



# Woody Yaloak Primary School

## ROSS CREEK CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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### 2025 Term Dates

- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

### CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas themed

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 4th November

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Family Portraits

Due: Friday 7th November

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

Friday 14th November

2.30 pm

### COLOUR RUN/WALKATHON

Thursday 20th November

### STUDENT FREE DAY

(Report Writing)

Friday 21st November

### STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Tuesday 9th December

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Thursday 11th December

### SENIOR BIKE RIDE

Wednesday 17th December

### LAST DAY TERM 4

Friday 19th December

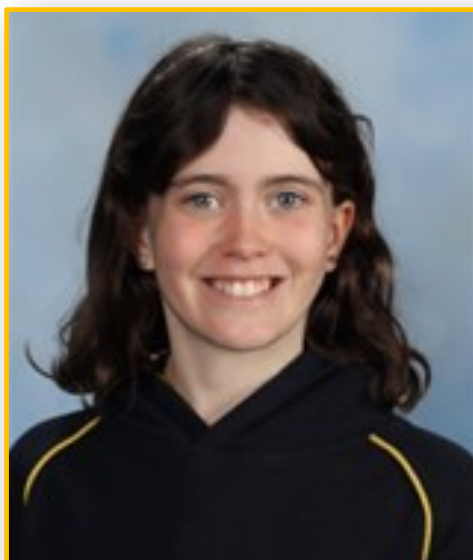


WYPS Ross Creek Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawarrung people of the Kulin Nation.  
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.  
We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.



# WOODY KIDS OF THE MONTH

## OCTOBER 2025



### Sophie P - 56P

Sophie is a caring member of 5/6P who always displays our values of respect, responsibility and excellence. She always walks into the room with a smile on her face and is ready to have a chat about what she has been up to. Sophie has a go at all of our learning tasks and is happy to take on feedback to improve her work. Sophie loves maths, giving all our maths tasks a go and is eager to challenge her learning. She helps the people around her, showing responsibility and care with her foundation buddy, her classmates and teachers.

Congratulations Sophie on being Woody Kid of the month for October!

*Congratulations!*



### Emilia C - 56G

Emilia is a happy and kind member of our 5/6G classroom, who is always willing to lend a hand and help out wherever she can! Emilia is always up for a chat and builds a strong rapport by sharing stories and experiences about her life. Emilia consistently tries her very best in all learning areas and seeks feedback on her work to make it the best it can be. Emilia thoroughly enjoys PE and keeping active by playing sports in the yard. Emilia demonstrates our values of Respect, Responsibility and Excellence both inside and outside of the classroom. Thank you Emilia for being such an awesome member of 5/6G!

Congratulations Emilia on being Woody Kid of the month for October!

*Congratulations!*

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT

**CAMPUS UPDATE**

Week four already. This term is flying! What a fantastic camp the middles went on, Cave Hill Creek is an amazing experience and all the kids had a blast. It was great to see all the 3/4 students interact with the other campuses and make new friends. A big thank you to Miss Lauren McConchie for her organisation. Looking ahead, there are more events and opportunities on the horizon, so stay tuned and get involved. Keep up the great work, everyone—it's shaping up to be an outstanding term! This is a very big campus newsletter, so please take your time to read this so you do not miss anything important.

**2025 ENROLMENTS**

Our school leadership team is currently working toward finalising the 2026 Ross Creek class structures which will most likely stay the same as 2025 with a straight Foundation class, 2 x Grade 1/2s and 2x Grade 3/4s and 2 x Grade 5/6. This is a time consuming task with many moving parts.

To support our school, can you please encourage any friends or family who may know who are enrolling in our wonderful school to contact me as soon as possible.

Alternatively, if you know your family is leaving the school in 2025, can you please contact me so I can update expected class sizes.

We will soon begin the process of sorting students into classes where there is a composite grade classroom. If there are significant considerations we need to be aware of when allocating your child to a class, please make sure they have been made known to me in writing by **Friday 14th November**. My email is [christopher.jerram@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:christopher.jerram@education.vic.gov.au)

It is also not our intention to provide parents/carers with the opportunity to select a teacher of choice. We have a very strong teaching team and parents/carers can be confident the needs of their child will be met by any member of our team. Any requests for a particular teacher will usually not be taken into consideration.

We try to accommodate parent requests with regard to student placements, but as you will understand, this is not always possible.

**CAMPUS CAPTAINS**

We are about to begin selection for our 2026 campus captains. Interested students should begin preparing their application letters and writing speeches to present to their peers in the coming weeks.

All Grade 5 students will be invited to apply for the roles and applications are due on **Thursday 20th November**. Our current captains will also be involved in the selection process and interviews that will take place at the end of November. If your child has any questions, please ask them to speak to Miss Palmer, Miss Griff or myself.

**WORLD TEACHERS DAY**

This Friday marks a special day to focus on teachers and the tremendous work they do. It is one of the most rewarding professions that allows us to work with young children and families. It is a day to mark the dedication and commitment of all staff.

Thank you to all of our staff including Robyn in the office, our wonderful ES staff, our class teachers and specialist teachers! You all do an amazing job!

We truly are very lucky to have such a wonderful cohort of teachers across Woody, striving to make a difference in all our students' academic future.

**CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS- TERM 4**

Our two casual clothes day for this term will be held on the following dates:

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas themed

Students are welcome to wear casual clothes on these days and bring in a gold coin donation.



**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Our student leaders will lead a service to mark Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November starting at 10.50 a.m. Our student leaders will lead this service and all families are welcome to attend.

***We have poppies available for purchase at the office.***

**MEET OUR KESO**

All parents and carers are invited to meet Zerene Webster-Morley, our new KESO (Koorie Engagement Support Officer), who works as part of the regional team. This will be a great opportunity to touch base with Zerene, ask questions, and share your ideas about culture within our school. A light morning tea will be provided. Toddlers are welcome to attend and please feel free to invite any other interested community members.

When: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Where: Ross Creek Campus

Time: 11:30-12:30

**GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON**

On Friday the 14th we will be having our annual grandparents afternoon! This begins at 2:30pm and runs until the end of the day at 3:30pm. Grandparents/special others will be invited to each classroom to try different activities with their grandchildren.

If you have multiple grandchildren in the school, please collect the youngest from their room first, then collect the rest in order from youngest to oldest. There will be lots to see and do! This will also be a casual clothes day! We hope to see you there.

**2025 COLOUR RUN / WALKATHON**

Monty's Colour Fun Run is coming on the 20th of November at the Ross Creek Wetlands and Recreation Reserve!

Simply go to [www.myprofilepage.com.au](http://www.myprofilepage.com.au) and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page to help us raise funds for our school technology program. Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize, there are 15 unique prizes on offer! You can even earn free bonus donations! Don't forget you need to wear a white t-shirt to make that colour pop! You'll need closed toe footwear for walking and your drink bottle to keep you hydrated! BBQ lunch and fruit snacks are provided on the day! Any parents who would like to volunteer to help cook sausages, please contact Lauren via the Ross Creek PFA.

**MATHS OLYMPIAD COMPETITION**

Our Maths Olympiad competition has finished for 30 grade 5/6 students across our 4 campuses. Unlike many other maths competitions, the Olympiads consisted of four separate contests, held approximately six weeks apart, between May and September. The Olympiads are specifically designed to challenge students' maths skills, however the overall aim is to encourage students to develop their problem-solving skills in an enjoyable environment.

Congratulations to our students across the 4 campuses who completed the Maths Olympiad program.



**CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER / MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

Just a reminder that Friday 21st November will be an Assessment and Reporting Day where students ARE NOT required at school. Staff will be focused on improving their assessment practices and OSHClub WILL NOT be running. Also Tuesday 4th November will be a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

**MOVIE DAY ROSS CREEK/P&F LUNCH**

Our annual movie day for the Ross Creek campus will be held on Friday December 12th at Showbiz Cinemas Delacombe. Permission forms will be sent out via compass very soon. Also for lunch this day, our wonderful P&F team will be cooking up a BBQ for lunch, free of charge for all students. Order forms will be sent home with the students today. ***Please get them back to us as soon as possible for catering purposes.***

**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. Students are now required to wear their hat when outside during physical education lessons, recess and lunch times. Hats must be a school wide brimmed hat. Caps are not permitted. If your child does not have a wide brim hat, they are available from Beleza in Ballarat.

**STUDENT FUNDRAISING**

Zooper Doopers will be sold by our student leaders every Tuesday and Thursday for 50 cents each for the remainder of the school year. Funds raised through this program will support other school based activities. Donations of zooper doopers are very much appreciated.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS**

Welcome to Term 4. We have lots happening this term which we will fill you in on shortly. Firstly, I'd like to extend a big thank you to all who have helped out throughout the year with our hot lunch days and both Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls. Your help is very much appreciated and without you we wouldn't be able to hold these activities for our students. We are always looking for people to help out, whether it be for one event throughout the year or all events. Everyone is most welcome and any time you can give is greatly appreciated.

Our first fundraising and community event for this term is a Christmas Family Photo fundraiser. We have been lucky enough to have had an offer from Janelle Harrison Photography to hold a Christmas Photo fundraiser to give families an affordable keepsake whilst raising funds for our school. Families can book a 10 minute photography session for \$20 of which the school receives 100%. Included in this \$20 is a photo sitting and 1 framed 8 x 10 lustre print. Extra digital or printed photos are available for purchase; the school will receive 15% of these sales. This is a fantastic opportunity Janelle has given us and it would be wonderful if we could support her for offering this opportunity to our school families. Expression of interest forms will be sent home with students today, if you are interested in booking a time, please return the slip by Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> and once we receive enough interest, times will be available to book through Robyn at the office.

The Christmas raffle will return this year and our P&F members have started approaching local businesses for donations. We have already received gift vouchers from Woolworths, Just Cuts, Showbiz Cinemas as well as some electrical appliances. We will be placing a box at the office for any donations that families would like to contribute to our raffle. Our aim is to have as many prizes for the kids as possible. Tickets will go on sale in coming weeks for \$1 each.

Lastly, on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> the students will be attending their annual Movie Day and on return to school we will be providing a free BBQ lunch to all students, as part of their end of year celebrations. Students can choose between sausages or hamburgers as well as cordial or water. Order forms will be sent home with students today. Please note, there is **NO PAYMENT REQUIRED** for this BBQ.

## 3 – 4 CAVE HILL CREEK CAMP

3/4R: Tyler

At Camp Cave Hill Creek I first did bush art and all of us made dream catchers out of sticks and wool. Another activity I did was map reading, map reading is where you have to read a map with numbers on it and find the post with that number on it, the post also has 2 letters on it, a red one and a green one. On the top of the map there is a little chart for the letters and once you're done there will be a code you have to read. On the first night the camp made us this really delicious lasagne for dinner and because it was Mr. Jerram's birthday, for dessert they made us a birthday cake. My favourite activity was the low ropes course. Me and my friend Jett partnered up and we won. Jett got 2:38 minutes and I got 2:42. The activity everyone loved was canoeing. On the last day we measured the leaves for the longest leaf challenge and Hendrix won.

3/4R: Ava

Before we got to Cave Hill Creek we had to get on a bus and stay on it for 45 minutes. When we got there we had to grab a bag and bring it to the courtyard, then once all the bags were out of the bus we grabbed ours and went to our cabins and glamping tents, we made our beds and then we did our first activity. It was bush art, as you would know we made a dream catcher then we went to eat our snack then we met Claudia on their oval and played some games including tug of war. On the second day we started with map reading then went on to morning tea and then did the low ropes course and then we had lunch. After that we did canoeing, everyone loved it. We headed back and had after noon tea and then headed off to archery. I hit the blue circle, I got so close to getting a bulls eye then we headed back again for tea. The next day we went and packed up our room and made sure we had everything then brought our bags out and went to breakfast. After that we did bush walking and making damper then had morning tea and went on the bus. Cave Hill Creek was awesome!

3/4M: Annabelle

At camp, when we got off the bus, we grabbed our suitcases and put them up against the cabins. We collected our own suitcases and went to our allocated rooms. The different activities were canoeing, archery, I Spy, Map Reading, Bush Walking, Hut Building, Low Ropes and Bush Cooking. My favourite activity was canoeing because I got to sit in a three person canoe with Halle and Alex. I didn't like I Spy because we all did it together. It would have been better doing it in small groups. Overall, camp was amazing.

3/4M: Maddi

On 3/4 camp there were many activities including canoeing, bush walking and archery. On the first day when we got there we did three activities which were bush cooking. We made damper. We also did bush art and team work games. For the team work games we did under and over, tunnel ball and tug of war. For dinner the first night we had lasagna and for dessert we had birthday cake to celebrate Mr Jerram's birthday. On the second day some people did canoeing, low ropes, map reading, I spy, some people got to do damper, archery and some people did bush art. On the second night we had chicken and for dessert we had caramel fudge cake. On the last day we had two activities left to complete. After we did all the activities we had lunch which was a salad roll. When we were finished we got ready to leave camp. Camp was really fun but the students and teachers didn't get much sleep.





# 2025 CALENDAR



## OCTOBER

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> - World Teachers Day

## NOVEMBER

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Melbourne Cup public holiday**  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> - Assembly @ 2:50pm  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> - Grandparents Afternoon 2:30pm  
 Casual Clothes Day  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> - School Council  
 Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> - Colour Run/Walkathon  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> - Curriculum Day: Report Writing**  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Assembly @ 2:50pm  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> - 2026 Foundation Transition morning

## DECEMBER

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wellbeing Wednesday  
 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Statewide transition day  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Awards Assembly @2:30pm  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Graduation  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Senior bike ride  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Reports sent home  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - Final day of year- 1:30pm finish



*Chris Jerram*  
**Ross Creek Campus Head**



**DONATIONS PLEASE - ZOOPEr DOOPERS**

## CAPTAIN'S CHAT



Ella



Stella



Kira



Lucas

For the last two weeks we have had some high schools come in and visit the Grade 6 students to tell us about their school and what they have to offer. We've also had a couple of transition days for the year sixes going into high school. We've started selling icy poles on Tuesday's and Thursday's for 50c. This week the year six students and foundations had a talent show, everyone had a lot of fun, and we hope that year 3/4 have an amazing time at camp.

*Stella & Lucas*



**Woody Yaloak**  
Primary School  
"Achieving Together"



**JANELLE HARRISON**  
PHOTOGRAPHY

## **Ross Creek PFA Christmas Family Photo Fundraiser**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of December**

This fundraiser gives families an affordable Christmas keepsake while raising funds for Woody Yaloak Primary School.

### **OVERVIEW**

Cost per Family: \$20 (school keeps 100%)

Included: one framed 8x10" lustre print (chosen by family)

Optional Extras: Digital or print add-ons available from photographer

Photo Session: 10 mins per family with festive backdrop

Delivery – Prints delivered to school; add-ons handled directly

### **ADD – ON PACKAGES**

#### **Digital Packages**

\$50 – 3 digital images

\$100 – 6 digital images

\$150 – all images

#### **Print Add-Ons**

\$25 – extra 8x10" (unframed)

\$40 – 2 x 6x4" + 2 x 5x7" prints

15% of add on package sales will be donated to the school.

Bonus: each family gets a \$20 voucher toward a studio mini session

