



Woady Yaloak Primary School SCARSDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

- 28th Jan - 4th Apr
- 22nd Apr - 4th July
- 21st July - 19th Sep
- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

For Your Diary 2025

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 10th

- EOY Movie Day
- P&F Domino Pizza Lunch

THURSDAY 11th

- Year 6 Graduation

WEDNESDAY 17th

- Senior Bike Ride

THURSDAY 18th

- Reports Sent Home
- Campus Pizza Day

FRIDAY 19th

- Final Day of the Year
- 1.30pm Finish

JANUARY 2026

WEDNESDAY 28th

- Year 1 - 6 First Day Back

THURSDAY 29th

- Foundations First Day Back

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE:

DECEMBER 2025

Due THURSDAY 11th

- Scarsdale Pizza order form and payment **DUE**

Due FRIDAY 12th

- Christmas party money **DUE \$5.00 per student or \$10.00 per family.**

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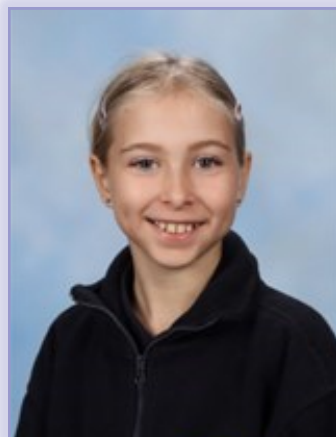
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WYPS Scarsdale Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawarrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging. We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.

WOADY KID OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER 2025



Kira D - 356

Throughout the year, Kira has gone from strength to strength. She proudly demonstrates our school value of Respect through her kind and thoughtful interactions with staff, students, and visitors. Kira shows great care for our school environment and always looks after shared resources. Her strong sense of responsibility shines as she models positive behaviour for younger students and encourages others to make good choices. In her learning, Kira always strives for excellence and takes pride in showing what she knows, while also supporting and motivating those around her. Kira's confidence has grown beautifully this year, and as she steps into Grade 6, she does so as a strong and inspiring role model for the students at Woady.

Congratulations!

The time has come for our final Scarsdale newsletter of the year. This year has definitely flown by! The 2025 year has brought the staff, students and families of Scarsdale lots of fun activities including camps, wheels day, PLC excursions, campus activity days, the swimming program, and a trip to the movies. It has been a significant and memorable year for the Scarsdale community and, most importantly, for each of our 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!



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

FAREWELL TO THE SCARSDALE COMMUNITY

2026 brings a move of campus for me to Snake Valley. As I look forward to the many new adventures that this move will entail, I also reflect on my time at Scarsdale. I have thoroughly enjoyed working as part of this wonderful little community, getting to meet all of the families from within the campus and watching all of our students grow. Being part of the Scarsdale community for the past 6 and a half years has been an absolute privilege. I am so proud of the way our students embrace challenges and approach every opportunity with enthusiasm and excitement. I look forward to coming back to visit in 2026 and enjoying a long chat with everyone on my returns. Thank you to the staff, students and families for your ongoing support throughout my time at Scarsdale.

**PRESENTATION AFTERNOON**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our presentation afternoon last Thursday. It was a fantastic celebration of our students' remarkable achievements over the past twelve months.

The event was also a special opportunity to honour our Grade Six students, many of whom have been with us since their foundation years. We wish our 2025 Year 6 students Emma, Poppy, Zac, Meara, Jordan, Lochie, Delilah, Levi, Isla, Harvey, Lillian and Lachie the best of luck at High School in 2026.



Congratulations to our incoming captains for 2026: Xavier, Jensen and Chase. We are confident you will do an outstanding job leading our students in the year ahead!

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

The statewide transition day was held today. All students at our Scarsdale 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.

JUNIOR SCHOOL OUR WORLD INCURSION

On Monday December 1st 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.



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** – Poppy, Isla, Emma, Meara, Jordan, Lillian, Delilah, Levi, Lachie R, Lochie H, Harvey and Zac. 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** – Meg Georgiou, Chris Martin, Lily Dwyer, Sarah Berriman, Matt Lowe, Richelle Wren, Jane Carter, Sue Butson, Chantal Cahir- who have worked hard to make the Scarsdale campus a great learning community. It is such a supportive staff to be a part of and your ability to be resilient throughout the constant disruptions shows your dedication, passion and commitment.

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

Thank you to the members of our **Parents and Friends** who attend 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), 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.

Thank you to our **campus cleaner (Andrew)** for tidying our campus each night and being a part of our team.

END OF YEAR FINAL DAY

Our last day of the school year will be Friday 19th December, with students finishing at 1:30pm. This is always one of the most exciting days on our calendar, and we can't wait to celebrate the end of another fantastic year together! We will finish off the year with a campus water fight. Any students who would like to be involved in our water fight are able to bring in a container to use as part of the fun. Students may also like to bring in a towel and change of clothes to get in to after we have finished. This is not a compulsory activity.

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.



FROM THE CLASSROOM - 2025 REVIEW

FROM THE JUNIOR CLASSROOM

It's been a big and eventful 2025 in the junior class this year! Some students have just begun their schooling adventure, and others have continued their journey. There are lots of advantages to going to a small school like Woody Yalock. There is a great sense of community spirit where everyone knows each other and the senior kids can support the younger ones. We can also combine with other campuses for larger whole school events. The class have named some of their favourite events for the year as: Grade 2 sleepover, Wellbeing Wednesdays, Wheels day, trip to Sovereign Hill, Sports days, Colour run, swimming lessons, assemblies, Fun Friday, Art Show, school disco, 100th day of school, specialist lessons, spending time with and making new friends, getting new iPads to help with learning, walk to school day, tie dyeing, Japanese day, Tuesday 'Buddies'. It's a great list of activities and gives us lots to look forward to next year. This year we still have: Transition Day, movie and pizza day and Christmas celebrations to be excited for.

FROM THE MIDDLE CLASSROOM

What an incredible year it has been in the Middle Classroom! Our students have thrown themselves into every adventure, challenge and learning opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and teamwork. I'm very grateful for the opportunity to teach this wonderful crew. I'll certainly have mixed emotions next week but I'm sure our little legends will thrive in their new environments.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was our unforgettable camp to Cave Hill Creek, where students pushed themselves, connected with their students from other campuses and created memories that will last well beyond primary school. Our excursion to Scienceworks sparked endless questions and wow moments as we explored the wonders of science, space and technology together.

The students were also fantastic participants in our swimming program, building water confidence and resilience, and they showed incredible energy (and colour!) during our vibrant Colour Run. Of course, Fun Friday afternoons and the much-loved icy poles throughout the week added plenty of excitement to our routine, reminding us all that learning and joy go hand in hand.

Academically, the Middles have grown so much this year. Our investigation into Space Exploration had the class captivated, and learning about Viking life opened their eyes to the challenges and creativity of ancient cultures. Recently, our novel study exploring adventures around Australia has sparked genuine interest in the incredible places and stories found right here in our own backyard.

With so many fun and engaging activities to end the year, I'm sure the kids will create many more memories to end the year on a high. I wish everyone the very best as they head into the festive season and thank those who have welcomed me into the Woody community.

FROM THE SENIOR CLASSROOM

First off I would like to thank everyone who is part of the Woody Yalock Scarsdale campus community for making me feel so welcome this year. I have loved every minute of my time here and I am happy to be staying on next year in the Junior room and meeting the newest members of our community. It has been a jam-packed year with lots of learning and special events. I have seen your children grow both academically and physically, in fact for a time there I was worried I wouldn't be the tallest in the room anymore! The work the class has produced this year has been exceptional and they should all be very proud of their accomplishments.

Next Thursday is going to be an extremely emotional time for all of us, especially our departing year 6 students. They have been working hard this week to finish off their graduation speeches and it has been wonderful to have them reflect on their years at Woody. Over the next two weeks we have many more special events and opportunities to build memories, including movie day, senior bike ride, transition day, pizza lunch, and craft afternoons.

I wish everyone the best for the holiday season and new year.

STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home on **THURSDAY 18th 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 18th.



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.

2025 EOY PHOTOS



2025 CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 10th - End of Year Movies at Showbiz DTC
- Dominio's P&F Free Pizza Lunch
- Thursday 11th - Year 6 Graduation
- Wednesday 17th - Senior Bike Ride
- Thursday 18th - Reports sent home
- Scarsdale Campus Pizza Lunch
- Friday 19th - **Final day of year - 1:30pm finish**

Jacqui Tung

Scarsdale Campus Head




End of year Celebration Day


On **Friday the 19th December** we will be having our Kris Kringle gift exchange and class parties.

This year each child is asked to bring along one \$5 Kris Kringle gift which will be selected through a lucky dip on the day.

Class parties will include lunch. The cost for individual students is \$5 or \$10 per family required by **Friday the 12th December**. Staff will be purchasing the food to meet the dietary needs of students.



SCARSDALE END OF YEAR CELEBRATION WEEK



Monday 15th December– Christmas Crafternoon.
Tuesday 16th December– Christmas Crafternoon.
Wednesday 17th December– Senior Bike Ride
 Middles and Juniors: Biscuit decorating, tree decorating, Christmas crafternoon
Thursday 18th December– Scarsdale pizza lunch, Christmas movies, Christmas crafternoon
Friday 19th December– Campus Disco, Casual Clothes, Class parties and Kris Kringle. Please bring morning tea and fruit. Lunch will be provided as part of the class parties.
 Water fight for end of year
FINISH SCHOOL AT 1:30PM

Please note:
 Students wanting to be involved in the campus water fight to end the year will need to bring in a container to use and spare clothes to change in to. This is NOT a compulsory event.



Christmas Party

SCARSDALE CAMPUS CLASS PARTIES

COST \$5.00 Per Student, \$10 per family

DUE FRIDAY 12th December 2025



2025

let's party!

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THE GIFT THAT KICKS ALL YEAR LONG

GIVE THE GIFT OF FOOTY FUN

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COMMUNITY AUSKICK REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

AFL PLAY

BALLARAT & SURROUNDS

ALL GIRLS PROGRAMS

AFLW Player Visits as part of the AFLW Community Camp

nab AFL Auskick

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Dress stains are guaranteed at NAB AFL Auskick. An introductory program to Australian rules football, teaching skills through fun activities and mini games.

BALLARAT ALL GIRLS
TUESDAYS 4.30-5.30PM
@ Ballarat High School
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REGISTER NOW

7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Level up your skills with modified match play in weekly sessions. NAB AFL Superkick is tackle-free and great for Auskick grads and newbies.

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4-7 YEAR OLDS

Our youngest players experience footy through playful, age-appropriate activities and games, guided by supportive NAB AFL Auskick coaches. Emphasis is on basic skill development, teamwork, and building confidence, all wrapped up in an exciting day filled with smiles, laughter, new friendships and Good Clean Fun.

AFL Superkick

8-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level-up their footy experience with NAB AFL Superkick coaches. They'll participate in modified gameplay and advanced skill-building activities designed to challenge them, strengthen teamwork and leadership skills, and build lasting memories. It's a vibrant day filled with mateship, mud, and plenty of fun!

BALLARAT SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM
FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY
ALFREDTON REC RESERVE, OVAL 1
9.00AM-3.00PM

Footy gets kids off screens and running free - fresh air, muddy knees and big smiles are all part of the package

nab AFL Auskick

4-7 YEAR OLDS

Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.

AFL Superkick

7-12 YEAR OLDS

Designed for any child to give a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game. This program is played at the same location and time weekly.

WOODY YALOK & SURROUNDS AUSKICK/SUPERKICK CENTRE

LOCATION: WOODY YALOK RECREATION FACILITY, SMYTHESDALE.
DATE & TIME: THURSDAYS @ 4.00PM - 5.00PM BEGINNING 27TH FEBRUARY
4 WEEK PROGRAM - \$55
#ALL REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE \$55 VOUCHER TO GO TOWARD COMMUNITY AUSKICK/SUPERKICK#
ALL WELCOME - REGISTER USING THE QR CODES

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JONO.BOX@AFL.COM.AU

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