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Diary Dates 2023 — All Dates are COVID Dependent

TERM 2

Thurs 1 June	Year 1 Swimming Division Cross Country
Mon 5 Jun	Year 5 and 6 Swimming
Tues 6 Jun	Year 5 and 6 Swimming
Wed 7 Jun	Year 2 Sports Clinic
Thurs 8 Jun	Healthy Heroes Dress Up Day
Mon 12 Jun	Public Holiday
Tues 13 Jun	Year 6 Gala Day
Wed 14 Jun	Year 2 Sports Clinic Year 5 and 6 Yarn Bark Incursion
Thurs 15 Jun	Region Cross Country
Sat 17 Jun	Science Night 6-8pm
Wed 21 Jun	Year 2 Sports Clinic
Thurs 22 Jun	Parent Teacher Interviews (Pupil Free Day)
Fri 23 Jun	Last day of term 2 (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)



2023 Term Dates

T2	24/04/23 - 23/06/23
T3	10/07/23 - 15/09/23
T4	02/10/23 - 20/12/23

Other Important Dates

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

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

Meeting Dates 2023

Environment	Thursday 1 June @ 8.00am Jo's Office
Finance	Tuesday 6 June @ 10.00am WebEx
Education	Tuesday 6 June @ 7.00pm WebEx
OSHC	Wednesday 7 June @ 11.00am WebEx
Fun and Fundraising	Monday 17 July @ 8.00pm in the Staff Room
School Council	Wednesday 14 June @ 7.00pm Library

2023 School Council Date

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

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**.

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.



Student attendance while unwell

We have had a number of students coming to school unwell. Whilst we value student attendance it is important to keep our students and staff well, so if your child is unwell, please keep them at home. Though it is not Education Department policy, it may be a good idea for your child to wear a mask while at school if they are a close contact.

Prep Nursing Program

Just a reminder that the Prep Primary School Nursing program questionnaire is due back at the school office by Tuesday 13 June.

"Rainbow Kids and Fams"

Recently, we established an informal group of rainbow families for LGBTIQ+ parents who have children at the school. This has been so lovely but we've noticed that there is room for us to expand! This is why we want to extend a warm invitation to the parents of rainbow kids attending the school. If your child identifies as LGBTIQ+ and you are keen to connect with other families in the same boat as you, or just want to be part of the bigger queer community, please get in touch! You can follow the QR code below or contact Vessal (she/her) on 0403 138 113.



Graphic Designer wanted for the Fete

Westgarth Primary School's fete, La Gran Fiesta, is our biggest event for the year. It attracts hundreds of visitors from around Northcote, encourages new families to enrol into our school and raises valuable funds! After 10 years our wonderful graphic designer Matt is leaving the school after his children graduate this year so we're after a new graphic designer!

You'll design the La Gran Fiesta fete banner and logo, displayed around Northcote on billboards by our friends at Jellis Craig, across social media and online, encouraging the whole community to attend. If you're interested please email the Fete team at westgarthpsfete@gmail.com by Fri 26 May.

La Gran Fiesta Plant Stall

Hi to all new and old Westgarthian families! I am Kellie and I have been running the Plant Stall at La Gran Fiesta in recent years. This is my last year at the school (Violet, Yr 6H) and I am moving house in the coming weeks (so I need stuff moved to new homes, where possible). I'm looking for a family / families to take away my collection of little pots to make indoor or outdoor potted plants for sale at La Gran Fiesta. They could be succulents, herbs and some can be used for indoor plants as well. I have a selection of succulents, native geranium (and regular) and indoor plants that could be used, as well as an ample supply of sage for herb ones. I can also supply potting mix to make it easy! I am happy to split the bounty so that as many families as want can join in and of course you can choose how many pots you'd like to take to grow on. Please contact me on 0413 597 087 if you are interested.



Westgarth Idol Wrap Up

Last Saturday, our annual Westgarth Idol captivated a jam-packed Thornbury Theatre with the awe-inspiring talents of Westgarth parents, friends and staff. While everyone sparkled, many literally, this year's revered Golden Microphone Award went to The Meteorites, with their impressive rendition of *All Fired Up*, they sure got the crowd 'fired up'.

Ten bands battled it out on stage, including the staff taking on crowd-favourite *Shake if Off*, to many grade 6 parents having their last moment in the spotlight, congratulations to all involved. The Idol Band was versatile and sharp as they performed the backing tracks to the group songs, followed by a band set to keep the vibe rocking. Tony Wilson kicked off his MC duties with the hilarious tale of Go West(garth) and continued to humour the crowd through the duration of the night.

Westgarth Idol is a fantastic, fun-filled event but also a significant fundraiser for the school. **This year the event raised over \$11,800**, a truly impressive result.

If you wish to relive the magic, or see what Idol is all about, there are some great videos and photos on our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/westgarthidol>

Thank you to the many volunteers who helped in the lead up to the event and during the night. Particular shout out to Sam Hooper, Amy Greetham and Nicole Guest for pulling the event together. Thank you also to our raffle sponsors, which alone raise \$2,365: Fitstop Northcote, Aquila shoes and accessories, A Day on the Green, The Hairy Arm wines, Tilmak Fine Art, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation, Bakers Delight, and Obelix and Co.

We look forward to seeing you all on stage again in 2024.



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) 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.

A promotional poster for 'UPCOMING COLLEGE TOURS'. The background shows students in school uniforms sitting at a table with laptops. The text is in yellow and white on a dark blue background. A red circular callout contains urgent enrollment information. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

UPCOMING COLLEGE TOURS

Discovery Tours

Tuesday 6 June: 9.15am
Wednesday 19 July: 9.15am
Wednesday 9 August: 9.15am

Express Tours

We are now also hosting small, group express tours every fortnight, for approximately 45 minutes.

Visit the College website or scan the QR Code to register for a tour

Year 7 2025 enrolments close in August! Very limited places for 2024

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