



# Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 5 – 24 February 2022



## Calendar Dates

- Thursday 24 Feb - Stage 1 and Stage 3 Parent Information Evening 5.00pm – 6.00pm via Zoom
- Thursday 24 Feb - Expression of Interest forms for Year 7 entry (2023) into NSW Public School High Schools sent home to each student.
- Wednesday 2 March – Sydney Coastal PSSA Zone Swimming carnival at Des Renford pool
- Thursday 10 March
  - Selective High School Test 2023
  - Expression of Interest forms due back for Year 7 entry (2023) into NSW Public School High Schools
- Friday 11 March – School Photographs
- Monday 21 March- NAPLAN Practice Week
- Friday 25 March – PSSA Sport Trials



## Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

What happens when you cross torrential rainy weather with the need to distribute 6160 Rapid Antigen Tests to families across our school community? You get a leadership team delivering RAT packages to car windows in the rain with a smile and lots of good cheer! Thank you to our staff for their amazing efforts in making this feat happen, especially when it feels like the school may wash away at any moment! Thank you for the seamless way in which you've worked with us on this amongst many other things. It's certainly been a wet week but that hasn't stopped us in our tracks. There is great learning happening right

across our school in so many different ways as your children settle in their classes and embrace the many other opportunities we have on offer. It was delightful to share in the musical magic of guitar lessons yesterday as our budding musicians are nurtured and encouraged.



## COVID Safe Update

Yesterday the Premier and Minister for Education announced changes to school settings for the remainder of the term. These updated settings were developed in close consultation with NSW Health and key stakeholders to ensure we continue to keep our schools open for learning, while keeping up with changing community settings. The updated settings include:

- Continued use of rapid antigen tests (RATs) for twice-weekly testing of students and staff until Friday 25 February. From Monday 28 February, we will move to symptomatic testing. Tests are to be used at your discretion such as if your child is symptomatic or there are cases in their class. Our school will provide each student and staff member with 8 tests per student. Beyond that, students and staff can access PCR tests or buy their own rapid antigen tests as these are now freely available and accessible in the community.
- Masks will continue to be required indoors for all school staff, volunteers and visitors including parents and carers in primary schools until Friday 4 March. From Monday 7 March, masks will no longer be mandatory for all staff. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so.
- From Monday 28 February, visitors can be allowed back on school sites regardless of their vaccination status. We will review organisation such as pick up and drop off arrangements, parent-teacher meetings and other events over the next week and update you when we have new plans in place. We ask that everyone continues with our current routines for next week so that we have time to communicate new routines before we change them.

- As of Monday 28 February, students will no longer be required to be kept in year groups or other cohorts. As a result, we are reviewing our staggered start and finish times. We'll provide more information on this over the next week.

Our school will continue to ensure our layered COVID-smart measures are in place, including vaccinations, maximising natural ventilation in learning spaces, continued good hand hygiene practices and enhanced cleaning.

## Parent Information Evenings

Thank you to all members of the community who have been able to join us via Zoom for this week's Parent Information evenings. It has been brilliant to have so many parents involved and the teachers have enjoyed connecting with you and sharing their learning plans for the year. The next major meetings scheduled regarding student progress are the student/parent/teacher learning conferences later this term. Notes regarding these interviews will be sent home soon. Teachers are always happy to meet to discuss student learning so if you would like to chat with your child's teacher regarding any aspect of your child's education please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

## Teacher Release

From time to time you will notice that your child's teacher is not on class with them for the day. There are a number of reasons (in addition to illness) why this could be the case. Teachers might be required to do additional planning for the class or a specific student, they may be working on a whole school program that benefits all children across the school or they may be involved in planned professional learning programs to enhance knowledge and teaching practice. Each class works with our team of 'release' teachers for two hours during the week to participate in dedicated programs such as personal development, dance, Italian and Japanese. Rest assured when your child's teacher is 'off class' they thoroughly plan lessons for the day and communicate key information about their students to the replacement teacher. At Woollahra we also make every effort to ensure we have a consistent casual workforce to promote stability and on-going learning if your child's teacher needs to be away.



## Swimming Carnival

Well done to our amazing sports coordination team led by Mrs Fetherston who organised not just one but two highly successful swimming carnivals over the last couple of weeks. It was outstanding to see how involved and supportive the children were of each other while bringing a healthy competitive spirit to the event. We wish



our team who will represent Woollahra at the Sydney Coastal Primary School Sports Association zone carnival all the best for next week.

## Safety for All

Safety for all is a high priority across the school and as a result we have strong Work, Health and Safety processes and a tight emergency plan. Part of these processes include regular evacuation and lockdown drills to ensure we are all prepared in the very rare instance that we would need to respond to an emergency. Last week we held our first evacuation drill for the year. We are proud to say we had all students and adults safely off site in Chiswick Gardens in a short amount of time. The children were calm, cooperative and sensible. We were especially proud of our Kindergarten students who experienced their first drill.



## Recent Correspondence

- Year 5 – Expression of Interest form for placement in secondary school 2023 – due no later than **Thursday 10 March 2022**
- Year 6 – Year 6 Jersey note – note due Friday **4 March 2022**

## Whole School News

### Term 1 Invoices

Term 1 invoices will be sent home by the end of this week. Thank you in advance for your prompt payment of these invoices. As in the past, we have included all of the costs for the term in one invoice to make things easier for parents and assist you in planning.

### Supervision Before and After School

The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that **teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning**. No child is permitted to be at school before this time unless they are enrolled in a supervised before school activity. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. Helping Hands run an excellent before school care program in Block E from 7.00am each morning if you need to drop your children early. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.00pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Helping Hands' after care service runs from 3.00pm until 6.00pm.

### SRE/SEE News

Scripture and Ethics classes have now been determined for this term. As classes began on Tuesday 22 February we will not be making any more changes. However, if you have any concerns about your child's class please contact me directly and I will endeavour to allocate your child a different class in Term 2.

**Janelle Warhurst -SRE/SEE Coordinator**



### School Photos

**Class, Individual, School Leaders and School House Captains photographs will take place on Friday 11 March 2022.**

Students will receive photograph order envelopes soon and information regarding the photographs is listed on the envelope. These envelopes are to be returned to your class teacher on or before **Friday 11 March 2022**. Every student is photographed whether they are purchasing or not. Envelopes need to be returned even if you do not wish to purchase.

Please refer to the information on the envelope regarding late orders. This fee is charged by the **School Photographer** and not Woollahra Public School. Should you require a sibling photo please collect the 'special' envelope from the school office, next week.

We ask that students wear their correct summer uniform including black shoes, navy socks and blue hair accessories. ***Please do not include any other payments with your photograph envelope, these envelopes are not opened by the school and are given directly to the photographer.***

## Text Books

Most students have now paid for their text books online. If you have not already done so please refer to last week's information on how to do this. LJ Harper are currently updating us daily with reports on books paid for overnight and we will issue the text books from the office.

## Osborne Lane Pick Up

We are continually working to ensure efficient and safe pick up procedures for your children. Of significant concern are the safety issues at the gate on Osborne Lane. This gate is not to be used as a pedestrian entry and exit due to the safety concerns with traffic and visibility. Please ensure you adhere to the following procedures:

- ***ALL pedestrians to use the Forth Street gates. Crossing the road at the Osborne gate is not safe with so many cars coming through. We appreciate your cooperation with this.***
- ***Ensure you have talked to your children and reminded them to be lined up on the soccer field near the gate as soon as they leave class at 3pm. The teachers are also working on this to make sure your children are at the gate as soon as you pull up.***
- ***Please do not park in the lane and get out of your car. This causes congestion problems in the lane and makes it unsafe.***
- ***We are able to fit two cars at the gate if the first car moves up as far as possible. This way two children can be picked up at once allowing the line to move faster.***
- ***Please ensure you do not queue along Edgecliff Road waiting to turn into Osborne Lane. If you are unable to turn into the lane, please drive around the block and come back.***

## Traffic Safety – Important Reminders

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines. None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points. The changes are:

- ***Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.***

## Stage 3 News

### High School Applications for Year 6 Students – entry into Year 7 2023

It is now time for parents of Year 6 students to begin the process of completing and submitting applications for high school placement in 2021. Please note the following information:

- *Expression of interest application forms have been sent home today*
- *Each form indicates your designated local high school based on your address. You will have the option to apply for your local high school, apply for a non-local placement or indicate that you do not require a placement for your child in a NSW government school in 2023. A form needs to be returned for every child regardless of the option you select.*
- *If you need advice about your options or about applying for a non-local placement, do not hesitate to contact the school to speak to Ms Hayward, Mrs Fetherston, Mrs Warhurst, Miss Petriella or Ms Molloy. We are happy to assist and advise.*
- *All forms need to be returned to your child's class teacher **NO LATER than Thursday 10 March** to ensure the school has enough time to process them before we are required to submit them to the high schools. We ask that you complete the forms as early as possible so that we are able to contact you if there are any omissions or errors.*

## Performing Arts News

### Choir News

Our choir program for 2022 launched this week! Woollahra PS has a long tradition of strong choir programs which we are planning to continue and build upon this year. This term, the COVID 19 restrictions have eased meaning we are able to resume choir. For Term 1 the choir details are as follows:

Choir	Coordinating Teachers	Rehearsal Time	Venue
<b>Junior Choir</b> (Years 2-3)	Janelle Warhurst Diane Grindrod	<b>Tuesdays @ 8:15am</b> <b>for Term 1</b>	<b>Meet in the Barton</b> <b>Playground</b>
<b>Senior Choir</b> (Years 4-6)	Nicole Molloy Justin Owens Edwina MacDonald Kate Brandon	<b>Tuesdays @ 8:15am</b> <b>for Term 1</b>	<b>Meet in the Barton</b> <b>Playground</b>

We are looking to form a large and dynamic choir in 2022 and would like to encourage as many children as possible to join the ensembles. It is a great way to become a member of our successful Woollahra musical community. Collect a note from the office or access it from Enews if you are interested. They come along on Tuesdays at 8.15am - meet in the Barton playground

## Parents & Citizens' Association News

### Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop is now open for face to face uniform sales on Tuesday and Friday mornings 8:30am-9am. We are currently seeking more volunteers to join our happy little team. If you can spare a couple of hours a week to assist with filling orders please let us know. The Uniform Shop Team [woollahrauniform@gmail.com](mailto:woollahrauniform@gmail.com)

*The Uniform Shop hours are: Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30am-9:00am.*

#### Woollahra Parents and Citizens' Association

There are many opportunities to help the P&C through involvement in our events and activities.

All enquiries can be sent to [woollahrapc@gmail.com](mailto:woollahrapc@gmail.com)

**President** - Sasha Mollison

**Vice Presidents** –Mel Rose and Sheree Jonathan

**Secretary** - Vacant

**Treasurer**– Yocelyn Yonathan

## 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.

<b>BJE – Hilit</b>	<b>9365 7900</b>	
<b>Class Artz – Renee</b>	<b>0417 261 349</b>	<a href="mailto:renee@classartzacademy.com.au">renee@classartzacademy.com.au</a>
<b>Directions in Music Phil Molloy</b>	<b>9662 2211</b>	<a href="http://www.directionsinmusic.com.au">www.directionsinmusic.com.au</a>
<b>Easts Basketball</b>	<b>0402 634 001</b>	<a href="mailto:info@eastsbl.com.au">info@eastsbl.com.au</a>
<b>GoGo Sports – Daan</b>	<b>0468 948 509</b>	<a href="http://www.gogohealthykids.com.au">www.gogohealthykids.com.au</a>
<b>Helping Hands Network (OOSC)</b>	<b>1300 612 462</b>	<a href="http://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au">www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au</a>
<b>Italian Language – CoAsIt</b>	<b>9564 0744</b>	<a href="mailto:learning@coasit.org.au">learning@coasit.org.au</a>
<b>Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould</b>	<b>0411 775 945</b>	<a href="mailto:jed@pjtennisacademy.com">jed@pjtennisacademy.com</a>
<b>Rock Band and Guitar Ricky Kradolfer</b>	<b>0407 534 944</b>	<a href="mailto:ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au">ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au</a>
<b>Robokids – Melissa and Peter Clark</b>	<b>0403 043 011</b>	<a href="mailto:melissaclark@robokids.com.au">melissaclark@robokids.com.au</a>
<b>Strings Music Ensemble – Andrea Ng</b>	<b>0433 982 865</b>	<a href="mailto:andrea.ng.86@gmail.com">andrea.ng.86@gmail.com</a>
<b>Sydney Academy of Chess</b>	<b>9745 1170</b>	<a href="http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au">www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</a>
<b>Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet</b>	<b>Gina – 0400 229 712</b>	<a href="mailto:dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au">dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au</a>
<b>VIP Music</b>	<b>9411 3122</b>	<a href="mailto:vipmusic@inet.net.au">vipmusic@inet.net.au</a>



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at School**

**Enrolment for Term 1**  
*Lesson every THU 8-8.45am*

*Great songs! Musical activities!  
Cool music knowledge!*

- Convenient at-school lesson venue
- Small group, weekly lesson
- Competitive rate
- Instrument not required initially
- Fun introduction to music



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**(02) 9411 3122**

VIP Music acknowledges awareness & compliance with the health advice regarding COVID-19.

VIP Music est. 1984



The poster features a blue sky background with stylized clouds. At the top center is the 'GoGo Healthy Kids!' logo, with 'GoGo' in large yellow letters, 'HEALTHY' in smaller white letters, and 'Kids!' in green. To the left of the logo is a cartoon character of a tennis racket with a face, holding a tennis ball. To the right is a cartoon character of a purple cone with a face, holding a blue ribbon. Below the logo is a red banner that says 'Sports & Fun' and a green banner that says 'Calling all Kids'. Below these is a yellow banner that says 'GoGo is coming to your school' and a red banner that says '5/12yo'. To the right of these banners is a white box with the text 'Programs at Woollahra PS', 'Tue Morning 7:45am', and 'Tue, Wed & Thu 3pm'. Below this box is a green banner that says 'Join our Fundamental Skills Classes for lots of:'. To the right of this banner is a red banner that says 'Before or After School'. Below the green banner is a list of activities: 'Footwork, Coordination, Strength, Balance, Sports, Team games And much more...'. To the right of the list is a blue soccer ball character. Below the list is a red banner that says 'For more information Call us on : 1300 482 209'. At the bottom is the website address 'www.gogohealthykids.com.au'. There are four photographs of children playing sports: a group of children running, a child jumping over a ladder, a child crouching, and a child running. There are also cartoon characters of a basketball and a pencil.

# GoGo

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# WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB



## NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

### Contact details

**Coach:** Joshua - 0401 630 963

**Owner:** Jed - 0411 775 945 -WhatsApp

**Email:** [info@pjtennisacademy.com](mailto:info@pjtennisacademy.com)

**2021 Active Kids Vouchers can be credited for Term 1 2022 if processed this year**

**DATE:** Friday 11 February – Friday 8 April  
**MEETING POINT:** Outside School Gymnasium  
**TIME:** 7.45am – 8.45am  
**COST:** \$145  
(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)  
**HOW TO ENROL:** Email: [jed@pjtennisacademy.com](mailto:jed@pjtennisacademy.com)

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

**SCHOOL  
OFFER**

**ALL NEW FULL TERM  
ENROLMENTS RECEIVE A FREE  
TENNIS RACQUET AS PART OF  
THEIR TENNIS FEES**

### IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students won't be accepted without enrolment form and payment
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

**ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice** ABN: 80 111 922 279 (Term 1 Tennis, 2022)

CHILD/REN'S NAME

MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (Must be supplied)

D-O-B

EMAIL ADDRESS

AFTER SCHOOL CARE (If relevant):

Yes ☐ No ☐

### ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account.

### PAYMENT METHOD - BANK TRANSFER ONLY

BANK TRANSFERS TO BE MADE TO:

JED GOULD

BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10181512

REFERENCE: STUDENT SURNAME and SCHOOL INITIALS

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited. No refunds given for students changing their mind on joining the program