



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

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST

Friday 17th

- Smythesdale Gr F-6 Swimming
- Snake Valley Gr F-6 Swimming
- Ross Creek Gr 3-6 Swimming

Monday 20th

- Scarsdale Gr F-6 Swimming
- Ross Creek Gr F/1/2 Swimming
- Sporting School- Basketball
- Book Week Begins

Wednesday 22nd

- Junior PLC IMAX and Museum Excursion

Friday 24th

- Smythesdale Gr F-6 Swimming
- Snake Valley Gr F-6 Swimming
- Ross Creek Gr 3-6 Swimming

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE

AUGUST

- Wed 15th: Gr F/1/2 IMAX & Museum
- Wed 22nd: Canberra Camp Medical Paper Work
- Wed 29th: Battle for Australia Commemoration- Student Leadership Team
- Wed 29th: Winter Sport Make Up Day

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 19th: Canberra Camp Full Payment Due

Principals Message

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Over the past year we have had many parent requests for before and after school care to be provided at each of our campuses. There are complexities that small rural schools face in offering out of school hours care (OSHC), however we really want to assist families if we can, so we are asking that you provide us with some information that will help us in our investigations.

When we refer to care, we are referring to:

- before school and/or after school and/or
- on pupil-free days and/or
- during school holidays.

Attendance in Out of School Hours Care can be on a casual, part-time, regular or emergency basis. There is a cost for care and varies depending on the fee set by the service and the income of the family. Families of children attending an OSHC service may be eligible for financial assistance towards the part payment of **child care fees through the Australian Government's child care subsidy**. For more information about child care benefit or child care subsidy please visit

The information you provide will enable us to make an informed decision in establishing the best service to **meet families' needs and provide the Department an understanding of the challenges we face as a multi campus rural school**.

We have been approached by the Department to be involved in some research into the challenges that rural multi campus schools face when trying to provide before and after school care for their communities.

To gather this information, we have created a survey for you to fill out. Please see below the details on how to access this survey.

Option 1:

To complete the survey, simply type the following address (URL) into a smart phone/tablet browser or computer.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L3HDPZP>

Option 2: If you have a QR reader on your phone/tablet, scan this QR code below to complete the survey.

Option 3: If you don't have access to a computer or device, or have no internet at home, you are more than welcome to use a school device at any campus to complete the survey.

If you know of anyone in our 4 communities that would like to take part in the survey, please pass this information onto them. The more data we can gather as part of this process, the more evidence we will have to support our case.



Principal Message Continued...

This survey does not mean we will be starting a service at each of our campuses, it will give us some data to start conversations with the Department around some support in looking at ways we can provide the services to our communities. Without the data, we have no case to even start the conversation, so I encourage you to spread the word, so that we reach our target for these results.

Target

In order to prove our case for a service at each of our campuses, we need the data to support the case. To do this we will require;

- 80-90% of current families to fill out the survey
- 80-90% of families enrolled for 2019 to fill out the survey
- Future prospective families to fill out the survey
- Families that live in our zone, but attend another school due to this service not being provided before they enrolled
- As many other 'relevant' family friends that maybe moving to the area

Corey Pahlner
Principal

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

STUDENT VOICE, AGENCY AND LEADERSHIP

One of the key areas to come out of our school review was student voice, agency and leadership. These three areas will be the basis for the work we focus on over the next 3-4 years in our next Strategic Plan. There are compelling reasons to amplify student voice, agency and leadership. When students have a strong sense of agency they;

- Work harder
- Have a greater focus
- Have more interest
- Are less likely to give up
- Are better at planning
- Are more likely to choose challenging tasks
- Set higher goals
- Have improved concentration when facing difficulties

For years schools have focussed on engaging students in their learning. This has resulted in students being compliant, but not always invested in their learning. This new approach to focus on student voice, agency and leadership, not only engages students, but empowers them.

What is Student Voice, Agency and Leadership?

Student Voice: Is not simply about giving students the opportunities to communicate ideas and opinions, it is about students having the power to influence change. It about giving students the opportunities to have input and work with adults around decisions for the school and also around how they learn and are assessed.

Student Agency: Refers to the level of autonomy and power that a student experiences in the learning environment. It is linked to student voice and is strongly linked to students taking responsibility for their own learning, creating independent and self-regulating learners.

Student Leadership: Is not confined to a small group of individuals, as leadership potential is inherent within all learners. Student leadership includes listening to and being able to clarify the issues of the students they represent and advocating on their behalf.

ANNUAL VICTORIAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE (VPA)

This week from August 16th-17th, Mr Pohlner, Mr Johnson and Mrs Trigg will be attending the VPA annual conference in Melbourne. This year the theme will be, "Creating the Resilient Leader". The focus will be on;

- Positive Mindset
- Positive Relationships
- Positive Leadership

CAMPUS UPDATES

SMYTHESDALE

BOOK FAIR

This year our campus is hosting a Scholastic book fair from 13th - 17th August. Students, parents, and teachers love Book Fairs for a number of reasons, including:

- ◆ An exciting event that engages children and promotes literacy.
- ◆ The best range, hand selected from over 50 publishers worldwide.
- ◆ Affordable books to suit every reading level and interest.
- ◆ A fun opportunity for children to see, touch and connect with books they want to read
- ◆ Generous commissions—every book sold at the Book Fair earns books for your school.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Tuesday, 14th August
9:30am - 1:00pm
Morning Tea will be provided

Activities for the day

- *Show & Tell - Please bring along something of interest from your childhood or schooldays to share if you can.
 - *Grandparent interviews - what can you tell me about your childhood?
 - *Classroom activities - visit my classroom for some fun & games e.g. Grandparent Bingo
- Note:* We have a Scholastic Book fair this week so if you wish to purchase some books for your grandchild, you can do so on the day. Money raised from the book fair will be spent on resources for students at the Smythesdale Campus.

BOOK WEEK 17th-24th August

The CBCA's (Children's Book Council of Australia) annual Book Week is fast approaching. As usual, a highlight of the week is the Book Week Dress Up Parade. The students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character and join in on the parade to celebrate reading. The date for the parade is Tuesday, 21st August and will take place in the open space just after 9.00am. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to see all of the great costumes. The students will also be celebrating book week through art activities based on the 2018 shortlisted books. The theme for this year is: Find Your Treasure.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

All fathers, grandfathers and significant males in our students' lives, are invited to our annual Father's Day breakfast. It will take place from 7:30am until 9:00am on Friday, 31st AUGUST. There is no cost and we hope all the dads can come along and spend some extra time with their wonderful children.

SNAKE VALLEY

SUPERHERO DRESS UP DAY – Friday 7th September

Next month the student leadership team have decided to support National Superhero week. National Superhero Week for Muscular Dystrophy is a week-long event in which people across Australia dress up as their favourite superhero to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Australia's programs, services and research. All students are encouraged to come dressed as a superhero for the day to raise money for this great cause.

BOOK WEEK

The annual Children's Book Council Book Week occurs between

Aug 20-26. We will be celebrating Children's Book Week with a book week parade that will take place on MONDAY, 20th AUGUST from 9 a.m. For our annual Book Week Dress Up Parade the students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book character and join in the parade to celebrate reading. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend to see all of the great costumes. Once again, thank you to the Parents and Friends who purchased this year's nominated books (with a value over \$300).

READ-TO-CURE

The senior class are using the Reading Eggs program to raise funds to help other needy students. For each lesson they complete from August 7th until 4th September \$1.00 will be donated to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. Please encourage your child to complete as many lessons as possible and support this worthy foundation and improve your child's reading skills.

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WALK TO SCHOOL

We will be having our 'Walk to School' event tomorrow Wednesday, 15th AUGUST. Please return the notes and meet your teachers at the designated spots. Our parent helpers will be serving breakfast when students arrive at school. We are also excited to be involved with the government initiative of 'Walk to School' month which will be recognised throughout the month of October. More information to follow.

SCARSDALE

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BOOK WEEK - 'FIND YOUR TREASURE'

From the 20th - 24th August we will be celebrating Australian children's literature. Throughout the week the students will be doing activities **related to some of the books we are celebrating which include; Hark it's me, Ruby Lee!, The Second Sky, The Very Noisy Baby, A Walk in the Bush, and The Sloth Who Came to Stay.**

We will also have a book week parade and whole school activities that will take place on Thursday, 23rd August. The students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character from a book they have read. We are looking forward to Book Week and the students are very excited for a fabulous book themed parade and Book Week activities. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in on the festivities!

FATHER'S DAY AFTERNOON TEA

All dads, grand dads and significant males are invited to our annual Father's Day afternoon tea. It will take place from 2.00pm until 3:30pm on Wednesday, 29th August. There is no cost and we hope all the dads can come along and spend some extra time with your wonderful children.

WORKING BEE

A working bee has been scheduled for Friday, 7th September, from 3:30pm until 6pm. There will be a BBQ dinner provided at the end by our very own Parents & Friends Committee (and it sounds great!).

Having the working bee straight after school on Friday means we can get straight into it whilst everyone is still around and have all our work **done in a matter of a couple of hours! It's going to be a great time to get to chat with parents, students and teachers and all help to make our school even better.**

A return slip was sent home with last weeks newsletter - please return this with the details filled in so we know what jobs we can set out and how many we need to cater for. Many thanks in advance!

Please see Mr Harris if you have any questions, suggestions, or jobs you'd like to put your hand up for.

ROSS CREEK

ROSS CREEK AVENUE OF HONOUR REDEDICATION

On Saturday, 18th August, the Ross Creek Avenue of Honour will be rededicated with a service beginning in the Ross Creek car park area at 11.00am. This day will mark the centenary of the original planting in 1918.

This service begins at 11.00am sharp and concludes with some refreshments and light lunch in the small hall. Some representatives from our campus will be involved in the service. **Please see the 'Community News' section for further information.**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Bakers Delight

Family Value Pack

Fundraiser

- 2 x Hi Fibre Lo GI Loaves
- 8 x white round rolls
- 4 x finger buns
- 6 x mini cheese and bacon rolls

Over \$30 of value retail for only **\$20 per Postcard ordered.**

\$5 per postcard will also be donated back to **your School!!!!**

Purchaser can collect product/s from our store when its most convenient for them –
you do not have to collect products all at once!!!!

Bakers Delight Sebastopol will also provide with each Value Pack, 60 FREE rolls over 10 visits to our bakery when they purchase a Hi Fibre Loaf.

Total value to parents = \$78 for \$20 outlay

\$20 POSTCARDS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.

WWW.BLUELIGHT.ORG.AU

\$7 ENTRY

Blue Light

PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS

BALLARAT BLUE LIGHT DISCO

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17TH
7-9PM | PRIMARY AGE
SEBASTOPOL RSL HALL
CNR BEVERIN & BIRDWOOD AVE, SEBASTOPOL
CONTACT DES HUDSON 0409 865 093

BALLARAT BLUE LIGHT DISCO
PLEASE ASK YOUR PARENTS TO LIKE THE PAGE IF YOU ARE UNDER 13

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SHOPPING TRIP

Shopping Trip - Saturday 20 October 2018 -7am

Cost \$30 non-refundable \$15 deposit due by 31 August 2018



Pickup/Drop off is at the Gold Bus Depot, 9-11 Martin Drive Delacombe

Includes Morning Tea, tea and coffee making facilities

Contact Rebecca Tacey 0407555965 or rebecca.tacey@sro.vic.gov.au

OUTLET	ARRIVE	DEPART
Bags & Luggage Outlet	8:20 AM	8:50 AM
Beaches Fashion	9:10 AM	9:50 AM
Converse	10:10 AM	10:40 AM
Breville/Kambook	10:40 AM	11:10 AM
The Linen Factory	11:30 AM	12:00 PM
Brunswick Park	12:10 PM	12:40 PM
Bambis Homewares	12:50 PM	1:30 PM
Toy Network	1:45 PM	2:25 PM
TG 14-	2:40 PM	3:10 PM
Diana Ferrari	3:20 PM	3:50 PM
Natin	4:00 PM	4:30 PM
Ross's Quality Nuts	4:40 PM	5:10 PM



Ross Creek World War One Avenue of Honour Rededication Ceremony



Photo: Pte James Morrissey, Service No. 1737

The Ross Creek History Group would be honoured by your attendance at the rededication ceremony for the renewed Ross Creek Avenue of Honour and the unveiling of Panel of Remembrance

Saturday 18 August 2018
Ross Creek Community Hall, Ross Creek
Service will commence at 11.00am

RSVP:

Woody Yaloak Primary School (Ross Creek Campus) **5342 0478**

Or Rosemary Barnett **0439 506 494**

RSVP BY: 3/8/2018

Light Refreshments will be served

For more information please contact Rosemary Barnett M: 0439506494 T: 53428877

Ross Creek, Victoria, Australia

