



Woody Yaloak Primary School

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- 2020 Term Dates
- 29th Jan - 27th Mar
 - 14th Apr - 26th Jun
 - 13th Jul - 18th Sep
 - 5th Oct - 18th Dec

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478



Woody Yaloak Primary School 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.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This Friday May 22nd, each classroom teacher will be having parent teacher interviews, via video conference with each family in their class.



Information about interviews has been communicated by each classroom teacher, so please look out for this on class communication platforms.

The teachers will have all of the relevant details, including times and communication methods etc through their platforms.

A decision was made to have interviews at this time because face to face interviews are not an option this term or term 3 and we felt that scheduling a time while everything was fresh in everyone's mind is a good idea, rather than waiting.

School reports will look very different this term, so the focus of the interview will be more about checking in, to gain feedback on the remote learning environment and how your child/children have coped during this time in regards to the learning and their own well being. This will give teachers vital insights from parents/carers, so that they can have conversations with the children when they return to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place this year in August.
 Snake Valley and Scarsdale - Tuesday 25th August
 Smythesdale and Ross Creek - Wednesday 26th August.



STATE SCHOOLS RELIEF

Those families of Foundation students that were eligible for the State Schools Relief package would have received their order forms via mail. These were to be returned in the addressed envelope by May 11th. If you have not returned your order form, please do so this week.

Please Note: From Term Two, all newsletters will be emailed to parents/carers, added to our website and sent via Flexibuzz. Hard copies can be collected from the office.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont...

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS - RETURN TO SCHOOL

MONDAY 25.5.2020	Pupil free day (NO STUDENTS ONSITE)
TUESDAY 26.5.2020	Only Foundation, grade 1 & grade 2 return
TUESDAY 9.6.2020	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6 return

Do any students come to school on Monday May 25th?

No students will be onsite on May 25th, as this is a pupil free day for teachers to plan for a return to school.

Will the June 9th Curriculum Day go ahead as planned?

At the start of this year, all of our curriculum days were set and communicated with parents. Our next scheduled curriculum day was for June 9th, which is the first day that our 3-6 were due to be back onsite.

Given this timing in these circumstances, we felt it would be best for the students to change the curriculum day until term 4. The new date is Monday 16th November.

Before June 9th, where will the students that qualify for onsite learning be based?

Students from grades 3-6 who qualify for onsite learning before June 9th will be able to attend their own campus. During this time they will be in a supervised separate classroom or open space, where they will be completing their offsite learning program. Their normal classroom teacher will be continuing with their offsite program from school.

The normal application process applies for children attending onsite during this 2 week period.

Will students be able to use the playgrounds and water taps at school?

Students will be able to use the school playgrounds at school. Extra cleaning of playgrounds will happen on a daily basis. Students will be able to use the school drink taps only to fill their own water bottle, not drink directly from the taps. Drink taps will be cleaned daily.

Will the start and finish times for school change?

Our schools times won't change, but each campus may communicate processes for drop off and pick up areas within the school. Parents will not be able to enter the classroom areas and are asked to only visit the office for special circumstances. Eg: making appointments/payments.

Are there any changes to the way students interact with each other on return to school?

Art, Digital Technology and Japanese classes will operate from each classroom, rather than the specialist room. The reason is schools need to minimise different groups of students from sharing a common space.

Will school assemblies take place?

As a school we will need to limit interactions between groups of students from different classrooms. This will mean no face to face assemblies or buddy programs within the school. Campuses may run scheduled assemblies via video conference as they have this term.

What happens if a student or staff member is sick?

If a student or staff member has any symptoms of being unwell, they will be sent home and asked to be tested for COVID 19. They can return to school when they have a negative test result or if they no longer have any symptoms.



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