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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

KESO Visit
World Teachers Day
RACV Safety

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for more details

Woody Yaloak Primary School SNAKE VALLEY CAMPUS



"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"

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*WYPS Snake Valley 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 Victoria.*

Woody Kid of the Month



Our Woody kid of the month for September is Finn.
Finn is a pleasure to have in our class and always walks into class with a smile.

He loves to have fun with his friends.
Finn works to a high standard in class and can be relied upon to complete all work asked of him.
Whether it's in PE or Maths, Finn puts in 100% and shows great leadership when working with others.

Finn displays our schools values each day of excellence, responsibility and respect to both staff and students.

Keep up the great work.

Well done Finn!

Congratulations!



We are so proud to recognise Oscar as our Woody Kid of the Month for October!

Oscar consistently challenges himself and takes great pride in his learning and achievements.
He is a hardworking student who always gives his best effort and approaches every task with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Oscar contributes thoughtful ideas during class discussions and listens respectfully to others, showing kindness, empathy, and fairness towards everyone.

He is a reliable and responsible member of our classroom who leads by example through his positive attitude and excellent behaviour.

Well done Oscar!

Congratulations!

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Campus Report

CAMPUS UPDATE

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 very big campus newsletter, so please take your time to read this so you do not miss anything important.

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



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.

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 Byrne or myself.

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, can you please contact me so I can update expected class sizes.

PRIME RENEWABLES

We're excited to share that Woody Yaloak Primary School, Snake Valley Campus has recently received a \$2000 grant from Prime Renewables to support our student wellbeing initiatives. This funding has been used to purchase a range of indoor games and resources for our students to enjoy during break times and wet weather days.

These new additions will help create fun, inclusive spaces that encourage positive social interaction, teamwork, and connection across all year levels. A big thank you to Prime Renewables for their generous support of our school community and for helping us continue to enhance student wellbeing and engagement.

www.primerenewables.com.au

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 Rhonda 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 our students' academic future.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Our student leaders will lead a service to mark Remembrance Day Tuesday 11th November starting at 10:50 a.m. Our student leaders will lead this service and all families are welcome to attend.



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GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON

On Friday the 14th 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! This will also be a casual clothes day! We hope to see you there.

SNAKE VALLEY PARENTS AND FRIENDS

We are currently looking at getting our P&F team up and running again in 2026. If any parents or community members of our campus are interested in becoming part of our P & F, please contact Mrs Dwyer. If you would prefer to volunteer your time to assist at P&F events, rather than becoming a full member, please also speak with Mrs Dwyer as we are always looking for people to help out on special occasions.

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.

MELBOURNE CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY/CURRICULUM DAY

Just a reminder that **Tuesday 4th November** will be a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

Also **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.

MOVIE DAY

Our annual movie day for the Snake Valley campus will be held on Wednesday 10th December at Showbiz Cinemas Delacombe. Permission forms will be sent out via compass very soon. We will be providing our students with popcorn and a drink.

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 & 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 14th November

Thursday 4th December - Christmas themed (This is the Thursday as our Awards Assembly is the Friday)

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

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STUDENT RECOUNT

GRADE 3/4 CAVE HILL CREEK CAMP

First of all, we arrived at the Smythesdale school on Wednesday the 27/10/25 and went to the gym. We arrived there at eight thirty. Then, we went onto the bus and patiently waited forty five minutes. We arrived at nine forty five. When we got to cave hill creek, one of the staff went onto the bus and told us we have to get a random suitcase even if it's not ours and we have to put it in the cabins area in the Courtyard. We did it and I found my belongings. All of us then went to the Cafeteria where we had our fruit/snack and had about twenty minutes to eat. We found out where our cabins were and we organised our stuff so we could be in the courtyard or glamping village. We then did our first activity and found out what group we were in. After our first activity we had our lunch that we had in our paper/plastic bag. We had twenty minutes to eat lunch. After lunch we did our second activity. After we finished one hour of the activity, we went to the middle space and said that we would be doing a talent show that night. We then went to our cabins and had showers and got ready. We then went to the Cafeteria where we had lasagna, a potato and a salad. After that we had a birthday cake for dessert. We also sang happy b day to a teacher because that's the only reason we had a birthday cake for dessert. After one hour of dinner, we went to the middle space and did the talent show. We went to our cabins and did our night routine and then slept.

On Thursday, We woke up, changed and went to the Cafeteria for breakfast and our options were cereal, yogurt and toast. We did one activity. Then after that activity we had morning tea. Then we did another activity. Again, after that activity we had lunch and for lunch we had a beef burger. Another activity then afternoon tea back to an activity then one more activity which took us to tea. For dinner we had mini chicken breasts, vegetables, soy and honey. Then we slept. On Friday, we woke up and did our morning routine plus packed up. I had breakfast and the options were cereal, yogurt and toast. Finally, we had the second last activity, then our last and then lunch. We had the same for lunch, which was a salad roll that was delicious. We said our goodbyes to Cave Hill Creek and went onto the bus and arrived at the Smythesdale School Oval. **By Ale**

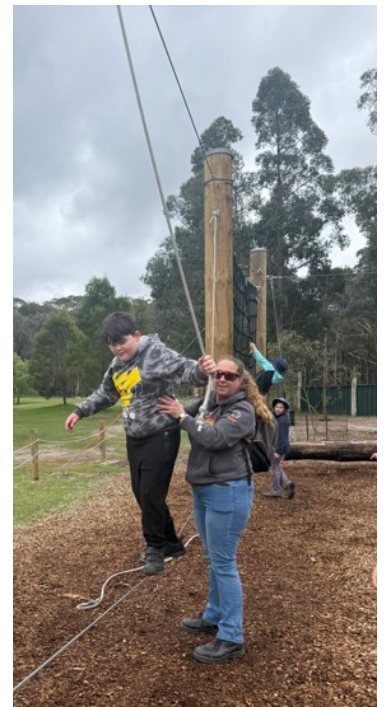
This is my Cave Hill Creek experience!

We travelled on the Little coaches' bus for about 45 minutes. It wasn't the nicest weather ever, not windy, not raining, just generally cold. The weather did not brighten up; it just got worse. When we got there, we unpacked other people's stuff out of the bus and had a big talk, the important thing was the areas we couldn't go in but the rest were simple things we should just already know. I was assigned to tent number 2 in the glamping village. The tents were a champagne colour in and outside. The walls were paper thin, so the cold air was seeping through the walls. There were 3 bunks and 2 single beds. I was in the far wall from the door on a bunk above Morgan, to the left of Morgan was Jordan in a single then on Jordan's left was Connor. At my feet at the other wall was Izea and at Izea's feet was Charlie. So, there were 6 of us in the whole tent. Our furniture was not much, just a bedside table, lamp and very small heater that was hot but it just didn't spread past the end of my bed which was extremely close.

The servings were sadly small except for the lasagna. The first day's food was just our selection of snacks from home except dinner. For dinner was lasagna, sweet potato and veggies. For dessert we had butterscotch pudding. For breakfast the next day we had a selection of cereal including weetbix, corn flakes, something random I forgot and rice bubbles. For morning tea we had scones and jam with optional fruit which was green apples and oranges. For lunch we had burgers. For afternoon tea we had milo. For dinner we had chicken, potatoes and vegetables. For dessert we had Mr. Jerrams birthday cake.

The activity list was a lot better than last year's camp.

We did a bush walk in the recently burnt down forest which was a not so great activity. A super good activity was archery which is very hard but very fun. Archery may be good but my favourite activity was canoeing where you were paired with someone and I was paired with Morgan because you could choose your partner and I chose Morgan. Another great activity was bush cooking where we were in the forest around a campfire cooking damper that we made then put on some jam and ate our tasty damper. Another great activity was map reading where you did a lot of walking to find different letters just to get halfway done and even though we still got a prize for it, it was a lolly that I don't like. I spy was a mid activity where you found different locations from a picture and answer a question then get another location to do. Hut building was an amazing activity because I like building huts. Sadly, I didn't finish the hut I was working on but it was still fun. Low ropes where you stood on chains, tires, ropes and wood and walked across them which I was not at all good at. From 7 to 9 pm, we had teacher activities and one of them was a talent show that some of us did and there was one winner and it was a girl singing by herself. The final teacher activity was a movie which was Zootopia. We got to pat chickens after archery which was the 2nd best thing we did. I had a lot of fun but got no sleep so never ever expect to sleep at camp. **By Oscar**



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Campus Report

October

Wed 29th
Fri 31st

- Meet the KESO session
- World Teacher's Day
- RACV Safety Squad

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

November

Tues 4th
Fri 7th
Mon 10th
Tues 11th
Fri 14th
Mon 17th

- Melbourne Cup public holiday
- Free Dress– Casual for a Cause
- Assembly 9.05am
- Remembrance Day service @ 10.50am
- Grandparent's afternoon
- School Council
- Campus Captains applications due
- Colour Run/Walkathon
- Curriculum Day: Report Writing
- Assembly 9.05am
- 2026 Foundation Transition morning

Thurs 20th
Fri 21st
Mon 24th
Thurs 27th

December

Mon 1st
Wed 3rd
Thurs 4th
Fri 5th
Mon 8th
Tues 9th
Wed 10th
Thurs 11th
Wed 17th
Thurs 18th
Fri 19th

- Phoenix Band Performance
- Wellbeing Wednesday
- Free Dress– Casual for a Cause
- Campus End of Year Assembly Presentation
- NO Assembly
- Statewide transition day
- Movie Day
- Year 6 Graduation
- Senior bike ride
- Reports sent home
- Final day of year- 1:30pm finish



Jamie Dwyer
CAMPUS HEAD

Captains Chat



Hi everyone,

Last week the grade 3/4 had their camp. They went to Cave Hill Creek and had an amazing time at camp for 3 whole days.

This week we have World Teachers Day to celebrate the wonderful teachers at our Snake Valley Campus.

We also have to RACV safety lessons on Friday. Something to look forward to.

Have a great week and keep smiling!

From your Captains :)