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**Term Dates**

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



# Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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**SEPTEMBER**

**Friday 18th**

- End of Term 3

**OCTOBER**

**Monday 5th**

- Term 4 Remote Learning Begins

**Monday 12th**

- Onsite Learning Begins

**Friday 23rd**

- AFL Grand Final THANK YOU Public Holiday

**NOVEMBER**

**Tuesday 3rd**

- Melbourne Cup Holiday

**Monday 16th**

- Report Writing Day

**DECEMBER**

**Friday 18th**

- Curriculum Day



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



## Woody Kid of the Month



Our Woody Kid for the month of September is Alex D-S. Alex is always so polite and kind to others, taking his time to ask questions and carefully listen to what people have to say. During remote learning in Term 3, he has been completing all set work early in the day and managing his time well, attending his reading group meetings and class catch ups. Alex continues to improve on the quality of his work and listens to feedback to progress further.



### WELCOME BACK ONSITE!

We are heading back! We are really excited for week 2 of next term to arrive so that ALL students can commence learning back on site. Things will look a little different but also very familiar. We will be following all the same guidelines and safety procedures as outlined by the department. We have the safety and wellbeing of our staff and students at the forefront of all of our decisions and processes and will continue to do so.

The entire staff group is so incredibly proud of the work done by students, families and staff themselves. We have all worked extremely hard to make remote learning 2.0 work well for us all. Thank you to everyone - students, families and school, for working hard together and getting through our second go at remote learning so well.

**We can't wait to see all our students back onsite from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October next term!**

### CANCELLED & MODIFIED EVENTS

Much like our last return to school, we have the regrettable news that things will look quite different throughout the rest of the term. We will also be doing our best to make this term 4 special, memorable and exciting for our students. It's a great opportunity to put in really hard work and progress our learning but also an important opportunity for our students to connect together and connect with staff. Some events that will look different will include:

- Book Week Performance - online performance, see details below
- Graduation & Presentation Nights - more information to be released in early term 4
- School Transitions - both to secondary school and for 2021 Foundation students



**"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"**

**DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT INFORMATION??**  
 Parent/Guardians are reminded to update their child's personal information regularly.  
 For example:

- Has my address changed?
- Do I have the same phone number?
- Have our emergency contacts changed?
- Is there a change in living arrangements?
- Is there a medical condition the school needs to be aware of? For example: asthma, allergies
- Is there an access restriction in place?

**HATS**  
 As a SunSmart accredited school all students are required to wear approved hats from the beginning of September until the end of April and when the UV index is above 3. Approved hats are the royal blue broad brimmed hats available from each office and cost is \$11.50.



**INFORMATION REGARDING RETURN TO ONSITE LEARNING- Monday 12th October**  
 We are very excited to announce a return to onsite learning on Monday, 12th October (Week 2 of term 4). Thanks to our students' positive attitude, and the outstanding support from our parents and carers, we are anticipating a smooth transition back to school.  
 Given the amount of onsite learning our students have missed this year, our staff have carefully planned some activities to assist the students in settling quickly back to school.

To ensure we have a smooth return to school process for staff, students and parents / carers, we have put together this easy to follow question and answer document that outlines rules / guidelines for our **community to follow. These haven't changed from our previous return to school period, but a reminder** for our community of the processes we have in place. Of utmost importance to our staff, is ensuring the students at Woody Yaloak P.S. are feeling safe, supported and comfortable returning to school. If you have any concerns or questions about returning to school, please contact us via phone at the Smythesdale Campus.

*What are the return to school dates (term 4)?*

Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October: Continuation of remote learning (Onsite for eligible students at the Smythesdale Campus)

Monday 12th October- All students return to onsite learning at their campus

*Are students allowed to use playgrounds at Smythesdale?*

Yes. Extra cleaning will continue (on a daily basis) to allow students 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 9.00am and students are dismissed at 3.30pm. Due to the size of the campus, we do not need staggered start / dismissal times.

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

When the bell rings at 3.30pm, a staff member will walk the students out to the parking spaces for parent / carer pick up.

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

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

*Will assemblies / buddies take place?*

We will continue to hold digital assemblies throughout term 4.

*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 the school are expected to model and follow social distancing rules.

*Do we have hand sanitiser / soap at school?*

Our school will continue to supply hand sanitiser for students and staff to access.

*Are hot lunches / shop lunch orders running?*

Yes. From week 3, hot lunches (Monday & Tuesday) will continue. Shop lunches are to be confirmed.

*Will Breakfast Club be running?*

No. Breakfast Club will not be running for the remainder of the year.

We want to thank you for the amazing support you have provided your child/ren during these unprecedented times. It is truly appreciated by all the staff. If you have any questions, concerns or **feedback about these guidelines, please don't hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo or phone.**

## WOODY YALOOK BOOK WEEK- SAVE THE DATE!!

We are very excited to announce that we have scheduled our very own Woody Yaloak Book Week in term 4 complete with a Dress Up Day and a digital incursion of the **Children's Book Council shortlisted book "Hello Lighthouse"**. This is one event we don't want our students to miss experiencing!



This exciting event will take place on Friday 30th October with a cost of \$5 per student for the digital showing of Hello Lighthouse. Permission forms will be sent home on Tuesday, 13th October. (First week back of onsite learning)

The theme of the dress up day is dress up as your favourite book character. I will share details about both the dress up day and **the digital performance of "Hello Lighthouse" at the beginning of term.**

We would encourage families to put their thinking hats on over the holidays to come up with some great ideas for our dress up day!

## TERM 4 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS / CURRICULUM DAYS

There are a number of public holidays and curriculum days in term 4. Please add these to your diaries and calendars.

- ◆ Friday 23rd October           AFL Grand Final/ THANK YOU Public Holiday
- ◆ Tuesday 3rd November       Melbourne Cup Day
- ◆ Monday 16th November      WYPS Report Writing Day
- ◆ Friday 18th December       Curriculum Day

\*As decided by the Ballarat City Council, the traditional Ballarat Show Day holiday has been replaced by the Melbourne Cup public holiday.

## NEW TREES

Just an update on the wonderful trees that have been planted during this remote learning period. We purchased five new trees to provide shade in the future and also had a fruit tree donated by a friend of a school family which will one day provide some delicious plums for our students!

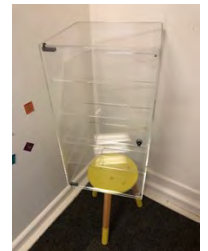


## CAMPUS UPDATES

During this period, it has allowed some additional time to complete some campus focused activities. We have submitted an application for shade sails to cover our playground and are hopeful of gaining a grant from our submission. We are hoping to receive funds to install four **shade sails over our playground...cross your fingers and let's hope for a favourable outcome!**

We also three additional flagpoles soon to be installed at our entrance to the student's learning space. The funds for this installation are from a Federal Government grant and we are planning for the Federal member to come and present us with new flags to proudly fly on the poles.

Our positive behaviour program will change to CLASS DOJOs starting in Term 4. Our prize cabinet will be fully stocked with rewards starting from just 20 Dojo points. All staff will be able to allocate points and you can watch your child receive rewards and praise via the Class Dojo app. We are looking forward to this new program to support implementation of our school values.



Last Friday, Sensei worked with the Smythesdale onsite students to complete the next phase of our Japanese garden. It will have additional rocks added to represent water and a temple gate has been added.

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

This Friday, onsite students will be dismissed at 2.30pm and will have two 45 minute recess breaks.

This term has certainly been very different and a challenge for students, families and staff. The school holidays will be a good chance to freshen up and get set for a great finish to 2020.

On behalf of the staff at the Smythesdale Campus, I want to thank all our community for their support throughout the term and hope everyone has a great holiday and enjoys the wonderful Spring weather!

## WHOLE SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

### SENTRAL



An email was sent to each of our parents who have provided us with their details, with instruction on how to sign up to Sentral and link your child/ren to your account. Please contact Sharon if you have any problems. We hope by sending this out now, it will allow everyone to be familiar with our new communication process by the start of term 4.



Please ensure you have connected with us on Facebook. It is important that this communication method has 'Notifications' turned on if you are using a mobile device. This will ensure immediate delivery of all communication.

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

Kind regards,

*Stephen Cox*

# Students' Voice

Some of the good things about remote learning have been that you don't have to put on a school uniform and you can have a good lunch. What I miss is seeing my friends and teachers at school. These holidays I plan on riding my motorbike and playing with my dog and I look forward to coming back next term to see my friends and teachers.

Enjoy your holidays

Jim



Hello everyone, hope you are all having a great week!

Do you like remote learning? Well i do because you can sleep in, have food whenever you want and once you have done your work you can do pretty much anything. I'm sure most of us are missing our friends, well I definitely am!

In the school holidays we are planning to go camping either in the Crampians or Apollo Bay or somewhere else. Well if restrictions lift that is.

I'm really excited for term 4 because I will see all my friends that I've missed them sooooo much! I have also missed the teachers and especially my buddy Alexia.

Hope you have fun holidays

Abi



I hope everyone has coped well with the remote learning as this is the last week before the school holidays yay! Time to relax and have a well-deserved break!

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to seeing their friends and teachers at school in Term 4 and all the exciting activities we can plan together throughout the last term, so much fun and learning to be had!

Delilah

