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2025 Term Dates

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



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# Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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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



Connor is a very conscientious Foundation student who always tries his best at school, striving for excellence.

Connor is always respectful to his teachers and classmates and demonstrates a responsible approach to his learning and to playing with his friends.

This year Connor has achieved great results through determination and by always asking for help if he is unsure about his work.

Connor will be a great role model for next year's Foundation students.  
Congratulations Connor!

*Congratulations!*

## Campus Report

### LAST CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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

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

## Campus Report



### PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our presentation afternoon on Monday. 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 Izzy P, Tahlia, Melody, Brax and Jaxson the best of luck at secondary school in 2026.

Congratulations to our incoming captains for 2026: Clelia, Eben, Joel and Loom. We are confident you will do an outstanding job leading our students in the year ahead!



### 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** – Izzy P, Tahlia, Melody, Brax and Jaxson. 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** – Leanne James, Will Sandford, Julie Mac, Georgie Clarke, Keryn Rhodes, Abby, Erin, Anna and Tamara - who have worked hard to make the Smythesdale 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 **Sharon**, our hardworking office admin and business admin, whose friendly face greets our parents, carers and visitors. The work undertaken by Sharon helps to make our campus and school 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 Kim** for tidying our campus each night and being a part of our team.

### STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

The statewide transition day was held today. All students at our Smythesdale 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 secondary college.

Teachers spent a great deal of time allocating students to their classes to best enhance their learning opportunities.

### END OF YEAR MOVIE DAY

This Wednesday the Smythesdale Campus is heading to DTC Showbiz to see our end of year movie. We will leave at approximately 9.25am and arrive back at 12.20pm. We will have a special lunch when we return. A huge thank you to Jo Kay and the PFA for organising a free celebratory shop lunch for students from Rustic Edge!



## Campus Report



### WHEELS DAY

We had a wonderful Wheels Day last Friday! Students enjoyed riding, scooting, and rolling their way around in the sunshine. A big thank you to our families for supporting the event and helping to drop off all the wheels - we truly appreciate it!



### 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.

### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

When: Monday 15th December 12:00pm - 1:40pm

Competition categories:		
The Biggest Teddy Bear The Cutest Teddy Bear The Smallest Teddy Bear The Scruffiest Teddy Bear The Funniest Teddy Bear	The Most Fashionable Teddy Bear The Happiest Teddy Bear The Cheekiest Teddy Bear The Fluffiest Teddy Bear The Most Colourful Teddy Bear	The Old-Fashioned Teddy Bear The Grumpiest Teddy Bear The Best Imposter Teddy (for non-teddies)

### KRIS KRINGLE

The students are having classroom Kks again this year. All students received a special note last week that indicated who their Kris Kringle was. They have been asked to buy a surprise gift for their KK with a spending limit of \$5-\$10 (please don't exceed this amount so that all gifts are equal).

Please have the gift securely wrapped, with only the name of the student receiving the gift, on the clearly marked. Then, sneakily pop the gift under your classroom Christmas tree, no later than Monday December 15th.

We will be opening the KK gifts at our Classroom Party on Thursday Dec. 18th.



### CLASS PARTIES

When: Thursday December 18th @ 1:00pm

Also on the special note sent home last week, we have asked that students please bring a \$2 coin to school by Monday December 15th as their contribution towards purchasing party food for their class party. Teachers will purchase and prepare the party food.

let's have a party!



### 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>.

## Campus Report



### 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.

### 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. 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.

### CAMPUS CAPTAIN REFLECTION

What a fantastic year we have all had! This year we have done so many amazing things and had so many forever memorable moments. We are so proud to be part of the 2025 captains of Woody Yaloak. We have had a blast participating in all the school's activities in all the terms this year.

We did athletics day in Term 1 as well as icy poles, Japanese Day and we elected the student leaders for this year. They have done an extremely good job and have been great role models for all students.

In Term 2, we had some school improvements done, ran hot chocolates, pyjama day, wheels day, winter sports, did an Easter egg hunt and the year 5-6s went to Sovereign Hill.

In term 3 we had homelessness week, divisional athletics, weekly swimming, footy day and grade 5/6 camp.

This term we did colour fun run, Wellbeing Wednesday, icy poles, wheels day, casual clothes day and milkshake day. We are looking forward to transition day, movie day, graduation, senior bike ride and water fun day. We are so grateful that we got the captain position and we appreciate everyone who came out to attend this assembly. Best of luck to the 2026 campus captains, we hope they enjoy the role as much as we have.

### 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 fun session. Any students who would like to be involved in our water fight are able to bring in a container/ water fun item 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.

### TERM DATES

#### December

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| Wed 10th   | - Movie Day & PFA Lunch      |                 |
| Thurs 11th | - Year 6 Graduation          |                 |
| Mon 15th   | - Teddy Bears Picnic         |                 |
| Wed 17th   | - Senior Bike Ride           |                 |
| Thurs 18th | - Reports sent home          |                 |
|            | - Class party & Kris Kringle |                 |
| Fri 19th   | - Final day of year          | - 1:30pm finish |



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