



Woody Yaloak Primary School

ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

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

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 10th

- Book Week Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek

Thursday 11th

- Grade 2 Sleepover
- District Sports @ Llanberris (selected students)

Monday 15th

- Swimming

Wed 17th - Fri 19th

- Gr 5/6 Camp at Rose Gap

Friday 19th

- Last Day of Term 3

PERMISSION FORMS AND MONEY DUE:

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 5/6 Roses Gap
- 3/4 Cave Hill Creek
- Grade 2 Sleepover



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

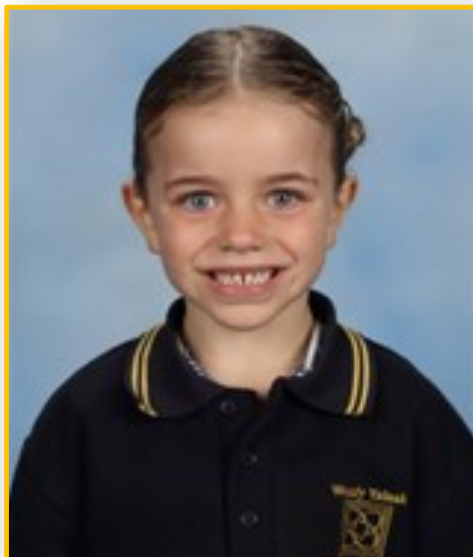
SEPTEMBER 2025



Estelle W - Foundation

I am very honoured to present the September 'Woody Kid of the Month' award to Estelle W. Stella comes into school each and every day with a huge smile, positive attitude, thirst for learning and stories to tell. She puts effort into all tasks (writing 14 sentences for example) and takes on feedback to make her work even better. If a challenge is presented, Stella will take it straight away. She is conscientious and requests homework to revise her skills at home. No job is too much to ask of Stella, and she is more than willing to help out anyone, anywhere, anytime. Her confidence has bloomed throughout the year and I have loved seeing the jokester she has turned into - always aiming to make people laugh and smile alongside her. I admire her confidence and self-assuredness - two skills that will take her far in life. Stella has the perfect balance of taking school very seriously, and having a lot of fun and laughter. She is very dependable, organised, independent, hard working and above all - KIND. You are so incredibly wonderful to teach Estelle, and I look forward to continuing to see you shine into Grade 1 and beyond!

Congratulations!



Macey E - Foundation

I am so thrilled to present the September 'Woody Kid of the Month' award to Macey E. Macey's middle name is 'determination'. She started Foundation desperate to know how to read, write and do amazing things with numbers - and here she is! Writing pages upon pages like the author she was born to be. She is a sponge for knowledge and proudly takes in everything I have to teach. Macey is an absolute role model in our classroom. She demonstrates our school values with deep understanding and confidence. If a student is unsure, upset or struggling in any way, you can count on Macey to be by their side in a second. She is a team player and truly wants the best outcomes for not only herself, but her classmates. Macey is extremely friendly, well-spoken, organised, hard-working and witty. She has an incredible brain and a can-do attitude that will take her so far in life. It has been a pleasure to see Macey come out of her shell throughout the year - she radiates confidence and is a natural born leader. You are a superstar, and I am very lucky to be your teacher. Macey. You are so ready for Grade 1 and you're going to love it!

Congratulations!

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"



END OF TERM

Next week is our final week of Term 3 and it's been a very busy term for students and staff. There have been a lot of extra-curricular activities and events. Each one takes a lot of preparation and dedication and once again the hard-working staff have shown high levels of organisation. Hopefully, all students can take some time over the holidays to rest and relax so they are recharged ready for a fantastic Term 4.

Here are some of the wonderful events we have carried out this term:

- Swimming program
- Extensive literacy and numeracy programs in and out of the classroom
- Parent teacher conferences
- Program
- P&F Pizza Lunch
- P&F Father's Day stall
- Dad's and Special Friends Afternoon
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Disco
- Senior Camp at Roses Gap
- Book week including a dress up day and whole school performance
- Grade 2 sleepover

A reminder that next Friday 19th September is the last day of term with a 2:30pm finish. Term 4 commences on Monday 6th October and assemblies will return on Mondays at 2:50pm starting week 2.

SENIOR CAMP

Our grade 5/6 Roses Gap camp is fast approaching. On Wednesday September 17th students will be meeting the bus at the Smythesdale Recreational reserve at 8:45am please aim to be there by 8:30am so that we can depart on time. We are due to arrive back at the Smythesdale recreation reserve between 3:00pm and 3:30pm on the 19th of September, please keep an eye out for communications from the school in case we are running early or late on the day. Please remember that students will need a packed lunch on the first day.



To help the morning run smoothly please return all medication paperwork to the classroom teacher by Tuesday the 16th of September and, if possible, any medications in a named ziplock bag. We understand that there are some medications that you will need to provide on the morning of camp, these should be given to Jacqui Tung when you drop your child/ren off for the bus. If your child requires any medication, it must be supplied prior to our departure for camp. This includes Asthma medication, antihistamines, and any pain medication other than the Panadol that the school has agreed to supply.

Packing lists are available from your classroom teacher, alternatively the Compass event has a What to Bring list that you may choose to refer to. We know that students wish to bring lollies to camp, if you choose to send lollies with your child/ren please only send one small bag per child, it is definitely not an expectation that all parents provide lollies it is optional.

DADS & SPECIAL FRIENDS AFTERNOON

A big thank you to all the wonderful dads, grandpas, and special guests who joined us for our Father's Day afternoon on Friday. The students had a fantastic time sharing engaging activities with their special person/s. It was a joy to see so many smiles and to watch students proudly spend time with the special people in their lives. Events like these remind us of the importance of community and connection, and we are so grateful for the support of our families. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon together, had a wonderful weekend, and loved the special gifts chosen that were from our Father's Day stall! A big thanks to the P&F for running this stall too.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER

The Year 2 Sleepover is almost here, and we have some very excited students! This Thursday 11th of September the Year 2 students will be sleeping over at the Scarsdale campus. The sleepover will commence at 7:00pm on Thursday evening. The students will remain at Scarsdale on Friday to enjoy some activities with students from other campuses.



The students will need to be dropped off at the Scarsdale Campus at 7pm on Thursday evening, already wearing their pyjamas, having had baths/showers and eaten tea/dinner at home. Parents can help them set up their beds before leaving them for the night.

Students are to be collected from Scarsdale at 2:30pm on the Friday 12th of September. All food for Friday will be provided by the school.

This is a great introduction to the Middle School camping program students will be involved in next year and a good opportunity to meet and build friendships with other students their age from all four campuses.

WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE- GENERAL WASTE WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Our students are preparing to be dazzled tomorrow at our Ross Creek Campus by this year's annual whole school performance of the Children's Book Council's notable book, *General Waste*!

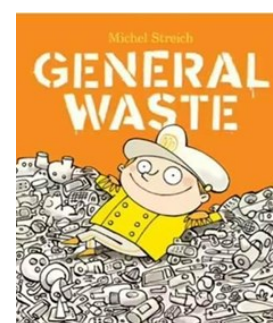
Our classes have read the book and engaged in related activities to build excitement and deepen students' understanding of the story. We can't wait to bring this story to life and share this memorable experience with all our students!

About the book

General Waste loves stuff! Wasting lots of stuff! He tosses away apples after one bite, he has hour-long showers, he must have the latest uniform fashion, and he rides around in a monster truck! He shares a house with Gram-Gram. She always saves her leftovers, does her own repairs and cycles everywhere! One day, when General Waste finds himself trapped under a mountain of his own stuff, Gram-Gram comes to the rescue ... General Waste is a hilarious tale about how to find joy in the simple things in life.

Every year, acclaimed performer Tony Bones produces an epic performance that both staff and students love! Details of this event, including confirmation and payment, have been distributed via Compass today.

If you have any questions, please contact your Campus Head.

**DIVISION SPORTS**

This Thursday is the division sports at Llanberris Reserve. Please be aware that you are responsible for travel to and from the event, supervision for the day, getting your child to their event on time and for any first aid required (including administering any medication). Best of luck to everyone competing!

**SCHOOL HATS**

We encourage students to wear a sun protective hat outside whenever UV levels reach 3 or higher. In Victoria UV levels are typically three and above from mid-August to the end of April. As of next week, our students will be required to wear their hat when outside during recess and lunch times. If your child does not have a wide brim hat, they are available at Beleza in Ballarat.





PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Our school is currently conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, provided by the Department of Education, and we would love your feedback. This survey helps us better understand families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and engagement. While participation is optional, your input is highly valued and greatly appreciated. The results will guide us in identifying areas for improvement, staff professional development needs, and future school planning strategies. At present, our Ross Creek Campus has only a 3% response rate, so we would be very grateful if more families could take part and help shape our direction moving forward. The survey is open from Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025 and takes about 20 minutes to complete. It can be accessed online at any time from a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Instructions on how to complete the survey were sent home via COMPASS on the 28th August. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the campus.

FATHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS 2025



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2025 CALENDAR

TERM 3 DATES

Wednesday 10th Sept
Thursday 11th Sept

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

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



DONATIONS REQUESTED: Zooper Dooper sales will be back again in Term 4. If any families would like to donate a packet or 2 of Zooper Doopers over coming weeks they would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donations with Robyn at the Office.



DONATIONS PLEASE - ZOOPER DOOPERS

CAPTAIN'S CHAT



Ella



Stella



Kira



Lucas

Last week we had the Father's Day stall and Fathers and Special Others day. There were many activities: photo booth, colouring, cookies, poems, the library and board games. The Father's Day stall was run by the P&F and we thank them very much. Next week is the Senior Camp at Roses Gap. Some activities there are: the giant swing, a zipline, the crate stack, archery, and bush walking. We would also like to congratulate the students that are going to division sports on Thursday.

Ella

FREE ACTIVITIES

BREATHWORK WORKSHOP

Simonays - Stress Management Consultant - a 45 minute breathwork, meditation and somatic workshop! From 10:15am - 11am

FREE DANCE WORKSHOPS

Project Dance are running free dance workshops and showcasing their performers from 10:30 - 11:30 am

BISCUIT DECORATING

Join the CWA Scarsdale volunteers to decorate a delicious cookie to take home (or eat!).

ENTERTAINMENT

Get your face painted; listen to awesome bands & artists; browse the fantastic stalls and vote in the photography competition!

CRAFT AND ART ACTIVITIES

- Rock painting
- Bookmark making
- Clay making
- Origami
- Scratch art
- Loom bands
- Wind Spinners
- Make your own keychain
- Succulent potting (20 places only - bookings essential)
- Glass painting (15 places only - bookings essential)

REC ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- Handball competition
- Frisbee golf
- Quoits
- Bean bag toss
- Giant cards
- Giant noughts & crosses
- Giant connect four



Fun for all ages!

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility -
Smythesdale VIC 3351

woodyyaloakrf@gmail.com

SMYTHESDALE
YOUTH MARKET

Saturday
September 20th

10am - 3pm



Get your free
ticket so we know
to expect you!

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility
55 Heales St Smythesdale VIC 3351



Event Maps



Smythesdale Markets

Youth Market: Main Stage

10:30am - 11:30 am

Performances and free dance
workshops by Project Dance

11:45 - 12:15pm

Vendetta

12:30pm - 1pm

Bratzilla

1:15pm - 2pm

Black Velvet

2:15 - 3:35

Tilda and Boo



SMYTHESDALE
YOUTH MARKET



POWER FM FREE FOOTY FESTIVAL

THANKS TO

FITNESS
fernwood.
- BALLARAT -



WED 24 SEPT

GAMES + PRIZES + FOOD + DRINKS

FOOTY INFLATABLES
HANDBALL TARGETS + MINI-GAMES
AND MORE!

VICTORIA PARK,
OVAL NUMBER 4
ENTRY OFF MILITARY DRIVE

**POWER FM
BROADCASTING LIVE**

SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM-10AM

SESSION 2: 10.30AM-12:30PM

SESSION 3: 1.15PM-3:15PM

**CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12
MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE
SCAN TO REGISTER**

