



Woody Yaloak Primary School

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS

Friday 14th November

Friday 5th December
Christmas themed

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Family Portraits

Due: Friday 14th November

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday 14th November
2.30 pm

COLOUR RUN/WALKATHON

Thursday 20th November

STUDENT FREE DAY

(Report Writing)

Friday 21st November

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 9th December

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday 11th December

MOVIE DAY & PFA LUNCH

Friday 12th December

SENIOR BIKE RIDE

Wednesday 17th December

LAST DAY TERM 4

Friday 19th December



WYPS Ross Creek 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 throughout Victoria.



CAMPUS UPDATES

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4!

Teachers are busy assessing student learning and our students are doing a wonderful job demonstrating all they have achieved. As we look ahead to the remainder of the term, there are many exciting events to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to stay up to date with everything that is happening. Our Ross Creek campus is especially excited for this Friday's events. We have a casual clothes day followed by our Grandparents' and Special People Afternoon beginning at 2:30 pm. We can't wait to see and welcome our special visitors.

Last week also marked a smooth transition to Compass for all our communication. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support as we move to one streamlined platform - your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

Just a reminder we are in the process of sorting students into classes where there is a composite grade classroom. If there are significant considerations we need to be aware of when allocating your child to a class, please make sure they have been made known to me in writing by **Friday 14th November**. My email is christopher.jerram@education.vic.gov.au

It is also not our intention to provide parents/carers with the opportunity to select a teacher of choice. We have a very strong teaching team and parents/carers can be confident the needs of their child will be met by any member of our team. Any requests for a particular teacher will usually not be taken into consideration.

CAMPUS TEACHING STRUCTURE 2026

Our school leadership team has been working extremely hard on the teaching structures for 2026. This is a process that takes a lot of time and planning as we are a four campus school. It is important to know that when we make one change across the school it is very likely that the next domino effect happens. Please find below the Ross Creek class/campus structure for 2026.

Campus Head - Mrs Jamie Dwyer

Classroom Teachers:

Foundations - Miss Kyla Palmer

1/2 - Mrs Leisa Stewart and Mrs Wendy Hines (Three days per week and two days per week)

1/2 - Ms Catherine Ford and Mrs Emma Elshaug (Working 2.5 days per week swapping on a Wednesday)

3/4 - Miss Lauren McConchie

3/4 - Miss Belle Reid

5/6 - Mr Matt Lowe

5/6 - Miss Audrey Griffiths

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Specialist Teachers:

Science/Arts/PE - Mrs Julie McBride (Four days per week)

PE - Mrs Jenna Wheeler (One day per week)

LOTE - Mrs Keryn Rhodes

As you can see we have a number of staff changes at Ross Creek for next year. We welcome Mrs Dwyer (Current Snake Valley Campus Head) and Ms Ford who is coming from the Snake Valley campus, Mr Lowe who is from the Scarsdale campus, Mrs Mac from the Smythesdale campus and Mrs Wheeler who is returning from maternity leave.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Shel Griffith, who after four wonderful years in our foundation room, will be moving to our Snake Valley campus. To Mrs Clare Ryan, after two years at our campus/school is spending time on family commitments and exploring new opportunities. We would like to thank her for all that she has done and best of luck for the future. Finally, myself, I will be moving to the Scarsdale Campus to be the Campus Head there to continue working on my leadership role.

It is extremely important to note that Woody Yaloak is one school 'Achieving Together' and whichever campus our staff are at, we are one cohort striving to achieve the same goals and to provide an inclusive and rich environment for all students.

The Educational Support team will be announced in the coming weeks.

BUS TRAVEL - 2026

This week all current users will take home their 2026 bus application forms.



If you plan to use this service in 2026 and have not received a form, they can be obtained from the office. Eligible students who require bus travel for 2026 need to return completed forms by Friday 28th November. We will then be able to create a bus roll and notify you if a place is available with details of pick up times.

Please see Robyn if you require a form or if you have any questions about your child's eligibility. The criteria for students to be able to access free bus transport is guided by PTV (Public Transport Victoria) and the bus service is provided by Christain's Buses.

LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property tub (located in the sick bay) has a large number of items in it. If your child has lost an item of school clothing, please check lost property. Items left at the end of the school year will be removed.

2ND HAND CLOTHING—FREE

We have an overabundance of 2nd hand school uniforms to use as spare clothing for students whilst at school. A table will be set up in the foyer near the office on Wednesday (tomorrow) and clothing will be available for anyone wishing to take some home (at no cost). Please note most items have students names on them which will need to be removed and replaced with your child's name. Woody jumpers, polo shirts, shorts and school dresses in a variety of sizes are available.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

This morning our student leaders led a Remembrance Day service. Students reflected on the importance of Remembrance Day and paid their respects during the service. A range of items from the RSL Poppy Appeal will continue to be available from the front office until the end of the week.

On behalf of our entire community, we would like to reflect on this special day and pause to honour those that have represented our country at war during times of conflict. We will pause to remember the significance of their sacrifices and continue to educate ourselves and our students of the role many men and women have dedicated their lives towards. LEST WE FORGET



CAMPUS CAPTAINS

We are in the process of selecting our 2026 campus captains. Interested students should prepare their application letters and develop their speeches to present to their peers in the coming weeks. All Grade 5 students are invited to apply for the roles. Applications are due on **Thursday 20th November**. Our current captains will also be involved in the selection process and interviews that will take place on Monday 24th of November. If your child has any questions, please ask them to speak to Miss Palmer, Miss Griff or myself.

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

On Friday the 14th we will be having our annual grandparents afternoon! This begins at 2:30pm and runs until the end of the day at 3:30pm. Grandparents/special others will be invited to each classroom to try different activities with their grandchildren.



If you have multiple grandchildren in the school, please collect the youngest from their room first, then collect the rest in order from youngest to oldest. There will be lots to see and do! This will also be a casual clothes day! We hope to see you there.

2025 COLOUR RUN / WALKATHON

Less than 2 weeks now until our Monty's Colour Fun Run and we need everyone to get on board! Now is the time to jump online and create your profile page if you haven't already! Share your profile page to family and friends to receive any last-minute donations. Don't forget that everyone who raises \$20 or more will have a chance to slime a teacher. You have to be in it to win it! Remember to bring a white shirt and wear enclosed shoes for the event as you will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder!

We can't wait to get colourful!

**CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER**

Just a reminder that Friday 21st November will be an Assessment and Reporting Day where students ARE NOT required at school. Staff will be focused on improving their assessment practices and OSHClub WILL NOT be running.

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTO FUNDRAISER**

Just a reminder the expression of interest form for the christmas photoshoot is due back this Friday the 14th November. If you need a form or have any questions, please see Robyn in the office.

MOVIE DAY ROSS CREEK/P&F LUNCH

Our annual movie day for the Ross Creek campus will be held on Friday December the 12th at Showbiz Cinemas Delacombe. Permission forms will be sent out via compass very soon. Also for lunch this day, our wonderful P&F team will be cooking up a BBQ for lunch, free of charge for all students. Order forms have been sent home. Please get them back ASAP for catering purposes.

STUDENT FUNDRAISING

Zooper Doopers will be sold by our student leaders every Tuesday and Thursday for 50 cents each for the remainder of the school year. Funds raised through this program will support other school based activities.

Donations of zooper doopers are very much appreciated.

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS- TERM 4**

Our final casual clothes day for this term will be held on the following date:

Friday 14th November

Friday 5th December - Christmas Attire

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on these days and bring in a gold coin donation.

Casual Clothes Day

2025 CALENDAR



NOVEMBER

Friday 14th Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm
 Casual Clothes Day
 Monday 17th - School Council
 Thursday 20th - Colour Run/Walkathon
Friday 21st - Curriculum Day: Report Writing
 Monday 24th - Assembly @ 2:50pm
 2026 Campus Captain Interviews
 Thursday 27th - 2026 Foundation Transition morning
 Friday 28th - Phoenix Band 12:15—1:00 pm

DECEMBER

Wednesday 3rd - Wellbeing Wednesday
 Friday 5th - Casual Clothes Day –Christmas attire
 Monday 8th - Christmas Cooking Day
 Tuesday 9th - Statewide transition day
 Wednesday 10th Ross Creek Awards Assembly @2:30pm
 Thursday 11th - Year 6 Graduation
 Friday 12th - Movie Day & PFA lunch
 Wednesday 17th - Senior bike ride
 Thursday 18th - Reports sent home
 Friday 19th - Final day of year- 1:30pm finish



Chris Jerram
Ross Creek Campus Head



DONATIONS PLEASE - ZOOPEP DOOPERS

CAPTAIN'S CHAT



Ella



Stella



Kira



Lucas

Last week we did a responsible pet ownership program. A lady came and talked to us about being a responsible pet owner and all the responsibilities that come with getting a pet. There were also 10 lucky people from each class that got to pat the dog. This week on Friday we have grandparents day where your grandparents or special others come and do some activities in different classrooms. Some activities are: biscuits and books, interview questions, photobooth, 60 second challenge, nail gems and hand massages, make a bracelet and board games.

From Ella R



Woody Yaloak
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Ross Creek PFA Christmas Family Photo Fundraiser

Saturday 6th of December

This fundraiser gives families an affordable Christmas keepsake while raising funds for Woody Yaloak Primary School.

OVERVIEW

Cost per Family: \$20 (school keeps 100%)

Included: one framed 8x10" lustre print (chosen by family)

Optional Extras: Digital or print add-ons available from photographer

Photo Session: 10 mins per family with festive backdrop

Delivery – Prints delivered to school; add-ons handled directly

ADD – ON PACKAGES

Digital Packages

\$50 – 3 digital images

\$100 – 6 digital images

\$150 – all images

Print Add-Ons

\$25 – extra 8x10" (unframed)

\$40 – 2 x 6x4" + 2 x 5x7" prints

15% of add on package sales will be donated to the school.
Bonus: each family gets a \$20 voucher toward a studio mini session



BOOK SALE!
SCARSDALE PUBLIC HALL
23 SCARSDALE-PITFIELD ROAD

Sat 29th Nov,
 10:00am - 1:00pm

One Day Only!
 Don't miss out!

\$3 books Plus Rare & Unique
 Books can be dropped off to us
 during these sales as usual.

BOOK BUNCE

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 January 2026

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 Camp #36 & Camp OUT:
 12-16 Jan
 Camp #37: 19-23 Jan