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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

Cyber Safety
Grade 3/4 Camp
KESO
Phoenix Transition
Session
World Teachers Day

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FOR MORE DETAILS

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

Welcome back to all our students and families for the final term of the year at our Smythesdale campus! We have started off the term with lots of excited faces. Everyone has been eager to get back in the swing of learning and have settled back into school life.

We have lots of fun activities planned for this term, such as:

- Student leaders dress up as what you want to be when you grow up
- Whole school walkathon/colour run
- Year 3/4 camp
- World Teachers Day
- Transition day
- High school transition days for our Year 6 students
- Visits to the Woody Kinder
- Milkshake day
- Year 6 Graduation
- Application and interviews for 2026 campus captains
- End of year celebrations
- End of year Smythesdale Award Assembly
- Senior bike ride
- Wheels day
- PFA Christmas Raffle

The staff at the campus are looking forward to another brilliant term at Smythesdale. As always, if you have any questions or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out. Let's make it another great term together!

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 29th October

Where: Ross Creek Campus

Time: 11:30-12:30



"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Campus Report

3/4 CAMP

The grade 3 and 4 students are getting very excited for our upcoming camp to Cave Hill Creek. On Wednesday 22nd October, students will meet at the Recreation Reserve at the Smythesdale Campus ready for a 9:40am departure. Students are to arrive no earlier than 8:50am and no later than 9:20am. On Friday the 24th, we are expected to arrive back at Smythesdale at approximately 2pm. Please keep an eye out for communication from the school in case we are running early or late on the day. Please remember that a packed lunch is required on the first day.

To help the morning run as smooth as possible, if your child is bringing their personal medication on camp, you are to see Stephanie Sanders inside the Recreation Reserve to hand over the medication. Medication forms were sent home yesterday. If you did not receive one, please see your child's classroom teacher. Medication should be supplied in either a zip-lock bag or a small container. If your child requires medication on the Wednesday morning, it must be administered prior to our departure. If required, Panadol will be supplied by the school if consent has been given to administer.

Packing lists are available from your classroom teacher, alternatively, they have been sent via a Compass notification. Students have been given permission to bring some lollies to camp. If you choose to send lollies with child/ren, please only send one small bag per child. A comfort toy/teddy of a suitable size can also be brought along. Hats are compulsory.

Middle PLC Teachers

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50 cents each for the remainder of the school year. Funds raised through this program will support other school based activities.



STUDENT LEADERS

The student leaders have organised the following fun activities for the term:

- Finals of the Spelling Bee
- Dress Up Day - What you want to be when you grow up (Friday 14th November)
- Milkshake Day (Friday 28th November)
- Smythesdale Wheels Day (Friday 5th December)
- Water Fun Day (Friday 19th December)

CASUAL CLOTHES DAYS- TERM 4

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

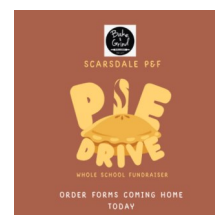
Friday 7th November

Friday 5th December

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

SCARSDALE PARENTS AND FRIENDS WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER- BAKE N GRIND

The Scarsdale Parents and Friends are running a whole school fundraiser with Bake N Grind. Order forms are being sent home today to order pies, slices, donuts and more. Please ensure your order form and money is returned to your campus office by **FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER**. All orders will be delivered to your campus on Wednesday 19th November. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Jacqui Tung at the Scarsdale campus. We thank you for your support.



ASSEMBLY

Assembly will return to our 3:05pm timeslot every second Monday now that we have finished swimming.

Campus Report



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting Woody Yaloak to be the best it can be! This term we are again hosting a **Monty's Colour Fun Run** for our students and raising funds for our school.

How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our school is easy! Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before November 21st.

Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising \$10 online! At the end of the fundraiser, student incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and bonus donations. Students can earn up to 15 unique prizes!

You can also receive some bonus Monty the Monstar incentive prizes! Check out your sponsorship form booklet for more information!

Event Information

Thursday, November 20th 2025

All students will be bussed to the **Ross Creek Campus**

Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!

Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses and a headband!

Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!

Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder!

A BBQ lunch, fruit and an icy pole will be provided to students on the day.

We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty's Colour Fun Run!

Event details, permissions and excursion costs will be available on COMPASS shortly.

For further information, please contact Mrs Wendy Hines at either Ross Creek or Snake Valley or via

email: woody.yaloak.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Wendy Hines, 2025 Colour Run Coordinator



STUDENT RECOUNT

SENIOR CAMP REFLECTIONS

From Wednesday to Friday in the last week of Term 3 the 5/6s from Woody Yaloak went to Roses Gap for camp. After a 2 hour bus drive, we set up our cabins and had a tour of the campsite before we began our activities. The activities were flying fox, giant swing, crate stacking, bushwalking, low ropes, archery, canoeing and vertical playpen. Going up on the giant swing was the most challenging, because as they pulled you up, you stated to rotate and it was a mix of scary and fun. Each night, we had dinner in the dinner hall and ice cream for dessert. We followed this with a night activity, on night one we went for a night walk and on night two we watched Lilo & Stich in Bob's shed. It was lots of fun, with lots of memorable moments, including when Rhylan flipped the canoe with Xavier in the back. They were so wet and smelly the teacher made them go back to have a shower. Lots of people had fun on the vertical playpen and giant swing, they were the most popular activities.

By Jake, Clelia, Maysi and Rhylan



TERM 4 DATES

October

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| Fri 17th | - Des Hudson Cyber Safety session |
| Mon 20th | - Phoenix College Transition session |
| Wed 22nd - Fri 24th | - Grade 3/4 Camp |
| Wed 29th | - Meet the KESO session |
| Fri 31st | - World Teachers Day |

November

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| Tues 4th | - Melbourne Cup public holiday |
| Fri 14th | - Dress Up Day - What you want to be when you are older |
| | - Grandparents Day |
| Mon 17th | - School Council |
| Thurs 20th | - Colour Run/Walkathon |
| Fri 21st | - Curriculum Day: Report Writing |
| Thurs 27th | - 2026 Foundation Transition morning |
| Fri 28th | - Student Leader Milkshake Day |

December

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| Wed 3rd | - Wellbeing Wednesday |
| Fri 5th | - Wheels Day |
| Mon 8th | - Awards Assembly |
| Tues 9th | - Statewide Transition Day |
| Thurs 11th | - Year 6 Graduation |
| Wed 17th | - Senior Bike Ride |
| Thurs 18th | - Reports sent home |
| Fri 19th | - Final day of year- 1:30pm finish |

DATES TO REMEMBER



Stephanie Sanders
CAMPUS HEAD