



# Woody Yaloak Primary School ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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### 2025 Term Dates

- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday 11th December

### MOVIE DAY & PFA LUNCH

Friday 12th Decemeber

### SENIOR BIKE RIDE

Wednesday 17th December

### LAST DAY TERM 4

Friday 19th December



### LAST LUNCH

### ORDERS AND

### ZOOPER DOOPERS

### THIS THURSDAY

December 11th



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.



# WOADY KIDS OF THE MONTH NOVEMBER 2025



### Maya Z - 34R

I feel honoured to have taught Maya this year. Maya is an incredible student and person. She genuinely cares about others around her and tries hard to see things from other perspectives. Throughout the year, Maya has been resilient through social and academic challenges where she has needed to persevere and rise above. She has met those challenges with a smile and learned how to improve. Whether it be in her friendships or in her writing, Maya consistently tries to be better than the day before. Above all, Maya is a bright light in our classroom. I have loved chatting with her, hearing her anecdotes, learning some Iranian phrases or simply hearing her giggle. Maya's strong friendships are testaments to her caring and kind-hearted nature. Maya's good mood is infectious and even when she's being cheeky, sometimes you can't help but laugh along with her. Thanks for a wonderful year, Maya. You deserve the recognition!

*Congratulations!*



### Mia F - 34M

Mia is a quiet achiever who consistently puts in her best effort and shows a strong growth mindset towards her learning. She takes on feedback thoughtfully and uses it to improve her work. Throughout the year Mia has stepped outside her comfort zone, most notably by attending camp, which she thoroughly enjoyed! She has gradually come out of her shell, showing increased confidence in herself. She is always fun to be around when her crazier side comes out! Mia is also kind, helpful, and supportive to her peers, making her a valued and positive member of our classroom and the Ross Creek Campus. Well done on capping off a brilliant year by receiving this award, Mia. It is well and truly deserved.

*Congratulations!*

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"



The time has come for our final newsletter of the year. This year has definitely flown by! The 2025 year has brought the staff, students and families of Ross Creek lots of fun activities including camps, PLC excursions, campus activity days, the swimming program, a trip to the movies, P&F activities and many more. It has been a significant and memorable year for the Ross Creek community and, most importantly, for each of your wonderful children. They are the heart of everything we do.

Not only have we witnessed their physical growth, but we've also seen them flourish as learners and as remarkable individuals, making meaningful contributions to our school community. I've loved seeing their amazing work, listening to their stories, and celebrating their achievements alongside proud parents and teachers.

A huge congratulations to all students, families, and staff for an incredible year! Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



### **FAREWELL TO THE ROSS CREEK COMMUNITY**

2026 brings a move of campus for me to Scarsdale. As I look forward to the many new adventures that this move will entail, I also reflect on my time at Ross Creek and I have thoroughly enjoyed every moment working with such great teachers, students and families. It has been wonderful to watch the students grow the last two years, build positive and happy relationships with them as well as the families. I can't thank the community enough for all the hard work, dedication and commitment in making our campus such a great place to learn and work. I look forward to coming back to visit in 2026 and enjoying a long chat with everyone on my returns. Thank you once again to the staff, students and families for your ongoing support throughout my time at Ross Creek. Thursday the 18th will be my last day so I will do my very best to get around to everyone and do my farewells.

### **ROSS CREEK CAMPUS PRESENTATION AFTERNOON**

A friendly reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday 10th December all students and families are invited to attend the Ross Creek Campus Presentation afternoon. This will commence at 2.30 p.m. This is a time where we will recognise student achievements, make presentations and reflect on the year we have all experienced. We will also announce our school captains for 2026. This will take place in the hall of the Ross Creek campus and all family and community members are invited to attend.

### **STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY**

The statewide transition day was held today. All students at our campus worked with their 2026 classmates and teachers. 2026 Foundation students returned for their second transition experience and our 2025 Grade 6 students went to experience a day at their government secondary college. Parents new to our school were invited to an information session. Teachers spent a great deal of time allocating students to their classes to best enhance their learning opportunities.

### **SENIOR BIKE RIDE**

The Senior Bike Ride is happening on **Wednesday 17th December**. All attending students will leave from the Scarsdale campus and ride to Smythesdale then onto Haddon and back via the rail trail. Students will stop and have a BBQ lunch at Smythesdale on their way back to Scarsdale at a small cost. Any students who are not able to ride from Scarsdale to Haddon are welcome to stop at Smythesdale and help organise the lunch. Students will be dropped off and picked up from Scarsdale. Drop off time is 8:45am and pick up time is from 2:00pm. Families must arrange for transport for their children and their bikes. We are looking for some volunteers to ride along with groups of students on the day. If you are willing and have a current Working With Children Check please contact your classroom teacher. Your support is greatly appreciated!





### **THANK YOU!**

Firstly, to our students who have worked extremely well this year, as a staff we have loved watching you learn, grow, develop skills and smile. It is the students and their individual personalities who make teaching enjoyable. We congratulate each of you on your academic and social development and growth.

To our **graduating year six students** – Ella, Lucas, Kira, Stella, Pippa, Skylar, Jaxon, Xavier, Xavier, Ryan, Addy, Emily, Gabriella, Leo, Hayden, Elita, Thomas, Renee, Max, Sapphire, Mahlee, Sophie and Milla. We hope you have many wonderful memories of your time at Woody Yaloak P.S. and use your learning and the values and experiences to support you in secondary school and in the future. Best wishes for Thursday night at your graduation ceremony!



Thank you to our **dedicated staff** – Shel Griffith, Clare Ryan, Emma Elshaug, Leisa Stewart, Wendy Hines, Lauren McConchie, Belle Reid, Kyla Palmer, Audrey Griffiths, Amber Fitzpatrick, Keryn Rhodes, Jess Zadeh, Emma Ashmore, Sally Teveras, Bessie Thompson, Danielle Jones and Cass Turner- who have worked hard to make the Ross Creek campus a great learning community. It is such a supportive staff and Woody is extremely lucky to have you all.

A special thank you to **Robyn**, our hardworking office admin, whose friendly face greets our parents, carers and visitors. The work undertaken by Robyn helps to make our campus run so smoothly.

Thank you to the members of our **Parents and Friends**, Lauren, Mel, Sally, Chloe, Tess, Tegan, Beck, Lauren, Sharon and Brooke who attended meetings, helped out, offered ideas and feedback, and supported school events. Our school community values your input and focus on helping our students have the best school experience.

Thank you to our **school leadership team** Mr Corey Pohlner (Principal), Mr Eamon Johnson (Assistant Principal), Mr Stephen Cox (Assistant Principal), Mrs Jamie Dwyer (Snake Valley Campus Head), Miss Stephanie Sanders (Smythesdale Campus Head) and Mrs Jaqcui Tung (Scarsdale Campus Head) who offer wonderful support, guidance and suggestions. Your leadership and support allows us to create a comprehensive learning environment that is safe and student centred.



**JUNIOR SCHOOL OUR WORLD INCURSION**

On Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> the junior class spent the day at Snake Valley for the 'Our World' incursion. This day was to support our Humanities lessons where students had been learning about different countries and cultures. We jumped on the bus early, arriving at Snake Valley before 10am. Once all the students from different campuses arrived we split into five groups, and students attended four engaging sessions with craft and dancing, learning about: Türkiye, Scotland, France, Mexico and Ghana. As well as a yummy lunch and snacks, the children got to mix with students from the other campuses. The bus got us back to Scarsdale at about 3pm in time for a chill out and to get ready for home time.



**ROSS CREEK CHRISTMAS COOKING/ SURPRISE VISITOR**



**END OF YEAR FINAL DAY**

Our last day of the school year will be Friday 19th December, with students finishing at 1:30pm. We will do a guard of honour for our departing grade 6 students in front of the senior rooms just before the dismissal bell.

**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

The Grade 6 graduation will take place on Thursday, December 11th. On the day, students will be transported to a restaurant in Ballarat for a celebratory lunch marking their time at Woody. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable but appropriate attire for the occasion.

The graduation evening will then be held at the Woody Recreation Hall and will be attended by Grade 6 students and their families. The event will feature farewell speeches from the students as well as the always-popular Foundation–Grade 6 photo slideshow. The evening will begin at 6:00pm. Students are asked to dress smartly for the event. If you have any questions, please contact your senior class teacher.

**STUDENT REPORTS**

Student reports will be sent home on THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December. A digital copy will be available via the Compass app. Parents/carers are welcome to print a hard copy if needed. Individual student comments will no longer appear in the report. Instead, students will complete a written reflection, which will be sent home in an envelope on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Season's Greetings



# 2025 CALENDAR



## DECEMBER

Wednesday 10th	Ross Creek Awards Assembly @2:30pm
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Year 6 Graduation
Friday 12th -	Movie Day & PFA lunch
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> -	Senior bike ride
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> -	Reports sent home
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> -	Final day of year- 1:30pm finish



*Chris Jerram*  
**Ross Creek Campus Head**



## CAPTAIN'S CHAT



**Ella**



**Stella**



**Kira**



**Lucas**

For the final time.

Hello everyone, this week is a big week. We've had Christmas cooking where we made snowmen, cup cakes, sugar cookies, bauble and reindeer food. Later on in the week we have movie day, the big assembly and at the big assembly the 2026 Campus Captains will be announced, Transition Day, Graduation and the Senior bike ride. We hope everyone has a great rest of the year, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank the Ross Creek community for a wonderful 2025.

***Ella, Stella, Kira and Lucas***