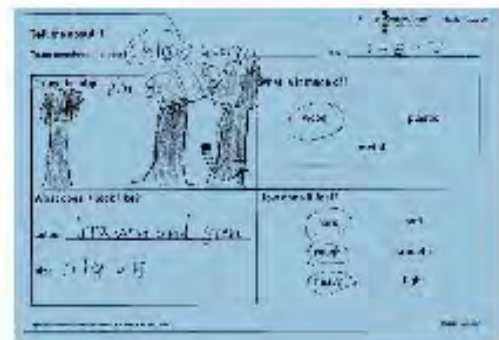
SCIENCE

During this semester the focus has been Chemical science. Ross Creek and Scarsdale students have been observing, describing, and comparing what things are made of in the school environment and the properties of these materials.

Smythesdale and Snake Valley students have been learning about mixtures; about materials that don't mix well, and others that are difficult to separate. Students have explored how changing the quantities of materials in a mixture can alter its properties and uses



Exploring the school environment and discovering metal and wooden items.



Selecting something from the school surrounds and describing its qualities.



Trying to mix oil and water



Cornflour slime!