



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

2026 Foundation
Transition Morning

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for more details



WYPS Snake Valley Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung 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.



Woody Kid of the Month

Allira exemplifies the very best qualities of our school community. She consistently treats others with kindness and respect, showing empathy and understanding when working and playing with others.

Allira takes responsibility for her learning and actions, demonstrating reliability both inside and outside of the classroom. Most importantly, she goes out of her way to include others, ensuring that people feel welcome, valued and supported. Through her positive attitude and everyday choices, Allira helps create a culture of belonging at Woody.

Congratulations Allira!



Campus Report

LAST WEEKS

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. And of course, a very special visitor will be arriving on the last day! These events not only help us finish the year on a high note but also bring our school community together.

WELCOME

Yesterday we welcomed a new staff member to our middle classroom, Mrs Gayle Cutting. Gayle is a familiar face at our Snake Valley campus, with many of our students knowing her through her work as our OSHClub facilitator. She will be with us for the final four weeks of the year, supporting students not only in the middle room but across the campus through a range of programs. We're excited to have Gayle join our team for the remainder of the year.

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, Wendy will be moving to the Smythesdale Campus and Anna will be joining us here at the Snake Valley Campus. We sincerely thank Wendy for her hard work, dedication and the care she have provided to our students.

Our Snake Valley Campus ES team for next year will be: Liz, Katie and Anna.

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



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

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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 and sausages in bread for lunch—a big thank you to the parents who helped with preparation. The Colour Run not only encouraged physical activity but also strengthened 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 Heinz 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 Grandparent by inviting them into our campus to join in an afternoon of activities and creating memories. The sun was shining which allowed our students to Thank you to all those that came in to help us celebrate and create those beautiful memories with our children.



RACV VISIT

Last Monday, we welcomed Robyn from RACV to our Snake Valley Campus to deliver extremely thorough road safety lessons for all of our students. The students were highly engaged in everything Robyn presented and finished the sessions with a much stronger understanding of how to stay safe on the road. This was certainly a valuable initiative and a fantastic opportunity for our students to take part in.

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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 at the required length.

SCHOOL HATS

As communicated early last week it is a school requirement that all students need to wear their hats during recess and lunchtime, now that the UV rating is 3 and above, which is in line with our SunSmart School Policy. If your child has lost/misplaced their hat, then they will be required to play in the undercover areas until a new one is purchased. Unfortunately, we do not have these at our school office for purchase, so you will need to purchase any new hats from Beleza in Ballarat.

CAMPUS CAPTAINS

Yesterday our students who are trying out for 2026 campus captains presented their speeches to the campus – well done to all. Our Grade 2/3/4/5 students then had the opportunity to vote and the interview will take place with Mr Pohlner and Mrs Dwyer on Wednesday 26th. The 2026 captains will be announced at the end of year presentation afternoon on Friday 5th December.



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 or myself.



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, Kangaroo, and then head back to our Snake Valley campus. The date is Wednesday 10th December. The cost is \$18. This will cover the bus travel and movie.

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. Tomorrow is this term's Wellbeing Wednesday, with the theme "Green Time NOT Screen Time," encouraging 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.

SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

On Friday 5th December all students and families are invited to attend the Snake Valley Campus Presentation afternoon.

This will commence at 2.30 p.m. and conclude at 3.30 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 Snake Valley campus and all family and community members are invited to attend.



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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!

CASUAL FOR A CAUSE - Thursday 4th December

Our final Casual for a Cause day will be held on Thursday 4th December, as our Presentation Afternoon is on the Friday and we would like all students to be in full uniform for this special event. For this last Casual for a Cause, we are again asking students to donate a can for our can drive. Contributions are always greatly appreciated and help support those in need, making this a meaningful way for our students to give back as we finish the year.

END OF YEAR FINAL DAY

Our last day of the school year will be Friday 19th December, with students finishing at 1:30pm. We're also thrilled to share that a very special visitor will be arriving at 11am—and they'll be pulling up on the back of a big red truck! 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!



TERM 4 DATES

November

Thurs 27th - 2026 Foundation Transition morning

December

- Mon 1st - Junior class incursion @ Snake Valley
- Wed 3rd - Wellbeing Wednesday
- Thurs 4th - Free Dress– Casual for a Cause
- Fri 5th - 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
- CFA school visit
- Fri 19th - Final day of year- 1:30pm finish.



Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD

Captains Chat



We've had a busy last week at school, especially with our colour run on Thursday at Ross Creek. It was fun, there was lots of colour and congratulations to all the Snake Valley students for their excellent behaviour and participation.

On Thursday we will have the new foundations for 2026 visit and we very much look forward to meeting them and making them all feel welcome.

Grade 6's are also busy preparing for their graduation at the end of the term so good luck to them all with their last few weeks at primary school.

From your Captains