



# 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

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.*

## Campus Report

### CAMPUS UPDATE

What a big few weeks we have had! As we approach the end of the school year, excitement is building across our campus. The final weeks are always special, filled with celebrations, reflection, and a range of fun activities for our students. Coming up, we have our Senior Bike Ride, a Movie Day, graduations, Wellbeing Wednesday, and our end-of-year presentations. These events not only help us finish the year on a high note but also bring our school community together.

### EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFFING

To ensure we have strong and consistent supports in place across our school, extensive planning goes into our Education Support (ES) staffing each year.

In 2026, Abby will be moving to the Ross Creek Campus and Anna will be joining the Snake Valley Campus. We sincerely thank Abby and Anna for their hard work, dedication and the care they have provided to our students.

Our Smythesdale Campus ES team for next year will be:

- Erin
- Tamara
- Wendy – we welcome Wendy to the team from the Snake Valley Campus

We look forward to another strong year of collaborative support for our students.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM

With the warmer weather coming along please ensure that all school uniforms are labelled, as we are finding lots of jumpers and hats with no names. This is also a timely reminder that all students need to be in full school uniform. This includes appropriate shoes i.e. runners, that can be used for P.E sessions and in the playground, and also the correct shorts/skirts that are mid thigh length (**no sports shorts including footy shorts or bike shorts**).

### CAMPUS CAPTAINS 2026



Last week our students who are trying out for 2026 campus captains presented their speeches to the campus – well done to all. Our campus then had the opportunity to vote and the interviews will take place with Mr Pohlner and Miss Sanders on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. The 2026 captains will be announced at the end of year presentation afternoon on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

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

## Campus Report

### COLOUR RUN

Last Thursday, we held our highly successful Colour Run at our Ross Creek Campus, bringing together students, staff, and many members of our community for a vibrant day filled with fun and colour! It was a fantastic example of the energy and excitement that happens when all four campuses come together. Students especially loved the colour-powder station, which created plenty of big smiles and lots of laughter.

To keep everyone fuelled, the school provided fresh fruit for morning tea, sausages in bread for lunch and zooper doopers—a big thank you to the parents who helped with preparation. The Colour Run not only encourages physical activity but also strengthens our school community spirit. It was a wonderful day, with lots of funds raised and a very memorable moment of Miss Reid being covered in green slime!

Well done to everyone involved, and a huge thank you to Mrs Hines for organising such a successful day. The sun was shining for most of the event, making it even better!



### GRANDPARENTS' AFTERNOON

Recently we celebrated our wonderful Grandparents and special people by inviting them into our campus to join in an afternoon of activities and creating memories. Thank you to all those that came in to help us celebrate and create those beautiful memories with our children.



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### GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Each Grade 6 have all received their information for their upcoming graduation. Grade 6 graduation will be held on Thursday 11th of December. Students will be having a Grade 6 special lunch in Ballarat where students may wear casual clothes and dress appropriately for a nice restaurant lunch.

The presentation evening will be held in the Woody Recreation Hall and attended by all Grade 6 students and families from each campus. The night will include presentation speeches, certificates and a Foundation - Grade 6 photo presentation. The evening will commence at 6.00 p.m. and should conclude by 8.30 p.m. Students are asked to dress nicely and will require reading a speech. Any questions please contact your senior teacher.

### WELLBEING WEDNESDAY - Wednesday 3rd December

Woody Yaloak Primary School incorporates a "Wellbeing Wednesday" each term to highlight the importance of student wellbeing and mental health. This term's Wellbeing Wednesday on Wednesday 3rd of December has the theme "Green Time NOT Screen Time" and encourages students to step away from technology and spend time outdoors. This initiative supports the school's commitment to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment. By dedicating specific days to wellbeing activities, we aim to strengthen students' social and emotional skills, build resilience, and support their overall mental health.

Wellbeing Wednesday is part of our broader approach, which includes Social and Emotional Learning and the Respectful Relationships program. Each term has a different focus, and this term we are exploring how to recognise and understand our different emotions.

### SENIOR BIKE RIDE

The Senior Bike Ride is happening again this year on **Wednesday 17th December**, consent notes are now live on Compass. 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!

### FOUNDATION TRANSITION MORNING

This Thursday (27th November) is the first transition day for our 2026 Foundation students. They will attend school from **9-11am** on this day and participate in various fun activities in the junior room with Ms James. All of the students transitioning from kinder this year, happen to have older siblings already attending Smythesdale so they are quite familiar with the environment. Even so, I know our wonderful school community will make sure our newest students feel very welcome.

### SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

On Monday 8th December all students and families are invited to attend the Smythesdale 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 middle space of the Smythesdale campus and all family and community members are invited to attend.



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### END OF YEAR MOVIES CELEBRATION

Permission notes have been sent home for our campus to head to SHOWBIZ cinemas at DTC to watch the movie, Zootopia 2, and then head back to our Smythesdale campus. The date is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The cost is \$18. This will cover the bus travel and movie. The PFA have kindly offered to provide students with a special lunch on this day.

### STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Each year, all students attending Government schools in Victoria participate in a Statewide Transition Day. These transition days are scheduled in December and are a very important part of the transition process for all students. On **Tuesday 9th December**, our students will participate in transition day activities with their 2026 teachers and classmates. The 2026 Foundation students will attend school on this day and will be picked up at 1:30pm. Grade 6 students enrolled in Government secondary schools usually attend transition days at the school they are enrolled in for Year 7.

### END OF YEAR FINAL DAY

Our last day of the school year will be Friday 19th December, with students finishing at 1:30pm.

### 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:

- Milkshake Day (Friday 28th November) - \$1 per milkshake
- Smythesdale Wheels Day (Friday 5th December)
- Water Fun Day (Friday 19th December)

### CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS- TERM 4

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

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on this day and bring in a gold coin donation. We ask that students wear clothes that will also be comfortable for participating in wheels day.

### TERM 4 DATES

#### November

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