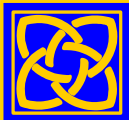


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Woody Yaloak Primary School

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Phone: 5342 8565

2025 Term Dates

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

Smythesdale Campus 5342 8565
Scarsdale Campus 5342 8514

Snake Valley Campus 5344 9274
Ross Creek Campus 5342 0478

FOR YOUR DIARY 2025

OCTOBER

- Wed 22nd - Fri 24th
• Gr 3/4 Cave Hill Creek Camp

NOVEMBER

- Tuesday 4th
• Melbourne Cup Holiday
• Student Free Day

- Monday 17th
• School Council

- Thursday 20th
• Colour Run

- Friday 21st
• Report Writing Day
• Student Free Day

- Thursday 27th
• 2026 Foundation Transition Day 9am - 11am

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 9th
• Statewide Transition Day

- Thursday 11th
• Year 6 Graduation

PERMISSION FORMS
AND
MONEY DUE

NOVEMBER 2025

Due FRIDAY 7TH

- Bake & Grind Fundraiser Forms and Payments 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

Welcome back to Term 4 at Woody Yaloak Primary School! We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable break and is ready for an exciting final term full of learning, growth, and community spirit. As we head into this busy time of year, we look forward to celebrating our students' achievements and working together to make the most of every opportunity ahead. Term 4 is especially important for our Year 6 students as they enter their final term of primary school. I would like to wish them a wonderful term and encourage them to fully embrace all the opportunities this special time has to offer.



2026 PARENT PAYMENT POLICIES / BOOKLISTS

As we look forward to another exciting year of learning at Woody Yaloak Primary School, I want to share some important information about our voluntary financial contributions for 2026.

Our school provides free instruction to meet the Victorian curriculum standards, and all contributions are completely voluntary. However, the generous support from our families plays a vital role in helping us offer the best possible education and opportunities for every student.

Thanks to your ongoing support - whether through fundraising, volunteering, or contributions - we've been able to provide equal opportunities both inside and outside the classroom. This includes maintaining a sustainable device program (iPads and Chromebooks) from Foundation through to Grade 6. Without your support, many of these programs simply wouldn't be possible.

2026 parent payment policies (booklist) will be sent home with students tomorrow 22nd October. If you have any further questions regarding this please don't hesitate to contact your campus office.

YEAR 3/4 CAMP - CAVE HILL CREEK

I would like to wish our staff and Year 3/4 students a safe and enjoyable time at their Cave Hill Creek camp, beginning tomorrow. Thank you to Lauren McConchie, who is coordinating the camp, and to all the staff who are giving up their time to provide this wonderful experience for our students.

School camps truly are a highlight of many students' lives at primary school, and I am sure this camp will be no exception.



PARENT PAYMENTS POLICY

ONE PAGE OVERVIEW

FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to deliver the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.

PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions	Other Contributions	Extra-Curricular Fees and Activities
Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for the students to learn the curriculum.	Contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.	Contributions for items and activities that enhance or extend the learning experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a voluntary basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationary, digital devices).

FINANCIAL HELP FOR EXAMPLES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.

SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont....

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

We understand that sometimes financial challenges arise. Woody Yaloak Primary School offers several support options, including access to the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF). Families can apply for CSEF at the start of each year if eligible and applications close at the end of term 2. Our School Council is also happy to work with families to arrange alternative and confidential payment plans if needed.

If you'd like to discuss payment options or need support, please contact Corey Pohlner or Sharon Nunn on 03 5342 8565 or email woody.yaloak.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

Current Foundation – grade 5 students will bring home a hard copy of the parent payment policy tomorrow, that contains detailed information about costs for 2026 and instructions and links to order and pay for student stationery packs. As was the case this year, student stationery packs are to be ordered via Campions. Parents / Carers can request an itemised list of student stationery items if they would prefer to source these themselves from other suppliers. These list can be obtained by contacting campus offices.

Parent payment forms will also be posted to the newsfeed on Compass. Please ensure you download the correct 2026 year level when you are accessing the policies from here.

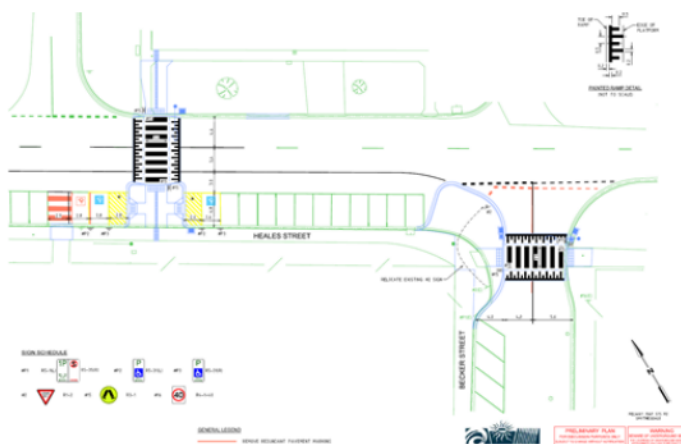
Thank you for being part of our school community and for your ongoing support in making Woody Yaloak a wonderful place to learn.

ROAD SAFETY UPGRADE- SMYTHESDALE CAMPUS

Golden Plains Shire Council has been successful in obtaining \$2 million from the Victorian Government's Safe Local Roads and Streets Program. This initiative is designed to enhance road safety on Council-managed roads, intersections, and precincts.

I am pleased to share with our community that new pedestrian crossings and other associated works have now been approved for both Becker Street and Heales Street. These improvements will significantly enhance safety for pedestrians traveling to and from the campus.

The timeline for this project is between January and May 2026. Parking issues and other communications will be shared with the community, and safety education will be provided to students.



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



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE Cont....

REVIEW OF LANGUAGE PROGRAM AT WOODY YALOOK

For over 20 years, our school has offered Japanese as our language subject. We are proud of the achievements our students have made in this subject area, particularly demonstrating a high degree of language skills and cultural awareness.

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible learning outcomes for our students, our school is currently reviewing our language program. In schools, all subject areas and programs are periodically reviewed to ensure compliance with Department of Education guidelines and to ensure the programs offered best meet the needs of our students, staff, and wider community.

Over the next two weeks, a short survey will be distributed to parents and carers, seeking feedback on both current and potential options for language programs at our school. Staff and students will also be provided with a similar survey. Please note that from the beginning of 2026, Japanese will continue to be the language program offered at Woody Yalook Primary School.

We will keep you informed of this process as it progresses.



SCARSDALE WHOLE SCHOOL FUNDRAISER - BAKE N GRIND

The Scarsdale Parents and Friends are running a whole school fundraiser with Bake N Grind. Order forms went home last week to order pies, slices, donuts and more. Please ensure your order form and money is returned to your campus office by **FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER**. All orders will be delivered to your campus on Wednesday 19th November. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jacqui Tung at the Scarsdale campus. We thank you for supporting the Scarsdale Parents and Friends.



OCTOBER IS DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH!

This month, we join schools and communities across the country in raising awareness about dyslexia—a common learning difference that affects reading, writing, and spelling skills. Dyslexia does not reflect a person's intelligence; in fact, many individuals with dyslexia are highly creative and excel in problem-solving.

At our school, we are committed to supporting all learners by fostering understanding, providing the right tools, and celebrating the unique strengths of every student. Let's work together to create a more inclusive and informed learning environment!



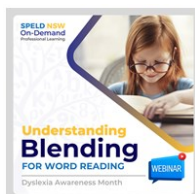
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Join Us to raise awareness and funds to support children and adults with dyslexia!

Dear Cherie,

Between **1 and 3 students in every classroom** may experience learning difficulties like dyslexia.

This October, we invite you to help [raise awareness](#) and [funds to support children](#), young people and adults with dyslexia.



Understanding Blending for Word Reading - Online
3:30pm - 4:30pm, 23 October 2025 In this webinar, we will discuss blending strategies for single-syllable words and give you some tips to use in the classroom and intervention settings. Join us for some practical solutions to support strong word-reading skills!



Assistive Technology for Reading and Writing - Online
3:30pm - 4:30pm, 30 October 2025 In this webinar, we will discuss the important role of Assistive Technology and explore the important features of a range of AT tools. We will give you some key points to consider when selecting and implementing AT tools for your classroom and at home.

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Regards

Eamon Johnson

Acting Principal

Woody Yalook Primary School





Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for supporting Woody Yaloak to be the best it can be! This term we are again hosting a **Monty's Colour Fun Run** for our students and raising funds for our school.

How Do We Fundraise?

Fundraising for our school is easy! Simply go to www.myprofilepage.com.au and click the register button to create a cybersafe, online profile page. Once you've created a parent account and profile page, you can share that around to family and friends to receive online donations. Please note that this is an online fundraiser only and all cash donations must be converted to an online donation before November 21st

Receive a prize for your fundraising efforts by simply raising \$10 online! At the end of the fundraiser, student incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and bonus donations. Students can earn up to 15 unique prizes!

You can also receive some bonus Monty the Monstar incentive prizes! Check out your sponsorship form booklet for more information!

Event Information

Thursday, November 20th, 2025

All students will be bussed to the **Ross Creek Campus**

Wear a white shirt to make the colour pop!

Each student will also receive a pair of sunglasses and a headband!

Students are required to wear closed-in shoes!

Students will be covered in non-toxic, biodegradable colour powder!

A BBQ lunch, fruit and an icy pole will be provided to students on the day.

We look forward to seeing the students all bright and colourful on the day of our Monty's Colour Fun Run!

Event details, permissions and excursion costs will be available on COMPASS shortly.

For further information, please contact Mrs Wendy Hines at either Ross Creek or Snake Valley or via

email: woody.yaloak.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Wendy Hines, 2025 Colour Run Coordinator



October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

Dyslexia is a difficulty learning to read

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dyslexia is one of the most common learning difficulties affecting 5- 10% of people.
- Children and adults with dyslexia can have difficulties with accurate and fluent word recognition, spelling, writing and reading comprehension.
- Students with dyslexia can improve their reading and spelling skills with evidence-based literacy instruction and intervention.
- Dyslexia is not a vision issue and cannot be resolved by vision interventions such as coloured glasses or eye exercises.



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