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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

Swimming
Wellbeing Wednesday

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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

CAMPUS UPDATE

And just like that, we're already over halfway through the term! With only nine weeks, this is our shortest term of the year but it's certainly packed with learning and exciting events. Last week we celebrated Book Week by dressing up, completing fun activities and holding a wonderful parade. Thank you to parents and carers for the incredible costumes and for coming along to our parade. This event is always a highlight for both students and staff.

It has also been great to see the progression in skills during our weekly swimming lessons each Monday. Teachers have noticed students growing in both confidence and skills each week.

A special thank you goes to our community for supporting the Cookie Dough Drive. We truly appreciate your orders and ongoing support. Hopefully you have been enjoying your cookies!

Tomorrow is Wellbeing Wednesday across our school and we will be focusing on gratitude and positivity. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to focus on wellbeing and engage in meaningful conversations.

Ms James is taking long service leave for the last three weeks of this term and will be spending some of this time on a lovely holiday. Amber Fitzpatrick (Mrs Fitz) will be teaching the junior class. We wish Leanne a happy and restful break and I know she will be looking forward to seeing you all after the school holidays for term 4.

WELLBEING WEDNESDAY - GRATITUDE AND POSITIVITY

Tomorrow we will be celebrating *Wellbeing Wednesday* with the theme "Spreading Gratitude at Woody." Building on our recent focus from *Bullying No Way Week* and *Homelessness Week*, this day will encourage students to explore gratitude, kindness and positivity, while also making use of our new Open Parachute program.

Throughout the day, students will also engage in a range of gratitude and kindness activities, such as creating gratitude jars, writing thank you cards, building a campus-wide "Gratitude Chain," making positivity art, and sharing affirmations. We look forward to a wonderful day of reflection, kindness and positivity across all campuses!

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Campus Report

DRESS CODE POLICY

The School Council reviews the school dress code standards across the school regularly. The student dress code policy is a document that respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community. This policy is also available in its entirety on our website.

Since the beginning of Term 3, staff have observed that some student's uniforms do not meet the student dress code policy. As a school, we have great pride in our uniform which has recently been updated. Hence, we need your support in continuing to maintain this standard.

There are some important points from the dress code policy (available on our website) that we wanted to address. The following points will be discussed with students with a focus on maintaining high uniform standards:

- ◆ School jumpers are compulsory. If a child is wearing a non- school jacket for additional warmth, it is only to be worn outside.
- ◆ Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.
- ◆ Natural hair colours are preferred. Extreme hair colour is not recommended (unless at special events). Extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not encouraged
- ◆ Navy drawstring shorts (no logo) Shorts should be of mid thigh length (no sports or running shorts including footy shorts or short bike pants)

A copy of the WYPS Student Dress Code will be sent home today for each family's reference.

UNWELL CHILDREN – KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE

To help prevent the spread of illness, we kindly ask that unwell children remain at home. If a student begins to show symptoms during the school day, families will be contacted and asked to collect their child. Thank you for your ongoing support in keeping our school community safe and healthy.

ES APPRECIATION WEEK

In 2025, Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week will be celebrated from Monday 1 September to Friday 5 September. Our Educational Support (ES) staff embody dedication, compassion, and reliability. They not only work tirelessly to support students' learning but also show genuine care for their wellbeing every day.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Abby, Erin, Anna, and Tamara for their wonderful work with our students. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to Sharon for her support for our campus in administration in addition to her role as the school Business Manager. To show our appreciation, we will be celebrating our ES staff with a staff morning tea next week.

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is quickly approaching, and we will be celebrating our dad's/special others on Friday 5th September from 2:30pm – 3:30pm. Our dads, carers, grandpas and special people are invited to come into the campus and take part in some activities with their children. We are all looking forward to celebrating those special people in our lives.

FATHERS DAY STALL

We will be holding our Father's Day stall on Thursday the 4th of September. Our students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift from our Father's Day stall.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER

On Thursday, 11th September, all the students in Year 2 from each campus of Woody Yaloak are invited to have a sleepover at the Scarsdale campus. This is a great introduction to the Middle School camping program students will be involved in next year. This is a further opportunity for students to mix with other Woody students. Payment and the consent form are due back by Wednesday 3rd of September.

Campus Report

GRADE 3/4 CAMP

Thank you families, for completing the expression of interest on Compass. We are now working out the final cost. Permission forms and medical forms will be sent out over coming weeks via compass. Further information about the camp will also be provided within these forms

GRADE 5/6 CAMP UPDATE

Year 5/6 Roses Gap camp is fast approaching. Families who registered an expression of interest will now have the consent forms and camp information available via Compass. We are departing from Smythesdale campus at 8:30am on Wednesday September 17th and returning home by 3:30pm on Friday September 19th.

If your child is attending camp this year they have come home with a note about the administration of Panadol while at school camp. It is department policy that no medication be provided to a student without written consent and explicit instructions regarding dosage and frequency. For us to be able to give your child any medication you will need to complete the medical authority form and return it to the school by Friday the 12th of September. Any medications that your child requires will need to be provided to the school in a named zip lock bag prior to leaving for camp on the 17th of September. If you require any other information, please contact Mr Sandford.

SPELLING BEE

Our Student Leadership Team is excited to announce a Smythesdale Spelling Bee! Heats will be held for each year level, with one Super Speller crowned from every grade. We can't wait to see our students show off their spelling skills and cheer each other on in this fun competition.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the following Smythesdale students for being invited to the division athletics: Rhylan P, Noah S, James J, Tahlia G, Melody J and Brax K. This event is running on Thursday 11th. 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!

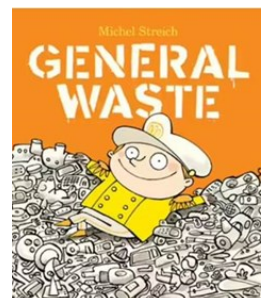
WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE- GENERAL WASTE WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Our students are preparing to be dazzled by this year's annual whole school performance of the Children's Book Council notable book, *General Waste!* This exciting performance will take place on Wednesday, 10th September at the Ross Creek Campus.

In the lead-up to the big day, all classes will read the book and engage 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.

PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online from Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025.

**DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3 & 4****AUGUST**

Wednesday 27th Wellbeing Wednesday

SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st	Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm
Thursday 4 th	Father's Day Stall
Friday 5 th	Casual for a Cause
	Father's Day Celebration
Monday 8th	Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm
Wednesday 10 th	Book Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek
Thursday 11 th	Grade 2 Sleepover
	District Sports @ Llanberris
Monday 15th	Smythesdale Swimming Session 12:30-1:15pm
Wed 17 th – Friday 19 th	Grade 5/6 Camp @ Rose Gap
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 6th First Day Term 4

Book Week





12TH ANNUAL MELBOURNE FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB 2025

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- August 28th
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(4:30 – 5:30)



EMAIL:
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Sovereign Knights Basketball
Intention to play form



Do you know a young person wanting to join a Basketball Team?

Aged 5-18 years old.

The **Sovereign Knights Basketball Club** are looking for players to join their teams.

Training is Wednesday or Thursday nights depending on your age group, at Phoenix College.

New season starts Term 4, come and train...try it out or sign up now

If you know of anyone, please ask them to email player coordinator [@skbc.org.au](mailto:admin@skbc.org.au) for further details

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