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2025 Term Dates

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

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

Art Show  
Teddy Bears Picnic

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FOR MORE DETAILS



**Hot chocolate  
\$1 each.  
Every Friday  
lunchtime.**

# Woody Yaloak Primary School SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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*WYPS Smythesdale 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 our country.*

## Woody Kid of the Month



Leah is a bright and bubbly grade one student who is a great role model and valued member of the junior class.

Leah exhibits the Woody school values each and every day at school.

She is respectful to her teachers and peers, behaves responsibly in the classroom and in the playground and strives for excellence with her learning.

Leah is a kind and caring friend and somebody who always offers to help others.

Congratulations Leah on being Woody Kid of the Month for June.

*Congratulations!*

## Campus Report

### CAMPUS UPDATE

As we make it through to the final two weeks of term 2, we can reflect on what a wonderful term we have had. There have been lots of exciting things happening at the campus this term. Some of the great events and fun things that have occurred this term have been:

- Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Costume School Experience
- ANZAC Day memorial service
- School photos
- Dolly's Dream casual clothes day
- Responsible Pet Ownership Program
- Campus Captain Kinder visit
- Division AFL and Soccer
- Mother's Day afternoon
- Whole School Athletics Day
- Parents and Friends Special lunch and breakfast
- Red Cross Pillowcase Program
- Wellbeing Wednesday- Triple Zero Heroes
- Junior Class Sovereign Hill Excursion
- Maths Olympiad Sessions 1 and 2
- RACV Safety Squad Sessions



**Busy making things happen?**

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

## Campus Report

- Student leader pj and movie day
- Whole School Art Show

When we look back at all the great activities that our staff and students have been involved in this term, it shows what a wonderful community we have out here at Smythesdale. This term, the weather has started to get a little colder and wetter, which has meant we have had to have some wet day timetables, although, this has not dampened our spirits, and our students and staff have continued to bring a positive attitude to school each and every day. We have completed assessments and reporting this term and are looking forward to parent teacher conferences early in term 3. We hope everyone has a safe and fun school holidays and feels refreshed and ready for term 3.

A reminder that **school finishes at 2:30 on Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> for the end of term.**

### SPECIAL BREAKFAST

A huge thank you to our amazing PFA members, Lin and Daniel, for organising and cooking a delicious pancake breakfast for the whole campus! The students absolutely loved their pancakes and milos.

A special thank you also to **Country Grocers Smythesdale** for their generous donation of ice cream, strawberries, bananas, mandarins, and maple syrup—your support made the breakfast extra special!



### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Interview bookings will open at 3:30pm tonight (Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>) for parent teacher conferences.

Parent-Teacher conferences for ALL students will be held on TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY- 1.30pm-6.00pm and TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> AUGUST- 4.00pm-6.00pm. The length of each conference is 15 minutes.

**Parents, please note the earlier finishing time of 1.00pm on TUESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY.**

We will use the Compass APP for ALL parent/carer bookings. Access to the Compass APP is required. To secure your time, parents must have access to the Compass App. Please follow these instructions to secure a time.

1. Login to Compass (parent password required).
2. Select Conferences. (Under favourites)
3. Read welcome message and select done
4. Select your child's grade (e.g., 101).
5. Select a time slot for your 15-minute interview.
6. When you return to conferences, your booked time will display in green

Please follow the same procedure for scheduling interview times for other siblings, if appropriate. If you are experiencing difficulties, please contact your campus office.

### WHOLE SCHOOL ART SHOW- The Art of Wellbeing

Excitement is building across our school for our biennial Art Show, The Art of Wellbeing, which will be held for one night only TOMORROW, Wednesday, 25th June. Our students have been busily preparing some truly mesmerising pieces and are eager to showcase their skills and talents. The Art Show will take place at the Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility, from 3:30pm to 7:00pm.

## Campus Report

# STUDENT RECOUNT

### WINTER SPORT

On the Friday of Week 8 & 9, our senior students participated in Linton Districts Winter Sports. Our students were able to choose between football, netball, soccer and indoor games, and participated with and against students from other Linton Districts schools. Below is a snapshot of what happened!

Football Report: By Noah & Rhylan

*In Week 8 & 9 Rhylan and Noah played football against other schools. There were three teams that played, Noah was on the Magpies team, Rhylan was on the Eagles and there was another team called the Bulldogs. Rhylan kicked a goal in the first week and a point in the second week. Noah kicked a goal and had fun playing.*

Soccer Report: By Maysi & Joel

*For winter sports soccer we were divided into three teams, red, yellow and blue. We took turns playing against each other with breaks in between. In the second round Maysi was goalkeeper and saved three goals. On the first day of winter sports Joel scored a goal and was able to use his dribbling skills to help his team.*

Netball Report: By Logan & Shiloh

*For netball we divided into six teams of students from all of the different schools. The grade sixes helped to coach us. We played seven games in total, five in the morning and two after lunch. Shiloh was on navy blue and white teams and enjoyed playing Goal Attack. Logan was on red and white teams and enjoyed playing Goal Shooter.*

Indoor Games Report: By Clelia & Holly

*At winter sports we were lucky enough to have nice weather, so our teacher took the indoor games outdoors. We played Dodgeball and Shrubs inside, then went outside to play Up ball, Capture the Flag and Monster ball. Our favorite game to play was Dodgeball.*

### TERM 3 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Next term our school will begin swimming lessons at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. Lessons will begin on Monday 28/7/25 and end on Monday 15/9/25.

Smythesdale students will be swimming on Mondays with the 45-minute lesson running from 12:30pm – 1:15pm. The bus will leave Smythesdale at approximately 11:35am and return at approximately 2:10pm.

All permission notes and payments have now closed via COMPASS.

Parents/Carers are welcome to meet at the pool to watch their child. We do ask that no photos are taken due to Child Safety Standards and that parents do not enter the communal change room. If you would like to attend and help your child change, you are welcome to use one of the individual change rooms with your child.

### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC

Ms James has organised a teddy bears picnic for our buddy session on Friday. Please remember to bring along a teddy bear to join the fun!



### COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

The Smythesdale PFA are excited to announce this term's whole-school fundraiser: a **Cookie Dough Fundraiser!**

All orders must be placed online, and it's a delicious way to support our school community. Orders close on the **25th July**, and the cookie dough will be delivered on the **13th August**.

Please see the instructions below for how to place your order.

1. Visit [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au) and click the "Cookie Dough Login" button on the home page. Then click the **register** button to fundraise on the cybersafe, Billy G's Cookie Dough platform.
2. Complete the registration details, select Woody Yaloak Primary School (Smythesdale Campus), Choose your goals and create a unique avatar!
3. Place your order using the "Order Now" button and share your fundraising page with your family and friends via the "Share" section so they can start buying some yummy cookie dough. Easy!



## Campus Report

### SCHOOL REPORT DISTRIBUTION

As previously mentioned, there are some minor changes to our school reports, which will be distributed electronically via Compass on Thursday, 3rd July.

Please note the following updates to the student reports:

- Digital-only reports: Hard copy reports will no longer be distributed. A digital copy will be available via the Compass app. Parents/carers are welcome to print a hard copy if needed.
  - Mathematics reporting: There have been system-level changes to how Mathematics is reported. Students will now receive one overall letter grade for Mathematics, rather than separate grades for Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability. As a result, no progress indicator will be shown for this subject.
  - Student comment: Individual student comments will no longer appear in the report. Instead, students will complete a written reflection, which will be shared with parents/carers during Term 3 parent-teacher interviews. This reflection will be provided in hard copy.
  - Layout changes: You may notice some minor formatting adjustments to the report layout.
- If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the office.

### STAFFING UPDATE

Following her time overseas, Mrs. Weickhardt will be taking extended leave. We wish her all the best for her overseas adventure and her well-deserved time off. We sincerely thank Trish for the dedication and passion she has brought to her classroom, making a positive impact on her students and community.

Ms Julie Mac will be teaching in the middle class from next Monday. We look forward to welcoming Ms Mac to Woody.

### FEEDBACK WANTED

The Golden Plains are seeking community/user input to new designs for the Woody Yaloak Recreation Hall in Smythesdale.

You can have your say on the Draft Master Plan by visiting GPSC's "Have Your Say" page - [Have Your Say: Draft Woody Yaloak Recreation Reserve Master Plan](#) | [Golden Plains Shire Council](#) prior to it closing **this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**.

### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of term 2 will be Friday 4th July. Students will be dismissed at the **earlier time of 2.30pm**

### TERM DATES

#### JUNE

Wed 25th - Whole School Art Show

Fri 27th - Hot chocolates for \$1

- Teddy Bears Picnic

#### JULY

Fri 4th - Casual Clothes Day

- Talent Show

- Last day of Term 2. Dismissal @ 2.30pm

Mon 21st - Term 3 commences

Mon 28th - Swimming begins.

Stephanie Sanders  
CAMPUS HEAD





You are invited to...

# W.Y.P.S ART SHOW

## *The Art of Wellbeing* An Exhibition



### WHEN:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>  
June

### TIME:

3.30pm - 7pm

### WHERE:

Woody Yaloak  
Recreation Facility,  
Smythesdale



We will be collecting a  
**gold coin donation** to support our  
Performing Arts program



# 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 \*\***





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## NAIDOC DISCO

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

STARTS AT **6PM** / FINISHES AT **8PM**

OPEN TO AGES **5-12**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

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**106-108 VICTORIA ST,**  
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Starting Wednesday evenings from 23rd July in Sebastopol





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**CONNECT** with your community



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