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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

Parent Teacher  
Interviews

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# 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.*

## Campus Report

### WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3 at our Smythesdale 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, 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 our even weeks: 30/7, 13/8, 28/8

Due to swimming and the specialist timetable adjustments, Assembly for this term will move to Wednesdays at 3:05pm. They will continue to run in our open space 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!

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

## Campus Report

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

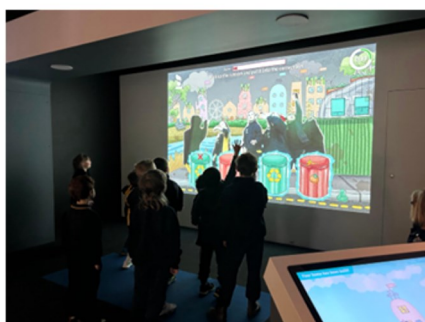
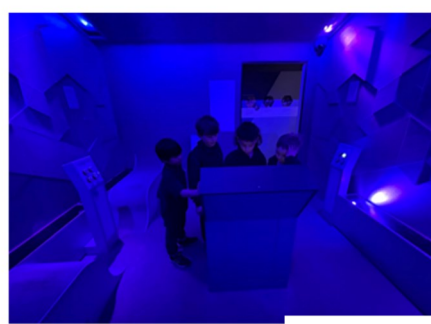
### SCIENCE WORKS

On Friday, our Grade 2, 3, and 4 students had the fantastic opportunity to head to Melbourne for a visit to 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 students could learn lots of interesting scientific facts in a hands-on setting.

After lunch, we went to the Plantorium, 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 students conducted themselves brilliantly and we had a fantastic day!



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### 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.

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.

### SWIMMING UPDATE

We had a great first swimming lesson yesterday with many enthusiastic swimmers! Just some reminders for our sessions - students to wear their bathers under their uniforms in the morning; please make sure all clothing is named; bring a plastic bag for wet clothes/towel; named goggles as the chlorine causes sore eyes; extra food for lunch/snack as we have lots of hungry children.

As a reminder for those parents wishing to attend Smythesdale students take part in the 45-minute lesson from 12:30pm – 1:15pm. The bus will leave Smythesdale at approximately 11:35am and return at approximately 2:10pm.

### BREAKFAST CLUB

A huge thank you to Alecia (Izzy's mum) for running the Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings at Smythesdale. Your time and effort are so appreciated!

### 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 very 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.

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### 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.

### WOADY 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.

### WELLBEING AT WOADY - 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.

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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.*

### DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3

#### JULY

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 – 6:00pm

#### AUGUST

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Casual Clothes for a Cause – 'Bring A Can'  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interview 4:00 – 6:00pm  
 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Woody Disco 6:00 – 7:30pm Ross Creek

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day  
 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Book Week Dress Up

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Wednesday

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Smythesdale swimming session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Father's Day Stall  
 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Casual for a Cause  
 Father's Day Celebration  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Book Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek  
 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 Sleepover  
 District Sports @ Llanberris  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 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



Stephanie Sanders  
CAMPUS HEAD



# Parent Pathways

An Australian Government Initiative

Supporting parents  
in planning their  
future

## Who is Parent Pathways for?

Parents and carers who:

- have a child aged under 6
- are not in paid employment
- live in an area where there is a Parent Pathways provider.

## We can help you with:

- language or literacy programs
- support to find a child care place for your child
- financial support, for example to help with the cost of training courses or to purchase a computer.



## Some examples of services on offer include:

- practical financial support
- work with a mentor to set your goals
- connect with community groups
- learn a new skill
- get a driver's licence



For more information about how Parent Pathways can assist you,  
please call 1300 000 175 or visit [www.djerriwarrh.org.au](http://www.djerriwarrh.org.au)

  
**Djerriwarrh**  
Community & Education Services

Ballarat East, Maryborough, Sebastopol, Wendouree, Daylesford, Delacombe, Beaufort





## Eligibility for Parent Pathways

You have a child under the age of 6 and are currently unemployed

And receiving:

- Parenting Payment
- Carer Payment
- Special Benefit

OR:

- Are under 22 years old
- Did not complete Year 12 or obtain a Year 12 qualification
- Are a First Nations parent or carer

## Visit Us

**Ballarat East**  
Barkey Square  
25-39 Barkly Street, Ballarat East

**Sebastopol**  
Ballarat South Community Hub  
11 Tuppen Drive, Sebastopol

**Beaufort**  
Beaufort Community Resource Centre & Library  
72 Neill Street, Beaufort

**Daylesford**  
Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre  
13 Camp Street, Daylesford

**Delacombe**  
Delacombe Community Hub  
18 Nandiriog Drive Delacombe

**Maryborough**  
Mill House Neighbourhood Centre  
88-90 Burke Street Maryborough

**Maryborough**  
Maryborough Remote Toy Library  
12-22 Nolan Street Maryborough

**Wendouree**  
Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre  
12 Holly Grove Wendouree

Call us on: 1300 000 175

Email: [ParentPathways@djerriwarrh.org](mailto:ParentPathways@djerriwarrh.org)



Supporting  
parents and carers  
in planning their  
future

Voluntary, Personalised. Flexible

## Funding Support

- Education and training related costs:
  - Education course fees
  - Non-Vocational training fees
  - Work-related training fees
  - Course materials, tools etc
- Communication and technology costs:
  - Phone credit
  - Laptops
  - Phones
- Employment related costs:
  - Police, NDIS, WWC Checks
  - Licences - security, forklift, truck, taxi
  - CI Card (White Card)
  - First Aid, RSA, RSG
  - Food safety
  - Interview/Work clothing & PPE
  - Tools & equipment
  - Resume building
- Professional services out-of-pocket costs:
  - Counselling/Psychology
  - Allied health
  - Financial counselling
  - Medical expenses (e.g. dental, optical)
- Other expenses; such as:
  - Child care bond/waitlist fees
  - Driving lessons
  - Drivers licencing & car registration costs
  - Uber/Fuel vouchers for employment/studies
  - Medical expenses (e.g. dental, optical)
  - Food vouchers
  - Emergency accommodation
  - and so much more

## How we can help

Parent Pathways is a gateway to improved resources and services for parents with young children. Our qualified Parent Mentors will work with you to help you connect with local community activities and programs, identify courses that will provide you with new skills and qualifications, and help you connect with family friendly employers.

**Djerriwarrh's Parent Pathways program can help you with:**

- Language and literacy programs
- Childcare support
- Financial assistance
- Family and domestic violence services
- Housing support services
- Education and training
- Clothing, pantry and hygiene essentials

**This service is free and voluntary.**

## Djerriwarrh's Key Commitments for Parent Pathways

- Your child's well-being is our top priority.
- We will ensure safe and welcoming spaces for you and your children.
- You will be treated with fairness and respect.
- You will be connected with a qualified Parent Mentor.
- We will provide resources and financial support to help you reach your goals.





# 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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