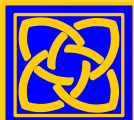


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Woody Yaloak Primary School

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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
DECEMBER

- Friday 7th
- Casual Clothes Day
Tuesday 11th
 - Statewide Transition Day
9.00am-1.30pm
Thursday 13th
 - Graduation Dinner
Monday 17th
 - Ross Creek Campus
Presentation Evening
 - Movie Day & BBQ Snake
Valley Campus
Tuesday 18th
 - Smythesdale Campus
Presentation Evening
 - Reports Sent Home
Wednesday 19th
 - Snake Valley Campus
Presentation Evening
 - Movie Day and Picnic
Smythesdale, Scarsdale
& Ross Creek Campuses
Thursday 20th
 - Scarsdale Campus
Presentation Evening
Friday 21st
 - Term 4 Ends 1.30pm
Finish

2019

JANUARY

- Wednesday 30th
- Grades 3-6 Begin
 - Grades Foundation-2
Testing
Thursday 31st
 - Grades Foundation-2
Testing
FEBRUARY
Friday 1st
 - Grades Foundation-2
Testing
Monday 4th
 - Grades Foundation-2
Begin

PERMISSION FORMS AND
MONEY DUE

DUE WEDNESDAY 12TH

- Movie Day & Picnic

Principals Message

2019 GRADE STRUCTURES

Thank-you to our school community for your patience in the announcements of our 2019 grade structures. As you could imagine a lot of time and thought goes into working with the numbers in each grade level over the whole school, to come to a structure that works best for our children and within the budgets available to our school.

Staffing is also a problematic process, that involves juggling the funding available to the school, in order to provide the classrooms with teachers and also provide our specialist programs. Ultimately, both grade structures and staffing comes down to the amount of enrolments we have in our school, as a large chunk of schools funding comes down to students. Over the past 2 years we have had more grade 6's graduating, than new foundation students enrolling, which is something we have to plan for over a 2-3 year period. At Woody, we are very fortunate to act as a large school, but have the luxury of having smaller contexts. As a result we are able to keep our grades sizes below the limit set by the Department.

Campus Head: Stephen Cox	Grade	Staff	No. of Students
Smythesdale	F/1/2/3	Mrs Leanne Beeson-Canty	17
	4/5/6	Mr Stephen Cox/Mrs Janelle Francis	23

Campus Head: Kaylene Trigg	Grade	Staff	No. of Students
Snake Valley	F/1/2	Mrs Beck Major/Mrs Kate Ford	21
	3/4	Mrs Jenna Wheeler	15
	5/6	Mrs Jo Angel/Mrs Fiona Collins	22

Campus Head: Nathan Harris	Grade	Staff	No. of Students
Scarsdale	F/1/2	Ms Deb Mayman/Mrs Chantal Cahir	22
	3/4	Miss Meg Hannah	20
	4/5/6	Mr Nathan Harris/Mrs Chantal Cahir	21

Campus Head: Eamon Johnson	Grade	Staff	No. of Students
Ross Creek	F/1	Mrs Wendy Hines	19
	F/1	Mrs Trish Weickhardt	19
	2	Ms Sam Williams/ Miss Lauren McConchie	20
	3/4	Miss Emily Wood	25
	3/4	Mrs Jamie Dwyer/ Mrs Amber Fitzpatrick	26
	5/6	Mr Grant Bell	26
	5/6	Ms Megan Webb	26

2019 APPROXIMATE COSTS

This year after speaking with a parent, a suggestion was made for the teams of teachers to provide approximate costs for 2019. This will allow parents to have an idea of the costs, so that payment plans could be set up or a savings plan before the year starts.

Junior (Foundation to Grade 2) Professional Learning Community Excursions –2019

TERM	EXCURSION	APPROXIMATE COST
Term 1	Life Education Van Visit	\$9.00
Term 2	World Cultures Incursion	\$10.00
Term 3	Sovereign Hill	\$15.00
	Swimming	\$65
	Grade 2 Sleepover	\$5
Term 4	Zoo Excursion	\$25.00

Middle (Grades 3 and 4) Professional Learning Community Excursions –2019

TERM	EXCURSION	APPROXIMATE COST
Term 1	Life Education Van Visit	\$9.00
Term 2	Excursion - TBA	\$20.00
Term 3	Excursion - TBA	\$20.00
	Winter Sports (Gr 4 only)	\$30.00
	Swimming	\$65.00
Term 4	Cave Hill Creek Camp	\$200.00

Senior (Grades 5 and 6) Professional Learning Community Excursions –2019

TERM	EXCURSION	APPROXIMATE COST
Term 1	Life Education Van Visit	\$9.00
Term 2	STEM Excursion Sovereign Hill	\$15.00 \$45.00
Term 3	Winter Sports / Cross Country Swimming Melbourne Camp	\$30.00 \$65.00 \$300.00
Term 4	End of year excursion	\$15.00

Corey Pohlner
Principal

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

School Policies

Throughout the year we have been updating/reviewing our schools policies. Some policies are required to be reviewed through school council and others in consultation with staff.

In order to provide a safe and productive working environment for our school community, which includes students, staff and parents, the following policies have been reviewed and are now available on our school website. The Statement of Values and School Philosophy underpins the other policies:

- Statement of Values and School Philosophy
- Email policy
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Respect for School Staff Policy

We would encourage our school community to be familiar with these policies and ask any clarifying questions. Our code of conduct policy is also being reviewed at the moment, so that it is in line with the School Wide Positive Behaviour Framework and will be available by the end of the year on the website.

CAMPUS UPDATES

SMYTHESDALE

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY

The students will be making Christmas crafts on Tuesday, 18th December. The teachers have organised some fun treats for the day and children will be able to go home with some new decorations. Parents are welcome to come in and assist on the day.

CLASS PARTIES

Class parties have been scheduled for lunch time on Thursday, 20th December. Each class will hold their own party and students will be asked to bring a plate to share with their classmates. Hot foods will be able to be heated in readiness for the parties and foods that need refrigeration will be kept cool until lunchtime.

KRIS KRINGLE

Each year we organise a Kris Kringle for the students. This is an opportunity for them to purchase one small gift for another student in their classroom and put it under the Christmas tree at school. These presents are kept under the tree until Thursday, 20th December when they can be opened at the class parties. All presents need to be sent to school by Friday, 14th December so teachers have time to check that all children have a gift under the tree. In order to keep the gifts fair, we ask that parents try to stick to the limit of \$5.

2018 PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA- Thursday 13th December

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.

END OF YEAR MOVIE DAY

To celebrate another amazing year, we will once again be having a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas to watch "The Grinch who stole Christmas". We will then head to Victoria Park playground for a BBQ lunch. The date is Wednesday, 19th December. There is no cost for the celebration as the P&F will be covering all costs for the day including movie tickets, popcorn, water and BBQ lunch. Permission notes have been sent home and are due back on Wednesday, December 12th. Even though there is no cost, permission notes must still be returned.

SNAKE VALLEY

END OF YEAR CLASS PARTIES

To celebrate the end to a wonderful year, each class will be having a class party. These will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the last Thursday of the year. Please send your child along with a plate of food to share. We will be able to use the pie warmer if you would like food heated up.

SCHOOL HELPERS' MORNING TEA

All staff would like to welcome all helpers / volunteers for a special morning tea on Wednesday 12th December at 11:00 a.m. This is our way to say thank you all parents who have supported P&F, listened to reading, covered books, attended excursions and generally been a fantastic help around the campus. Morning tea will be provided and it will be great to catch up and personally thank all helpers.

END OF YEAR MOVIE SESSION

To celebrate another amazing year, we will once again be having a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas to watch Ralph Breaks the Internet. We will then head to Victoria Park playground for a BBQ lunch. The date is Monday 17th December. There is no cost for the celebration as the P&F will be covering all costs. Permission forms have been sent home and are due back on Wednesday 12th December.



SCARSDALE

CLASS PARTIES!

In week 11, we will be having our end-of-year class parties! This will be on Tuesday 18th December. This will be a great afternoon to celebrate the year and the friendships throughout. We ask that all students bring along a plate to share (we encourage healthy nutritious food) and to enjoy a wonderful reflection on the class group together.

Kris Kringle

Every year we have a Kris Kringle for the students and this year is no exception. We will encourage the students to keep their person a secret and to try and purchase something they think that person might like. The Kris Kringles will be opened on the day of the class parties (Tuesday 18th December) so please ensure that your child has their gift at school by Friday 14th December. **We recommend a small gift valued at approx. \$5. Please don't purchase more expensive presents as this causes inequality on the day and disappointment rather than joy.**

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 has been sent home with more information and details about the end of year activities and costs. The movie we are watching is Ralph Breaks the Internet!

Our last week will look like this:

Monday 17th: Christmas Arts & Crafts - a big day full of making, creating and Christmas cheer

Tuesday 18th: Teddy Bear Picnic - **the annual Scarsdale Campus outing to Mr Ellis' property!**

Class parties and Kris Kringle - students will participate in class parties and receive their Kris Kringle

Wednesday 19th: Movies & Playground - **We're off to the movies & Victoria Park (and a pizza lunch thanks to our P&F)**

Thursday 20th: Presentation Night - putting on our final touches for the evening

Friday 21st: Christmas cheer and a lot of packup! The end of year!

ROSS CREEK

STUDENT LEADERSHIP YMCA BOXES OF JOY

With Christmas just around the corner, Ballarat YMCA are running its annual "Boxes of Joy Campaign". We are seeking your help to fill the target of 150 shoebox gifts that will be distributed to local children and young people in the community who are doing it tough this Christmas and may not receive a gift otherwise.

Our student leadership team will be driving this initiative across the campus. We are asking for donations that fit into a shoe box (non food items) such as:

- Items for teens
- Socks, balls, books
- Personal products eg. soap, deodorant, toothpaste
- Textas, notepads, stationery items, earphones, gift cards
- Skipping ropes, bubbles, baby toys

We are asking that all donations are made by Wednesday, 5th December. Donations can be left at our campus Christmas Tree in the foyer area.

CHRISTMAS COOKING

Christmas is just around the corner and that brings our campus to one of its most popular extra-curricular events: Christmas Cooking! With support from a team of parent helpers, students are 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. If you wouldn't like your children to participate, can you please let your classroom teacher know.** Christmas Cooking is taking place next Thursday. (6th December)

2018 PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA- Friday, 14th December

Have you assisted in classroom activities this year? Have you helped on an excursion? Are you on the PFA? Have you assisted in any way, both large or small, around the school?

If you answered yes, then the staff at Woody Yaloak Primary School Ross Creek Campus would like to say thank you at our 2018 Parent Helpers Morning Tea.

The morning tea will be held on Friday, 14th December at 11.00am in the Ross Creek Campus Staffroom.

Please RSVP to the office by Monday 10th December for catering purposes.

Thank you for your support throughout 2018!

END OF YEAR MOVIES

To celebrate another amazing year, we will once again be having a whole campus excursion to the Regent Cinemas to watch Ralph Breaks the Internet. We will then head to Victoria Park playground for a picnic lunch. The date is Wednesday 19th December. There is no cost for the celebration as the P&F will be covering all costs for the day including movie tickets, bus travel and popcorn. A permission note has been sent home.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL VACANCIES

The before and after school care program currently has a large number of vacancies, particularly before school. To allow for forward planning, if you are planning to access before and after school care in 2019, can you please contact Barb Aberdein ASAP on 0423 736 304.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Summer Holiday Program

Ballarat Venues



SUMMER FUN!
& Boredom **BUSTERS**

- Bowling
- Swimming & Water Games
- Canoeing
- Dinosaur Diggers
- Cricket Clinic
- Kids in the Kitchen
- Marine Show with the Rookeepers
- Sensational Summer Craft
- Movies

2nd – 25th January 2019
Full program and booking forms available at www.ballarat.ymca.org.au

BOOKINGS OPEN 3RD DECEMBER 2018

YMCA Ballarat
7 Lyons St North, Ballarat
www.ballarat.ymca.org.au E ballarat@ymca.org.au T 5329 2800



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following winners from the Woody Yaloak PS raffle drawn last Friday:

1st Prize Firewood – Jack T

(Smythesdale campus)

2nd Prize Tattoo Voucher – Annette Hunt


3rd Prize Movie Meal vouchers – Gay Pearse

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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BALLARAT

END OF YEAR TRADING 2018

DECEMBER 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 th CLOSED	10 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	11 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	12 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	13 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	14 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	15 th OPEN 10:00am - 1:00pm
16 th CLOSED	17 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	18 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	19 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	20 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm LAST DAY OF TRADE	21 st CLOSED	22 nd CLOSED
23 rd CLOSED	24 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE	25 th CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY	26 th CLOSED BOXING DAY	27 th CLOSED	28 th CLOSED	29 th CLOSED
30 th CLOSED	31 st CLOSED					
JANUARY 2019						
	1 st CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY	2 nd OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	3 rd OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	4 th OPEN 9:00am - 5:00pm	5 th OPEN 10:00am - 1:00pm	

The Parents and Friends Association will be in contact with you to arrange the prize delivery.