

Woady Yaloak Primary School

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FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

2025 Term Dates

• 28th Jan - 4th April • 22nd Apr - 4th July

• 21st July - 19th Sept

• 4th Oct - 19th Dec

OCTOBER

Monday 13th

 School Council 6pm via Microsoft Teams

Wed 22nd - Fri 24th

 Gr 3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 4th

- Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Student Free Day

Thursday 20th

Colour Run

Friday 21st

- Report Writing Day
- Student Free Day





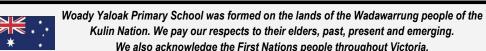


PERMISSION FORMS **AND MONEY DUE**

OCTOBER 2025

Due WEDNESDAY 8TH

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





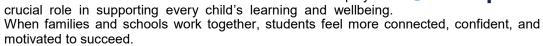
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a restful break and are ready for an exciting Term 4 ahead.

COMMUNICATION UPDATE FOR TERM 4

Effective communication between school and home plays a



Clear and consistent communication helps parents stay informed about their child's progress, upcoming events, and classroom activities. It also gives staff valuable insight into each student's needs, ensuring support is personalised and responsive.

Equally important is two-way communication — when parents share updates, feedback, or concerns, it helps teachers make informed decisions that benefit the child's overall development. Strong school-home partnerships build trust, strengthen relationships, and create a community where every student can thrive.

Over recent years, our school has used Class Dojo as a third-party app to share updates, celebrate student achievements, and strengthen communication between families and teachers. It has been a valuable platform for connecting with parents and supporting classroom engagement.

However, as our school has grown and communication needs have expanded, having multiple apps in use — including Class Dojo, Compass, and email — has created a few challenges. Families have told us that it can sometimes be confusing to know where to find the right information or which platform to check for school updates. Similarly, staff have found it difficult to manage messages and ensure consistency across different communication channels.

To make communication clearer, more reliable, and easier for everyone, we are moving toward using COMPASS as our single communication platform. This change will help ensure that all families receive information in one place and that communication between home and school remains smooth, timely, and transparent.

Since the start of the year, COMPASS has been our main communication hub for families. Through the COMPASS app, parents and carers can:

- Stay informed with important school dates and events via the calendar
- Receive timely notifications and reminders
- Access newsletters, excursion information and permission forms
- Submit student absences
- Make payments and approve excursions

This keeps all important information in one place, making things clearer and more convenient for everyone.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSGAE Cont....

From this week, all campus and classroom updates will be shared **only through COMPASS**. This means that **Class Dojo will no longer be used for campus or classroom notifications**.

During **Term 4**, we'll also begin moving private messages (previously sent through Class Dojo) across to COMPASS. Over the next two weeks, families will receive guidance on how to use COMPASS to contact teachers directly via email.

From **Week 5 onwards**, all parent communication will take place through COMPASS. Messages sent via COMPASS will go straight to staff email accounts, helping ensure clear, timely, and consistent communication.

We appreciate your support as we streamline our communication systems and strengthen our connection between home and school.

PARENT PAYMENT POLICIES

Each year, schools are required to review and update their Parent Payment Policy and contributions in line with Department of Education guidelines. These contributions help support our school's programs, resources, and the learning experiences we provide for all students.

Over the coming weeks, our School Council will review and approve the proposed 2026 Parent Payment Arrangements. Once approved, families will receive detailed information outlining the payment categories, contribution amounts, and available payment options.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our families through these contributions, which directly benefit our students' learning and wellbeing. Further information will be shared with parents and carers as soon as the arrangements are endorsed by School Council.

Our next school council meeting is scheduled for Monday October 13th from 6.00pm, via Microsoft Teams. I will be on long service leave from Monday October 13th until October 24th. Eamon Johnson will be Acting Principal during my leave.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

Over the coming weeks our leadership team will be finalising our teaching staff and grade structures for 2026, once this is completed, we will share with our school community. Thank-you for your patience, this is always a busy time of the year for schools, and we appreciate your support and understanding.

Thanks for reading!

Regards *Corey Pohlner*Principal
Woady Yaloak Primary School





Woady Yaloak Athletics Club

Track & Field Season 2025/26



Starts 17th October 2025 Fridays, 430pm

Runs Term 4 & Term 1 Join any time

Haddon Recreation Reserve \$30 for the whole season

Ages Under 4's through to Under 18's

For more info & to register www.woadyathletics.org.au

Woady Yaloak Athletics Club is based at the Haddon Recreation Reserve and provides opportunities for athletes under 5 to open age in Track and Field. Event skills development and coaching provided; with further opportunities to compete in Regional, State and National competitions.

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