



Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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Term Dates

28th Jan - 27th Mar
14th Apr - 26th Jun
13th Jul - 18th Sep
5th Oct - 18th Dec

JUNE

Monday 8th

- Queen's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9th

- Gr 3-6 Return to School

Thursday 25th

- Student Reports Sent Home

Friday 26th

- Last Day Term 2

JULY

Monday 13th

- First day of Term 3

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WYPS Smythesdale Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawarrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the First Nations people



STAGGERED RETURN

WE ARE BACK! We are really excited to commence our Junior classes today and look forward to seeing our seniors back on site on Tuesday 9th June. Things will look a little different, there will be some different guidelines and the safety of our staff and students will be at the forefront of all of our decisions and processes.

These unprecedented times have provided challenges and

opportunities. It has been fantastic to see the partnerships between schools and their communities work together in such time of uncertainty. It will definitely be a time that we will never forget. Thank you for supporting our staff with the remote learning process and only a few short weeks and our campus grounds will be filled with laughter, adventure, engagement and excitement.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

To ensure we have a smooth return to school process for staff, students and parents/carers, I have put together this easy to follow question and answer document that outlines rules/guidelines for our community to follow.

Of utmost importance to our staff, is ensuring the students at Smythesdale are feeling safe, supported and comfortable returning to school.

Is there a curriculum day on Tuesday 9th June?

No. Due to the changes in learning environments this term, we wanted to ensure we gave our students the best opportunity to settle back to the routines of school. On Monday night, School Council approved the day to be rescheduled to Monday 16th November. Please mark this date in your diaries.

Are students allowed to use playgrounds?

Yes. Extra cleaning has been arranged (on daily basis) to allow students to continue to use the playground.

Are students allowed to use our drink taps?

Drinks taps are only available to REFILL drink bottles, not drink directly from. Drink taps will be cleaned daily.

Do our start and finish times change?

No. Classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and students are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Due to the size of the campus, we do not need staggered start/dismissal times.

In the initial weeks of returning to school, what will drop off and pick up look like?

Once students arrive, they should be dropped off and directed to go straight to their classroom.

In the initial weeks of returning to school, what does dismissal look like at Smythesdale?

When the bell rings at 3.30pm, staff members will walk the students out of the school for parent/carer pick up.

Are parents/carers allowed in the school building/office or learning spaces?

No. Due to DET/Department of Health guidelines, in the short term parents/carers are not permitted in the learning space areas. Parents are only permitted in the office area only if they have permission from the Campus Head/Principal. If parents need to make a meeting time, we ask that this is done via a phone call. Parents are reminded they are discouraged to congregate/meet at pick up/drop off. Social distancing rules are expected to be followed.

REMINDER

Year 6 to Year 7
Secondary
School
Placement
Application
Form 2021
Due No Later
Than
FRIDAY, 29th
May

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

VIVO Class

HOW MANY POINTS HAS YOUR CHILD EARNED?



Our school app is available via the Apple App Store for iPhone users or Google Play Store for Android users.

This app will provide many notifications of important dates and events for both our Smythesdale campus and the entire Woody Yaloak PS.

Please use this app and have notifications turned on to ensure you are kept up to date with all happenings. Additionally - if your child is sick you can fill out an absence notification that gets sent straight through to our office - how easy is that!

HOT CHOCOLATE

We will be selling cups of hot chocolate with a marshmallow for 50c at recess time commencing on Tuesday 9th June.

We have a loyalty program in place, so after purchasing 5 hot chocolates, you receive one free.
Enjoy!



What happens if a student is sick?

Students who are sick (even with slight symptoms) are not permitted at school. If students become ill at school, they will be sent home as per our usual policy.

Does social distancing rules apply to students at school in the classroom?

Social distancing rules do not apply to students in the classroom, although our teachers will strongly encourage this practice to happen as well as we possibly can. Staff at school are expected to model and follow social distancing rules.

Do we have hand sanitiser / soap at school ?

Our school has ordered large supplies of sanitiser for students to apply. Staff will also teach hygiene lesson (hand washing, coughing into tissues etc.) to all students. Hand sanitiser will be placed at the entry to our buildings.

If I have a student in Grade 4/5/6, where do I collect hard copy work from?

As per previous weeks, this can be collected from the ART Room on Friday.

Are hot lunches / shop lunch orders running?

No. There will be no hot lunches/shop lunch orders until further notice. We are hoping to begin this at the start of term 3.

Will Breakfast Club be running?

No. Breakfast Club will not be running for the remainder of the term. Breakfast supplies can be taken by **onsite students for families to use at home as per our usual 'Food is Free'**

Will assemblies/buddies take place?

No. DET/Department of Health guidelines require us to limit the mixing of classes/groups of students. If we do have mini assemblies for messages, awards and birthday presentations, no parents/carers can be present...yet!

WELCOME

Over the break we have had some new enrolments. We welcome Shenay and Felicity to the Junior class and Kyala will start with us on 9th June. Our campus now has 43 students with 21 in the Junior class and 22 in the Seniors.



YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 SECONDARY TRANSITION 2021

Families of Gr 6 students were emailed 2021 secondary school transition information and application form on Friday, 24th April. If you wish your child to attend a government secondary school in 2021 you must complete the application form and return to school no later than this Friday, 29th May 2020.

If your child has secured a place at a private secondary school for 2021 and you have received confirmation of this, you do not have to complete this form. You must however inform the school as to which secondary school your child will be attending.

If you wish to send your child to a private secondary school in 2021, but are as yet to secure a place, we suggest you complete the application form and return to school by Friday, 29th May 2021. Applications can be withdrawn at any time. If you are unable to print off the pack, you may collect a hard copy from our campus office.

CANCELLED EVENTS

Many of your calendars or diaries may be filled with school events and activities. Throughout the remote learning period we have had to postpone or cancel the following events:

*Curriculum Day – 9th June – been moved to 16th November

*Whole School ART SHOW

*Grade 3/4 Camp_Term 3 Swimming program

*Senior Canberra Camp

*School discos

*Kinder visits

*Regional library visits

As school resumes to some normality, we will communicate with our community any extra-curricular activities. Thank you for your understanding.

ASSESSMENT & REPORTING

We held our Parent-Teacher interviews last Friday using video-conferencing platforms and it was great **to hear about student's learning experiences and plan for return to school teaching. Our teachers are beginning to gather assessment data and will be writing modified reports that will be sent home on Thursday 25th June.**

HOT CHOCOLATES

With the cooler months just about upon us, it's time for the HOT CHOCOLATES to commence! With the help our Sharon and our student leaders we will be selling hot chocolates for 50c which includes a marshmallow. If students buy 5 they get one free! Orders are collected each day and they are served at recess.

Enjoy your week,

Stephen Cox