



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



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.



Woody Kid of the Month

Miki has been a fantastic member of our junior classroom, she always walks in with a smile and loves to have a chat.

She is a hard worker, always completing her work to the best of her ability.

Miki can be relied upon to help out in all aspects of the classroom, whether that be helping another student when they are struggling or playing with someone who needs a friend.

Miki is always respectful to staff, students and parents and displays our school values consistently. Well done Miki on a fantastic year.

Congratulations!



Campus Report

The time has come for our final Snake Valley newsletter of the year, and what a year it has been! 2025 has certainly flown by. Throughout the year, our staff, students, and families have enjoyed a fantastic range of experiences—camps, Wheels Day, PLC excursions, campus activity days, the swimming program, and soon, a special trip to the movies. It has truly been a significant and memorable year for the Snake Valley community and, most importantly, for your wonderful children. They remain at the heart of everything we do.

We've not only watched them grow taller but also witnessed their growth as learners and as kind, capable young people who contribute so positively to our school. I've loved seeing their creativity, hearing their stories, and celebrating their many achievements alongside proud families 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.

I also want to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Jacqui Tung, who will be taking on the role of Campus Head next year. Snake Valley is incredibly lucky to have her, and I know she will be warmly embraced by our school community.

And finally, thank you to the Snake Valley community for the support, kindness, and trust you've shown me over the past four years. I carry many fond memories with me and look forward to visiting next year.

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Campus Report



PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our presentation afternoon on last Friday. 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 Bon D, Willow D, Harper W, Immy C, Chevelle W, Allira M, Liam P, Xavier B, Blake BR and Amity G the best of luck at secondary school in 2026.

Congratulations to our incoming captains for 2026: Max and Levi. 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** – Harper W, Blake BR, Xavier B, Chevelle W, Allira M, Immy C, Amity G, Liam P, Willow D and Bon D. 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** – Mrs Rebecca Major, Ms Kate Ford, Miss Courtney Surkitt, Mrs Collins, Mr Byrne, Sensi Rhodes, Mrs Wendy Hines, Rhonda, Katie, Liz, Wendy and Gayle - who have worked hard to make the Snake Valley 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 **Rhonda**, our hardworking office admin, whose friendly face greets our parents, carers and visitors. The work undertaken by Rhonda helps to make our campus and school run so smoothly.

Thank you to the **parents** 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 Andrew** for tidying our campus each night and being a part of our team.



JUNIOR SCHOOL OUR WORLD INCURSION

On Monday December 1st 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. 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.

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.



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.



STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be sent home on THURSDAY 18th 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 18th.

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

The statewide transition day was held today. All students at our Snake Valley 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.

Parents new to our school were invited to an information session. 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 Snake Valley 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.

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! A special guest will be arriving at 11am!

TERM 4 DATES

December

- 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



Hi everyone,

As we reach the end of another amazing year at our campus, we just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the students, teachers and families.

We've learned so much, tried new things, and made memories we'll carry with us forever.

As your outgoing captains we are very excited for our next big adventure!

Good luck to everyone in 2016.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Merry Christmas
& a Safe & Happy New Year
from the staff at
Snake Valley Campus

