



Woody Yaloak Primary School

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

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

AUGUST

Friday 15th

- Curriculum Day
- Pupil Free Day

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd

- BookWeek

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE:

AUGUST 2025

Due : WEDNESDAY 20th

- Expression of Interest—3-4 camp.

Due : FRIDAY 22nd

- Pizza Orders Due

SEPTEMBER 2025

Due WEDNESDAY 3RD

- 5/6 Roses Gap Camp Consent, Medical Form & 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.



CAMPUS UPDATE

The term is already flying by, and we have had some exciting things happen in the first three weeks of the term, such as:

- Middles Excursion to Science Works
- We had our first casual clothes day with the can drive
- The juniors celebrated 100 days of learning.
- The Woody School Disco occurred last Friday

Thank you to all families who attended Parent Teacher conferences in weeks 2 and 3. Lots of meaningful conversations were had about student learning. Both academic and social achievements were celebrated, and future goals were discussed for semester 2. Please ensure if you have any queries about your child's learning/wellbeing throughout the semester, that you make a suitable time to discuss this with their classroom teacher.

Our swimming program is well under way now and all our swimmers are doing a wonderful job at each session. It has been lovely to hear that we have had some parents attend the pool to watch lessons. We have lots more exciting events happening this term. All information about these events will be placed in newsletters, on Dojo and Compass. Lastly, there has been lots of sickness going around at our campus. Please monitor your children and inform the office if they are unwell and will be away. Sick students need to remain at home until symptoms have passed.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

This year we will be celebrating Book week from Monday 18th – Friday 22nd August. As part of our Book Week celebration, we will be holding our Book Week Dress Up Day on **Friday 22nd August**. All students and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. As part of our Dress Up Day, we will hold a parade where all students can show off their magnificent costumes. Our parade will begin at 9:15am in the hall. We invite all families and friends to come in and watch our parade. Thank you for supporting this exciting event. We look forward to seeing the students wearing their book character costumes.



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:

19th August

2nd September

16th September

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

100 DAYS OF LEARNING

The Foundation students here at Ross Creek are officially 100 days smarter! On Friday 1st of August, we celebrated 100 days of learning at school. We did maths tasks that explored the number 100, such as counting and playing 'Snakes and Ladders'. The children wrote sentences using the starter 'If I had \$100, I would...' and we also made special '100' biscuits. We are so proud of our Foundations - growing and learning more each day. Well done everyone!

**HOMELESSNESS WEEK**

Homelessness
Week 2025



Thank you to everyone who donated a can of food on our casual clothes day on Friday 1st August, which will be donated to local Emergency Relief programs. We will be continuing to take donations until the end of this week.

**ROSS CREEK WETLANDS GRANT**

In other exciting news, we have worked with the Ross Creek Community Landcare Group in applying for grants to upgrade our wetlands (located behind the portables). We were granted around \$5,000 to build more educational areas, birdhouses for viewing, path upgrades and plenty more. This will be very exciting for our campus and the kids are already excited with all the changes being made.



FATHERS AND SPECIAL OTHERS DAY

Father's Day is quickly approaching, and we will be celebrating our fathers/special others on Friday 5th September from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Our dads, carers, grandpas and special people are invited to come into the campus and take part in some activities with their children. We are all looking forward to celebrating those special people in our lives. Your child/ren will lead you around our classrooms to take part in a whole range of different activities! We look forward to seeing you all. Please enter the school grounds **from 2:30pm onwards**, not before, as students/teachers will be setting up. Thanks!

**3/4 CAMP EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

The grade 3/4 camp will be held at Cave Hill Creek from 22nd - 24th October. The estimated cost of the camp is \$350 (subject to numbers). If you would like your child/children to attend, please accept the expression of interest. If your child is not attending, please decline the event. Please submit your interest by Wednesday 20th August 2025. Cave Hill Creek Camp provides a number of opportunities and activities for the students to participate in including, low ropes courses, bush art, bush cooking, canoeing, map reading, archery and hut building.

**FATHERS DAY STALL**

We will be holding our Father's Day stall on Friday September 5th in the morning; our students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from our Father's Day stall. Gifts will \$1 - \$6.

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. We received terrific feedback from our students last time, therefore we have decided to offer it again this term. Order forms have been sent home today and are also available at the office. Please Note: *Payment must be cash only.*

**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 this Friday, August 15th, is a pupil free day. There is no school for students on this day.



WESTERN BULLDOGS FOOTY CLINIC



Bullying No Way
National week of action
11-15 August 2025



BULLYING NO WAY WEEK

This week marks Bullying No Way Week, with our students participating in a special live-stream session hosted by Kids Helpline, the largest anti-bullying lesson across Australia. This session is designed to equip students with the knowledge and strategies to prevent and respond to bullying, with expert guidance from qualified Kids Helpline counsellors.

Session Highlights:

- Understanding what bullying is (and what it isn't)
- Exploring the impact of bullying on individuals and communities
- Learning practical, in-the-moment strategies for responding to bullying
- Discovering self-care techniques and peer support ideas
- An interactive format that includes opportunities for discussion and Q&A



We're excited for our students to gain valuable tools and insights during this important week!

CAPTAIN'S CHAT



Ella



Stella



Kira



Lucas

Hi everyone,

Last week we had casual clothes day and we all brought in a can for the homeless. Mondays is school swimming, Juniors in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. We also had the footy clinic on Monday. We played some games and learnt about footy.

Ella & Kira

2025 CALENDAR

TERM 3 DATES

Friday 15th Aug

Monday 18th -
Friday 22nd August
Monday 18th August
Thursday 21st August
Friday 22nd August
Monday 25th August
Wednesday 27th Aug
Friday 29th August

Monday 1st Sept
Thursday 4th Sept

Friday 5th Sept

Monday 8th Sept
Wednesday 10th Sept
Thursday 11th Sept

Monday 15th Sept
Wednesday 17th to
Friday 19th September

Curriculum Day - Pupil Free Day

Book Week
Swimming
School Tour 2026
Book Week Dress Up
Swimming
Wellbeing Wednesday
P&F Pizza Lunch

Swimming
Fathers & Special Others Day

Casual for a Cause - Wear **GREEN**
'Dads & Doghnuts' afternoon - Fathers Day Celebration
Swimming
Whole School Performance at Ross Creek
Grade 2 Sleepover
District Sports at Llamberris
Swimming

Grade 5/6 Camp at Roses Gap
Last day of Term 3



TERM 4 DATES

Monday 6th October
Wednesday 22nd -
Friday 24th October

First Day of Term 4
3-4 Cave Hill Creek Camp

Chris Jerram
Ross Creek Campus Head



**Be Bold. Be Kind.
Speak Up.**

BULLYING NO WAY WEEK
11TH - 15TH AUGUST 2025

Preventing bullying: A guide for families

Why it matters

One in six Australian students report being bullied at school. Bullying can seriously affect a child's confidence, mental health and learning. But research shows that strong, connected families can help prevent bullying. Children are less likely to experience bullying – or to demonstrate bullying behaviour – when they feel safe, supported and know what respectful behaviour looks like.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone deliberately and repeatedly hurts or intimidates another person, often using their power to cause harm. It may be face-to-face or online and includes:

- verbal (e.g. name-calling, teasing, threats)
- physical (e.g. hitting, pushing, damaging property)
- social (e.g. excluding others, spreading rumours)
- online (e.g. hurtful messages, posting private images).

It's important to know that bullying is not just a one-off disagreement or occasional teasing. Those situations can still cause harm, but bullying is targeted, repeated, and creates a power imbalance.

Ways to strengthen family connections

- Spend time one-on-one – even 10 minutes of child-led time a day strengthens trust.
- Family time – scheduled regular shared family time is linked to better behaviour and communication.
- Listen without judging – ask open questions, and let your child express themselves fully.
- Be a role model – show kindness and respect in your own relationships, online and offline.
- Be consistent – clear routines and boundaries help children feel secure and respected.

Conversation starters

Keeping the conversation open can help your child feel safe to talk. Try:

- "Who did you spend time with today?"
- "What was something that made you smile?"
- "Was there anything that made you feel uncomfortable or upset?"

If your child is being bullied

- Stay calm and thank them – "it's really brave of you to tell me."
- Describe what's happening – "that sounds like bullying because it's happening often."
- Make a plan – keep a record, talk to the adults that can provide support, and set follow-up steps.
- Rehearse responses – help your child practice confident ways to ask for help or walk away safely.
- Keep checking in – ask how they're feeling and monitor any changes in mood or behaviour.



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If your child is demonstrating bullying behaviour

- Stay curious, not angry – “can you help me understand what’s been going on?”
- Talk about empathy – “what do you think the other person felt?”
- Set clear expectations – “in this family, we treat others with fairness and respect.”
- Guide them to repair harm – talk about apologies, making amends, or writing a note.
- Work with the school/community group – ask about positive behaviour support or mentoring programs.

Getting help

- If it happens at school or in the community – talk to your child’s teacher, principal, coach or other trusted adult.
- If it’s online – save messages, block the person, report the content and visit esafety.gov.au.
- If someone is in danger – Call 000 straight away.

Support for families

Service	What they offer	Contact
Kids Helpline	Free 24/7 counselling for children and young people aged 5–25	1800 55 1800 kidshelpline.com.au
Headspace	Mental health support for 12–25-year-olds	headspace.org.au
Parentline	Confidential support for parents and carers	Parentline in your state or territory
Raising Children Network	Trusted parenting advice, videos and tools	raisingchildren.net.au
Bullying No Way	National resource on bullying prevention	bullyingnoway.gov.au
eSafety Commissioner	Cyberbullying info and reporting platform	esafety.gov.au

Final tips

- Act early. If something feels wrong, talk to your child and involve the school or community organisation.
- Keep notes. Writing down incidents helps everyone respond clearly and quickly.
- Work as a team. A partnership approach makes a big difference.
- Take care of yourself. Supporting a child through bullying can be emotional. It’s okay to ask for help too.

Be bold. Be kind. Speak up.

Every small action at home helps create a safer and more respectful community for all young people.

