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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

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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

Week Four already. This term is flying! What a fantastic camp the middles went on, Cave Hill Creek is an amazing experience and all the kids had a blast. It was great to see all the 3/4 students interact with the other campuses and make new friends. A big thank you to Miss Lauren McConchie for her organisation. Looking ahead, there are more events and opportunities on the horizon, so stay tuned and get involved. Keep up the great work, everyone—it's shaping up to be an outstanding term! This is a big campus newsletter, so please take your time to read this so you do not miss anything important.

2026 ENROLMENTS

Our school leadership team is currently working toward finalising the 2026 class structures and staffing. This is a time-consuming task with many moving parts. To support our school, can you please encourage any friends or family who may know who are enrolling in our wonderful school to contact me as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you know your family is leaving the school in 2025/ 2026, can you please contact me so I can update expected class sizes.

CAMPUS CAPTAINS

We are about to begin selection for our 2026 campus captains. Interested students should begin preparing their application letters and writing speeches to present to their peers in the coming weeks. I will send home the applications this week. All Grade 5 students will be invited to apply for the roles and applications are due on **Monday 17th November**. Our current captains will also be involved in the selection process and interviews that will take place at the end of November. If your child has any questions, please ask them to speak to Mr Sandford.

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

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

On Friday the 14th of November we will be having our annual grandparents afternoon! This begins at 2:30pm and runs until the end of the day at 3:30pm. Grandparents/special others will be invited to each classroom to try different activities with their grandchildren. There will be lots to see and do! We hope to see you there.

2025 COLOUR RUN/WALKATHON

Monty's Colour Fun Run is coming on the 20th of November at the Ross Creek Wetlands and Recreation Reserve!

Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click onto the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page to help us raise funds for our school technology program. Raise \$10 to receive your first incentive prize, there are 15 unique prizes on offer! You can even earn free bonus donations!

Don't forget you need to wear a white t-shirt to make that colour pop! You'll need closed toe footwear for walking and your drink bottle to keep you hydrated!

BBQ lunch and fruit snacks are provided on the day! Any parents who would like to volunteer to help cook sausages, please contact Lauren via the Ross Creek PFA.



CURRICULUM DAY FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER / MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Just a reminder that Friday 21st November will be an Assessment and Reporting Day where students ARE NOT required at school. Staff will be focused on improving their assessment practices and OSHClub WILL NOT be running. Also Tuesday 4th November will be a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

SMYTHESDALE MOVIE DAY/ P&F LUNCH

Our annual movie day for the Smythesdale campus will be held on Wednesday December the 10th at Showbiz Cinemas Delacombe. Permission forms will be sent out via compass soon. Also for lunch this day, our wonderful P&F team will be organising a lunch free of charge for students.

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.



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.

STUDENT LEADERS

A reminder the student leaders have organised the following fun activities for the term:

- 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)

ASSEMBLY

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

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

This Friday marks a special day to focus on teachers and the tremendous work they do. It is one of the most rewarding professions that allows us to work with young children and families. It is a day to mark the dedication and commitment of all staff.

Thank you to all of our staff including Sharon in the office, our wonderful ES staff, our class teachers and specialist teachers! You all do an amazing job!

We truly are very lucky to have such a wonderful cohort of teachers across Woody, striving to make a difference in all

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

YEAR 3/4 CAMP

On camp we did some great activities like archery, low ropes, bush cooking, bush art and many more! We both enjoyed map reading and canoeing the most. On camp, we all made new friends with middles from the other campuses. The food was also delicious - we definitely recommend the chefs. We were lucky to have warm cabins for the chilly nights. Overall we rate it 5 stars!

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TERM 4 DATES

October

Wed 29th

Fri 31st

- Meet the KESO session
- World Teachers Day

November

Tues 4th

Fri 14th

Mon 17th

Thurs 20th

Fri 21st

Thurs 27th

Fri 28th

- Melbourne Cup public holiday
- Dress Up Day - What you want to be when you are older
- Grandparents Afternoon from 2.30pm
- School Council
- Colour Run/Walkathon
- Curriculum Day: Report Writing
- 2026 Foundation Transition morning
- Student Leader Milkshake Day

December

Wed 3rd

Fri 5th

Mon 8th

Tues 9th

Thurs 11th

Wed 17th

Thurs 18th

Fri 19th

- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Wheels Day
- Awards Assembly
- Statewide Transition Day
- Year 6 Graduation
- Senior Bike Ride
- Reports sent home
- Final day of year- 1:30pm finish

DATES TO REMEMBER



Stephanie Sanders
CAMPUS HEAD