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Diary Dates 2023 — All Dates are COVID Dependent

TERM 2

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| 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 Year 6-7 Transition forms Due Back at School |
| 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 |
| Wed 31 May | Prep Life Education Incursion |
| Thurs 1 June | Year 1 Swimming Division Cross Country |
| 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 |
| Mon 12 June | Public Holiday |
| 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

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| Sun 23 Jul | Working Bee 1.00pm - 3.00pm |
| Wed 6 Sept - Fri 8 Sept | Year 4 Camp |
| Wed 23 and Thurs 24 Aug | School Musical |
| Sun 8 Oct | Working Bee 10.00am - 12.00pm |
| Thurs 7 Dec | Year 6 Graduation |

Meeting Dates 2023

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| Education | Tuesday 2 May @ 7.00pm WebEx |
| Fun and Fundraising | Monday 8 May @ 8.00pm in the Staff Room |
| Finance | Tuesday 9 May @ 10.00am WebEx |
| OSHC | Wednesday 10 May @ 11.00am WebEx |
| Environment | Thursday 11 May @ 8.00am Jo's Office |
| School Council | Wednesday 24 May @ 7.00pm Library |



2023 Term Dates

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| 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

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



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Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2024

The Department of Education has released a new statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2024 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2024, it's time to enrol. Make sure to submit your enrolment application by **Friday 28 July 2023**.

If you are enrolling the sibling of a student at our school for Foundation in 2024, and both children will be attending our school at the same time, your child is prioritised for a place at our school as per the department's Placement Policy.

It is important to follow the statewide timeline to enrol your child in Foundation. Enrolling your child in line with the timelines allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities and ensures your child has the best start to school.



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.

Year 6 Families Reminder - Year 6 - Year 7 Transition 2024

Applications for year 7 placements are due back on Friday 12 May.



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 complete the CSEF application form at the office with a copy of your concession card.

Or alternatively, speak with Nella who will be able to assist you with any questions you may have.

[Download the form here!](#)

Eligible applicants to contact Nella regarding parent payments.



Asthma Management

An asthma action plan allows you and your doctor to create an individual plan for you to manage your asthma. An action plan advises you about what you must do to stay healthy and what to do when your asthma is unstable and you need help.

There is no 'standard' asthma action plan, as everyone's asthma is different. Your plan needs to be written to deal with your individual triggers, signs and symptoms, and medications.

Your action plan might be based on symptoms, peak flow readings or both.

An asthma action plan outlines:

- How to care for your day-to-day asthma (it lists your regular medications and how many times each day you should take them)
- Key things that tell you when your asthma is getting worse or an 'attack' is developing, and the steps you should take to manage it
- Symptoms that are serious enough to need urgent medical help (with emergency information on what to do if you have an asthma 'attack').

Have your action plan reviewed every six months or after a severe asthma attack.

It is just as important for parents to obtain a clear, succinct, written summary of their child's asthma management (an Asthma Action Plan). This will provide a source of reference to reinforce the advice given by the doctor.

This Asthma Action Plan is also an important tool for anyone caring for your child. It provides up-to-date, detailed information (including your child's emergency first aid plan) to help manage your child's asthma.

A copy of the asthma action plan is to be sent to your child's school, kindergarten, childcare centre or to anyone caring for your child.

When the child is old enough to understand, make sure that you explain asthma to them and encourage them to be aware of their symptoms and how to treat them.

Asthma First Aid

An asthma attack can take anything from a few minutes to a few days to develop. It can be a very frightening experience and people having an asthma attack may need help straight away.

This resource satisfies the guidelines and standards approved by the National Asthma Council and Asthma Australia.

The materials contained in this publication are distributed for information purposes only. Suitable medical and professional advice should be obtained before acting on any information contained herein.

Anaphylaxis Management

Potential allergic reactions to nuts, nut products, seeds & other food products

As you may be aware for some children even a minor exposure to nuts or foods containing nut products or seeds can set off a severe allergy which may cause loss of breathing.

The parents of children who may have a severe reaction would like you to help us make the school environment as safe as possible by exercising caution when packing school snacks and lunches. Whilst students with severe allergies can learn to manage and control what they eat there is no real way of protecting themselves from nut traces that may be present in the environment such as on clothing, furniture, drink taps and of course on other people's hands.

- Please avoid preparing school lunches with products that contain nuts, nut spreads, sesame products or chocolate that may contain nuts (e.g. Peanut Butter, Nutella and Tahini)
- As part of our Policy we do not encourage students to share food. All students will be encouraged to wash hands before and after eating.
- Please avoid packing any whole nuts as part of lunches for children under eight as they may get caught in small children's airways presenting as a choking hazard.





Westgarth Idol returns in 2023 and tickets are on sale NOW!

27 May is set to be a night to remember...

Where: Thornbury Theatre, 859 High St, Thornbury

Time: 6.30pm – midnight

Afterparty: The Purple Emerald Lounge Bar, 349 High Street, Northcote

Who will win the highly coveted Golden Microphone this year?

Join us for a wonderful night and witness the stage prowess of Westgarth Primary parents and friends as they sing and dance, backed by the Idol Band.

As always, all profits from the night will be donated to Westgarth Primary School. So don't hold back, book the babysitter and get your friends on board for an unforgettable night of awe-inspiring entertainment.

We're still looking for a few auction items for part of the festivities. If you can contribute, please email lucykdauidson@gmail.com.

Tix \$50, numbers are limited, get in quick! <https://events.humanitix.com/westgarth-idol>