



Woollahra Public School

Term 3 Week 8 – 5 September 2022



Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 14 September – Year 4 to Cockatoo Island
- Thursday 15- K 2023 Playgroup Session
- Monday 19 September – Primary Proms Concert
- Wednesday 21 September – Year 5 excursion to La Perouse
- Thursday 22 September – Principals Award Assembly
- Friday 23 September – Last day Term 3



Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy SASS Recognition Week

This week we celebrated the wonderful and hugely important work of our school administrative and support staff. This team work in so many different roles across the school supporting us all. They truly are the backbone of the school. We are immensely grateful for their hard work, generosity of spirit and all that they do. Special thanks go to Narelle Rutland, Margaret Cordingley, Michelle Towers, Bec Whitcombe, Steve Garland, Alicia Khoo, Lori Walker, Renate Dunham, Frances Berry and Sam Whettters who are the most amazing, hard working SASS staff in the entire world! We are very grateful for all that you do each and every day and feel extremely lucky to have you. Happy SASS Recognition week!



Father's Day Visits

It warmed my heart and created a wonderful vibe across our school last Friday to welcome so many of our Woollahra Dads to school to enjoy a morning coffee, spend time in the classrooms, enjoy some beautiful singing, receive some amazing portraits and even join in a Father's Day dance party! The kids were all so excited to have their Dads visit and the morning was the epitome of what true community is at



Woollahra. Thank you to all our Dads and other family members who visited, the P&C for the delicious donuts and coffee and the teachers for doing such a great job in putting together a special morning.



Festival of Creativity Spotlight – Our Mural

Our *Festival of Creativity and Thinking* was so vibrant and full that it's impossible to share the learning and experiences all in one go. Instead, we will feature a *Festival Spotlight* each week. One of many festival goals was the opportunity for our children to watch experienced artists in action. This happened over a two-day period as our amazing new mural. Students

and staff were able to spend time watching and engaging with Scott and Janne as they transformed the wall in the centre of our Centenary playground. We love the colour, vibrancy and spirit of our beautiful new black cockatoos, moon and

gorgeous natural environment. Not only was it a unique and enriching experience for our kids to see professional artists working, we have now added some more incredible art to our playground environment.



2023 Enrolment Intentions

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning school organisation for 2023! To assist in making important decisions regarding staffing and classes for 2023, we are asking you to indicate whether your child will be returning to Woollahra in 2023 or attending another school. We are asking that this short survey is filled in for every child in Years 1-5. The survey **does not** need to be completed for Year 6.



The survey is very quick to fill in and can be accessed at the following link or via this QR code. Let's see which class can have all of their responses in first! This information is really important as part of our planning processes.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RN7G8LX>

Recent Correspondence

- Whole school Term 3 Invoices –
- Year 6 – 3 Day Canberra Excursion – note due 6 September
- Kindergarten Excursion – Wild Play Discovery Centre – Note due 1 September
- Year 4 – Excursion to Cockatoo Island – note due Friday 9 September
- Years 5 & 6 – Festival of Choral Music Argyle Concert – note due Thursday 8 September
- Year 5 – Congwong Beach, La Perouse Kadoo Indigenous Experience – note due Friday 16 September

Learning in KA & KS with Mrs Wright and Mr Sipple



KA and KS have been loving the Festival of Creativity and Thinking! We have been participating in a range of rich learning experiences, including hip hop with Nacho Pop, creative writing with Mrs Lamb and Story Squad, and a Rainbow Serpent cultural workshop. KA and KS had a fantastic time creating and showcasing our self-portraits for the whole-school art exhibition. We have also been working collaboratively to read and respond to imaginative texts, by building, drawing and using playdough.



Kindergarten and Stage 1 News

Fathers and Friends Celebrations



Thank you to all the fathers, grandfathers and friends who came to celebrate Fathers' Day last Friday. The classrooms were buzzing with singing and dancing, Italian play performances, clay making, games and various activities. It was so lovely to see the school filled with so many visitors and to be able to welcome you into the classrooms. We hope you and your families all had a very happy Fathers and Friends day on Sunday.



Stage 3 News

Tournament of Minds Success



A huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Tournament of Minds Language and Literature team, the Social Science team and the Arts team who presented their solutions to their chosen challenge competing against many other schools at the Regional Tournament Day with outstanding success. The **Language and Literature** team and **Social Science** team **WON** the **Regional Finals** and the **Arts** team achieved **Honours** or **2nd place**, an outstanding achievement.

Tournament of Minds is an international educational program for teams of students who work together to solve a demanding, open-ended challenge. The competition aims to enhance the potential of our youth by developing diverse skills, enterprise, time management, and the discipline to work collaboratively within a challenging and competitive environment.

All three Tournament of Minds teams from Woollahra and their facilitators Ms Hayward and Miss Costello have worked tirelessly the past six weeks to create and perform a solution that successfully meets their chosen challenge. All work produced was entirely the student's own work. The students in each team wrote their own script, made their own costumes, props, artwork, sound effects, expanded their creative and divergent thinking skills as they worked tirelessly to negotiate ideas and solutions amongst a team of seven! We are immensely proud of the effort and commitment all teams applied to solving challenges throughout the Tournament of Minds competition. Well done!



**Tournament of Minds
STEM Team**
Ella, Alejo, Viet, Max, Zahara,
Victor, Riley



**Tournament of Minds
Language and Literature Team**
Sophia, Roxanne, Sophia,
Alexander, Chloe, Claude, Isaac



**Tournament of Minds
Arts Team**
Elisabeth, Annie, Phoebe, Winter,
Elizabeth, Karin, Beatrice



Year 5 Camp

Earlier this month Year 5 travelled to Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Narrabeen for a 3-day camp. Students have reflected on their experience.

By Sophia, Sybella Grace, and Saule (all in 5L)

Camp was at Narrabeen. The trip was a forty-five-minute drive. When we got to camp, we discussed the rules with Cam and Hugh. After this we were assigned our camp groups and went to our cabin for twenty-five minutes. At eleven, we went to the dining area to have lunch. The groups that we got split into were Gold which was with Ms. Brandon, Jade was with Ms. Hayward, Rainbow was with Ms Costello and Orange was with Ms. Cuthbert. On the first day, Jade and Orange went on a bush walk and cooked damper, while Gold and Rainbow made chariots and played archery tag.

In kayaking we learnt to paddle, carry the kayak and to put on a life jacket. We played fun and entertaining games on the water such as fruit salad, stuck in the mud, making rafts and invading countries. We also had landmarks to kayak to and from a raft and then listen to the next instruction.

When bushwalking, we were told to collect sticks and leaves. When we got to our location we made the fires and were given our damper to cook. We picked a stick to wrap our damper around and sat down at a fire. We put the damper onto the fire and waited for it to cook. Once the damper had cooked, we pulled it off the stick and put honey inside the damper.



After we cooked the damper, we went onto a cliff to look out to a nice view of the Narrabeen Lake. On the first night, we played trivia, which lasted till 8.30 pm. Hugh called out the questions and we split up into our trivia groups. Some of the challenges we played were when we had to balance three golf balls on top of each other. We had to rip a paper replica of Australia.

When we did games at night we played lots of little games such as: quickest game of tip; scissor, paper, rock conga line; find the keys; hide and seek and finger fencing. Our favourite games were find the keys and quickest game of tip. We were given a demonstration on how to play all

the games and everyone picked up on how to play the games quickly. It was really fun and we can't wait for camp next year. Archery tag was exciting. We shot each other with a bow that had a foam cube at the end (don't worry, it wasn't a real bow!) and kept on tagging each other until the music finished.

Once the music finished, the instructor changed the rules of the games and we kept on playing until it was time to go back to our cabins. Chariot making was really fun and entertaining. We built child sized cars with wood, nails, wrenches, washers, hammers, ropes, nuts and bolts and loop screws. After building the cars, we raced it around the camp ground. In orienteering we got a coloured route to follow with compass instructions and we had to find letters according to our instructions and when we found all of the letters we had to unscramble them into a famous landmark. This taught

us the skill of teamwork and we got to meet new people. In initiatives we played mini games and challenges. The games included puzzles, towers, maths challenges and teamwork challenges. Mrs Fetherston, Ms Costello, Ms Brandon, Ms Cuthbert and Ms Hayward checked the cabins to see if we were being organised. Points were given out of ten and a winning cabin will be announced.



5L Class Camp Collage of Favourite Activities.

Arlo: I was very enthusiastic and excited about the cool canoeing!

Sienna: I loved kayaking with my friends at camp!

Hugo: One of the most supercalifragilisticexpialidocious activities at camp was the bushwalk because we got to learn about Australia's native flora and fauna. Fun Fact: Fresh bottlebrush is used by the First Nations people to comb their hair because it has pollen which acts as conditioner.

Johanna: I preferred canoeing because I got to try something new. I also enjoyed the bushwalk because it was a great way to learn about nature.

Zachary: Archery was the best because the games were fun, I liked learning about how to use the bow and arrow. I was really good at archery tag and I could shoot really far. The kayaking was really awesome because I could make the kayak spin on the spot and I could kayak really fast.

Buzz: I loved the brilliant bushwalk because it was relaxing.

Aki: Archery was the best and I was really accurate. It was overall amazing and it was blazing with fun.

Veronika: Lots of food. The spaghetti bolognese was the best.

Madison: My best moment of camp was archery tag and I liked using the bow.

Luca: Camp was wonderful and fun because I got to learn more about my friends.

Madeleine: My favourite part of the camp was surviving and thriving.

Phoebe: What I loved at camp was getting to cook damper and the bushwalk.

Leif: The activity that I liked the most was archery because I was really good at it.

Hayden: My most enjoyable activity was archery. I enjoyed hitting people on the opposite side.

Lachlan: My most liked activity was archery. I liked shooting people with the bow and arrow.

Amelia: I enjoyed canoeing because I have never done it before.

Eleanor: The chariot making was my favourite activity because I enjoyed racing with my friends.

Russell: One of the many amazing activities at camp was archery tag because it was a first for me.

Mieke: My most enjoyable activity at camp was bushwalking because walking is one of my hobbies.



Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education rebate program towards those costs. **The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.**

Whole School News

Enrolments 2023

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2023 and will be ready to start school? We encourage all families with children starting school next year to contact the office as soon as possible to complete the enrolment paperwork. Please also spread the word to other local families interested in enrolling at our school that now is the time to work through this process.

Now is the time to complete an **Application for Enrolment** form. This can be done online at the following link:

<https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Our 2023 Kindergarten orientation dates have been set. The flyer is included at the end of the newsletter and will be on our website shortly. We encourage new families or siblings who are commencing school in 2023 to put these dates in your diary.

Special Religious Education and Ethics Ethics Volunteers

Congratulations to our two Stage 3 Ethics Volunteer Teachers – Fiona Ford and Etienne Alexiou. Both Fiona and Etienne have been nominated for the [Inaugural Kinghorn Award](#) through Primary Ethics, as inspirational role models for other volunteers. It comes with a \$4,000 prize money towards library services for the recipient's choice of school(s). The winner will be announced in late November. Good luck, Fiona and Etienne!



Without volunteers like Fiona and Etienne, as well as all the volunteers, the programme would not be able to be delivered with such success. If you or anyone would like to learn more to become an ethics volunteer teacher, please reach out to our co-ordinator Donna Kwan at fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk.

As a volunteer ethics teacher, I hope to provide the children at Woollahra PS with a forum to discuss interesting ethical issues with their classmates and to learn how to become critical thinkers.

Fiona Ford, Stage 3 Ethics Volunteer Teacher with son Riley

Our children are growing up with incredible access to information. Information that is unfortunately often without context or meaning. In a recent survey by Ofcom the most popular source of news for younger people was Instagram (29%) closely followed by Tik Tok and YouTube.

Primary Ethics seeks to provide a framework for younger people to gain meaning from information by critically thinking through issues.

I am proud to be involved with Primary Ethics and have always felt so supported by the Schools, Co-ordinators and wonderful lesson plans. I would strongly recommend Primary Ethics to those with a keen passion to help enable our children to think through information with principles to help them gain meaning.

Etienne Alexiou, Stage 3 Ethics Volunteer Teacher



Parents & Citizens' Association News Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop opens on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:30-9am during term time. We also accept ONLINE orders for NEW uniform ONLY. Please send your order form including payment details to the our email address and we will endeavour to fulfil your order within 72 hours. The updated order form is available from the school office or on the school website:

[https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf](https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra%20Uniform%20Shop%20order%20form%202022-23.pdf)

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop hours are: Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am - 9.30am





Starting School at Woollahra

Kindergarten 2023



Is your child starting school next year? We are delighted to welcome you to Woollahra Public School! Please join us for the range of events we have planned for our 2023 Kindergarten children and their families.

School Tours for New Families

Thursday 26 May and Wednesday 3 August 2022- 9.15am

Our school tours are an opportunity to meet our Principal, students and staff. The tours will enable you to visit classrooms, talk to our students and tour the school facilities. Our students will give you an insight into the school from their own perspective and share some of their Woollahra stories. Meet at the school's main entrance on Forth Street.

Learning Conferences for Families and Children

23 May through to 16 September 2022

Each student and their family enrolling in Kindergarten for 2022 is invited to attend an enrolment learning conference with our Principal or Deputy Principals. At this time you will have the opportunity to share information about your child's interests and needs as well as ask any questions you may have about the school.

Playgroup Session for New Students

Thursday 15 September 2022 – 9.15am

Join us with your child for a playgroup session hosted by the school's Kindergarten teachers and our current Kindergarten and senior students. You will have the opportunity to meet staff, other parents and share in morning tea while your child plays with other children starting school next year.

Evening Information Session for 2023 Kindergarten Parents

Wednesday 26 October 2022 – 7.00pm

Join us in the school hall for an information session run by our school leadership team. We will provide a comprehensive array of information on all aspects of life at school, school programs and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Stay and Play Orientation Program

Thursday 3 November & Thursday 10 November 2022 – 9.15am

All students joining us in 2023 are invited to spend the morning participating in a range of play, art, music and literacy activities as part of our *Stay and Play Orientation* program. At the end of each session you will be invited to spend some time in the classroom with your child.

Best Start Assessment Period

Tues 31 January and Wed 1 February 2023

The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment takes around an hour and will be conducted prior to your child beginning school. This is an individualised assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten. We will make individual appointments in December.

First Day of Kindergarten – Thursday 2 February 2023

Visit our website at www.woollahra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

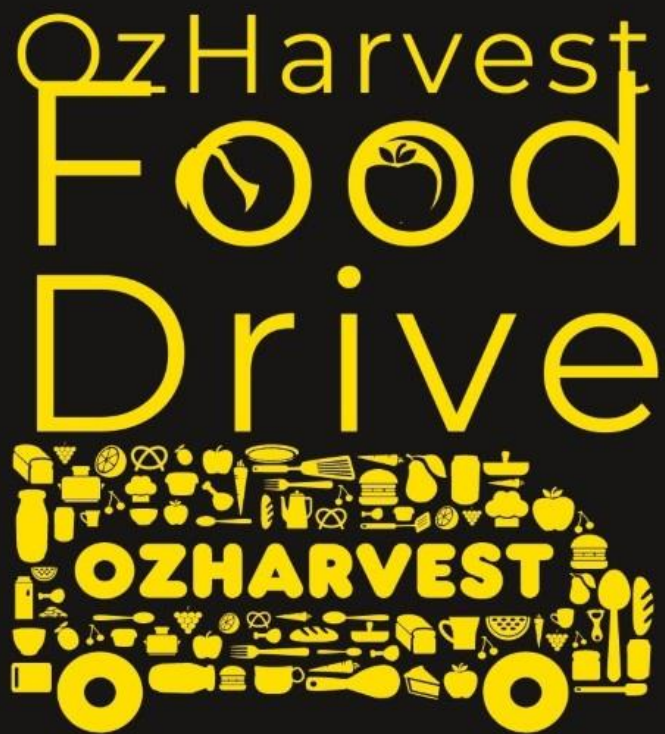
Woollahra Public School

We take pride in providing our students with a depth and breadth of educational opportunity. This takes place in a dynamic, innovative and caring learning environment, focused on achieving high levels of success for every child.

I look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage you to contact the school and visit us so that I can personally welcome you to our great school.

Ms Nicole Molloy - Principal





OzHarvest, Australia's leading food rescue charity, is seeking food donations to help feed Australians in need.

Please donate dry goods only such as cereals, pasta, biscuits, crackers, tinned food, boxed food etc.

Donation Date: **Wednesday 31st August**
- Friday 16th September

Collection Point: **WPS Office**

Please bring food in reusable shopping bags

ozharvest.org
1800 108 006     @ozharvest

Out of Hours Extra-Curricular Activities and News

We have a range of extra-curricular activities happening at Woollahra before and after school and during break times. These activities are advertised in the newsletter for enrolment. Please see below for the contact details of all of our community users if you are interested in enrolling your child or need to contact the provider.

BJE	9365 7900	
Class Artz – Renee	0417 261 349	renee@classartzacademy.com.au
Directions in Music - Phil Molloy	9662 2211	www.directionsinmusic.com.au
Easts Basketball	0402 634 001	info@eastsbl.com.au
GoGo Sports – Daan	0468 948 509	www.gogohealthykids.com.au
Helping Hands Network (OOSC)	1300 612 462	www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au
Italian Language – CoAsIt	9564 0744	learning@coasit.org.au
Mandarin Stars	1800 18 11 18	enrol@mandarinstars.com.au
Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould	0411 775 945	jed@pjtennisacademy.com
Rock Band & Guitar - Ricky Kradolfer	0407 534 944	ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au
Strings Music Ensemble – Andrea Ng	0433 982 865	andrea.ng.86@gmail.com
Sydney Academy of Chess	9745 1170	www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet - Gina	0400 229 712	dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au
VIP Music	9411 3122	vipmusic@iinet.net.au



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BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

NEW 8 SESSION PROGRAM
12 & 13 YR OLDS

Fortnightly
31 July - 27 Nov
Sundays 3-5pm

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