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## Diary Dates 2023 — All Dates are COVID Dependent

### TERM 1

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)  
Fri 5 May Year 6 Summer Sport Gala Day  
Thurs 11 May Year 1 Swimming  
Year 6 STEAM Incursion  
Fri 12 May Year 4 - 6 House Athletics Carnival  
Thurs 18 May Year 1 Swimming  
Year 4 - 6 House Athletics Back Up Day  
Fri 19 May District Cross Country (Selected Students Only)  
Thurs 25 May Year 1 Swimming  
Sat 27 May Westgarth Idol  
Mon 29 May Year 5 and 6 Swimming  
Tues 30 May Year 5 and 6 Swimming  
Thurs 1 June Year 1 Swimming  
Sun 4 Jun Working Bee 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Mon 5 Jun Year 5 and 6 Swimming  
Tues 6 Jun Year 5 and 6 Swimming  
Thurs 22 Jun Parent Teacher Interviews (Pupil Free Day)  
Fri 23 Jun Last day of term 2  
(Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

### Other Important Dates

Sun 23 Jul Working Bee 1.00pm - 3.00pm  
Wed 6 Sept - Fri 8 Sept Year 4 Camp  
Sun 8 Oct Working Bee 10.00am - 12.00pm

### Meeting Dates 2023

Education Tuesday 2 May @ 7.00pm WebEx  
Finance Tuesday 9 May @ 10.00am WebEx  
OSHC Wednesday 10 May @ 11.00am WebEx  
Environment Thursday 11 May @ 8.00am Jo's Office  
Fun and Fundraising Monday 8 May @ 8.00pm in the Staff Room  
School Council Wednesday 17 May @ 7.00pm Library



### 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

17 May  
14 June  
26 July  
30 August  
25 October  
29 November



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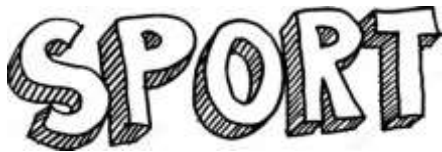
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## Westgarth Idol

### Save the date!

Westgarth Idol is on Saturday 27 May at Thornbury Theatre.  
Cheer and join in as our fellow parents, friends and teachers rock out!  
Tickets on sale in late April.

### Idol raffle and auction prize donations

Westgarth Idol is happening on Saturday 27 May and is one of the larger fundraisers for our primary school. As part of the night's fun and festivities, we'll be hosting a raffle and/or silent auction and are calling out for donations from our generous Westgarth families and friends.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the school and for your generosity by way of business or personal donations. To thank you for your support, we will recognise your business throughout the advertising of Westgarth Idol, if desired.

To make a donation, or if you have any questions, please contact Lucy Davidson on 0499 936 270 or email [lucykdauidson@gmail.com](mailto:lucykdauidson@gmail.com).

For those eager to buy Idol tickets, they will go on sale in late April.

## Fun and Fundraising

The Fun and Fundraising (FaF) subcommittee had another successful meeting on Monday 20 March. It was great to see some more new faces join us and jump straight in. We're also building our group of class reps, just a few classes to go. The class rep group will be used as a communication avenue between FaF and class groups - not too onerous. We've got a good idea of events to fill the year, with a spread of social, educational and fundraising - something for everyone! This past weekend was a busy one for our school community.

With the generous support of Bakers Delight Fairfield, the Hot Cross Bun drive raised \$980 as well as vouchers to be used later in the year for further fundraising.



We also supported the environment committee's working bee on Sunday, which moved 2.5 cubic metres of soil, planted out and mulched the art room and Web garden beds, as well as emptying the art store room to prepare for new shelving - A big time and money saver for the school, not to mention beautification! Kids and parents enjoyed an easter hunt and eggs in thanks.

Many hands make light work, and a massive thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time for both of these events, meeting some new faces along the way.

The next FaF meeting will be on Monday 8 May at 8pm in the staffroom. It's open to everyone, as always, so feel free to come along and find out what it's all about.



## High School Open Days in April / May



**Princes Hill Secondary College**  
invites prospective Year 7, 2024 students and families to the  
**Information Evening**

Date: **Tuesday 2nd May, 2023**  
Session 1: 5:00pm-6:00pm or  
Session 2: 6:30pm-7:30pm

Venue: 47 Arnold St, Princes Hill.  
*All welcome!*



**OPEN MORNING**

**THURSDAY 27th APRIL 2023**  
**9.15am - 11.30am**

Come and see our school in action!

- Student-led tours
- Principal's presentation: 9.20am and 10.20am
- Information hub 11 am - 11.30am

6.20pm: Online presentation (repeat session from morning)

Bookings only required for Principal's presentation due to seating capacity.  
[Click here to reserve your seat.](#)

## Full boarding homestay families are sought for International Students at Northcote High School

(For new International Students arriving in July 2023)



We are very excited to be welcoming International Students back to Victoria post the onset of the COVID Pandemic.

Northcote High School seeks quality homestays from our local community, to help care for new international student arrivals (Year 10-11 age group) in July 2023.

Our international students are mainly from Asian countries, such as China, Vietnam, Korea, Japan and Thailand and they will continue to complete their VCE studies with us in the following years.

Hosting International Students can bring a rich cross cultural experience and opportunity for families. Many local families already on board with the Northcote High School Homestay Program over the years, have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse cultural and language exchange experience, especially when they have school age children at home. The reverse experience for our International Students is very much part of their overseas study journey.

If you have a spare room and are willing to take care of a young international student please contact the International Student Office 9488 2334 (or General Office 9488 2300 or email [jocelyn.hill@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:jocelyn.hill@education.vic.gov.au)) for more information.

Full boarding homestay fees are \$340 per week (tax free), which covers a fully furnished room, 3 healthy meals daily, laundry, household bills (including internet). Students are encouraged to participate in the normal household family chores and responsible for their own transport.