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Diary Dates 2023

TERM 4

Sun 8 Oct Working Bee 10.00am - 12.00pm - Clarke Street

Mon 9 Oct Book Week Dress Up Day
Mon 9 Oct - Fri 13 Oct WPS Celebrating Book Week

Tues 10 Oct Year 5 Yarning Conference (Selected Students)

Prep - 2 Tabloid Sports Year 3 Tabloid Sports

Fri 13 Oct Year 6 District Playoffs (Softball and Tennis)

Sun 15 Oct Spring Fair (Fete)

Mon 16 Oct Year 4 Author Visit

Wed 18 Oct Year 2 Cricket Clinic

Fri 20 Oct Year 5 Frisbee Clinic

Mon 23 Oct Prep Author Visit

Wed 25 Oct Year 2 Author Visit

Thurs 26 Oct Prep Learning by Doing Incursion Fri 27 Oct Year 4 Author Visit (online)

Year 5 Frisbee Clinic

Mon 30 Oct

Wed 1 Nov

Year 2 Cricket Clinic

Thurs 2 Nov

Year 3 Author Visit

Fri 3 Nov Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)

Mon 6 Nov Professional Practice Day (Pupil Free Day)

Tues 7 Nov Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wed 8 Nov Year 2 Cricket Clinic

Fri 10 Nov Year 6 Footsteps (2.40pm - 3.30pm)

Year 5 Frisbee Clinic

Wed 15 Nov Year 3 URSTRONG Workshop

Year 2 Cricket Clinic Prep 2024 Orientation

Fri 17 Nov Prep 2024 Orientation

Year 6 Footsteps (2.40pm - 3.30pm)

Year 3 and 4 Disco

Tues 21 Nov Prep 2024 Parent Info Night (via WebEx)
Wed 22 Nov Year 3 URSTRONG Workshop for Parents

Year 2 Cricket Clinic

Thurs 23 Nov Prep Swimming

Fri 24 Nov Prep 2024 Orientation (Café Style)

Year 6 Footsteps (2.40pm - 3.30pm)

Year 3 - 5 Swimming Trials

Thurs 30 Nov Prep Swimming

Year 2 Science Works Excursion



2023 Term Dates 02/10/23 - 20/12/23

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

* The School Holiday Program for Brunswick West is attached

2023 School Council Date

25 October 29 November



Diary Dates 2023—Continued

Fri 1 Dec Year 6 Footsteps (2.40pm - 3.30pm)

Year 5 Frisbee Clinic

Thurs 7 Dec Prep Swimming

Year 6 Footsteps (11.15am - 12.00pm)

Year 6 Graduation

Tues 12 Dec Prep 2024 Play Date and Visit to OSHC

Wed 13 Dec Year 6 Funfields
Thurs 14 Dec Prep Swimming

Meeting Dates 2023

Finance Tuesday 17 October @ 10.00am WebEx
OSHC Wednesday 18 October @ 11.00am WebEx
Environment Thursday 19 October @ 8.00am Jo's Office

Fun and Fundraising TBC @ 8.00pm WebEx Education TBC @ 7.00pm WebEx

School Council Wednesday 25 October @ 7.00pm Library

2023 School Council Date

25 October 29 November















eSmart!



Be you!





Kitchen Garden News





Sport News





<u>Library News</u>

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.

First aid

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.



We would like to remind all students that they are required to wear a sunsmart hat and sun safe clothing from **1 September** until the end of Term 4. 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 <u>not suitable to wear at school</u>. Hats are available for purchase at the office for \$11.50. Please visit Sun Smart's resources page at





Pre-Fete Working Bee – Sunday the 8 October 10am – 12pm

The Environment Committee would be thrilled to see families come along this Sunday to a pre-Fete working bee to tidy up the Clarke Street campus, weed and mulch the gorgeous garden beds and barrow and spread mulch in the Kitchen Garden to ensure the campus is looking top notch for the Fete.

If you are close by and have your own wheelbarrow, please bring it along and for others, all equipment can be provided. This is a very kid-friendly event with little hands suited to weeding, mulching, sweeping and emu bobbing for any rubbish and lost property.

Please wear hats, suitable clothing and byo water.

A light morning tea will be provided for hungry tummies!