



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

Parent Teacher
Interviews

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for more details

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Friday.

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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.*

Woody Kid of the Month



We are so proud to recognise Cooper as our Woody Kid for the month of July! Cooper comes to school each day with a big smile and a positive, can-do attitude that brightens up our classroom. No matter the task, he consistently tries his best and never gives up, even when things get challenging. Cooper is a kind and caring classmate who shows empathy and is always willing to lend a helping hand—often without even being asked. He goes out of his way to support others and make our classroom a safe and welcoming place for all. With respectful behaviour towards both teachers and peers, Cooper sets a wonderful example of what it means to be a thoughtful, hardworking and trustworthy member of our school community. Well done, Cooper.

Congratulations!

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WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

Welcome back to all our students and families for Term 3 at our Snake Valley 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 begins tomorrow and will run every Wednesday, 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!

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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!

For your information, Rhonda will be on leave until Week 7, returning on Monday, 1st September. During this time, the front office will be unattended. If you have any questions or need assistance, please see Mrs Dwyer or speak with your child's classroom teacher.

ASSEMBLY

This term our assemblies are being held on our even weeks of term, 11/7, 25/7, 8/9, 16/9.

Assemblies begin at 9:05am in our open space and run 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!

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.

HOMELESSNESS WEEK 3, 4th – 10th 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, 1st 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.

CURRICULUM DAY

A friendly reminder that Friday August 15th is a pupil free day. There is no school for students on this day.

PIZZA LUNCH

This coming Friday those students that have ordered pizza will have this for lunch. Orders have now closed. We are expecting the pizza to arrive on time at 1:30pm. Yum!



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SWIMMING UPDATE

Tomorrow, Wednesday 30th July, will be our first swimming lesson for this year at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre. There is certainly lots of excitement in the lead up to the session. 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 Snake Valley students take part in the 45-minute lesson from 11:45am – 12:30pm. The bus will leave Snake Valley at approximately 11am and return at approximately 1:15pm.

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 low because of the wet conditions.

Captains Chat



Hi everyone!

Welcome back to Term 3! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun break. This term is going to be another busy one, but we are super excited—especially about swimming! It's always one of the best parts of the term and a great way to stay active while having fun with our friends.

Last week, the Grade 4 students went on their excursion to Scienceworks and had an amazing time! They explored so many cool things and came back full of interesting facts!

We hope everyone has a great term 3.

From your School Captains.

STUDENT RECOUNTS

Marley

On Friday 25th of the grade 2/3/4s went to science works. First, we met up at Smythesdale and then we drove to Melbourne on a bus.

Next we arrived at Scienceworks and we had our recess on the rainbow stairs.

Soon after, we had to go to the general viewing room. To begin with, I saw a mood room which had buttons to choose your emotion and the emotion that you feel is the colour of the room, it felt so magical! Next, I went to the sports section and I did a running race with Amelia.

After that, I had lunch and what I had for lunch was a salad sandwich. It was delicious.

Later, I went to the planetarium to watch a movie called Tycho goes to mars. The movie was great and the seats were very comfortable!

Last of all, we got on the bus to go home.



Charlie

First, on the 25th of July we got dropped off at Smythesdale and then we hopped on the bus. It took us about 1 hour and 40 minutes to get to Scienceworks. When we got there, we all sat down and had a recess. After that, we got put into groups of 2 to walk to the general viewing room.

Then we went to the general viewing room and got to go see everything. First, my partner and I went to the sports side and saw how we do everything, from lifting our arms to how people use wheel chairs. We were even shown what to eat to be healthy and strong!

Soon after, we went exploring and found an area where we could make our own car. I made a super car and my partner made a car that could fly. Then, we saw the trains and the planes that looked like they were from the army. Lastly, we went to this game section where you can give yourself more strength and see how high you can jump in the game.

Finally, we had lunch and then saw the most fun thing... the Planetarium! It was so cool, it was like the movies but the screen was above us. We watched Tycho goes to mars and it went for about 20 minutes. Then we looked at all the stars in the sky. After that, we lined up and hopped back into the bus and we went back to Smythesdale.

Cooper

On Friday 25 of July we met at Smythesdale. We all got on a bus and for 1 and a half hours we drove to Melbourne. Then we arrived at Scienceworks. We got off the bus and went to have our snack. The first thing we did was go to the general viewing room. I saw planes, trains and boats. The next thing I got to see was the sports section, I saw a race track where we raced friends and we did rock climbing. We went for lunch. After lunch, we went to the planetarium and watched Tycho goes to Mars. I really enjoyed all of it. Then we got on the bus to go home.



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WELLBEING AT WOODY - 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 Soyuturk. "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.

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.

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 7th 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 8th, 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER - TERM 3**JULY**

Monday 28 th	SV Assembly 9:05am
	School Council Meeting via Teams 6:00pm
Tuesday 29 th	Parent Teacher Interviews 1:00 – 6:00pm
Wednesday 30 th	Snake Valley first Swimming Session 11:00 – 1:15pm

AUGUST

Friday 1 st	Cause for a Cause – 'Bring A Can'
	Pizza Lunch
Tuesday 6 th	Parent Teacher Interview 4:00 – 6:00pm
Wednesday 6 th	SV Swimming Session 11:00 – 1:15pm
Thursday 7 th	SV Tree Drive - Trees Arriving
Friday 8 th	Woody Disco 6:00 – 7:30pm Ross Creek
Monday 11 th	SV Assembly 9:05am
Friday 15 th	Curriculum Day – Pupil Free Day
Monday 18 th – Fri 22 nd	Book Week
Monday 18 th	SV Book Week Dress up
Monday 25 th	SV Assembly 9:05am
Wednesday 27 th	Wellbeing Wednesday
Thursday 4 th	Father's Day Stall
Friday 5 th	Casual for a Cause
	Dads & Doughnuts' Afternoon – Father's Day Celebration

SEPTEMBER

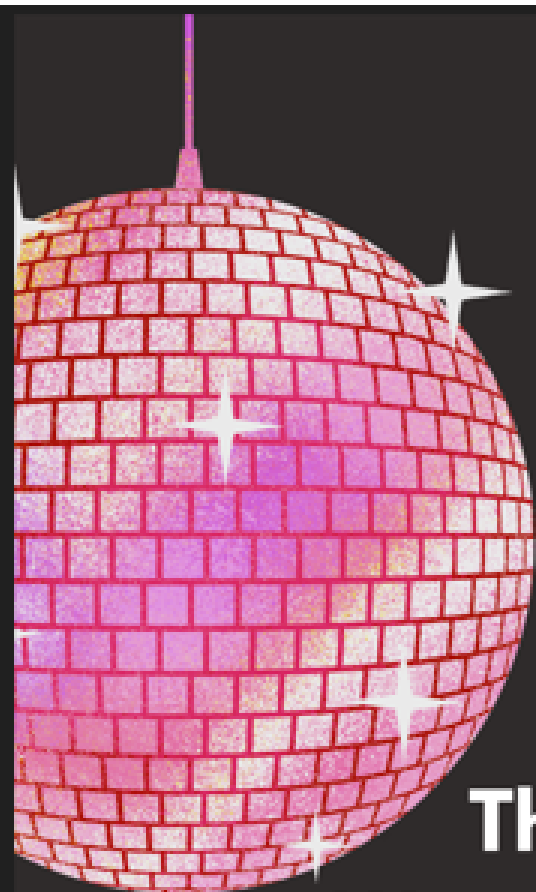
Monday 8 th	SV Assembly 9:05am
Wednesday 10 th	Book Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek
Thursday 11 th	Grade 2 Sleepover
	District Sports @ Llanberris
Wed 17 th – Friday 19 th	Grade 5/6 Camp @ Rose Gap
Friday 19 th	Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Monday 6 th	First Day Term 4
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Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD



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 ****

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


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



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.

