



Diary Dates

TERM 2

Mon 10 June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Mon 24 June	Open Classroom Morning (8.45am - 9.15am)
Tues 25 June	Prep LLLL Dress Up Parade
Thurs 27 June	Parent/Teacher Interviews (Pupil Free Day) VHAP Excursion
Fri 28 June	Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews (9.00am - 12noon) Last Day of Term 2 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm) Local School Holiday Program Information Attached



TERM 3

Thurs 18 July	State Cross Country
Sat 20 Jul	Trivia Night
Mon 5 Aug	Year 6 Author Visit
Tues 6 Aug - Thurs 8 Aug	Australian Maths Competition
Fri 9 Aug	Year 4 and 5 Author Visit
Mon 12 Aug	Prep Author Visit
Thurs 22 Aug	Year 1 and 2 Author Visit
Fri 30 Aug	Year 3 and 4 Author Visit
Wed 11 Sept - Fri 13 Sept	Year 4 Camp
Fri 20 Sept	Last Day of Term 3 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

2024 Term Dates

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

Other Important Dates

Sun 20 Oct	Fete
Thurs 5 Dec	Art Show
Thurs 12 Dec	Year 6 Graduation

Meeting Dates 2024

Education	Tuesday TBC @ 7.00pm WebEx
OSHC	Wednesday TBC @ 10.00am WebEx
Environment	Wednesday 12 June @ 8.00am Jo's Office
Finance	Thursday 13 June @ 10.00am WebEx
Fun and Fundraising	Monday 15 July @ 8.00pm WebEx
School Council	Wednesday 19 June @ 7.00pm Staff Room

School Council Dates

T2	19 June
T3	31 July, 4 September
T4	30 October, 27 November



[Optional Homework](#)



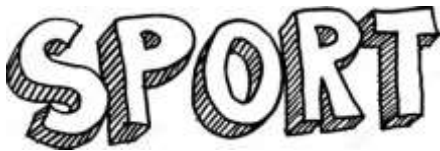
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Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2025

If you have a child starting primary school in 2025, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 26 July 2024**.

For more information, please read about when and how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you are seeking to enrol your child into Foundation next year, you can access the enrolment form [here](#) or contact our school office on 9481 5577.



Free Health, Wellbeing and Development Checks for Prep Students

The Primary School Nursing Program is a free service offered by the Department of Education to all prep/foundation students and their families during their child's first year of school.

The program aims to assist in the early identification of children with potential health, wellbeing or development concerns which may impact on their education and offers screening (such as hearing, vision, speech, dental and motor skills) as well as advice, information and referrals to other health and support services.

Parents / carers can support their child's participation in the program by completing an online School Entrant Health Questionnaire. Information regarding the program will be sent home with students today.



Westgarth OSHC Bread Tags for Wheelchairs Update

We are thrilled to announce that we have successfully sent off the bread tags we've been collecting as part of the [Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs](#) initiative! This wonderful program collects bread tags from all over Australia, which are then recycled locally to raise funds for purchasing wheelchairs for disadvantaged people, mainly in South Africa.

The bread tags themselves aren't turned into wheelchairs. Instead, [Transmutation](#) in Robe, SA, transforms the tags into useful items like door knobs, coasters, bowls, cheese boards, clocks, and pens. Transmutation then makes a donation based on the amount of bread tags we collect, and these funds are used to buy the wheelchairs.

Thanks to our combined efforts, we have collected an impressive 10kg of bread tags! To put this into perspective, it takes about 250kg of bread tags to raise enough funds for an entry-level wheelchair. So, every contribution really does make a big difference.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has contributed bread tags. It's also encouraging to see that many bread tags are now made from cardboard, which is much better for the environment. As a result, we will no longer be collecting bread tags. However, our commitment to supporting social enterprises continues, and we are on the lookout for another worthy cause to support. If you have any suggestions, we would love to hear them!

Thank you for your ongoing support and community spirit!

Westgarth OSHC



Super Science Night

Fun and Fundraising gives a huge shout-out to the amazing Super Science Team and all the parent volunteers and helpers from the science night. Bigger and better than last year - we can't wait to see what next year brings!

Another big shout-out to the Idol team - what a night!

The next event will be our Winter Trivia night - look for details to come. Amy is also looking for one or two people to help out, so if you're interested in dipping your toes into behind the scenes school events - please get in touch.

We'll also be hosting the kids disco in term 3. This will be two discos held on the same night for Grade 3/4's and then Grade 5/6's. The formula is tried and tested but the 3/4's need a volunteer to lead their disco. If this is you, please contact Faf.

Contact Faf: funandfundraising@westgarthschoolcouncil.org / 0412 738 390

Our next Faf meeting will be held virtually on 15/7/2024. All are welcome!

Trivia Night

Coming Soon – Christmas in July ‘Trivia Night’

Finish knitting your Christmas jumpers or make a jumper dash to Savers - Christmas in July Trivia Night’ is nearly here!

This year’s ‘Christmas in July Trivia Night’ will be hosted at a new venue, Welcome to Thornbury on Saturday 20th July, so lock in the date now!

With toasty mulled wine and great trivia prizes to be won, this night is not to be missed!

Tickets will go on sale soon, so book in the babysitter and start planning your table! This is a great opportunity to reconnect with WPS families and meet new ones - all grade level parents are invited.

Date: Saturday 20 July

Time: 7pm arrival | 7:30pm start

Tickets: \$35 per person, plus booking fee

Tables: Tables of 10 will be available so form a group of your own, or come along and make new friends.

Dress: Christmas Jumpers + Christmas Dress Up (prizes for the best outfits)

Location: Welcome to Thornbury, Thornbury

Drinks: Drinks will be available to purchase at the private bar

Food: Food can be ordered on the night through a QR code on each table



Westgarth Idol

And the winner is... Schoolio!

Schoolio took out this year's Westgarth Idol Golden Microphone with their impressive rendition of Gangsta's Paradise. Adorned in gold sequins and repping Westgarth Primary in custom made black-and-gold hoodies, the uniform team should be reconsidering their clothing range.

Westgarth Idol truly is one of the best nights in the school calendar. Idol brings the community together, enables some rockstar dreams to come true, while being a significant fundraiser for the school. **This year we're delighted to donate over \$12,700** to Westgarth Primary, thank you to everyone who was involved.

Congratulations to all of the outstanding Acts. From Radio Head to Beyonce, Lizzo, Metallica and a couple of Killers tracks, it was arguably the best Eras Tours of 2024. The dance floor was jumping throughout and in awe of the musical talents, choreography, stage presence, and outfits.

Thank you to the Westgarth parents and friends who made generous donations towards the raffle: Fitstop Northcote, Treasury Wine Estates, Allpress Espresso, A Day on the Green, The Northern Ball, and Maternal & Infant Wellbeing Melbourne.

To our very talented The Idol Band for giving your time and musical talents to keep the vibe alive on stage: John Carr – Guitar & Keyboards, Felicity Williams - Flute, Susanna Venn - Clarinet & Acoustic Guitar, Tim Williams – Drums, Matt Stringer – Bass, Guus Hoevenaars – Guitar, Daimon Brunton – Trumpet, Jess Mahler – Sax, Cam Lobb – Trombone, Cam Macklin – Guitar & Vocals.

Thank you to Tony Tay Tay Wilson our amazing Idol MC - for keeping the vibes high and for a brilliant rendition of 22.

Thank you Dan Mahon and Marcel Aucar for sharing the load with the photography on the night and Tim Burgess for capturing all the performances on video.

Also a special shout out to Dave Higgins for helping wrangle the audio and saving the day during soundcheck!

And finally a big thanks to our Volunteers for helping out on the door, selling raffle tickets, chaperoning talent for photos, token counting and much more... Amy Hubbard, Crispin Butteriss, Sam Surka, Jessica Friedman, Danielle Le Brocq, Lucy Yeo, Alex Scheikowski, Henry Davidson, Nathan Myhill, Elliot Leib, Dougal Hunt and Paul Jones

In the words of Tay Tay, "I was enchanted to meet you" or "you need to calm down". Let's do it all again next year – Amy Greetham, Sam Hooper and Lucy Davidson.



The Northside Parents Battle Of the Bands is back for its 2nd year!

GET YOUR TICKETS!

Thursday 8 August, 2024 - **less than x50 tix left!**

Our School's Parents Band *Westgarth Idol* is going to be battling it out against 4 other local primary schools including Northcote Primary, Brunswick South Primary, Wales Street Primary, & Ivanhoe East Primary on 8 August at Northcote Social Club.

The ticket sales proceeds are donated back to expand our performing arts/music education programs. It is also a great opportunity to connect with the different school communities and have a lot of fun. All monies will be redistributed pro-rata of parents' attendance/number of tickets sold by each school, so book the babysitter and come along and support the Westgarth Idol band!



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Year 7 2025 & 2026

Visit us in Northcote and experience the *Santa Spirit*

REMAINING TOUR DATES BEFORE AUGUST CUT OFF:
24 June 9.00am, 18 July 9.00am, 6 August 9.00am

BOOK A TOUR or APPLY ONLINE

Year 7 2026 enrolments close August 16
Very limited places for Year 7 2025

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