

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



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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Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY
NOVEMBER

Wednesday 21st

- Sporting Schools–
Gymnastics #4 Final
- Snake Valley 2019 Gr
6 Tops Try On Days
Thursday 22nd
- Snake Valley 2019 Gr
6 Tops Try On Days
Monday 26th
- Scarsdale 2019 Gr 6
Tops Try On Days
Tuesday 27th
- Scarsdale 2019 Gr 6
Tops Try On Days
Wednesday 28th
- Ross Creek 2019 Gr 6
Tops Try On Days
Thursday 29th
- Ross Creek 2019 Gr 6
Tops Try On Days
Friday 30th
- Ross Creek 2019 Gr 6
Tops Try On Days

PERMISSION FORMS AND
MONEY DUE

NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 28TH:

- Book List

GRADUATION DINNER

FRIDAY 30TH:

- 2019 Gr 6 Tops Deposit

Principals Message

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Over the past 2 years we have communicated with our school community the School Wide Positive Behaviour framework we are implementing. We understand that no matter what programs schools have in place around student behaviour and wellbeing, there will always be students that display inappropriate behaviour and suffer from wellbeing issues. As a school what we are committed to focus on, is a holistic, consistent approach, that involves a commitment from staff, students and parents. We also focus on what we can control, and don't waste time by worrying about things we can't.

As part of our ongoing commitment to supporting our students' social and emotional development, we will be featuring a range of information sheets associated with KidsMatter. KidsMatter is an Australian mental health and wellbeing initiative set in primary schools and early childhood education and care centres, funded by the Australian Government and Beyond Blue.

The KidsMatter framework focused on:

- Creating positive school communities
- Teaching children skills for good social and emotional development
- Working together with families
- Recognising and getting help for children with mental health problems.

I encourage all of our community to read the attached information sheet, titled **"What is social and emotional learning?"** and feel free to provide us with feedback as to whether this was helpful for you as a family.

2019 GRADE STRUCTURES

As stated in the campus newsletters last week, our 2019 grade structures and teaching staff will be communicated with our school communities in the Woody newsletter on December 4th.

As a school we spend a significant amount of time working on the best way to utilise our staff, within the guidelines, to always put the students' needs at the centre. We are fortunate to have 4 sites, which allows us to be more flexible with staffing and grade structures. If we were 4 standalone schools, the options would be limited.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The majority of the content we reflect on in this section of the newsletter is around our teaching and learning program. This week I wanted to unpack some details around our buildings and grounds.

BACKGROUND

The buildings and grounds is an area of responsibility for our school council to oversee. Some schools have a sub-committee set up. Their responsibility is to meet regularly with the Principal/Campus Head to look for maintenance issues that need addressing, then discuss at the next school council meeting.

Currently we don't have a sub-committee, but instead a member of the school council is invited to attend a campus walk around with the campus head and a staff OHS rep at each campus.

Schools receive a small amount of money to budget for these maintenance jobs, but this doesn't go far over a 4 campus school and barely covers the basics such as general mowing and cleaning. All schools rely heavily on locally raised funds from Parents and Friends, Student Leadership and grant applications.

BACKGROUND CONTINUED

Our medium to long term maintenance and urgent works are the costly and unpredictable jobs that schools face and is why we rely so much on locally raised funds.

In 2019, school council and I will be working hard to fine tune our processes, so that we can budget and plan ahead to maintain our buildings and grounds and also develop a masterplan for future upgrades over our 4 sites.

This is a costly area of running a school and I thank all of our parent volunteers and students through working bees, Parents and Friends, School Council and grant applications.

As a school we work hard behind the scenes to obtain support from the department, that would otherwise be out of our reach to implement. Some examples of this work over the past years has been:

- New septic systems at Ross Creek and Scarsdale (cost of around \$200,000)
- Drainage upgrade at Ross Creek (cost of around \$100,000)
- Repainting and plastering of the student toilets at Ross Creek (cost of around \$15,000)
- 4 Arborist reports and tree works over our 4 sites (\$60,000)
- Meeting room at Smythesdale upgrade, due to water damage (\$20,000)

Below are some examples of projects that were possible by the support of funds raised by Parents and Friends, Student leadership, Working Bees and Grant applications:

- Playground shade sail at Scarsdale
- Basketball court resurfacing at Ross Creek
- Musical garden at Ross Creek
- Running track at Snake Valley

I'm sure that all of our school community can appreciate the day to day maintenance that we have to action, on top of OHS requirements and making our campuses look nice and tidy.

Our school motto, 'Achieving Together' is a great example of what it takes to provide the environment for our children to feel safe and happy. I thank you for your input and hope this helps create an understanding of the bigger picture.

Corey Pehlner
Principal

CAMPUS UPDATES

SMYTHESDALE

END OF YEAR MOVIE SESSION

To celebrate another amazing year, we are hoping to have a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas and then head to Victoria Park playground for a BBQ lunch. We are waiting confirmation to attend on Wednesday, 19th December. Our wonderful Parents and Friends association will again cover costs of the movie and lunch, therefore there will be no costs to students

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION EVENING- Tuesday 18th December (save the date)

The Smythesdale Campus End of Year Presentation Evening is fast approaching. This family event will be held on the grassed area in front of the learning area (weather permitting). A flyer with more information will be sent home at a later date.

WEEKLY BREAKFASTS

We are still offering our healthy breakfast program on Wednesday mornings to all students. Staff are serving breakfast from 8:15 – 8:45am. Breakfast will be served every Wednesday until the second last week of the year.

2018 PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA- Thursday 13th December (Save the date)

Each year, the Smythesdale Campus staff provide a morning tea to all our volunteers, PFA and school council members, parent helpers and any community members who have volunteered in anyway at the campus throughout 2018. We would love to see a lot of people there so our staff can show our gratitude to our community. An invitation with an RSVP will be sent home at a later date.

CAMPUS UPDATES

SNAKE VALLEY

ENGRAVED PAVERS

Become part of history! We are inviting families and community members of community groups to purchase a paver that we will be using in a new pathway. **You can have your child's / children's family's or community group's name engraved on a paver and used in our path.**

All members of the Snake Valley Community which may be past, present or future students, as well as friends of the school are welcome to purchase an engraved paver.

These pavers will be used to form a new pathway to a proposed gazebo where they will remain as a lasting momento.

The cost is \$50 per paver.

To order, please fill in the form that was sent home last week (or available from the office) and return it with payment (\$50 per paver) to the campus office by Wednesday 12th December.

BALLARAT TECH SCHOOL VISIT

On Wednesday 28th November, our Grade 3-6 students will travel to the Ballarat Tech School for a presentation and learn about STEM based projects. The permission note was sent home last week and is due back on Wednesday 21st. This event is the result of the Maths Challenge Day team that won the contest last term.

END OF YEAR MOVIE SESSION

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THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Our staff would like to invite all parents / guardians who have helped out throughout the year for a special morning tea on Wednesday 12th December from 11 a.m. The event will be held in the staffroom. This is our opportunity to thank families for helping with P&F, on excursions, with reading and other campus based activities.

WORKING BEE

Our final 2018 working bee will take place on Sunday 2nd December. If you are unavailable on this date and would like to make another time to help out, please contact a staff member. Families rostered on are: Breen, Burrill, Darcy, Hocking, Kuhl-Shegog, Marchant, White, Brennan, Blake, Brydson, Cragg, Grant/Williams, Hampson, Jacka, Kellett, Lewis, Macdonald, Mitchell, Reid, Scobie, Thain & Treuer.

SCARSDALE

END OF YEAR MOVIE SESSION

To celebrate another amazing year, we will once again be having a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas and then head to the lake for a pizza lunch. The date is Wednesday 19th December. A permission note will be sent home shortly with more information and details about the end of year activities and costs. The movie we are watching is Ralph Breaks the Internet!

REBEL SPORT - LOYALTY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Our campus has partnered with Rebel Sport as part of the 'Support Your Sport' loyalty program. Rebel will automatically give our campus benefits from all purchases registered with our campus at the counter. With these benefits we can support our school with extra sporting equipment. Please make sure you mention Woody Yaloak Scarsdale Campus when you purchase any sporting goods at Rebel Sport.

ROSS CREEK

CHRISTMAS COOKING

Christmas is just around the corner and that brings our campus to one of its most popular extra-curricular events: Christmas Cooking! Through PFA fundraising, students will be invited to bake / create / cook a number of tasty Christmas themed treats! These will be gift wrapped and brought home. This is one of the highlights of the year for the students and something they thoroughly look forward to. The activity will cost \$2 per student. A permission note has been sent home.

END OF YEAR PRESENTATION EVENING- Monday 17th December (save the date)

The Ross Creek Campus End of Year Presentation Evening is fast approaching. This family event will be held in the grassed area in front of the outdoor stage (weather permitting). A flyer will with more information will be sent home at a later date.

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END OF YEAR MOVIES

Each year, students at the Ross Creek Campus are invited to attend a movie and campus picnic celebration as a reward for all of the great work they have **done throughout the year. This year, we have requested to see the movie 'Ralph Breaks The Internet'. This movie was selected** by our student leaders. The movie and transport details will be confirmed when I have heard from the Regent Multiplex.



FUNDRAISER COMMUNITY BBQ



Come to Ross Creek Hall to vote
on State Election Day

Saturday 24 November

Come and meet some community
people and buy a sausage.

BBQ open from 8am

Look forward to seeing 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



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What is social and emotional learning?

School is not only about reading, writing and arithmetic. It's also about making friends, learning how to work with others, and knowing how to be responsible for yourself.

Knowing how to manage feelings and get on with others are important skills for everyone. This kind of learning starts in early childhood with parents and carers as children's most important first teachers.

Research has found that teaching children social and emotional skills at school as well as at home makes a positive difference to their wellbeing. Social and emotional skills help school children settle in the classroom and get on with learning.

Useful skills to learn include:

- coping with frustrations or worries
- getting along with others
- solving problems.

The kinds of social and emotional skills that are important for children to develop have been identified by researchers as:

Self-awareness

Understanding feelings, self-confidence.

Social awareness

Respecting and understanding others, and appreciating differences between people.

Self-management

Managing emotions, being able to set goals and stick to them.

Responsible decision-making

Choosing wisely and thoughtfully.

Relationship skills

Cooperating, communicating, making friends and resolving conflict.

Research shows that children benefit most from social and emotional learning when it is taught in regular school lessons and matched to children's learning stages. All national, state and territory curricula include personal and social development as a major learning area for primary school children.



Children learn best when they are encouraged to practise the skills they learn at school, at home and in the real world.

How parents and carers can help

You continue to have a critical role to play in supporting children's social and emotional learning throughout the school years. Your child's school will let you know what approach they have chosen for their social and emotional learning curriculum so that you can use some of the ideas at home.

Other ideas

- 1 Look in the parent and carer resources area at your child's school for information on the social and emotional learning program it has chosen to teach.
- 2 Ask your child's teacher about the skills the children are learning in social and emotional learning classes and how to build on them at home.

For more, see the KidsMatter Primary information sheets on a range of topics that help develop children's social and emotional skills, including coping with fears and worries, managing anger, managing friendships, making decisions, and resolving conflict.

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at www.kidsmatter.edu.au



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