



Diary Dates

TERM 1

Wed Feb 7- Fri Feb 9	Year 6 School Camp
Fri 9 Feb	Prep Testing Day
Tues 13 Feb	Prep - Year 2 Information Night 6pm-6.45pm via WebEx
Wed 14 Feb	Year 2, 3 and 4 STOMP Dance Classes Year 3 - Year 6 Information Night 6pm-6.45pm via WebEx
Fri 16 Feb	Prep Testing Day Year 2, 3 and 4 STOMP Dance Classes
Mon 19 Feb	Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
Tues 20 Feb	District Swimming School Council Info Session via WebEx 7.30pm
Wed 21 Feb	Year 2 Swimming
Thurs 22 Feb	School Photos
Fri 23 Feb	Prep Testing Day Year 2, 3 and 4 STOMP Dance Classes
Wed 28 Feb	Division Swimming Year 2 Swimming Year 4 Democracy, Community and Me Incursion
Fri 1 Mar	Prep Testing Day Year 2, 3 and 4 STOMP Dance Classes Welcome Picnic 6pm - 8pm
Mon 4 Mar	Preps first week back full time Year 5 Swimming - Hampton Beach Year 6 Swimming - Hampton Beach
Tues 5 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
Wed 6 Mar	Public Holiday
Mon 11 Mar	Year 3 Democracy, Community and Me Incursion
Tues 12 Mar	Year 2 Swimming
Wed 13 Mar	Regional Swimming
Thurs 21 Mar	Year 4 - 6 Cross Country Trials
Tues 26 Mar	Last day of Term 1
Thurs 28 Mar	(Students dismissed at 2.30pm)



2024 Term Dates

T1	30/01/24 - 28/03/24
T2	15/04/24 - 28/06/24
T3	15/07/24 - 20/09/24
T4	07/10/24 - 20/12/24

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

Diary Dates Continued

Other Important Dates

Wed 11 Sept - Fri 13 Sept

Year 4 Camp

Thurs 12 Dec

Year 6 Graduation

Meeting Dates 2024

Finance

Tuesday TBC @ 10.00am WebEx

OSHC

Wednesday TBC @ 10.00am WebEx

Environment

Thursday TBC @ 8.00am Jo's Office

Fun and Fundraising

Monday TBC @ 8.00pm WebEx

School Council

Wednesday 21 February @ 7.00pm Staff Room



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Schools Privacy Policy

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.



We would like to remind all students that they are required to wear a sunsmart hat and sun safe clothing until the end of April. Staff and students are encouraged to wear hat styles that protect the face, neck and ears when outdoors, for example broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket. Caps do not provide adequate sun protection. Students who are not wearing appropriate protective clothing or a hat may be asked to play in the shade or in a suitable area protected from the sun.



Westgarth Primary School has strategies in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors. Each classroom has their own sunscreen and students are reminded by their teacher to apply sunscreen before recess and lunch. Students who may suffer from allergic reactions from certain types of sunscreen are encouraged to bring and use their own personalised sunscreen for school use. Please note - Singlets and tops with narrow straps are not suitable to wear at school.

Hats are available for purchase at the office for \$11.50. Please visit Sun Smart's resources page at <http://www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primary-schools/resources-primary-early-childhood>



*School photos will be
held on
Thursday 22 February*

Annual school photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on Thursday 22 February 2024.

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 2024 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information

School Photographs will be taken at
Westgarth Primary School
Thursday 22nd February 2024

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 2024 image code
Follow these 3 simple steps -

- 1 Go to order.arpphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2024 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 2024 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 2024****

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
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(03) 5243 4390
customerservice@arpphotos.com.au

Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.

Do you have a valid health care or concession card?

Then you may be eligible for DET funding of \$150 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.



2024 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 in years prep to year 4 will be bussed to and from the Ivanhoe Swimming Pool and provided with 4 lessons. Students in years 5 and 6 will participate in a session at Hampton Beach run by Royal Lifesaving Victoria.

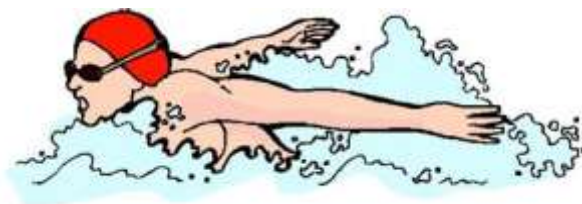
The program is designed to differentiate so that all students' ability levels are catered for, from non-swimmers through to squad swimmers. The year 2, 5 and 6 program is held during term one. The year 1, 3 and 4 is in term 2 and the Prep program will commence in term 4. You may wish to consider altering 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



Compass Kiosk

A reminder to parents when dropping students off late, or picking students up early, there are two Compass kiosks set up for signing in or out. One is at reception in the school office on Brooke Street, the other is in the WEB building on Clarke Street.

Supply of Cutlery at School

Families are asked to ensure students have a fork or spoon packed in student lunchboxes if their morning tea or lunch require the use of one. The school no longer have any cutlery available for student use.

Guitar Lessons at WPS

After school Guitar lesson bookings for 2024 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 soon as the timetable usually fills quickly! Bookings are for the year and follow the VMTA recommended minimum teaching rates. For bookings and/or enquiries contact Jonathan Dexter on 0420 927 498

Fear Less Group

A free 6-session online supported parenting group
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.

How to make an enquiry:

Contact the Triple P team by emailing triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your *name* and *contact number* or call or text our intake worker Georgia on 0499 301 006 to enquire. Enquiries must be made by 5pm on 26th February 2024.

Please note that enquiries do not guarantee an enrolment in the group and that capacity for the group may be reached prior to this date.

Dates:

Session 1: 13th March

Session 2: 20th March

Session 3: 27th March

***Holiday break*: 3rd April, 10th April**

Session 4: 17th April

Session 5: 24th April

Session 6: 1st May

Location:

Online via Zoom

Time:

10:00am-11.30am each week



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