



Woollahra Public School **Connect: me, us, world**

A Festival of Creativity and Thinking

15 August – 2 September 2022

Woollahra Public School is proud to present **Connect: A Festival of Creativity and Thinking**. The festival forms part of our school's goal to ensure our children have opportunity to engage with rich learning experiences that foster innovative thinking and creativity. This year's festival celebrates and encourages connection. The festival will offer rich opportunities to reconnect to ourselves, others and our world through the pursuit of creativity. We invite you to connect with your imagination, bodies, community, country and spirit.

Immersion in creativity can bring us closer together and help us cultivate greater self-awareness. Fine tuning the ability to feel a creative connection can help us develop our empathy and establish a deeper relationship between ourselves and the world.



What connects us is more powerful than what divides us.

Our festival event promises to engage the whole school community in a range of unique learning experiences, events and shared performances by our students, teachers and community members from Monday 15 August until Friday 2 September. Our grand opening ceremony will take place on the morning of Monday 22 August where special guest performers and speakers will officially open the creative journey of connection and deep learning. Over the course of the three-week event, a range of teacher led and expert community led workshops will be offered to all of our students. Community expert led workshops will provide unique learning experiences for our students including photography, art, writing, dance, film making, music, STEM and much more. The Great Debate will take place on the evening of Monday 29 August when community members are invited join us as our student and alumni debating teams showcase their critical and creative thinking skills as they debate an important question. A whole school art project will be exhibited on the same evening, staging the final piece from every student showing their exploration in making connections to their self. We also look forward to celebrating and sharing with all of our arts ensembles (band, choir, dance, rock bands) through daily performances.

The process of creating and thinking will drive our connections as we learn and create.



The festival celebrates how NSW public schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing, globalised world. The key messages include growth mindset, creative and critical thinking, evolution of the classroom, strong relationships, and commitment to innovation and excellence.

We invite you to join us for the various activities throughout the festival. Take a look at our festival guide and planner to find out what's on.

Monday 22 August

Festival Launch in the Barton Playground @ 9.15am

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Monday 15 August

Community Workshops:

Visual Arts Portraiture Workshop with Ky Smith at the Art Lab

Award winning artist Ky Smith will work with Stage 2 students in her studio, 'The Art Lab' to explore portraiture, the skills, tips and tricks involved in this age old art form that is truest form of connecting to self and others creatively.

Photography Light Painting Workshop with Peter Solness

Peter Solness' workshops are based on 20 years of experimentation and practice as a celebrated artist. Peter is regarded as a pioneer in the art of light-painting photography. His images have been collected by major art institutions, as well as honoured with major photographic awards and profiled in numerous photography and art magazines. Peter will work with some of our Stage 3 students to learn about and explore his technique in light painting.



Teacher Workshops:

Sewing Workshop with Ms Renate and Mrs MacDonald

Collaborate with our teachers and your friends to explore the timeless art of sewing, experience the joy of creating a piece with your hands that simultaneously reflects craftsmanship and creativity.

Visual Arts Painting Workshop with Mr Owens

Work to explore various paint techniques, experiment with colour, line and form to create an artwork on canvas.



Impressionist Visual Arts Workshop with Mrs Rosenthal

Bright colours, bold brushstrokes and a rebellious spirit! Impressionists. Artists who did not try to paint a reflection of real life, but an *impression* of what the subject, light, atmosphere, object, or landscape looked like to them. They tried to capture the movement and life of what they saw and show it to us as if it were happening before our

eyes. In this workshop, we will take a look at some well-known impressionist artists and their artworks, learn about the various techniques used to create light, shadow and movement, and create an artwork of our own.

Tuesday 16 August

Community Workshops:

Poetry Slam Inspire Presentation with Miles Merrill and team

This is how you change the world with your story. No props. No music. No costumes. Just you, your words and a mic. Listen to the distant rumble. The roar, getting closer. The cumulonimbus of people not being heard, people whose stories are not being told. The thunder-clap slam of poetry meets the electric light-flash of stage and cheering audience. The overpowering storm of ovations and raw solo manifestos – it's no rock concert. This isn't pop. It's you. Yes: Y-O-U. You're saying what's on your mind with immediate access to an audience. This is poetry slam.

Slam Your Poetry: Write a Revolution, Miles Merrill and Narcisa Nozica



'Poetry Slams are community builders. They're a way of sharing stories the mainstream won't tell' Zohab Khan



Students in Years 4-6 will have the opportunity to explore the art and craft of developing and performing a Poetry Slam piece. What is poetry slam? How does it enable us to express ideas and be heard? How do we connect with our audience. This workshop will inspire students through a presentation work on their own writing and performance pieces in the following workshops.

Teacher Workshops:



Zine Workshop with Ms Isaacs

Keen to tell the world about your niche passion or obsession? Zines are self-published miniature magazines that encourage creative freedom to explore any topic you wish. In this workshop you will explore zines and how to make them, and be guided to make your very own little publication. Expect to draw, colour, cut, paste, fold, write, explore, experiment and best of all - create!

Exploring Tapestry and Drama with Mrs Markezinis and Ms Wadsworth

Join us for a transformative experience! Through drama and art, we will be learning about Diana, the Goddess of Hunting, and a man who she turned into a deer. We will be exploring (virtually) a very famous gallery in New York called the MET! Finally, we will be practising the art of weaving on your very own loom.

Italian Choir with Signor Kirkby

This one-hour workshop will focus on developing singing technique. We will use the Neapolitan song "O Sole Mio" to help develop clear, pure vowels, a stronger breath support and a beautiful, well projected singing voice. "O Sole Mio" describes how beautiful it is to have a day of sunshine after lots of rainy days.

Wednesday 17 August

Community Workshops:

Poetry Slam Masterclass with Miles Merrill and team

After experiencing the Poetry Slam Inspire presentation, our Years 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity to develop and perform their own Poetry Slam pieces in masterclass with Miles and his team.

Arts Concert Series:

Senior String Ensemble Performance @ 8.30am in the Kindergarten Courtyard



Thursday 18 August

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Stop Motion Animation Workshop with Startime Studios

Inspired by Wallace & Grommet and the Lego films, kids will use figures, plasticine and mini-green screen sets to bring their imagination to life.

Poetry Magic Writing Workshops with Story Squad and Emily Lamb

Poetry is a great way to connect to ourselves and others with a sprinkling of magic on top. Emily will work with our youngest students to explore this artform and create some of their own magic with words.



Teacher Workshops:

Photography Workshop with Ms Melville Griffiths

Always lines, never forms! But where do they find these lines in Nature! For my part I see only forms that are lit up and forms that are not. There is only light and shadow. - Francisco de Goya

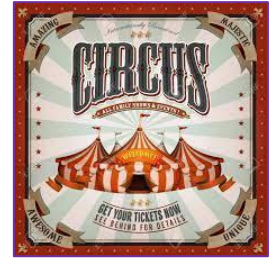
Work with our very own Ms MG to explore the world of photography and what can be achieved working with this artform. Dust off your camera ... go out and capture something you are passionate about. Use your unique perspective to open the eyes of your fellow Woollahrians. Wonder and flash can illuminate an issue forever. Shine a light of what matters to you! No one sees it like you!

Friday 19 August

Community Workshops:

Circus Skills Workshop with Glenn Eagan and Mrs Cooper-Egan

Channel your inner circus performer as you learn the art of juggling, Adagio Balance, fire twirling (without the fire!) and hula hooping. Once you have mastered these unique circus skills, work with your friends to create your very own unique performance.



Ngandabaa Aboriginal Culture and Visual Arts workshop with Rheanna Lotter and Ms Molloy

Rheanna Lotter is a proud Yuin woman and founder of Ngandabaa (Yun-Da-Baa; named after her grandfather Keith Thorne). Rhe has many passions, one being the creation of art works that reflect her culture and tell authentic stories. Rhe has worked with many companies and clients around Australia to showcase modern and contemporary Aboriginal art, sharing culture in unique ways and creating artworks for all Australians to enjoy. She will work with our students over a series of workshops to teach them about Aboriginal art and culture, create a collaborative art work that tells the story of what matters to our school community, create an individual art work with each child about their own personal story and create a digital art work.

Teacher Workshops:

Robotics and Coding Workshop with Mrs Kazanis

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Community Workshops:

Artist in Residence Mural Creation with Scott Nagy and Krimstone in the Centenary Playground

About Scott

I am a multidisciplinary artist but primarily a painter. My pieces are often painted with surreal perspectives and environmental themes. I grew up in The Blue Mountains Australia developing my skills in aerosol as a youth with some of the most renowned local graffiti artists. I studied fine arts at Nepean Arts and Design Centre where I learnt traditional painting techniques, refining my knowledge in colour theory and perspective. The majority of the murals I paint are site specific, I enjoy the process of responding to briefs by clients and travelling to paint in public spaces where my work can become part of the community.



Spend time watching and engaging with Scott as he transforms the wall in the centre of our Centenary playground with an amazing new mural.

Visual Arts Watercolour Workshop with Genevieve Bell and Ms Byron

Learn the beautiful art of watercolour painting. Develop your skills with various painting techniques, explore this unique medium and create an artwork of your own.



Teacher Workshops:

Musical Theatre and Drama Workshop with Ms Caspers and Ms Jankelson

Join us as we reinvent a tale as old as time, in a world where anything is possible, and nothing is as it seems. Imagine the chaos of having every item in your house come to life in the same place at exactly the same time!

Be our guest as reality and fantasy collide in this workshop introducing you to the wondrous world of musical theatre.

In this workshop you will free your imagination by playing games that encourage you to act on your intuition. You will learn how the voice works and how physicality can transform you from one

character to another. You will create improvised storylines for unlikely characters and improvise their mischievous encounters through singing, dancing, and acting! This workshop is for anyone who loves to perform in front of an audience and is brave enough to unlock their imagination to discover the world from a whole new perspective. So come ready to play and let's take your mind on an adventure in the great wide somewhere! After all, it's up to you to decide if the tale you tell will end in a 'happily ever after'.

Arts Concert Series:

Senior Band, Super Choir and Amplify Allstars performing @ 9.15am in the Barton Playground as part of the Festival Opening

Tuesday 23 August

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Beat Making and Song Writing Workshop with Lorenz Prichard

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Teacher Workshops:

Ceramic Sculpture Workshop with Ms Konstantaras and Ms Wadsworth

In this workshop students will explore the techniques of the timeless art of ceramics. The tactile nature of the clay will allow our artists to create their own sculptures while expressing themselves freely and without boundaries.





Wednesday 24 August

Community Workshops:

The Science of Hip Hop with Nacho Pop

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Visual Arts Ceramics Workshop with Laura Jankelson and Ms Jankelson

Laura Jankelson is a trained English and Art teacher who explores the medium of clay, providing space for creativity and self-expression. Laura draws on her native birthplace, South Africa, to form a style of pottery which reflects the earth and its colours, patterns and textures. She works largely with hand building large coiled pieces - rustic, organic vessels, functional or purely textured decorative forms. Laura's pieces embody the Japanese art of 'wabi sabi', allowing a flow towards perfectly imperfect creations. Laura will be working with some of the Stage 1 students to learn some techniques of ceramics, enabling students to explore the tactile nature of clay and providing opportunity for the clay to take on the life of its maker, as well as its own!



Weaving and Felting Workshops with Bec Whitcombe

In engaging with the ancient art of weaving, students will work with Bec to think deeply about what they bring to the process. They will reflect on their life, what they need more of, less of and what they need to hold on to. From this base, they will work with colours to weave their 'Life Story' into a small hanging piece with the theme of positive intentions.

Bec's felting workshop will centre around the theme of gratitude. Starting with an exercise of appreciation, children will think about

who they are grateful for and why. Following this reflection, children will jump into the world of felting a bookmark - one for themselves and another for their 'special' person.

Teacher Workshops:

Creative Learning in the bush with Ms Head, Mrs Kazanis and our WIRES volunteer team

Adventure to Centennial Park for this workshop where students will engage deeply with the natural environment deep in the middle of the city. Visit the flying fox colony, learn about the water birds, develop knowledge about the plants in the park and their importance, become a professional bird watcher and find the powerful owls, look at the Black Cockatoos in the pine forest and explore and look for smaller animals. Discuss ways in which we can support and protect wildlife in shared parkland areas and in our local community.



Arts Concert Series:

Senior String Ensemble Performance @ 8.30am in the Kindergarten Courtyard

Thursday 25 August

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The Science of Hip Hop with Nacho Pop

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Rainbow Serpent Workshop with Dave Harrington

Students will explore the environment and how it can be represented through art with specialist Dave Harrington. They will learn how Sydney's Aboriginal people used plants, animals and rocks to survive and thrive in the Sydney basin.



Teacher Workshops:

Drama Workshop with Miss Frances and Mrs Warhurst

Students will explore all aspects of the creative process that is central to expressing ideas and emotions through drama. They will use their bodies and voices to become characters in a story and will create a short performance with a professional actor.

Arts Concert Series:

Junior String Ensemble Performance @ 8.30am in the Kindergarten Courtyard

Evening Event:



Express Myself – Whole School Art Exhibition Opening Art Trail @ 3.15pm – 6.30pm

In exploring the theme of connection to self, others and the world, every student and teacher in the school has created a special self-portrait. These portraits express who we are, our stories and things that are important in our lives. Join us on a special art trail around the school to see all of the portraits exhibited in various parts of the school.

Friday 26 August

Community Workshops:

Drumming Workshop with Kids on Congas

Kids on Congas drumming workshops are passion driven and facilitated by an expert percussionist. Based on 25 years of drumming with some of the world's finest drummers, years of performing on stage and extensive experience with people with special needs, our sessions in schools are a fabulous HIGH ENERGY musical experience. We use a range of African traditional and contemporary drums, teach elements including dynamics, polyrhythms, tempo and focus on teamwork, building confidence and stimulating creativity. It's exciting, unique and very effective.



Mapping Workshop with Dave Harrington

Have you ever heard a story that told of a journey of exploration? Or have you ever explored somewhere outdoors and wondered about the stories that might have been told? Those journeys can be told through words, or pictures, but we can also communicate about the outdoors using maps. With Dave Harrington from Stone and Bones we're going to map our stories and the stories of the original Australians. Through a Dreamtime narrative we'll explore how stories can be guides to Country, speaking of the benefits and dangers that will help us survive. Through our recollections of Centennial Park we will explore how the natural and man-made worlds collide in a place rich in history. We'll construct these landscapes in giant ground maps using natural materials and our imagination to understand and communicate what we know and what we have discovered. This experience provides people of all ages with new ways of understanding navigation, the natural world and its weather, rocks, landscapes, animals and plants, our place within that world and the social relationships we all navigate.



Teacher Workshops:

Mixed Media Workshop with Mrs Garber

Explore a range of different mixed media techniques to create your own art work celebrating textures and colours.

Robotics and Coding Workshop with Mrs Kazanis

Collaborate with some great STEM minds to develop your robotics and coding skills and develop some innovative creations.

Monday 29 August

Community Workshops:

Wandana Aboriginal Culture Workshops

Our signature cultural immersion program has been specifically designed to give students a unique and authentic learning experience. Run by our highly trained Aboriginal tutors, the program explores history, culture, art and music.

Our day begins with the school assembling together for an Acknowledgement to Country. Traditional ochre paint is offered to Aboriginal students and School Leaders. We will then conduct a Sweeping or Smoking Ceremony where all students & teachers are encouraged to place a gum leaf into a smoking Coolomon which is a traditional custom to ward off bad spirits, acknowledge ancestors and pay respect to the land and sea of country.

Everyone will be inspired by the Didgeridoo performance and creation story of the instrument. Traditional and contemporary sounds and rhythms are performed. Students and Teachers will learn how the Didgeridoo is crafted, its history and the customs regarding its use. Students will then learn about the local Aboriginal history, places, people and events of significance. They will also learn about the local Aboriginal art, materials used as well as the symbols used to create these paintings, carvings and stories shared.

One of the highlights for the students is learning about the traditional tools and weapons used by Aboriginal people. Students and Teachers will view a wide range of hand crafted artefacts collected from around Australia. As the students get to see & hold these artefacts we will explain how they were made and used in their daily lives.



Evening Event:

Woollahra Great Debate @ 7.00pm in the hall

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We welcome Thea Burke who will work with a student team to adjudicate the debate. We will enjoy a discussion about their learning and life with our children and here they express some of their ideas and opinions through the art form of *Poetry Slam*. We will also present a student produced and directed film called 'A Creative and Curious Life'. Come along to engage in some wonderful debate about what really matters and support our community of thinkers, creators and dreamers!



Tuesday 30 August

Community Workshop:

Wandana Aboriginal Culture Workshops

The Wandana team will return with their vibrant program focused on rich, interactive and authentic experiences for our students in learning about Aboriginal culture.



Teacher Workshops:

Puppet Creation Workshop with Ms Allan

A gang of misfit puppets assisted by Ms Allan will explore puppetry with our younger students. Looking at a range of different kinds of puppets from shadow puppets to sock puppets and marionettes, the students will make their puppet creatures who will perform in their very own puppet show.

Arts Concert Series:

Junior and Senior Rock Band Performances @ 8.30am in the Chisholm Playground

Wednesday 31 August

Community Workshops:

Song Writing Workshop with Ricky Kradolfer and Brendan Iredale

Aspiring song writers and musicians will have the opportunity to work with our very own Rock Band and Guitar teachers Ricky and Brendan to take their music making to the next level of conceptualising, creating and recording their own song.

Teacher Workshops:

Movie Creation Workshop with Ms Allan

Students will work in small groups and to make their very own puppet film using iMovie. During the pre-production process students will assign roles and work together to create a short narrative script which will star their own hand-made puppets. After storyboarding the narrative and making the film star puppets, teams will use iPad to film their production. In the post production process, teams will learn to use i-Movie to edit and finally add sound to create a fun i-Movie of their very own. Hollywood here we come!





Zentangle Visual Arts Workshop with Miss Costello

Zentangle art is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns and combinations of dots and lines. Learn the art and then create your own designs while experimenting with ink techniques.

Arts Concert Series:

K-2 Dance Ensemble, Junior and Senior Dance Company performances in the hall at 2.15pm

Evening Event:

Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Town Hall 7.00pm

Our outstanding Senior String Ensemble will perform at the Festival of Instrumental music as part of a high calibre massed string ensemble. Talented Woollahra violinist Allen Lu will perform a violin solo as part of the concert.

Thursday 1 September

Community Workshop:

Aboriginal Mapping Workshop with Dave Harrington

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Teacher Workshops:

Print Making Workshop with Ms Molloy

Learn the art of lino printing as we carve our own designs and experiment with block printing in various forms. We will work to create a collaborative art work as well as individual art pieces.



Game Design Workshop with Mr Lawson and Mr Owens

This video game design workshop will provide an opportunity to expand student's coding skills and introduce them to roles within a video game development team. Students will experience every step of the collaborative game development process, from pre-production and planning to programming and the debugging stage to create a game by the end of the day. Students will learn about basic animation and sprite work as well as look at basic game theory elements to create an engaging and unique game that can be played either on mobile devices or on a PC.



Students for this workshop should be experienced coders who work collaboratively with teams and be willing to apply themselves over the entire day

Arts Concert Series:

Intermediate Band open rehearsal and performance in the hall at 8.15am

Friday 2 September

Festival Closing

Community Event – Showcasing our Creativity and Learning 9.15am – 10.00am

Parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us for a showcase morning. Visit our classrooms and share in the ideas pieces created throughout the festival.

Arts Concert Series:

Junior Band open rehearsal and performance in the hall at 8.15am

Festival Closing Performance

Performance by band 'The Chillettes' in the hall at 11.30am



Creative Gifts – Thinking Toolkits

The focus of the festival is on connecting to self, others and the world through a creative lens. Throughout the festival classes will receive Creative Gifts. These gifts will be thinking toolkits and learning projects which provide all students across the school to explore new ideas, experience a different style of learning and develop innovative ideas. Once the boxes containing the learning gifts are opened the focus will be wholly on thinking **outside** the box!





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Art Exhibition

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Opening Thursday 25 August
3.15pm – 6.30pm

An exhibition of student work and creativity



In exploring the theme of connection to self, others and the world, every student and teacher in the school has created a special self-portrait. These portraits express who we are, our stories and things that are important in our lives. Join us on a special art trail to see all of the portraits exhibited in various parts of the school. We warmly invite all of our children, parents, families and friends to attend the exhibition opening on Thursday 25 August 3.00pm – 6.15pm.

Pick up the exhibition map near the friendship tree and use it to guide you around the school following our art trail! Our entire school will become the gallery and we encourage you to visit various parts of the school to see a range of amazing work created by all of the students and staff at Woollahra!

Photographs from the festival will be on display, you will be able to enjoy the magical transformation of the friendship tree and celebrate the creativity that abounds in our school. We look forward to seeing you at this special event.

For updates and to view photographs taken during the exhibition visit our school website and Facebook page:

<http://www.woollahra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Woollahra-Public-School-1538900772801462/>





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The Great Debate 2022

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Creative Collaborations

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Always was, Always will be Aboriginal Land

Learning and engaging with Aboriginal culture and community creatively



Through this project we will work with our students to develop a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture and our First Nations community. This will include developing and filming our own personalised Acknowledgement of Country. A group of senior students will work over several months with artist Rheanna Lotter. Through art, story telling and practical experiences, Rheanna will teach the children about Aboriginal art and culture, create a collaborative art work that tells the story of what matters to our school community, create individual art works with each child about their own personal story and create a digital art work. The final art work will accompany our Acknowledgement of Country for display and sharing. Our senior dance company will work with an First Nations dance choreographer to create a dance piece to accompany the art work and Acknowledgement.

Origami Hallway of Hope Project

Origami can be meditative, relaxing, and a source of creative expression, but it's also an art form with deep symbolism and cultural meaning. Learning how to fold origami cranes can be a way to inspire peace and good fortune for yourself and others. It is also a wonderful way to bring children and adults together to collaborate on a shared project. One of the most famous origami designs is the Japanese crane. The origami crane (折鶴 *orizuru* in Japanese) has become a symbol of peace and hope. Inspired by the story of Sadako and the thousand paper cranes our students will collaborate to create 1000 cranes and hang these in the main corridor of the Centenary building. Not only will they symbolise the hope we have for our school community, they will represent the importance of our community working together for a common goal. A group of one thousand paper cranes is called *senbazuru* in Japanese (千羽鶴).



'A Curious and Creative Life' Film Project

A group of talented film makers will work throughout the festival to film the creative journey of our students and staff. Through capturing our community creating, exploring and collaborating, the film will explore what it means to lead a creative and curious life at Woollahra. The short film will screen on the night of our Great Debate and will then be available on our website.

Connecting to self, others and the world

Throughout the festival, our students will work to create a collaborative artwork that represents the festival theme and ways in which we connect to self, others and the world. The art work will then be displayed in the school for all to enjoy.





Monday 15 August	Tuesday 16 August	Wednesday 17 August	Thursday 18 August	Friday 19 August
<p>Visual Arts Portraiture Workshop with Ky Smith at the Art Lab 9.30 – 11am</p> <p>Photography Light Painting Workshop with Peter Solness in the hall</p> <p>Sewing Workshop with Ms Renate and Mrs MacDonald in the STEM Hub</p> <p>Painting Workshop with Mr Owens 60 Impressionist Art Workshop with Mrs Rosenthal in the Learning Hub</p>	<p>POETRY SLAM Inspire Presentation with Miles Merrill and team 12.15pm in the hall (Year 4-6)</p> <p>Zine Workshop with Ms Isaacs in the STEM Hub 9am – 12pm</p> <p>Exploring Tapestry and Drama with Ms Markezinis and Ms Wadsworth in the Learning Hub 9am – 12pm</p> <p>Italian Choir Workshop with Signor Kirkby 9.15am</p> <p>7.00pm Junior Dance Company performing at Bondi Showcase</p>	<p>8.30am Senior String Ensemble performance in the Kindergarten Courtyard</p> <p>POETRY SLAM Workshop with Miles Merrill and team 9am – 1.30pm (Yr 5-6)</p>	<p>Visual Arts Portraiture Workshop with Ky Smith at the Art Lab 9.30 – 11am</p> <p>Stop Motion Animation Workshop with Startime Studios 9am – 3.00pm (Yr 4)</p> <p>Photography Workshop with Ms Melville Griffiths 9am – 12pm</p> <p>Writing Workshops with Story Squad and Mrs Lamb</p>	<p>Circus Skills Workshop with Glenn Egan and Mrs Cooper-Egan in the hall (K-2)</p> <p>Robotics and Coding Workshop with Mrs Kazanis 9am – 12pm in the library (Year 3)</p> <p>Ngandabaa Visual Arts and Aboriginal Culture Workshop with Rhe Lotter and Ms Molloy in the STEM Hub (Stage 3)</p>
Monday 22 August	Tuesday 23 August	Wednesday 24 August	Thursday 25 August	Friday 26 August
<p>9.15am Festival Opening in the Barton Playground</p> <p>Wandana Smoking Ceremony, Amplify Allstars Band Performance and Keynote opening</p> <p>Senior Band & Super Choir performing</p> <p>Artist in Residence Mural Creation Scott Nagy and Krimstone – Centenary Playground</p> <p>Drama and Musical Theatre Workshop with Ms Caspers & Ms Jankelson in the STEM Hub</p> <p>Visual Arts Watercolour Workshop with Genevieve Bell and Ms Byron in the STEM Hub</p>	<p>Photography Light Painting Workshop with Peter Solness in the hall</p> <p>Beat Making and Song Writing Workshop with Lorenz in the Library</p> <p>Ceramic Sculpture Workshop with Ms Kon and Ms Wadsworth in the STEM Hub (Years 3 & 4)</p>	<p>8.30am Senior String Ensemble performance in the Kindergarten Courtyard</p> <p>Beat Making and Song Writing Workshop with Lorenz in the Library</p> <p>Science of Hip Hop with Nacho Pop in the hall 9am – 3pm</p> <p>Visual Arts Ceramics Workshop with Laura Jankelson and Ms Jankelson in 1J</p> <p>Weaving and Felting Workshops with Bec Whitcombe in the Library</p> <p>Creative Learning in the Bush with Ms Head and Mrs Kazanis at Centennial Park (K-2)</p>	<p>8.30am Junior String Ensemble performance in the Kindergarten Courtyard</p> <p>Science of Hip Hop with Nacho Pop in the hall 9am – 3pm</p> <p>Rainbow Serpent workshop with Dave Harrington (Kindergarten)</p> <p>Drama Rama workshop with Mrs Warhurst and Miss Frances in the Learning Hub</p> <p>3.15pm – 6.30pm</p> <p>Express MySelf</p> <p>Whole School Art Exhibition</p> <p>Opening Art Trail Across the School</p>	<p>Drumming Workshop with Kids on Congas in the hall (Year 3)</p> <p>Creative Mapping workshop with Dave Harrington in the playground (Years 1&2)</p> <p>Mixed Media Visual Arts Workshop with Mrs Garber 9am – 12pm in the Learning Hub (K-2)</p> <p>Robotics Workshop with Mrs Kazanis 9am – 12pm in the STEM Hub (Kinder)</p>
Monday 29 August	Tuesday 30 August	Wednesday 31 August	Thursday 1 September	Friday 2 September
<p>Wandana Aboriginal Culture Workshops in the hall (K-6)</p> <p>7.00pm The Woollahra Great Debate in the hall</p> <p>Visit</p> <p>Express MySelf</p> <p>Whole School Art Exhibition</p> <p>Opening Art Trail Across the School from 5.30pm</p>	<p>8.30am Junior and Senior Rock Band performance in the hall</p> <p>Puppet Making Workshop Ms Allan in the STEM Hub (Years 1&2)</p> <p>Wandana Aboriginal Culture Workshops in the hall (K-6)</p>	<p>Song Writing Workshop with Ricky Kradolfer and Brendan Iredale in the STEM Hub</p> <p>Zentangle Visual Arts Workshop with Ms Costello in the Learning Hub</p> <p>Movie Creation Workshop with Ms Allan in the Library (Years 3 & 4)</p> <p>2.15pm K-2 Dance Ensemble, Junior and Senior Dance Company performance in the hall</p> <p>7.00pm Senior Strings performing in the Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Town Hall with Ms Ng, Mrs MacDonald & Ms Molloy</p>	<p>8.30am Intermediate Band Open rehearsal and performance in the hall</p> <p>Science of Hip Hop with Nacho Pop in the hall 9am – 3pm</p> <p>Creative Mapping workshop with Dave Harrington in the playground (Years 1&2)</p> <p>Printmaking Workshop with Ms Molloy and Mrs Garber in the staffroom</p> <p>Game Design Workshop with Mr Lawson and Mr Owens in the STEM Hub</p>	<p>Fathers Day 'Dads and Donuts' breakfast at 8.15am (P&C)</p> <p>8.15am Junior Band Open rehearsal and performance in the hall</p> <p>9.15am – 10.00am</p> <p>Festival Closing - Showcasing our Creativity & Learning</p> <p>Parents and community invited to visit classrooms and share in the ideas and work created throughout the festival</p> <p>Music Concert – the Chillettes in the hall at 11.30am (K-2)</p>



Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. We keep moving forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.

Walt Disney

We are looking forward to a wonderful three weeks of enriching learning experiences and hope that you can join us to celebrate our Festival of Thinking and Creativity at Woollahra.

If you have any queries about the festival or would like to know more, please call our Deputy Principal, Serena Petriella on 9328 6313.



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