

"ACHIEVING TOGETHER"



Woody Yaloak Primary School

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- 2025 Term Dates**
- 28th Jan - 4th April
 - 22nd Apr - 4th July
 - 21st July - 19th Sept
 - 4th Oct - 19th Dec

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Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

SEPTEMBER

Wed 17th - Friday 19th

- Gr 5/6 Camp at Roses Gap

Friday 19th

- Last day of term 2

OCTOBER

Monday 6th

- First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 4th

- Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Student Free Day

Wed 22nd - Fri 24th

- Gr 3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp



**PERMISSION FORMS
AND
MONEY DUE**

OCTOBER 2025

Due WEDNESDAY 8TH

- 3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp Consent, Medical Form and Payment **DUE**



Woody Yaloak Primary School 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.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

In our final newsletter for the term, I'd like to highlight an outstanding individual achievement from one of our students at Snake Valley. I don't usually single out individuals, as I know all our students achieve amazing things across many areas.



What stood out to me in this case is that it wasn't a sporting achievement, but success in a spelling competition. Over the past 7–9 years at Woody, we have worked hard to strengthen every part of our literacy program. Spelling, in particular, is an important measure of a student's understanding of language. In a competition, there is no room for "almost right": a word is either correct or incorrect, whether one letter is missed or two are out of order. In this competition there is also the added pressure of having been timed.



We are incredibly proud of Connor, who recently represented Snake Valley in the National Final of the annual Prime Minister's Spelling Bee.

Now in its fifth year, the Bee — run by classroom news site *Kids News* — broke records across the board, with 82,712 students participating nationwide. They were supported by 3,384 teachers across 1,436 schools.

After the school round, the top 200 students in each state and age group advanced to state and territory finals, with only the top three from each category progressing to the national final.

We were thrilled to learn that Connor was not only the top Victorian student but also placed third overall in Australia! He delivered a flawless performance, achieving a perfect score of 30 out of 30 in just 1 minute and 17.228 seconds.

Connor has now completed the national round, and we eagerly await the announcement of the overall winner, who will receive flights to Canberra to meet the Prime Minister.

What a fantastic effort, Connor! This is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to you, your teachers, and your family for the collective support behind this success. Connor, you should be especially proud—not only for having a go but also for excelling at the highest level.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont....

I hope everyone has a restful break and enjoys the time with your family and hopefully we get to enjoy some warmer weather.

Regards

Corey Pohlner

Principal

Woody Yaloak Primary School



COMMUNITY NEWS



JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS WANTED

WOODY WARRIORS 2026

JUNIORS ONLY CLUB

Under 8s, Under 10s, Under 12s & Under 14s

\$99

REGISTRATION

FEES

FREE WOODY WARRIORS

FOOTBALL BAG WITH EVERY

REGISTRATION



WESTERN BULLDOGS TRAINING CLINIC

Further details to come

FREE AFL TRIP IN 2026 TO SEE THE WESTERN BULLDOGS

 **Woody Yaloak Football Netball Club**

 **football@woodywarriors.com.au**

 **Rohan 0409 970 997**



NEW & RETURNING PLAYERS

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

YOUR INTEREST

POWER FM

FREE FOOTY

FESTIVAL

THANKS TO

fitness fernwood

- BALLARAT -

  

WED 24 SEPT

GAMES + PRIZES + FOOD + DRINKS

FOOTY INFLATABLES

HANDBALL TARGETS + MINI-GAMES

AND MORE!

VICTORIA PARK,

OVAL NUMBER 4

ENTRY OFF MILITARY DRIVE

POWER FM

BROADCASTING LIVE

SESSION 1: SENSORY: 9AM-10AM

SESSION 2: 10.30AM-12:30PM

SESSION 3: 1.15PM-3:15PM

CHILDREN AGED 4 - 12

MUST REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE

SCAN TO REGISTER

