



Diary Dates

TERM 1

Fri 6 Feb	Prep Testing Day
Tues 10 Feb	Kitchen Garden Volunteer Induction Session (Farmhouse – 9.15am - 9.45am)
Fri 13 Feb	Prep Testing Day Year 1 - 6 Parent/Student/Teacher Conference (Pupil Free Day)
Sun 15 Feb	Chop n Chat – Jammy Team
Mon 16 Feb	District Swimming
Wed 18 Feb	School Photos
Fri 20 Feb	Prep Testing Day Year 2 - 4 STOMP Dance Classes begin
Wed 25 Feb - Fri 27 Feb	Year 6 Camp
Fri 27 Feb	Prep Testing Day Year 2 - 4 STOMP Dance Classes
Sun 1 Mar	Chop n Chat – Jammy Team
Tues 3 Mar	Year 4 Democracy Incursion
Wed 4 Mar	Division Swimming
Fri 6 Mar	Prep Testing Day Year 2 - 4 STOMP Dance Classes
Mon 9 Mar	Public Holiday
Tues 10 Mar	Preps attend full time
Wed 11 Mar - Mon 23 Mar	NAPLAN
Fri 13 Mar	Year 2 - 4 STOMP Dance Classes Welcome Picnic (Brooke Street 6.00pm - 8.00pm)
Sun 15 Mar	Chop n Chat – Jammy Team
Mon 16 Mar	Year 5 Hampton Beach
Tues 17 Mar	Year 6 Hampton Beach
Thurs 19 Mar	Regional Swimming
Fri 20 Mar	Year 6 Gala Day
Tues 24 Mar	Year 4 - 6 Cross Country
Thurs 2 April	Last day of term 1 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

Other Important Dates

Sat 30 May	Westgarth Idol
Wed 9 Sept—Fri 11 Sept	Year 4 Camp
Sun Oct 18	Spring Fair

Meeting Dates

Finance	TBC @ 10.00am WebEx
Fun and Fundraising	TBC @ 8pm WebEx
OSHC	TBC @ 10.00am WebEx
Environment	TBC @ 8.00am Jo's Office
Facilities Hire Working Party	Monday 9 February @ 8.00am Jo's Office
School Council	Wednesday 18 February @ 7.00pm Staff Room



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

2026 Term Dates

T1	28/01/26 – 02/04/26
T2	20/04/26 – 26/06/26
T3	13/07/26 – 18/09/26
T4	05/10/26 – 18/12/26



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Kitchen Garden Volunteers Induction Session

An invitation is extended to WPS families to attend the Kitchen Garden Volunteer Induction session being held on Tuesday 10 February at 9.15am in the Farmhouse.

If you would like to register your interest in volunteering and/or you wish to be kept informed about volunteering, please complete the [Kitchen Garden Volunteer Agreement and Guidelines form](#) online.



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.

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.



We would like to remind all students that they are required to wear a sunsmart hat and sun safe clothing from the start of September. Caps do not provide adequate sun protection so please make sure your child has a broad—brimmed or legionnaire style hat. It is also recommended that students apply sunscreen to protect their skin. Singlet 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 [SunSmart schools & early childhood - SunSmart](#)



Student Enrolment Information Form

The Department of Education requests that all student data be reviewed annually. All families will receive an email shortly requesting the data to be checked and any changes be emailed to the school at westgarth.ps@education.vic.gov.au as soon as possible.

If you do not received the email by Friday 6 February please contact the school as your email address on record may be incorrect.

Do you have a valid health care or concession card?

Then you may be eligible for DET funding of \$154 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.



2025 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 Northcote Aquatic Centre 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 5 and 6 program is held during term one. The year 1, 2, 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



Save the date – Idol Vision Song Contest – Saturday 30 May

IDOL VISION SONG CONTEST

WESTGARTH PARENT FUNDRAISER | FOLLOW @WESTGARTHIDOL

SATURDAY MAY 30, 2026

United by Music



JOIN THE JAMMY TEAM

It's time to make the **Famous Westgarth Fete Kasundi and Tomato Chutney**

How you can get involved:

- **Come to a 'Chop & Chat' session** where we will make the delicious handmade products
1 hour of your time = Jars of deliciousness
Next sessions on **15th Feb, 1st March & 15th March from 11am at Farmhouse Kitchen**
- Donate clean glass jars with metal lids (and check that the lids don't have dents). **PLEASE REMOVE LABELS**
- Donate fruit from your garden to the school office to be turned into delicious jams and chutneys

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. If you can use a knife or stir a pot, that's the only skill you need.

Scan the QR code to join the Jammy Team.

GET INVOLVED!

