



ISSUE 4 23/03/2020

2020 Term Dates

- 29th Jan - 27th Mar
- 14th Apr - 26th Jun
- 13th Jul - 18th Sep
- 5th Oct - 17th Dec

For Your Diary

MARCH

Monday 23rd

- Term 1 Ends 3.30pm

APRIL

Tuesday 14th

- Term 2 Begins

# Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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*WYPS Ross Creek Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.*

## Woody Kid of the Month March



Giles is a friendly, caring and helpful member of the grade 2 class. He has a smile that could brighten anyone's day! Giles takes great pride in his work and completes all set tasks at a high standard. He works well independently and in small groups. He consistently demonstrates the schools values of excellence, respect and responsibility in both the classroom and the yard. Giles shows great respect to both his peers and teachers. He is an asset to both his class and Woody Yaloak Primary School.



### A NOTE FROM MR POHLNER

Yesterday the Victorian Government announced additional steps to combat the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), including bringing forward the school holidays in Victoria to commence from Tuesday 24 March.

All staff will use the next four days for planning and preparation for the likely transition to flexible and remote learning.

We are aware of the need for clarification around many issues and we are working closely with the department to gain answers to many questions we have ourselves. It is imperative that parents are following and using our schools communication methods, which has again been highlighted today. With these important tools, we simply wouldn't have been able to keep our communities up to speed with the current situation last week and over the weekend. We understand that not everyone has access to the internet at home, but unfortunately there is no other way to get information to our parents in real time.

As we move towards remote learning, communication from the school to our community will be of utmost importance. We will do our best to communicate efficiently and effectively and we need our school families to do the same.

For **whole school communication**, please ensure you have connected with us on Facebook and have Flexibuzz installed and logged in. It is important that these two communication methods have 'Notifications' turned on if you are using a mobile device. This will ensure immediate delivery of all communication.

For Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/woodyyaloakps/>



For Flexibuzz:

Apple & Andoird Devices: <http://www.flexibuzz.com.au/au/school-app/>



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS CURRICULUM NEWS

**NAPLAN ONLINE UPDATE**

Education Ministers met last week and decided that NAPLAN will not proceed in 2020. The NAPLAN test window was scheduled to be held from 12 to 22 May. All Education Ministers acknowledge and thank all of our school leaders, our teachers and support staff for the essential work they do every day educating our children and young people, particularly during these challenging times. They are all playing a vital role in managing the response to COVID-19. Education Ministers reiterated that the National Cabinet has agreed, on the advice of the chief health and medical officers, that “pre-emptive closure of schools are not proportionate or effective as a public health intervention to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 at this time.” The advice of the Chief Health and Medical Officers is available at this link. The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 has been taken to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, including potential online and remote learning. Further, the impact of responses to the COVID-19 virus may affect the delivery of NAPLAN testing, including the operation of centralised marking centres and the implications for nationally comparable data if an insufficient number of students are available to do the test. The decision to not proceed with NAPLAN in 2020 also means that the scheduled testing of the NAPLAN Online platform, known as the Coordinated Practice Test (CPT), will not proceed. Ministers acknowledge the work that departments and schools have undertaken in preparation for the anticipated CPT which was due to commence next week on 23 March. Education departments and systems will continue to closely monitor health advice and work with schools to ensure appropriate support for students and staff as the response to COVID-19 develops.



TUESDAY IS STUDENT BANKING DAY



**BULLYING, NO WAY! THURSDAY 19th MARCH**

Unfortunately, the National Day of Action was postponed nationwide in the interest of student and staff health. Once it is rescheduled in the future we will be back on board!



**ACTIVE APRIL**

Premier’s Active April encourages Victorian families to get healthy and active by participating in 30 minutes of physical activity a day for the month of April and beyond. Though we all need to keep in mind all health recommendations, we can still try our best to keep ourselves active each day. For more information visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au)



**BCA CRICKET TRYOUTS**

From Emerton, Logan & Lachlan: Last week we had a good experience at cricket tryouts doing some drills and practicing some cricket skills with others. Even though it has been cancelled it was good to get some extra tips from the Renegades players on how to improve our cricket skills.



CASUAL CLOTHES DAY IS ON THE 1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH



**ROSS CREEK LEGO MASTERS - DONATIONS NEEDED**

By Jasmine, Connor, Thomas, Ollie & Callum : We are starting up a Lego Masters competition for our campus. It would be very much appreciated if anyone could donate some lego when school goes back. If you were to have any spare pieces, or even sets, we would really appreciate it. If you do donate lego, there is a red tub that is located out near Brenda’s office. Thanks!





# SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR AWARD WINNERS



Olivia L



Lucas L



Luka M



Mia T



Lauchie H



Chad M



Selena W



Brydee C-P





**WOADY YALOK PRIMARY SCHOOL - ROSS CREEK CAMPUS**



**Newsletter via email**

Dear Parents/Carers

From the beginning of term 2, all newsletters will be emailed to parents / carers, added to our website and sent via Flexibuzz. There will be limited hard copies printed that can be collected from the office.

Please fill in the form and return to the office to go onto our newsletter mailing list. Your email address will not be shared with other people nor will it be seen on the emails being sent out.

Parents name.....

Children.....

Email address.....

**2021**  
**ENROLMENT**  
**TOURS**  
**WYPS**  
**ROSS CREEK**  
**CAMPUS**



**Woody Yaloak**  
Primary School  
"Achieving Together"



**Respect ■ Responsibility ■ Excellence**

**TERM 1**

**Monday 23rd March**

**10.00am**

**TERM 2**

**Friday 22nd May**

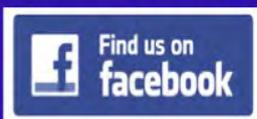
**10.00am**

**TERM 3**

**Monday 10th**

**August 10.00am**

**Contact our office on  
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