

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



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

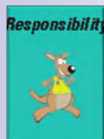
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Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY
2020

AUGUST

- Monday 3rd
 • School Council Meeting at SV
- Tuesday 4th
 • School Captains Meeting
- Thursday 6th
 • Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
- Tuesday 25th
 • School Photos



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

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

This year, schools are not able to have enrolment tours, due to the COVID 19 situation. Our plan at Woody Yaloak Primary School is to engage a professional company to create 5 short promotional videos.

One of these videos will be a whole school overview, which will replace the traditional 'school/campus tour'. This will be shared on our Facebook site and emailed directly to our new families. The other 4 short videos will be about a focus area in our school. Examples include special programs or events that happen in our school.

We are excited about these videos and we think it will be a great way to celebrate the wonderful things that happen in our school.

SENTRAL

Last week, we communicated that we will no longer be using the Flexibuzz/Flexischools app for communicating to our school community. We investigated other options and we can now communicate that we will be using a company called 'Sentral'. At the moment, we are in the process of working with the company to build the required information for the system. **There is nothing parents need to do at this stage, so please don't download any app as yet.**



Sentral is what we call a 'Student Management System'. At the moment, we have one system for parents and a different system for teachers. Sentral will allow us to have 1 system for both parents and teachers.

Parents will be able to;

- Access school communication items (newsfeed and daily notices)
- Submit absence notifications
- View the school calendar of upcoming events/reminders
- Book parent teacher interviews
- Access student reports and academic results
- Access the school newsletter
- Have the option to make parent payments

The information that teachers gather on a daily basis will be easily communicated with parents. At the moment with our current system, this is not possible. All of this will take time to implement, but as always, we try and keep our school community up to date with some of the things we are working on behind the scenes.

As a parent/carer, this process will be very simple. All you will need to do when the time comes, is download the app and make sure that the school has the correct details on our system. Those who don't have access to a smart phone or the internet can come into the school to receive hard copies, as you do now with the current processes in place.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont...

THE YEAR 6-7 STATEWIDE TIMELINE FOR 2020-21

This year there have been some slight adjustments to the statewide timelines. Primary schools will notify families of their child's Year 7 placement offer on **Wednesday 19 August 2020** (previously Wednesday 5 August).

The adjusted timeline still includes the statewide placement appeals process. The revised dates are now as follows:

- **Monday 31 August** (previously 17 Aug) - Closing date for parents/carers to lodge a written appeal with their preferred secondary school.
- **Friday 11 September** (previously 28 Aug) - Secondary schools provide parents/carers with written notifications appeal outcome.
- **Friday 25 September** (previously 11 Sept) - Closing date for parents/carers to lodge a written appeal with relevant Regional Director (RD).
- **Friday 30 October** (unchanged) - Regions notify parents/carers of outcome of RD appeal.

There are currently no plans to alter the date of the statewide Orientation Day. This event remains scheduled for Tuesday 8 December 2020.

Primary schools have been asked to communicate with their school community about these time lines, as some parents have been calling secondary schools, asking questions around enrolment status for 2021. Although we are understanding of the urgency about knowing where your child will be accepted for secondary schools, DET has set clear timelines for this process. The dates set also outline the process for the appeal process.

Corey Pehlner
Principal
Woody Yaloak Primary School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

Thank you to the fantastic response we had from our community in relation to our uniform survey. We had over 80 responses which demonstrates the interest and passion people have for the proposal. The survey information has been collated and will be presented at our August School Council meeting on Monday night. Further information will be shared with our community once School Council has made a decision. Our student leaders will also be meeting via WebEx on Tuesday, where they will be given an opportunity to share their ideas on the proposal.

If you have any further comments that you would like shared at the meeting on Monday night, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

[Positive Rewards Program](#)



is ending
on 21/8/20.

We are changing our student positive behaviour rewards program. Vivo will no longer be used from Friday 14th August. All students must have redeemed their points by FRIDAY 21st AUGUST.

From Monday 24th Class Dojo will be the program where staff will allocate points to students for their positive behaviours.

All VIVO points will be deleted on 21/8/2020 so redeem your child's rewards NOW.



will be our new positive
behaviour reward
program from 24th
August 2020.