



# Woody Yaloak Primary School SCARSDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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2025 Term Dates

- 28th Jan - 4th Apr
- 22nd Apr - 4th July
- 21st July - 19th Sep
- 6th Oct - 19th Dec

## For Your Diary 2025

### JULY

**Tuesday 29th**

- **Students finish at 1pm**
- Parent Teacher Interviews  
1.30pm - 6.00pm

### AUGUST

**Friday 1st**

- Cause for a Cause - "Bring a Can"

**Monday 4th**

- Swimming

**Tuesday 5th**

- Parent Teacher Interviews  
4.00pm - 6.00pm
- 100 Days of Learning -  
Junior Class

**Thursday 7th**

- Snake Valley Tree Drive -  
Trees Arriving

**Friday 8th**

- Woody Disco 6.00pm -  
7.30pm at Ross Creek

**Monday 11th**

- Swimming

**Tuesday 12th**

- Assembly

**PERMISSION FORMS  
AND  
MONEY DUE:**

**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Due WEDNESDAY 3RD**

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

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*WYPS Scarsdale 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.*

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3 at our Scarsdale 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 began yesterday and will run every Monday for the term, 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, 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.

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 Tuesdays in our even weeks of term, 12/8, 26/8, 9/9.

Assemblies begin at 3:00pm in our open space and run for approximately 20-25 minutes. Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend—our students love having their special people there to share in their achievements!

### EARLY ARRIVALS

It was noticed towards the end of term 2 that a lot of students were arriving at school very early in the morning, some as early as 8:10am. Please note that staff are not on duty prior to 8:40am. If your child needs to be at school prior to this time, please utilise the OSHClub service that is available at the Campus.



**"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"**

### SCHOOL DISCO

Our annual school disco is taking place next Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### 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 Compass as it is in the best interest of our children to ensure our students have the best support for their academic and social growth.*

### HOMELESSNESS WEEK 3, 4<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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.

**SCIENCE WORKS**

On Friday our middle class were lucky enough to head off to Melbourne to visit Scienceworks. It was a very exciting bus ride down with lots of excited kids, especially as the skyscrapers appeared in the foreground. After arriving, we were able to explore and play in the main building, where the kids could learn lots of interesting scientific facts in a hands-on setting.

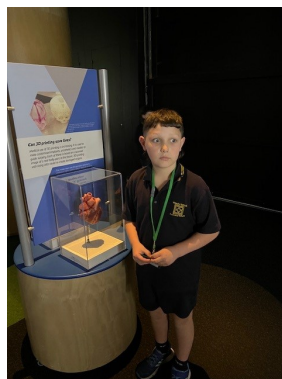
After lunch, we went to the Planetarium, where we could lay back and head off to Mars with Tycho the dog! We also learnt about the ISS, Space Junk, the constellations and much more.

All the children conducted themselves brilliantly and we had a fantastic day!

On Friday, our Woody middles went to Scienceworks in Melbourne. First, we met at Smythesdale. When we got there we had some food on the Rainbow Seats. Everybody was feeding the seagulls. Then, we explored the museum and after lunch we went to the Planetarium. We watched Tycho Goes to Mars, we watched into the future and watched a documentary live. We started to head back to Smythesdale and our parents picked us up. By Olive

On Friday 25th of July 2025 the 2/3/4s went to Scienceworks. We went on a bus to get there. When we got off the bus we had to walk down stairs to get inside to the rainbow chairs and sat down and ate our snack. After that, we went and had free time in the museum. We stayed in the museum until lunch. After lunch, we went to the Planetarium to watch a movie about how Tycho got to Mars. After that we went on the bus to go back to Smythesdale then we went home. By Tahlia

On Friday, the Woody 2/3/4's went to Scienceworks. We got on the bus and everyone was amused by the skyscrapers and the rainbow bridge. After we arrived, we had a snack on the Rainbow Seats where we got attacked by sea gulls. Then we went to the museum where we could go and look at all the stuff. My favourite was the board where there were army ships and it told us how old they were. After lunch we went to the planetarium and watched Tycho Goes to Mars. Then we got back on the bus and sang all the way home by May Goodman.





**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.

**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.

**SNAKE VALLEY PARENTS & FRIENDS - Tree Drive**

Thank you to all those in the school community who placed an order for our Tree Drive during term 2. We have had confirmation that these trees will be delivered on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August to the Snake Valley Campus. Once they are available for pick up you will be contacted directly.

**CAPTAIN'S CHAT**

Meara



Lochie



Poppy



Emma

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome you back from the school holidays. We hope you had an amazing holidays!

On Thursday we had Jamie from the Youth Festival Committee come to get some ideas from the 5/6s of what to have at it. It was really fun.

Last week on Friday the Grade 3/4s went to Science Works in Melbourne. They loved it!

Next week the 4 (Captains) MELP will be going for a kinder visit.

Next Friday we are having a casual clothes day. Please remember to bring a can of food donation.

From the MELPS which means Meara, Emma, Lochie and Poppy the captains.

## WELLBEING AT WOODY - Supporting Our Families Through Community Partnerships

At Woody Yaloak Primary School, we are proud to partner with a variety of community organisations to provide our families with access to valuable workshops, programs, and different supports. These partnerships aim to address the real and varied challenges families face in today's world.



We understand that reaching out for help can be difficult - but please know you are not alone.

Whether you're dealing with financial stress, childhood anxiety, school refusal, or other complex issues, support is available from experts who specialise in these areas.

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.

This week, we're highlighting **Parent Pathways – Supporting Young Families in Ballarat and Surrounds**, a new initiative from **Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services**.

This is their most recent media release:

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services (Djerriwarrh) is proud to deliver *Parent Pathways*, a new Commonwealth Government initiative designed to support parents and carers of young children in Ballarat and surrounding areas.

*Parent Pathways is a voluntary program offering personalised, friendly, and confidential support to help parents balance the demands of raising children while planning their future pathways. The initiative provides guidance in accessing suitable training, career opportunities, and employment, ensuring parents can set and achieve realistic goals.*

"Many parents with young children face significant pressures and often struggle to prioritise their own aspirations," said Program Manager Gengiz Soy Turk. "Djerriwarrh's *Parent Pathways* program helps parents thrive by providing personalised mentoring and access to vital services, improving the lives of families in our community."

Through the support of dedicated mentors, parents receive assistance in connecting with essential services and financial aid, enabling them to focus on personal growth and career development. Many participants are already engaged in study, training, or employment across a range of industries, including community services, childcare, administration, trades, and self-employment.

The program provides financial support for costs such as course fees, licensing, transport, work clothing, employment certifications, technology, and medical assistance. Additionally, *Parent Pathways offers referrals to specialised services covering health, housing, welfare, domestic violence support, and parenting skills.*

The initiative is deeply embedded in the Ballarat community, with service hubs located at Ballarat East, Wendouree, Delacombe, and Sebastopol Neighbourhood Centres, as well as regional sites in Maryborough, Daylesford, and Beaufort.

To be eligible, parents or carers must not be currently employed, be Australian residents, receive a Parenting or Special Payment (Health Care Card), and have children under six years of age. The program also supports early school leavers under 22 and Indigenous parents.

Regional Manager Samara Mabbott encouraged eligible parents to reach out: "If you have children under six and need support in planning your future, we'd love to hear from you. *Parent Pathways is designed to fit your needs and help you build a brighter future—for yourself and your family.*"

This initiative represents a significant investment in empowering parents, ensuring they have the tools and opportunities to provide the best possible future for their children.

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

# 2025 CALENDAR

## JULY

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> -

Parent Teacher Interviews 1:30 – 6:00pm: **Early dismissal: 1:00pm**

## AUGUST

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> -

Cause for a Cause – ‘Bring A Can’

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> -

Parent Teacher Interview 4:00 – 6:00pm

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100 Days of learning- junior class

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> -

SV Tree Drive - trees arriving

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> -

Woody Disco 6:00 – 7:30pm Ross Creek

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> -

Assembly

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> -

Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> -

Book Week

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> -

Book Week Dress up day

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> -

Assembly 3:00pm

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> -

Wellbeing Wednesday

-

Student leaders Ice cream sundae day

## SEPTEMBER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> -

Swimming

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> -

Father's Day Staff

-

Father's day celebration

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> -

Assembly

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> -

Book Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> -

Grade 2 Sleepover

-

District Sports @ Llamberris

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> -

Swimming

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> -

Footy colours day

-

Parents and Friends Hot Dog Day

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> -

Grade 5/6 Camp @ Rose Gap

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> -

Last day of Term 3

## OCTOBER

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> -

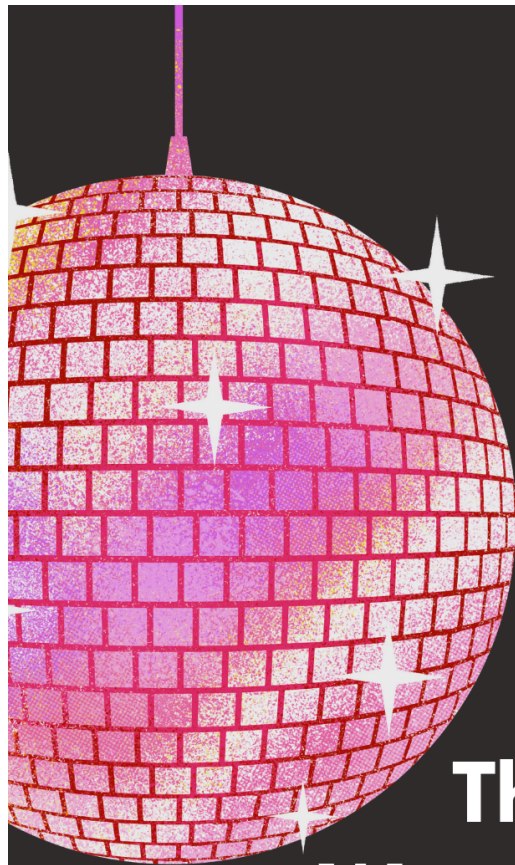
First day Term 4



*Jacqui Tung*

**Scarsdale Campus Head**





# Woody Yaloak Primary School **DISCO**

Theme: **RAINBOW**

**Wear as many colours as  
possible!**

**Strictly Woody kids only**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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

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