

"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

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY 2020

OCTOBER

- Friday 23rd
 • AFL Grand Final -
 Public Holiday
- Monday 26th
 • School Council
 Meeting

- Friday 30th
 • Book Week Dress
 Up Day & Incursion

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 3rd
 • Melbourne Cup -
 Public Holiday
- Wednesday 4th
 • School Photos -
 Snake Valley and
 Scarsdale
- Thursday 5th
 • School Photos -
 Smythesdale and
 Ross Creek

- Monday 16th
 • Curriculum Day -
 Report Writing Day

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE

- DUE 21/10
- Book Week Incursion form and payment due



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



Welcome back to the start of term 4. I can't tell you how glad we are to have our students back at school over our 4 campuses. There is no doubt that the past 2 terms has been testing for all of us. This term will be heavily focused on re-engaging students, re-establishing routines and supporting successful transitions to 2021. Due to the variety of circumstances that our students were in during the past 2 terms, some students have thrived in these conditions, some have done what they needed to and others have found it really tough.

What I can say is that I am proud of the way everyone has stuck together as a school community. It really does highlight the importance of partnerships and trust. I believe our parents have a better appreciation of the role schools play in their children's life and likewise how teachers and school leadership understand getting the best out of children relies on parent engagement in the learning process.

Although we are back onsite, school is still not back to 'normal'. There are still guidelines that all schools need to abide by, to ensure that everyone stays safe until COVID-19 passes. Please see below a summary of how this affects the remainder of the school year;

Limit school access: Visitors to schools and school tours

- Additional staff, including parent volunteers, must not attend school at this time
- Parent-teacher information sessions and interviews must continue to be replaced with online and video alternatives
- Schools must not conduct on-site school tours for prospective students and their families at this time
- Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask while dropping off/picking up students
- Small group kinder-to-school transition activities are permitted in schools in regional Victoria, such as parents, educators and children meeting a Foundation teacher in a school environment. Group size should not exceed 10 people and no intermixing with other students at the school should occur.

Use of school facilities and playgrounds

- Playground equipment can be used by students. However, students should practise hand hygiene before and after use

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont...

Reduce mixing between groups and create workforce bubbles

Creating student and staff 'bubbles', whereby student and staff groupings/cohorts are kept as static as possible with limited mixing of groups of student and staff groups, can minimise the risk of transmission between groups. It can also aid containment in the event of a confirmed case.

Adapt, modify or defer higher-risk activities- Transitions and end-of-year events and gatherings

- Face-to-face school assemblies and other non-essential large gatherings must be postponed or adapted considering use of technology
- Foundation teachers will have the opportunity to observe and interact with children in the kindergarten learning environment to support the development of continuity between this and the school learning environment.

Sport and recreation

- Outdoor facilities are recommended for physical education and recreational play. Indoor sport is not allowed.

Use of woodwind and brass instruments, singing, voice projection and dance

- Choirs and woodwind/brass instrument use is not permitted in schools, except where required for essential assessments.

Student cooking

- Food preparation can continue in schools with frequent hand hygiene and no sharing of food.

Camps and excursions

Excursions and camps are allowed in regional Victoria, however this is for single campus schools. In our context this is very problematic, as we have to minimize the mix of cohorts of students over multiple sites. Unfortunately, any excursion that teachers plan will need to adhere to the guidelines set out by the department. In the short term, this may be campus specific, unless this is an outside activity, where strict precautions are taken into consideration.

I hope this outlines the environment we have to work within for the remainder of term 4 and potentially into 2021. These guidelines will obviously affect the way we plan and implement the following end of year activities;

- Grade 6 Graduation
- Campus Presentation Nights
- Transition Days

Once we have worked out the plans for these events, we will communicate these with you. Our students are at the front of all our decisions, we want to provide the best possible finish to 2020 as possible and this will be our focus for term 4.

WOADY YALOK BOOK WEEK- HELLO LIGHTHOUSE DIGITAL INCURSION AND BOOK WEEK DRESS UP

Corey Pehlner
Principal

CAMPUS UPDATES

I am 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 student 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 have been sent out today.

The Woody Yaloak PS annual book week dress as your favourite book character, will also take place on Friday 30th October. On this day students will be encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character and enjoy some fun book week activities with their classmates. More information will be sent home in next weeks campus newsletters.

Permission forms and money are due back at school on *Wednesday 21st October*.

