



Woody Yaloak Primary School

SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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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
Pyjama Day
See page 4
for more details

**Hot Milo
\$1 each.
Every Wednesday
@ recess.**



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*WYPS Snake Valley Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.
We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.*

Campus Report

CAMPUS UPDATE

As we approach the final two weeks of Term 2, it's a great time to reflect on what has been a fantastic term here at Snake Valley. We've had a jam-packed schedule filled with exciting events, learning experiences, and community spirit. Some of the highlights from this term include:

- Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill Costume School Experience
- ANZAC Day Memorial Service
- School Photos
- Dolly's Dream Casual Clothes Day
- Division AFL and Soccer Competitions
- Mother's Day Afternoon
- Whole School Athletics Day
- Parents and Friends Lunch Day
- Red Cross Pillowcase Program
- Wellbeing Wednesday – Triple Zero Heroes
- Junior Class Sovereign Hill Excursion
- Maths Olympiad Sessions 1 & 2
- Winter Sports Program
- Whole School Art Show
- Pyjama Day



Busy making things happen?

Looking back at all these incredible activities, it's clear we have a vibrant and supportive school community. Despite the colder, wetter weather setting in, our students and staff have continued to bring enthusiasm and positivity to school each day.

This term, students have also been busy completing assessments and staff have been working on reports. We're looking forward to connecting with families during Parent-Teacher Conferences early in Term 3.

A reminder that I will be on leave for the final two weeks of term. If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please speak to your child's classroom teacher, who will assist you or direct your query to the appropriate person.

Wishing all of our families a safe, restful, and enjoyable school holiday break. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 3.

Please note that school **will finish at 2:30pm on Friday, July 4th for the end of term.**

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Campus Report

STUDENT ABSENCES – COMPASS

As we reach the halfway point of the school year, many families are now more familiar with how we use Compass to manage student attendance. We kindly ask that all absences be logged directly through your Compass app. If your child is arriving late or leaving early, they must sign in or out via the Compass Kiosk at the front office. This ensures accurate attendance records and helps minimise interruptions to valuable teaching time. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep things running smoothly.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

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

Parent-Teacher conferences for ALL students will be held on TUESDAY 29th JULY- 1.30pm-6.00pm and TUESDAY 5th 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 29th 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.

SWIMMING PROGRAM -

Our swimming program commences next Term in Week 2. There are 8 sessions each Wednesday. The bus will leave Snake Valley at 11am arriving at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre at 11:30am. The lesson will be a 45minute lesson, 11:45am – 12:30pm. Students will arrive back at our campus at approximately 1:15pm, ready for their lunch break.

Parents and carers are more than welcome to come along and watch the sessions however, no photos of students are to be taken - this is in line with our Child Safety policies.

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.

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.

Campus Report

WINTER SPORTS

My first Winter Sports started off a bit boring, as none of the games were very fun. The next time around, though, was much, much more fun.

Max and I were sent off to play netball. We were hoping we'd get to tag along with Mrs. Collins and not have to do it—hoping, saying "please" to the air, and even giving a quick prayer to Lyria. Sometimes, though, that just isn't enough. We were put into teams and sat out the first round, but in the next round, we both got to play. Max and I had to face off against each other's teams. Max mostly tottered around near his goal, stopping anyone from getting the ball into the hoop, but I had a much more active role.

I played wing attack, where you must snag the ball from the other team and pass it to your teammates. It was really, really, really, really (imagine another 3,539 reallys because Mrs. Collins will get annoyed if I type them all out here) fun!
Connor.

Over the past two weeks, we've been doing Winter Sports. Levi and I had such a great time competing against other kids in footy.

In the first week, Levi and I were on the same team — Collingwood. They're not the best, but that's okay. All the other kids on our team were extremely welcoming, and there was great teamwork. Everyone did their part.

Katie took some great photos, She got a shot of Levi in the ruck, as well as a couple of great photos of us all together.
Levi and Bon.

For the past two weeks, students from Grades 4, 5, and 6 at Snake Valley, Ross Creek, Scarsdale, Smythesdale, Linton, Cape Clear, and Napoleons all had a great time trying out different sports and games. We made new friends from across the campus, and everyone joined in with lots of enthusiasm!

The netballers gave it their all, and the teamwork was awesome! Everyone's effort was amazing. We all had such a fun and an exciting time — it truly was the best!

By the end, everyone had learned their positions in netball, and I bet most of us got used to footy as well. The scores were great, and we all had an incredible experience.

We can't wait to go back next year!

Lacey

Hi, my name is Indi, and I'm here to tell you about Winter Sports.

I played netball and I loved it! I got 2 goals in the first week, and in the second week, I got 6! I played GS, C, and WA.

There were Grades 4, 5, and 6 versing each other. They had a horn to let us know when it was recess and lunch. One horn means snack time, and two horns mean an emergency.

It was at Smythesdale.

Thank you for reading!

Indi



Campus Report

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 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!



CAN COLLECTION

Thankyou to those who have been collecting cans for us. Our last collection raised over \$70. Keep them coming!!!



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. This day will also be our last casual clothes day for the term. We will be making it a PJ Day

TERM DATES

JUNE

Wed 25th - Whole School Art Show

JULY

Fri 4th - Pyjama Day

- Last day of Term 2. Dismissal @ 2.30pm

Mon 21st - Term 3 commences



Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD

Captains Chat



Hi everyone!

Can you believe we're already in the last two weeks of Term 2. This term has flown by, and we've packed so much in!

Winter sport has been a big highlight, and it's been awesome to see so many of us giving our best and showing great sportsmanship.

*The cold weather hasn't stopped us from having fun – especially with warm **Milos** keeping us toasty.*

Before we finish up, a big good luck to Mrs Dwyer – we're all thinking of you and sending our best wishes!

Let's make these last two weeks count. Keep working hard and following our school values.

From your School Captains.

You are invited to...

W.Y.P.S ART SHOW

The Art of Wellbeing An Exhibition

WHEN:

Wednesday 25th
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 8th August 6:00-7:30 at
the Ross Creek Campus Hall.**

\$5 Entry fee

**Canteen and raffle prizes
available**

**** No Phones Allowed ****



JNR

NAIDOC DISCO

FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

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

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

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