



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

Swimming
Book Performance
Gr 5/6 Camp
District Sports
Gr 2 Sleepover

See page 5
for more details

WE ARE STILL COLLECTING CANS.

Please drop off to the
school.
Thanks!



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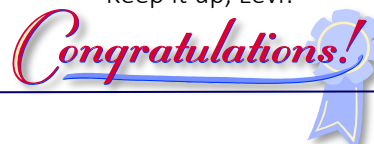
*WYPS Snake Valley Campus was formed on the lands of the Wadawurrung people of the Kulin Nation.
We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.
We also acknowledge the First Nations people throughout Victoria.*

Woody Kid of the Month



We are excited to recognize Levi as our Student of the Month. Levi is a kind, courteous, and respectful student who always demonstrates our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Excellence. Levi consistently treats others with kindness, listens carefully, and sets a positive example in the classroom. Levi takes responsibility for his learning, always completing his work on time and giving his best effort. He strives for excellence in everything he does and encourages others to do the same. Levi is a valued member of our school community, and we are proud to celebrate his great attitude and hard work.

Keep it up, Levi!



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END OF TERM

Next week is our final week of Term 3 and it's been a very busy term for students and staff. There have been a lot of extra-curricular activities and events. Each one takes a lot of preparation and dedication and once again the hard-working staff have shown high levels of organisation. Hopefully, all students can take some time over the holidays to rest and relax so they are recharged ready for a fantastic last term.

Here are some of the wonderful events we have carried out this term:

- Swimming program
- Extensive literacy and numeracy programs in and out of the classroom
- Parent teacher conferences
- Buddy Program
- PFA Father's Day stall
- Dad's & Donuts
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Disco
- Senior Camp at Roses Gap
- Book week including a dress up day and whole school performance
- Grade 2 sleepover
- Captains visit to Haddon Kinder

A reminder that next Friday 19th September is the last day of term with a 2:30pm finish. Term 4 commences on Monday 6th October.

"IT'S COOL TO BE AT SCHOOL"

Campus Report

CONGRATULATIONS CONNOR!

Congratulations to Connor, who has achieved an incredible result in the **Prime Minister's Spelling Bee!** After progressing through the School Competition Round, Connor has made it to the **State and Territory Finals** and placed in the **Top 3** students in Victoria for his category. This is an outstanding achievement, recognising Connor's dedication, spelling accuracy and speed. He will now proudly represent Woody Yaloak Primary School at the state level of this national competition. We are so proud of you, Connor!



SENIOR CAMP

Our grade 5/6 Roses Gap camp is fast approaching. On Wednesday September 17th students will be meeting the bus at the Smythesdale Recreational reserve at 8:45am please aim to be there by 8:30am so that we can depart on time. We are due to arrive back at the Smythesdale recreation reserve between 3:00pm and 3:30pm on the 19th of September, please keep an eye out for communications from the school in case we are running early or late on the day. Please remember that students will need a packed lunch on the first day.



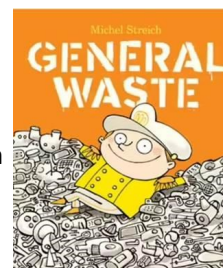
To help the morning run smoothly please return all medication paperwork to the classroom teacher by Tuesday the 16th of September and, if possible, any medications in a named ziplock bag. We understand that there are some medications that you will need to provide on the morning of camp, these should be given to Jacqui Tung when you drop your child/ren off for the bus. If your child requires any medication, it must be supplied prior to our departure for camp. This includes Asthma medication, antihistamines, and any pain medication other than the Panadol that the school has agreed to supply.

Packing lists are available from your classroom teacher, alternatively the Compass event has a "What to Bring" list that you may choose to refer to. We know that students wish to bring lollies to camp, if you choose to send lollies with your child/ren please only send one small bag per child, it is definitely not an expectation that all parents provide lollies it is optional.

WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE- GENERAL WASTE WEDNESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Our students are preparing to be dazzled tomorrow at our Ross Creek Campus by this year's annual whole school performance of the Children's Book Council notable book, *General Waste!*

Our classes have read the book and engaged 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.

DIVISION SPORTS

This Thursday is the division sports at Llanberris Reserve. 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!

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. As of next week, our students will be required to wear their hat when outside during recess and lunch times. If your child does not have a wide brim hat, they are available at Beleza in Ballarat.

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THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Lauren Jacka for once again giving up her time last Thursday to run our Father's Day stall. We truly appreciate your ongoing support of our campus activities, Lauren. The children had a wonderful time choosing their special gifts, and we couldn't have done it without you!



DAD & DOUGHNUTS AFTERNOON

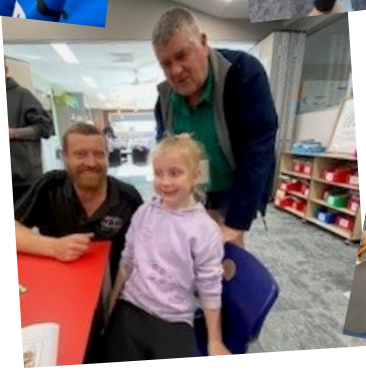
A big thank you to all the wonderful dads, grandpas, and special guests who joined us for our Father's Day afternoon on Friday. The students had a fantastic time-sharing board games, completing interviews, and creating portraits with their visitors. It was a joy to see so many smiles and to watch students proudly spend time with the special people in their lives. Events like these remind us of the importance of community and connection, and we are so grateful for the support of our families. We hope you all enjoyed the afternoon together, had a wonderful weekend, and loved the special gifts chosen from our Father's Day stall!



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Donuts
with Dad



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PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

Our school is currently conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey, provided by the Department of Education, and we would love your feedback. This survey helps us better understand families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and engagement. While participation is optional, your input is highly valued and greatly appreciated.

The results will guide us in identifying areas for improvement, staff professional development needs, and future school planning strategies. At present, our Snake Valley Campus has only a 7% response rate, so we would be very grateful if more families could take part and help shape our direction moving forward.

The survey is open from Monday 18 August to Friday 19 September 2025 and takes about 20 minutes to complete. It can be accessed online at any time from a computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Instructions on how to complete the survey were sent home via COMPASS on the 28th August. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at the campus.

GRADE 2 SLEEPOVER

The Year 2 Sleepover is almost here, and we have some very excited students! This Thursday 11th of September the Year 2 students will be sleeping over at the Scarsdale campus. The sleepover will commence at 7:00pm on Thursday evening. The students will remain at Scarsdale on Friday to enjoy some activities with students from other campuses.

The students will need to be dropped off at the Scarsdale Campus at 7pm on Thursday evening, already wearing their pyjamas, having had baths/showers and eaten tea/dinner at home. Parents can help them set up their beds before leaving them for the night.

Students are to be collected from Scarsdale at 2:30pm on the Friday 12th of September. All food for the Friday will be provided by the school.

This is a great introduction to the Middle School camping program students will be involved in next year and a good opportunity to meet and build friendships with other students their age from all four campuses.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

Wed 10th

Thurs 11th

Wed 17th – Fri 19th

Fri 19th

- Book Whole School Performance @ Ross Creek

- Grade 2 Sleepover

- District Sports @ Llanberris

- Grade 5/6 Camp @ Rose Gap

- Last Day of Term 3

OCTOBER

Mon 6th

- First Day Term 4



Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD

Captains Chat



Hi everyone!

A big thank you to all the dads and special people who came along to our "Dads and Donuts" afternoon — it was great to see you all!

We were lucky enough this week to visit the Haddon Kinder with Mrs Major. It was wonderful to meet some of next year's foundation students.

We're really excited for the upcoming 5/6 Camp at Roses Gap — it's going to be a great adventure! Plus, our Grade 2 students are looking forward to their sleepover next week.

Keep up the great work.



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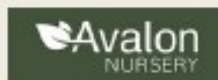
FREE
ENTRY

Saturday 20th September 10am - 3pm

**Stalls & Artists | Food | Free Workshops | Craft | Games | Prizes
Performers | Facepainting**

55 Heales Street, Smythesdale VIC

Free tickets here



FREE ACTIVITIES

BREATHWORK WORKSHOP

Simonays - Stress Management Consultant - a 45 minute breathwork, meditation and somatic workshop! From 10:15am - 11am

FREE DANCE WORKSHOPS

Project Dance are running free dance workshops and showcasing their performers from 10:30 - 11:30 am

BISCUIT DECORATING

Join the CWA Scarsdale volunteers to decorate a delicious cookie to take home (or eat!).

ENTERTAINMENT

Get your face painted; listen to awesome bands & artists; browse the fantastic stalls and vote in the photography competition!

CRAFT AND ART ACTIVITIES

- Rock painting
- Bookmark making
- Clay making
- Origami
- Scratch art
- Loom bands
- Wind Spinners
- Make your own keychain
- Succulent potting (20 places only - bookings essential)
- Glass painting (15 places only - bookings essential)

REC ACTIVITIES & GAMES

- Handball competition
- Frisbee golf
- Quoits
- Bean bag toss
- Giant cards
- Giant noughts & crosses
- Giant connect four



Fun for all ages!

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility -
Smythesdale VIC 3351

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SMYTHESDALE
YOUTH MARKET

Saturday
September 20th

10am - 3pm



Get your free
ticket so we know
to expect you!

Woody Yaloak Recreation Facility
55 Heales St Smythesdale VIC 3351

Event Maps

Smythesdale Markets



Youth Market: Main Stage

10:30am - 11:30 am

Performances and free dance
workshops by Project Dance

11:45 - 12:15pm

Vendetta

12:30pm - 1pm

Bratzilla

1:15pm - 2pm

Black Velvet

2:15 - 3:35

Tilda and Boo



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