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Diary Dates 2023 — All Dates are COVID Dependent

TERM 1

Wed 8 Feb—Fri 10 Feb	Year 6 Camp
Fri 10 Feb	Prep Testing
	Grand Opening of Brooke Street Playground at 12pm
Tues 14 Feb	Prep - Y2 Parent Information Session 6-6.45pm (Webex)
Web 15 Feb	Year 3 - 6 Parent Information Session 6-6.45pm (Webex)
Thurs 16 Feb	Year 1 Ceres Excursion
Fri 17 Feb	Year 2 Ceres Excursion
	District Swimming—Selected Students
	Prep Testing
Tues 21 Feb	School Council Election Information Session 7.30 pm via WebEx
Wed 22 Feb	Year 2 Swimming
Thurs 23 Feb	School Photos
Fri 24 Feb	Prep Testing
	Welcome Picnic (weather dependent) BYO event
Wed 1 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
	Division Swimming
Fri 3 Mar	Prep Testing
Mon 6 Mar	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Wed 8 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
Fri 10 Mar	Prep Testing
Mon 13 Mar	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tues 14 Mar	Preps start full time
Wed 15 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
Mon 20 Mar	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Mon 27 Mar	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Tues 28 Mar	Year 4—6 Cross Country
Thurs 30 Mar	Regional Swimming
Fri 31 Mar	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
Mon 3 Apr	Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Thurs 6 Apr	Last day of term 1 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

TERM 2

Mon 24 Apr	Day 1 of term 2
Tues 25 Apr	Public Holiday (Anzac Day)

Meeting Dates 2023

Finance	TBC @ 10.00am Jo's Office
Education	TBC @ 7pm Staff room
Policy	TBC @ 8.00am Jo's Office
Environment	TBC @ 8.00am Jo's Office
OSHC	TBC @ 9.15am Carolyn's Office
RPWP	TBC @ 9.15am via WebEx
Social and Fundraising	Thursday 9 Feb @ 8.00pm Staff Room
School Council	Wed 22 Feb @ 7.00pm Resource Room



2023 Term Dates

T1	30/01/23 - 06/04/23
T2	24/04/23 - 23/06/23
T3	10/07/23 - 15/09/23
T4	02/10/23 - 20/12/23

OSHC services will be available via bookings for all curriculum days/pupil free days and early term dismissals

2023 School Council Date
22 February



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SPORT



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Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in ten community languages.



School photos will be held on Thursday 23 February.

Annual school photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 23 February.

There is no need to return any forms or money to school.

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop. Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2023 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details.

When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2023 images are online to view before making your purchase.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2023 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at Westgarth Primary School Brooke Street Thursday 23rd February 2023

There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day

Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day

When you receive your child's 2023 image code **Follow these 3 simple steps -**

- 1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2023 image code
- 2 Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings
- 3 Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration*

That's it!

It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details. When 2023 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS

- * Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images - Multiple Image Downloads
- * Order on any mobile device
- * Share the images with family & friends for FREE

**** Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2023 ****

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Do you have a valid health care or concession card?

Then you may be eligible for DET funding of \$125 per child to assist with camps, excursions and swimming costs.

To apply, please [Download the form here](#), and email your completed form to westgarth.ps@education.vic.gov.au for processing.

Please ensure your CRN (Customer Record Number) is recorded accurately to enable the office to process it.

Alternatively, forms are available at the school office or if you require any assistance please contact the office.



2023 Swimming Program

All students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved in the compulsory swimming program as a curriculum component of health and physical education and personal and social capabilities of the curriculum. Students will be bussed to and from the Ivanhoe Swimming Pool and provided with 4 lessons.

The program is designed to differentiate so that all students' ability levels are catered for, from non-swimmers through to squad swimmers. The year 2, year 3 and 4 program is held during term one. The year 1, year 5 and year 6 is in term 2 and the Prep program will commence in term 4. You may wish to consider altering your private swimming arrangements during these terms. As always, parents/carers are encouraged to support students by meeting the class at the pool to assist with changing.

Swimming is a healthy activity and students have great fun engaging in this different learning experience.

Dates, session times, consent and payment information will be forwarded via Compass at a later date.

Please feel free to contact me on 9481 5577 if you have any concerns or queries.

Carolyn Shiels
Assistant Principal



Guitar Lessons at WPS

After school guitar lesson bookings for 2023 are now open! Lessons are 30 minutes long, take place in the Web building and are open to students in grades 4, 5 and 6. Be sure to book quickly as the timetable fills quickly! Bookings are for the year and follow the VMTA recommended minimum teaching rates. For bookings and/or enquiries contact Jonathan Dexter on 0420927498

Social and Fundraising

We need your glass jars!

Please donate your glass jars to the school, NO plastic jars or plastic lids. The jars should be from 220ml to 350ml, no larger. Please pop them in the tub on Brooke Street near the school office .

Jammy Team



Triple P Fear Less Group Program

A free online six-session parenting program
for parents of children experiencing anxiety.
Open to parents living in the Cities of Darebin, Yarra, Banyule, Nillumbik and
Whittlesea.

Fear-Less Triple P supports parents to learn new strategies for managing their child's anxiety. This program is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family.

Content is suited to parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 14 years.

The topics covered in this program include:

- Understanding how anxiety works,
- Becoming the best possible model of anxiety management for their children,
- Becoming effective emotion coaches,
- Understanding and teaching the value of flexible thinking,
- Managing their children's anxiety effectively, and
- Using constructive coping.

This program will be run in a group setting online with other parents. It will include 6 x 2 hour weekly sessions

All families involved will receive:

- Triple P Fear Less Parent Workbook
- Parent Pack – including resources for both children and parents to help implement strategies from program
- A \$50 Booktopia voucher to purchase any additional resources.

How to make an enquiry:

Contact Georgia from the Triple P by emailing triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your name and contact number or call our office on 03 9450 4700 (ask to be put in contact with Georgia) to book a time to complete enrolment. Cut off for enquiries is 15/2/23, however due to limited spaces we encourage you to reach out ASAP.

Dates*:

Session 1: 28/2/23
Session 2: 7/3/23
Session 3: 14/3/23
Session 4: 21/3/23
Session 5: 28/3/23
Session 6: 4/4/23

Location: Online via Zoom

Time: 10am

* Please note attendance to all sessions is required.