

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

## NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 7th
- Sporting Schools–  
Gymnastics #2
- Thursday 8th
- Woady Walkathon
- Friday 9th
- Ballarat Show Day  
No School Today
- Monday 12th
- Sporting Schools–  
Touch Football #3
- Teeth On Wheels–  
Ross Creek
- Tuesday 13th
- Gr 5/6 Blast Cup  
Cricket
- Teeth On Wheels–  
Smythesdale and  
Scarsdale
- Wednesday 14th
- Sporting Schools–  
Gymnastics #3
- Thursday 15th
- Back Up Day–  
Walkathon
- Teeth On Wheels–  
Snake Valley
- Monday 19th
- Sporting Schools–  
Touch Football #4  
Final
- Wednesday 21st
- Sporting Schools–  
Gymnastics #4 Final

PERMISSION FORMS AND  
MONEY DUE

- NOVEMBER  
DUE WEDNESDAY 7TH:
- Gr 5/6 Blast Cup Cricket
  - Gr 6 Graduation Bear/  
Football/Soccer Ball

- FORMS DUE  
WEDNESDAY 28TH:
- Book List

## Principals Message

This year we have included a regular newsletter piece around 'school improvement'. The purpose of this section was due to us understanding that when parents are asked questions annually in the Parent Opinion survey, in regards to what the school is focussing on or has in place, it is sometimes hard if you don't have an understanding on what we are working on behind the scenes.

Our parents on school council have regular updates, face to face, at our meetings, where they get a chance to ask questions and give feedback. These parents are representatives for each of our 4 school communities.

As a school we have processes in place to receive feedback, these include;

- School Council
- Parents and Friends
- Focus groups in school reviews
- School policies such as the Complaints and Concerns policy

This term we will be analysing our Parent Survey data, in order to pick parts out that we can reflect on and explain to parents what we have in place. We will also use this data to plan any areas for improvement for 2019 and beyond.

We always encourage our parents to provide feedback in a respectful way, so that we can have a conversation and gain a better understanding of the topic.

## COMMUNICATION

Communication is always a key to good relationships in schools and is something that works two ways. As a school we have been working on improving the process around communication, so that the expectations are clear to staff and parents. Before the end of the year, we will be informing our school community of our expectations around communication.

## BOOKLISTS 2019- INITIAL INFORMATION

At our last school council meeting we discussed the 2019 booklists. From 2019, the following process will happen;

- Parents will return the booklist form back to school by November 28th
- The school will collate these forms and send off to Bolton's
- Parents will make payment to the school and supplies will be delivered to each campus
- Supplies will be given to students when payment has been made by the specified date or a payment plan has started (50% first payment)
- Parents have the option to source their own supplies by ticking a box on the form and returning to the school
- If forms are not returned to the school, it will be assumed parents will be sourcing their own.
- A letter outlining booklists will again be sent home as normal. This explains the breakdown for parents.
- Reminders will be sent through Flexibuzz, closer to the date.

The Student Classroom Package & Curriculum Materials 2019 (book list) forms have been distributed today with the newsletter.

Forms due back to school by November 28th.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

### LITERACY INTERVENTION

In this year's Parent Opinion survey there was a comment by a parent around the process for students that need extra help. This prompted me to unpack what we have in place as a school for learning support.

What does Woody Yaloak Primary School have in place for students falling behind in their learning?

At the beginning of the school year, leadership and key staff members meet to analyse data to identify any students that are presenting as falling behind the expected level in reading. Key selection criteria are applied, so that focus students can be identified for 'learning support' for a specific time period. Further assessments are then applied to these students to see exactly what gaps are needed for targeted teaching.

Learning Support at Woody Yaloak is conducted in either one-to-one or small groups. The overarching goal of their series of lessons is to accelerate their learning to be at a level equal to their peers. As soon as this is achieved, other students are moved into lessons and these students are working back in the classroom setting.

Leadership work closely with staff implementing 'learning support' to develop a timetable to maximise the time spent with these children.

On top of this 'learning support', each classroom teacher at the start of the school year, analyses their data to highlight a group of students in their class, that they will target as a 'focus group'. The teacher then works with the other teachers over the whole school on a weekly basis, to deepen their knowledge on a highlighted focus. The learning they do as a team, is then implemented back in the classroom. The data for these students is analysed towards the end of the year to track the growth made.

It is pleasing that our last 2 years data has seen significant improvement as a school, both overall and also for the students that have received learning support.

As always, we encourage parents to engage with their classroom teacher about their child's progress, both at formal times (parent/teacher interviews) and on a needs basis.

*Corey Pehlner*  
Principal

## WHOLE SCHOOL WALKATHON - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>

Back Up Day- Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup>



The major whole school activity will be a Walkathon held at Ross Creek Campus. The Walkathon will be held this Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> with the back up day being Thursday November 15<sup>th</sup>. Each child has been given a fundraising form to obtain donations. On the day students will need to wear suitable shoes for walking and a wide brimmed hat. **Once again we are encouraging students to come dressed up as a sports person.** PFA will be providing fruit, cordial and a barbeque lunch. Children will not need to bring play lunch or lunch on this day.

It would be appreciated if the fundraising form and money could be returned during the week before the event, so prizes for fundraising can be awarded on the day of the walkathon.

**Parents are most welcome to come and join in.**

Deborah Mayman





# COMMUNITY NEWS

**BELEZA BALLARAT**  
22 Doveton St South  
P: (03) 5332 4320

**VIP SALE**  
**20% OFF\***

Monday 5 Nov - Thursday 8 Nov 2018

TRADING HOURS:  
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9AM - 5PM  
SATURDAY: 10AM - 1PM  
SUNDAY: CLOSED

**VIP SALE CONDITIONS:**  
Discount applies ONLY to Beleza brand full retail priced items. Discounted items excluded.  
Shoes are NOT available for purchase during the sale period.

  
**Hey Kids**  
**"Final Blue Light for 2018"**

This is an invitation to all local primary school pupils to attend **Ballarat Blue Light's next disco on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

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 16<sup>th</sup> November.**  
**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 2018 on [facebook.com/ballarathbluelightdisco](https://facebook.com/ballarathbluelightdisco)  
You can also follow us on Snapchat at [bbluelight](#).

**We can't wait to see you there!**

**WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

1st Prize 2meters of firewood (Black Box) Delivered 

2nd Prize \$300 Tattoo voucher 

3rd Prize 2 double passes at Showbiz and meal voucher at Groove Train 

Only \$1 per ticket or 3 for \$2

Draw date: Friday Nov 30th

Tickets must be returned by Tue 27th



**Rotary Club of Ballarat**   
presents

**SpringFest**  
Season of events

**MARKET SUNDAY**  
25TH NOVEMBER 2018 10AM - 4PM



Visit Ballarat's famous annual Springtime event.  
There's something for the whole family!

[www.ballaratSpringfest.com.au](http://www.ballaratSpringfest.com.au)

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## Grade 3/4

# Multicultural Day

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November all Grade 3 /4 students participated in Multicultural day to assist with their learning of the Inquiry topic 'World Connections.' During the day students were excited to watch and participate in some African Dance and Drumming. Some students were even given to chance to use some of the drums. We were also lucky enough to have Ali from Afghanistan & Kirmis from South Sudan come and speak about their experiences in their environments growing up.

After recess students were placed into groups and rotated around a variety of activities including making instruments from South America, pizzas from Italy and Indigenous games. All the students had a fantastic day and learnt a lot about cultures around the world.



