



Woody Yaloak Primary School SNAKE VALLEY 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

RACV Safety
Colour Run/Walkathon
2026 Foundation
Transition Morning

See page 3
for more details



*WYPS Snake Valley 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.*

CAMPUS UPDATE

Welcome to Week 6 of Term 4!

Teachers are currently busy assessing student learning, and our students are doing a fantastic job showcasing all they've achieved this year. As we head into the final weeks of term, there are plenty of exciting events to look forward to. Please keep an eye on the newsletter to stay up to date with everything that's happening.

Our Snake Valley campus is especially looking forward to this Friday's Grandparents' and Special People Afternoon, starting at 2:30 pm.

A big thank you to Lauren J. for repairing the chicken shed last week and organising five new chickens. Students will be deciding on names for the chickens over the coming week. Our girls have started laying already. Fresh eggs will be for sale @ \$6 per dozen. This money will be used to keep up our supply of chicken food.

The students enjoyed their Hot Dog lunch on Friday and a big thanks to Lauren, Karyn & Meghan for their help.

Finally, thank you to all parents and carers for supporting our transition to Compass for all communication. We appreciate your cooperation as we move to a single, streamlined platform.

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. It is important to know that when we make one change across the school it is very likely that the next domino effects happen.

Please find below the Snake Valley class/campus structure for 2026.

Campus Head	- Mrs Jacqui Tung
Classroom Teachers:	
Foundation/1/2	- Mrs Fiona Collins & Mr Mark Byrne
Grade 2/3	- Miss Courtney Surkitt
Graded 4/5/6	- Miss Shel Griffith
Specialist Teachers:	
Science/PE/Art	- Mrs Beck Major
LOTE	- Mrs Keryn Rhodes
Administration	- Rhonda Nunn

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Campus Report

As you can see, we have a number of staff changes at Snake Valley for next year. We welcome Mrs Jacqui Tung (Current Scarsdale Campus Head) to Snake Valley for 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Kate Ford who has worked at Snake Valley Campus for the past 11 years in the junior classroom, for all her incredible work at our campus. Mrs Ford will be moving to our Ross Creek campus in 2026 to teach in a 1/2 classroom. Finally, myself, I will be moving to the Ross Creek Campus to be the Campus Head there.

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.

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.

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!

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.

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

Our final casual clothes day for the year will be held on Thursday 4th December.

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

Campus Report

November

- Fri 14th - Grandparent's afternoon from 2.30pm
- Mon 17th - School Council
- Campus Captains applications due
- RACV School visit
- Thurs 20th - Colour Run/Walkathon
- Fri 21st - Curriculum Day: Report Writing
- Mon 24th - Assembly 9.05am
- Thurs 27th - 2026 Foundation Transition morning

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

- Mon 1st - Junior class incursion @ Snake Valley
- Wed 3rd - Wellbeing Wednesday
- Thurs 4th - Free Dress- Casual for a Cause
- Fri 5th - Phoenix Band Performance
- Campus End of Year Assembly Presentation
- Mon 8th - NO Assembly
- Tues 9th - Statewide transition day
- Wed 10th - Movie 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



Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD

Captains Chat



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.

BOOK BOUNCE

Hello everyone,

This week we have a lot happening. On Tuesday we have our Remembrance Day service which our year 6 students will be running, and on Friday our students' grandparents will be coming to have a cup of tea and a biscuit for a Grandparents afternoon.

On the following Monday, we have a RACV visit.

Last Friday we had hotdogs made by the P&F, and we got new chickens!!

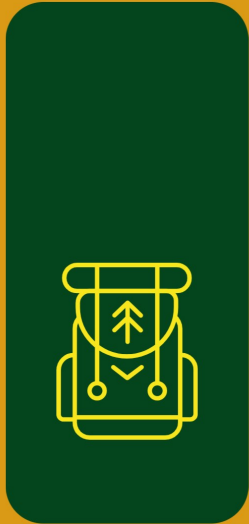
We hope you guys have an amazing week and keep smiling!

From your Captains.



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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

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