



# Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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### 2025 Term Dates

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Dress-Up Day  
Grandparents Day

Colour Run/Walkathon

Curriculum Day

2026 Foundation  
Transition Day

Milkshake Day

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FOR MORE DETAILS

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*WYPS Smythesdale 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 our country.*

## Woody Kid of the Month



Congratulations to Quinn for receiving the Woody Kid of the Month. Quinn consistently shows excellence in the way she is ready for learning, always striving to improve her skills, focusing during direct teaching times and being a respectful and valued member of the 2/3/4 Class.

*Congratulations!*

## Campus Report

### CAMPUS UPDATE

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 Smythesdale campus is especially excited for this Friday's events. We have the Student Leadership Dress-Up Day, "What you want to be when you grow up" followed by our Grandparents' and Special People Afternoon beginning at 2:30 pm. We can't wait to see everyone's outfits and to 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!

**"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"**

## Campus Report

### CAMPUS TEACHING STRUCTURE 2026

Our school leadership team has been working extremely hard on the campus teaching structure for 2026. This is a process that takes a lot of time and planning as we are a four-campus school. Please find below the Smythesdale campus structure for 2026.

Campus Head - Miss Steph Sanders

#### Classroom Teachers:

Foundation/1/2 - Ms Leanne James  
2/3/4 - Ms Rebekah Taylor  
4/5/6 - Mr Will Sandford

#### Specialist Teachers:

Science/LOTE - Mrs Keryn Rhodes  
PE/ART - Mrs Georgie Clarke

Business Manager - Sharon Nunn

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Julie McBride who has worked at Smythesdale in 2025 in the middle classroom for her incredible work at our campus. Mrs Mac will be moving to our Ross Creek campus in 2026 to teach Specialist subjects.

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.

### 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 **Monday 17th November**. Our current captains will also be involved in the selection process and interviews that will take place at the end of November.

If your child has any questions, please ask them to speak to Mr Sandford or myself.

### COLOUR RUN

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 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 wear a white shirt and closed-in shoes for the event as you will be covered from head to toe in coloured powder! We cant wait to get colourful!



### CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Our final casual clothes day will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

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

## Campus Report

### GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL PEOPLE AFTERNOON

On Friday the 14th of November, 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 and/or special people will be invited to each classroom to try different activities with their students. There will be lots to see and do! We hope to see you there.

### 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.

### STUDENT FUNDRAISING

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



### STUDENT LEADERS

A reminder the student leaders have organised the following fun activities for the term:

- Dress Up Day - What you want to be when you grow up (Friday 14th November)
- Milkshake Day (Friday 28th November)
- Smythesdale Wheels Day (Friday 5th December)
- Water Fun Day (Friday 19th December)

### TERM 4 DATES

#### November

- Fri 14th - Dress Up Day - What you want to be when you are older  
- Grandparents Afternoon from 2.30pm
- Mon 17th - School Council
- Thurs 20th - Colour Run/Walkathon
- Fri 21st - Curriculum Day: Report Writing
- Thurs 27th - 2026 Foundation Transition morning
- Fri 28th - Student Leader Milkshake Day

#### December

- Wed 3rd - Wellbeing Wednesday
- Fri 5th - Wheels Day
- Mon 8th - Awards Assembly
- Tues 9th - Statewide Transition Day
- Thurs 11th - Year 6 Graduation
- Wed 17th - Senior Bike Ride
- Thurs 18th - Reports sent home
- Fri 19th - Final day of year - 1:30pm finish



Stephanie Sanders  
CAMPUS HEAD

**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.

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# Cave Hill Creek Summer Camps 2026

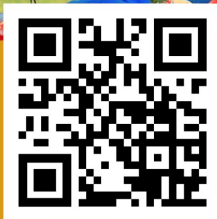
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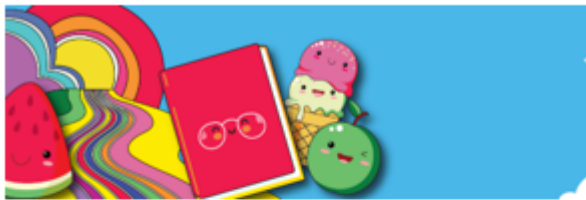


**Four great programs  
for 8-15 year olds!  
January 2026**



**Camp #35: 7-9 Jan  
Camp #36 & Camp OUT:  
12-16 Jan  
Camp #37: 19-23 Jan**





**MEDIA RELEASE**  
10 November 2025

**Big Summer Read Returns to Keep Kids Reading Over Summer**

Public Libraries Victoria (PLV) is thrilled to announce the return of the Big Summer Read, Australia’s biggest public library-supported reading challenge. Running from 1 December 2025 to 31 January 2026, the campaign encourages young readers aged 0–18 years to visit their local library and keep reading during the summer holidays.

Last summer, more than 24,000 Victorian children participated, logging thousands of books and helping to combat the “summer slide”—the loss of literacy skills that can occur when children stop reading over the holidays.

The program is free to join, and participants can log books they read, listen to, or have read to them. Families are encouraged to continue reading aloud to children and track progress through the Read Books website, earning digital badges and entering prize draws. Local libraries will also offer incentive prizes and host events to celebrate reading.

“Reading as little as six books over summer can help maintain a child’s literacy level,” said Angela Savage, PLV CEO. “The Big Summer Read makes this fun and accessible for every family.”

Now in its fifth year, the Big Summer Read has expanded beyond Victoria to include public libraries in Tasmania, Queensland, New South Wales and South Australia.

The campaign aims to:

- Engage young people in reading for pleasure
- Support literacy development
- Raise awareness of the free resources available through public libraries

To register, visit your local library or sign up online at [www.readbooks.com.au/bsr](http://www.readbooks.com.au/bsr)

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