



Woody Yaloak Primary School

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2021 Term Dates

- 28th Jan - 1st Apr
- 19th Apr - 25th Jun
- 13th Jul - 17th Sep
- 4th Oct - 17th Dec

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY
2020

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 2nd
- School Council Dinner/ Meeting
- Thursday 3rd
- Ross Creek Junior Ecolinc Excursion
- Tuesday 8th
- Statewide Transition Day
- Wednesday 9th
- Campus Presentation night Video via Youtube and Dojo 7pm
- Tuesday 15th
- Grade 6 Graduation
 - Student reports sent home
- Thursday 17th
- Last day of Term 4 - 3.30pm Finish
- Friday 18th
- Curriculum Day

PERMISSION FORMS
AND
MONEY DUE

DUE TOMORROW

- Senior Bike Ride form and payment DUE
- Gr 6 Graduation 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

In this week's newsletter we have outlined information around our grade structures for 2021. We have also updated you on information about our Graduation and the easing of restrictions, after changes were announced by the Minister last week. These changes include:

- Incursions are now permitted
- There is no longer a requirement to reduce work across multiple sites.
- Visitors are permitted on site, this includes parents at pick up and drop off times
- No longer have to reduce mixing between groups of students (no more "bubbles")
- Hay fever: If student develops symptoms that are different to or worse than usual, they need to go home and school should recommend testing. Parents can get medical certificate from child's treating GP to confirm it is safe for them to attend school with persistent symptoms like cough or runny nose.
- Younger children (Prep to 2) who have negative COVID-19 test that was taken after they developed symptoms - if the child's treating GP is satisfied the child has recovered from their acute illness, is otherwise well, and does not need a repeat COVID-19 test, the child can return even if they are not completely free of symptoms. Any worsening symptoms will require review and repeat COVID-19 test (if considered appropriate by the doctor).
- Drinking fountains and taps can be reopened.
- Face masks must be worn indoors unless an exemption applies. Face masks are no longer required while outdoors if 1.5m distance can be maintained.
- School tours are permitted for prospective families and students
- Playgrounds no longer have to be cleaned every day.
- Year level assemblies, graduations and other school gatherings can occur at full capacity if attended exclusively by students and staff.
- Graduation ceremonies, assemblies and other school gatherings on school sites involving EXTERNAL guests (like parents) are subject to gathering limits (including students, staff, and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors, density quotient of one per 4m squared applicable to adults.
- Woodwind and brass instruments, and singing - five or fewer indoors, no limits outdoors.
- Camps - multiple school can now attend a single facility
- Interschool activities and interschool sport can now resume indoor and outdoor.

2021 GRADE STRUCTURES

Smythesdale: Stephen Cox Campus Head
 Foundation/Grade 1: Leanne Beeson-Canty (4 days) and
 Amber Fitzpatrick (1 day)

Grade 3/4: Chris Jerram
 Grade 5/6: Megan Webb

Snake Valley: Jenna Wheeler Campus Head
 Foundation/Grade 1/Grade 2: Beck Major (2.5 days) Kate Ford (2.5 days)
 Grade 3/4: Jenna Wheeler
 Grade 5/6: Jo Angel (3 days) Fiona Collins (2 days)



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont...

2021 GRADE STRUCTURES Continued.....

Scarsdale: Eamon Johnson Campus Head
Foundation/Grade 1: Jacqui Tung (3 days) Chantal Cahir (2 days)
Grade 2/3/4: Meg Hannah
Grade 5/6: Nathan Dunston

Ross Creek: Nathan Harris Campus Head
Foundation: Wendy Hines
Grade 1/2: Jamie Dwyer
Grade 1/2: Trish Weickhardt
Grade 3: Emily Wood
Grade 4/5: Sam Williams (3 days) Lauren McConchie (2 days)
Grade 4/5: Leigh Snibson
Grade 6: Grant Bell

Specialist Teachers

Japanese: Keryn Rhodes (4 days)
Arts: Lauren McConchie (2 days in the classroom/ 2 days specialist teacher) and Gay Pearse (3 days)
Physical Education: Cynna Kydd and Nathan Harris

We would also like to wish Mr Simon Edge all the best. Simon will be moving back to his local town for family reasons. On behalf of Woody, we thank you for your work during 2020, the staff and students from Scarsdale and Woody will miss you.

2020 GRADUATION: TUESDAY DECEMBER 15TH

Up until last week schools weren't able to run Grade 6 Graduation like previous years, due to the restrictions. Late last week there were some announcements that now allow us to make some slight changes to what we had planned. Graduations take a lot of planning and organising and although there have been some changes that allow parents to attend the Graduation, it is still not 100% normal, like previous years. Some of the key parameters we need to work with are:

- Graduation ceremonies, assemblies and other school gatherings on school sites involving EXTERNAL guests (like parents) are subject to gathering limits (including students, staff, and visitors) of 150 indoors or 300 outdoors, density quotient of one per 4m squared applicable to adults.

As stated above there are gathering limits for both indoors and outdoors. This will most likely not be a problem for our 3 smaller campuses, but is for Ross Creek. Due to the gathering limits, we are not able to hold the Graduation as a whole school event, but rather at a campus level.

Below I have outlined how the night will run this year;

- Each campus will hold their own Grade 6 Graduation on the same night
- Students will have a meal together at their campus
- Graduation ceremonies will be inside at each campus
- Each campus need to adhere to the gathering limits, this will mean that Ross Creek Graduation students can only have 2 adults attend in person (no siblings)
- Adults are allowed to film their children speeches and take a photo of their own children, to ensure other family members can view at a later date
- Graduation ceremonies will be a blended approach, meaning some parts of the night will be live, some pre-recorded.
- On the night students will read their speeches live, the rest will be pre-recorded.

2021 PARENT PAYMENTS

Finally, this week our 2021 parent payment documents will be sent home with each student, in every year level. As we have already communicated in previous newsletters this year, the parent payment documents this year are very transparent and try to capture a whole years costs for parents. Each year level have different amounts, due to the different resources and experiences that happen in each year level. These changes are required by all schools, which we think is a good thing, as it outlines to parents up front, what the school year will cost and also allows teachers to plan their activities and learning experiences, based on the figures communicated to parents.

Payment plans are always welcomed, please read through the document, as it outlines everything you need to know. Any questions, please don't hesitate to make contact to discuss.

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