

# **Woady 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

#### **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



Woady 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.

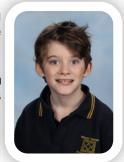


# PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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 Woady, 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 MESSGAE 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
Woady Yaloak Primary School



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