



Woody Yaloak Primary School

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

- 21st July - 19th Sept
- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

JULY

TODAY

- Parent Teacher Interviews
1.00pm - 6.00pm

AUGUST

Friday 1st

- Casual for a Cause -
"Bring a Can"

Tuesday 5th

- Parent Teacher Interviews
4.00pm - 6.00pm

Friday 8th

- Woody Disco 6.00pm -
7.30pm at Ross Creek

Monday 11th

- Swimming
- P&F Meeting 9am

Friday 15th

- Curriculum Day
- Pupil Free Day

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

- BookWeek

PERMISSION FORMS
AND
MONEY DUE:

SEPTEMBER 2025

Due WEDNESDAY 3RD

- 5/6 Roses Gap Camp
Consent, Medical Form
and Payment DUE



WYPS Ross Creek 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 KIDS OF THE MONTH

JULY 2025



Pearl K - 44R

It has been a great privilege getting to know Pearl this year. She has been so welcoming to me and extended that kindness to other new students in the class. I have been impressed by Pearl's work ethic and her dedication to focusing and improving herself. Pearl will often ask to use a quiet spot to work when she feels distracted and always seeks help when she feels stuck. Pearl should be very proud of her ability to lead others and help them achieve too. When Pearl is confident in a learning task, she shares her learning with others and uplifts them. I have loved joking around with Pearl and witnessing her dry sense of humour. She's a great friend to many and makes 3/4R brighter. I'm happy to recognise Pearl with the Woody Kid of the Month award for July. Well done, Pearl! You deserve it!

Congratulations!



Taya E - 44M

I have been lucky enough to teach Taya two years in a row, which has allowed me to see her grow personally, academically and socially. The growth that Taya has made in numeracy and spelling this year, has been super impressive. Her work ethic has gone up another notch this year and it shows through the great achievements that she has made. When Taya comes across a challenge, she always finds a way to work through it. I enjoy having a joke with Taya both in the classroom and in the yard, many of our jokes just being between the two of us! It's a delight to be your teacher, Taya! You're Woody Kid of the Month award for July is thoroughly deserved.

Congratulations!

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3 at our Ross Creek campus! It's been fantastic to see our classrooms full of energy, with students settling back into routines and ready for another great term of learning. This term is already off to a busy start! Our swimming program started yesterday and will run every Monday, helping students build confidence and important water safety skills.



Our Parent Teacher Interviews begin today, providing a valuable opportunity to connect with teachers, celebrate student progress, and discuss learning goals moving forward. We appreciate your involvement and support.

We're also looking forward to Book Week in week 5, where we'll be celebrating the love of reading across the school. A highlight will be our Book Week Dress-Up Day, where students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character—it's always a fun and colourful day! Our staff are very excited and have their costumes ready to go!

Later in the term, we'll be hosting a special Father's Day celebration to recognise and thank the dads, stepdads, grandfathers, and other important father figures in our students' lives. More details will be shared closer to the date. The P & F team are also organising another Pizza Hot Lunch Day also in week 6

We're excited for a term full of learning, connection, and community. As always, if you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make it a great term together!

ASSEMBLY

This term our assemblies are being held on our odd weeks of term, now on Tuesdays at 2:50 pm. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend—our students love having their special people there to share in their achievements!

The dates for assembly this term are;

- 5/8
- 19/8
- 02/9
- 16/9



PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews have commenced today with students being picked up at 1:00pm. Interviews are also taking place next Tuesday afternoon (4.00 - 6.00 p.m.)

The importance of good parent-teacher relationships has been well documented. Research has shown that parent involvement in education benefits not only the child but also the parents and teachers (Eldridge, 2001).



Several ways in which positive partnerships with parents and teachers can be fostered and made to work include attending parent-teacher interviews. The function of a good parent-teacher relationship is much more than just a vehicle for status reports from teacher to parents on a child's performance or behaviour. It is really a partnership providing two-way information flow from the teacher to the parents about the child's classroom achievements and persona and from the parent to the teacher about the complementary elements in the home environment. It provides the mechanism for the teacher to invite, and support, the parents' active participation in the child's education in the home environment. And it can provide the link between classroom learning activities and at-home learning activities.

In general, parents or other prime caregivers have the best firsthand knowledge of the child. We encourage all parents/carers to maintain excellent communication via face-to-face meetings, phone calls, Class Dojo messages or using Sentral as it is in the best interest of our children to ensure our students have the best support for their academic and social growth.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our annual school disco is taking place next Friday, August 8th, between 6 and 7:30. This year's location is the Ross Creek Hall. The disco is a great opportunity for students from all four campuses to come together for a fun night of singing and dancing. Lollies and drinks will be available for purchase. Students also have the chance to win prizes throughout the night. To ensure that all students are accounted for on the night, students will need to check-in prior to going into the hall and prior to leaving, students will need to inform a staff member from their own campus. More information about this will be provided on the night. We hope to see as many students there as possible.



HOMELESSNESS WEEK 3, 4TH – 10TH AUGUST

Homelessness Week from 5th to 11th August is organized in collaboration with the Central Highlands Homelessness Alliance. We will be participating in the 'Homelessness Week Fundraiser' to raise awareness about homelessness and its impact on our community.

**Homelessness
Week 2025**



To kick-start our efforts, our **first casual for a cause day will be on Friday, 1st August**. Instead of coins, we kindly ask students (and teachers) to bring in a can of food, which will be donated to local Emergency Relief programs. There will be boxes at the front office to put them in.

Throughout the following week, we'll continue collecting donations and spreading awareness. Our campus have received two books for the library that delve into the experiences of homelessness, enriching our educational efforts; Charlie's Story and Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen. These books will be shared with our students over the week.

SWIMMING UPDATE

There is certainly lots of excitement in the lead up to the session. Just some reminders for our sessions - students to wear their bathers under their uniforms in the morning; please make sure all clothing is named; bring a plastic bag for wet clothes/towel; named goggles as the chlorine causes sore eyes; extra food for lunch/snack as we have lots of hungry children.



As a reminder for those parents wishing to attend Ross Creek Foundation - Grade 2 students take part in the 45-minute lesson from 11:45am – 12:30pm. The bus will leave Ross Creek at approximately 11am and return at approximately 1:15pm, then our Grade 3-6 students swim from 1:45 - 2:30pm and return just before the end of day bell.

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL - FOUNDATIONS

On Friday 1st August, Foundation students will celebrate being '100 DAYS SMARTER'. This is to celebrate surpassing 100 days of learning at school. We will do themed activities and learn all about number '100' throughout the day, as well as dressing up as a 100-year-old! It's going to be lots of fun. Come to school as per usual. No donation required. Dressing up is encouraged! (See picture for inspiration). Let's celebrate being 100 days smarter. ☺



GRADE 5/6 ROSES GAP SCHOOL CAMP

An event reminder for the Grade 5/6 Roses Gap School Camp was sent out via Compass last week. Parents and carers are required to accept the event, with full payment due by 3rd September.

Please note that you can accept the camp invitation without making a payment at the time. School Saving Bonus Funds and CSEF can be used to cover the cost of this exciting opportunity for your child.

Medical Form:

A medical form must be completed for all students attending camp. This form is located in the Insights section of Compass. To access it via the app, go to the 'More' menu and select Insights.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact our friendly admin team — we're happy to help! Further information about the camp will be shared later this term.

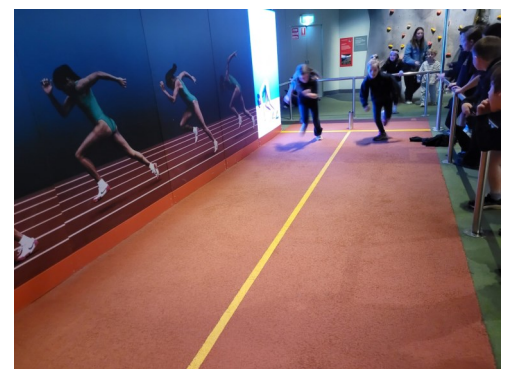


SCIENCEWORKS

At Scienceworks, there was a very trippy dome in the planetarium. There were activities with science-y games. There were rainbow seats where we sat and ate our food and science-y decorations everywhere! We got to watch 'Tycho goes to Mars' in the planetarium! Harper & Tia



On Friday, we went to Scienceworks. First we met at Smythesdale and then went on the bus for an hour and a half. When we got there, we had our snack and then explored around. You could race against Cathy Freeman, you could judge a gymnastics routine and there were drink cans that represented the solar system. After we had lunch we went to the Planetarium to watch 'Tycho Goes to Mars'. We then learnt a lot about space. It was lots of fun! Sienna & Chloe.



As a school, our role is to walk alongside our families, helping to connect you with the right services and supports when needed. Over the past term, we've shared information about workshops and services from CAFS and CatholicCare Victoria.

Please see attached pamphlet for more information or contact Jamie Dwyer at our Snake Valley Campus.

WET WEATHER

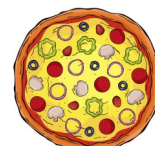
As the rainy season persists it has certainly begun to affect our outdoor playtimes. Wet conditions have led to more indoor activities to ensure safety and comfort for our students. Please ensure your child is equipped with waterproof jackets and sturdy footwear to enjoy outdoor play while staying dry. Your cooperation in labelling clothing is crucial to prevent loss. If your child comes home in a spare pair of clothes, could they be washed and returned ASAP as we are running low because of the wet conditions.

**CURRICULUM DAY**

A friendly reminder that **Friday August 15th is a pupil free day**. There is no school for students on this day.

PARENTS & FRIENDS - PIZZA LUNCH DAY

In week 6, on Friday the 29th of August, our P&F team will be running a pizza hot lunch and fruit boxes again. It got terrific feedback from our students, therefore have decided to do it again this term. Order forms will be available in week 4 but it will be run the same way as last time. Any questions please feel free to ask.



CAPTAIN'S CHAT



Ella



Stella



Kira



Lucas

Hi everyone,

Welcome back, we are in term three and this week we have started swimming every Monday. Last week the 3/4s went on an excursion to science work in Melbourne and we hope they had an amazing time.

Lucas and Stella

2025 CALENDAR

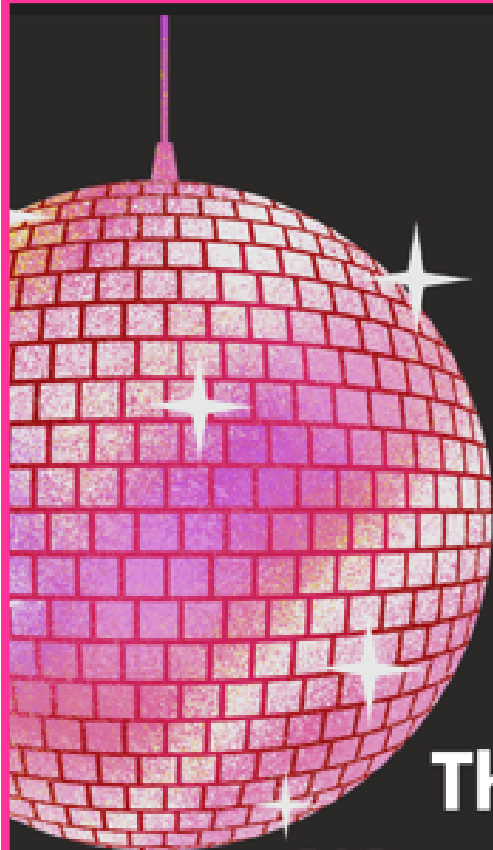
TERM 3 DATES

Tuesday 29th July	Parent Teacher Interviews—1:30 pm—6:00 pm Students dismissed @ 1:00 pm
Friday 1st August	Casual for a Cause - "Bring a Can"
Tuesday 5th August	Assembly 2:50 pm Parent Teacher Interviews— 4:00pm—6:00pm
Friday 8th August	School Disco 6:00pm - 7:30pm Ross Creek Hall
Monday 11th August	Ross Creek Swimming Day Ross Creek P&F Meeting 9.00am
Friday 15th August	Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day
Monday 18th -	
Friday 22nd August	Book Week
Monday 18th August	Swimming
Thursday 21st August	School Tour 2026
Friday 22nd August	Book Week Dress Up
Monday 25th August	Swimming
Wednesday 27th Aug	Wellbeing Wednesday
Friday 29th August	P&F Pizza Lunch
Monday 1st September	Swimming
Thursday 4th Sept	Fathers Day Stall
Friday 5th Sept	Casual for a Cause 'Dads & Doghnuts' afternoon - Fathers Day Celebration
Monday 8th Sept	Swimming
Wednesday 10th Sept	Whole School Performance at Ross Creek
Thursday 11th Sept	Grade 2 Sleepover District Sports at Llamberris
Monday 15th Sept	Swimming
Wednesday 17th to	
Friday 19th September	Grade 5/6 Camp at Roses Gap Last day of Term 3
Monday 6th October	First Day of Term 4



Chris Jerram
Ross Creek Campus Head





Woody Yaloak Primary School **DISCO**

Theme: **RAINBOW**

**Wear as many colours as
possible!**

Strictly Woody kids only

**Friday 8th August 6:00-7:30 at
the Ross Creek Campus Hall.**

\$5 Entry fee

**Canteen and raffle prizes
available**

**** No Phones Allowed ****



12TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB 2025

6th September 2025

Climbing 28 floors in 25kg of gear

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An Australian Government Initiative

Supporting parents in planning their future

Who is Parent Pathways for?

Parents and carers who:

- have a child aged under 6
- are not in paid employment
- live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider.

We can help you with:

- language or literacy programs
- support to find a child care place for your child
- financial support, for example to help with the cost of training courses or to purchase a computer.



Some examples of services on offer include:

- practical financial support
- work with a mentor to set your goals
- connect with community groups
- learn a new skill
- get a driver's licence

For more information about how Parent Pathways can assist you, please call 1300 000 175 or visit www.djerriwarrh.org.au


Djerriwarrh
Community & Education Services

Ballarat East, Maryborough, Sebastopol, Wendouree, Daylesford, Delacombe, Beaufort



Eligibility for Parent Pathways

You have a child under the age of 6 and are currently unemployed

And receiving:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit

OR:

- Are under 22 years old
- Did not complete Year 12 or obtain a Year 12 qualification
- Are a First Nations parent or carer

Visit Us

Ballarat East

Barkey Square
25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

Sebastopol

Ballarat South Community Hub
11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol

Beaufort

Beaufort Community Resource Centre & Library
72 Neill Street, Beaufort

Daylesford

Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre
13 Camp Street, Daylesford

Delacombe

Delacombe Community Hub
18 Nandirog Drive Delacombe

Maryborough

Mill House Neighbourhood Centre
88-90 Burke Street Maryborough

Maryborough

Maryborough Remote Toy Library
12-22 Nolan Street Maryborough

Wendouree

Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre
12 Holly Grove Wendouree

Call us on: 1300 000 175

Email: ParentPathways@djerriwarrh.org



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future

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Funding Support

- Education and training related costs:
 - Education course fees
 - Non-Vocational training fees
 - Work-related training fees
 - Course materials, tools etc
- Communication and technology costs:
 - Phone credit
 - Laptops
 - Phones
- Employment related costs:
 - Police, NDIS, WWC Checks
 - Licences – security, forklift, truck, taxi
 - CI Card (White Card)
 - First Aid, RSA, RSG
 - Food safety
 - Interview/Work clothing & PPE
 - Tools & equipment
 - Resume building
- Professional services out-of-pocket costs:
 - Counselling/Psychology
 - Allied health
 - Financial counselling
 - Medical expenses (e.g. dental, optical)
- Other expenses; such as:
 - Child care bond/waitlist fees
 - Driving lessons
 - Drivers licencing & car registration costs
 - Uber/Fuel vouchers for employment/studies
 - Medical expenses (e.g. dental, optical)
 - Food vouchers
 - Emergency accommodation
 - and so much more

How we can help

Parent Pathways is a gateway to improved resources and services for parents with young children. Our qualified Parent Mentors will work with you to help you connect with local community activities and programs, identify courses that will provide you with new skills and qualifications, and help you connect with family friendly employers.

Djerriwarrh's Parent Pathways program can help you with:

- Language and literacy programs
- Childcare support
- Financial assistance
- Family and domestic violence services
- Housing support services
- Education and training
- Clothing, pantry and hygiene essentials

This service is free and voluntary.

Djerriwarrh's Key Commitments for Parent Pathways

- Your child's well-being is our top priority.
- We will ensure safe and welcoming spaces for you and your children.
- You will be treated with fairness and respect.
- You will be connected with a qualified Parent Mentor.
- We will provide resources and financial support to help you reach your goals.

