



# Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 6 – 4 March 2022



## Calendar Dates

- 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 (Group & Individual Portraits)
- Friday 18 March – Sibling and catch up photos
- Monday 21 March- NAPLAN Practice Week
- Friday 25 March – PSSA Sport Trials

## Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

### Music Education at Woollahra



We are proud at Woollahra to have a range of extra-curricular and enrichment opportunities for children in the arts. There is so much research to support the benefits of learning experiences in music from enhancing academic achievement to overall learning. An area that we aim to strengthen is the depth and breadth of music learning experiences in the classroom for every child. Over the next couple of terms Woollahra will be using *Amplify Music Education* to meet the outcomes of the music curriculum and create engaging, quality music experiences for our students.

# amplify

With a goal to ensure that every student has access to contemporary, inspiring and engaging music lessons that meet the curriculum, *Amplify* was born. All classes will use *Amplify* in the classroom this year. It is an online platform whereby students and teachers access complete lessons that are led by video content featuring Ricky and some of Australia's most well-known musicians and songs. Students then participate in hands-on activities facilitated by their teacher ensuring that all students have the opportunity to play and perform music and appreciate the artform.

Having spent most of his life as the front man, guitarist and songwriter for his band *City Riots*, Ricky knows how to put on a show! Over the years, he has displayed an innate ability to connect with and inspire primary school students with their musical education. He is a subject matter expert having lived and breathed the music industry and music teaching for the best part of 15 years. We are also very lucky to have Ricky as our Rock Band and guitar teacher at Woollahra. Last week our teachers spent a fabulous professional learning session working with Ricky to familiarise themselves with the program and work on developing their own skills ahead of the program's implementation. Watch this space for some great music learning! In the meantime, check out this link for a great article about the program:

<https://www.theeducatoronline.com/k12/news/how-your-school-can-engage-kids-in-music-education/279715>



## Update to COVID guidelines

Last week changes to school settings for the remainder of the term were announced. The following changes will be in place from next Monday 7 March 2022.

### Rapid Antigen 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 has provided each student and staff member with 8 tests. 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.

### Mask Wearing

Masks will no longer be mandatory for staff or other adults on site. However, those who wish to continue to use them will be supported to do so. Students will also be supported to wear masks if they wish to do so.

### Parents and Visitors on the School Site

Visitors are allowed back on the school site regardless of their vaccination status. It is important that you continue to use the QR code to sign in

### Drop Off Procedures

Commencing next Monday 7 March, there is no requirement to maintain separate cohorts of children in the playground before school. There are a few things to note:

- Children are able to play in either the Chisholm (playground near the hall and soccer pitch) or the Barton playground before school.
- Supervision starts at 8.30am. Please ensure your child is not in the playground before 8.30am. To help maintain COVID safe practices, we are still asking that you drop your child to school as close to 9.00am as possible.
- There are no ball games allowed and the playground equipment is closed before school.
- For Kindergarten parents who are coming into the school grounds to drop your children off, we now ask that you use either Gate 1 (Barton Playground) or Gate 3 (near the hall). We will no longer be using Gate 2 for drop off or pick up.

### Pick Up Procedures – All children will be picked up at 3.00pm commencing Monday 7 March 2022

- Kindergarten children will continue to be picked up from the allocated seating areas in the Kindergarten courtyard at 3.00pm. From next week we ask that parents use either Gate 1 (Barton Playground) or Gate 3 (near the hall) to enter and exit the school grounds.
- Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) students can be picked up at 3.00pm as follows:
  - 2E and 2G in front of their classrooms near the soccer pitch
  - 2A from in front of their classroom at the other end of the soccer pitch
  - 1J, 1BH, 1F, 1/2M and 2K in front of the mural opposite the Kindergarten courtyard
- 3W and 3S can be picked up at 3.00pm in the Barton playground, just in front of the mosaic mural.
- 3C, 3M, 4W, 4I, 4F, 6W, 6B and 6O can be picked up in the Barton playground just inside Gate 1.
- 6P, 6MG, 5L, 5B, 5R, 5H and 5C can be picked up at Gate 3 near the hall.
- Children being picked up in the car line at the back gate (Gate 4) on Osborne Lane will meet the supervising teacher on the soccer field where they will wait to be picked up. Please note this is NOT a pedestrian exit.
- Children catching the school special buses will meet the supervising teacher at Gate 2 near the bus stop where they will wait for the bus as is usual procedure.
- Students attend Helping Hands before and aftercare service will meet staff as per normal procedure.
- Students attending after school activities such as languages and music lessons will be picked up at Gate 1.
- If your child is in Year 4 or above and you would like to arrange to meet them at one of our gates or if they walk home independently, please ensure they are clear about the arrangements you have in place.

Gates will be opened just prior to pick up time and we ask that no parent waits in the playground prior to pick up.

## Recent Correspondence

- Year 5 – Expression of Interest form for placement in secondary school 2023 – due no later than **Thurs 10 March 2022**
- Year 6 – Year 6 Jersey note – note due Friday **4 March 2022**
- Note regarding school photographs scheduled for Friday 11 March and 18 March.



## Learning in 2E with Mrs MacDonald

Our numeracy programs at Woollahra are developed to include an array of different teaching strategies and learning experiences. These include learning a repertoire of approaches to manipulate and work with numbers as well as practical, 'hands-on' experiences for concepts in measurement and geometry. 2E have been learning about length and the different ways to

measure it. Students estimated then measured the length of various objects in the classroom using large and small paper clips. They then measured each other and discussed how the different sized paper clips led to different results. Using informal units to make comparisons then helps with conceptual understanding once students move onto using formal units of measurement.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a framework that helps WPS develop a positive, safe and supportive culture. Expectations are consistent and explicit across the school, giving teachers and students more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction. Our PBL focus this week is the **Toilets**. This may seem a minor part of school life but it's an important one and it's essential that this space is a safe and clean place for all students. In this area, students are expected to:

- Use toilets at break time not during class time
- Give others privacy with only one person in each toilet
- Use toilet paper for the right purpose
- Use, flush, wash and leave
- Save water by turning off taps
- Wash their hands
- Wait outside for friends and keep food outside
- Report any incidents to the teacher
- Return from the toilet quickly and quietly

At all times we are encouraging students to follow our three school expectations of being respectful, safe and an active learner. Thank you for your support of PBL by going through these expectations with your children.

**Edwina MacDonald – PBL Coordinator**

## Whole School News

### Term 1 Invoices

Term 1 invoices were sent home last 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. If you are yet to pay your Term 1 invoice, we ask that you do so by the end of next week.





## 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 on Friday 4 March. Information regarding the photographs is listed on the envelope. These envelopes are to be returned to your class teacher on or before **Wednesday 9 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.

## Volunteers needed for Ethics Classes

We desperately need 6 volunteers to teach Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 4 and two classes in Year 5. 282 students enrolled for ethics this year. We only have capacity with help of volunteers to run 10 out of 15 ethics classes.

- **Thirty minutes every Tuesday morning during term.**
- **Open to parents, grandparents, or anyone you know who might be interested.**
- **Full training by Primary Ethics will be provided - two days' worth of workshop and short online modules.**



To make a valuable contribution to our school, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or/and contact our volunteer Ethics Coordinator Donna Kwan at [fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk) Your help will be greatly appreciated!

## 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 recently! 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 for Term 1</b>	<b>Meet in the Barton Playground</b>
<b>Senior Choir</b> (Years 4-6)	Nicole Molloy Justin Owens Edwina MacDonald Kate Brandon	<b>Tuesdays @ 8:15am for Term 1</b>	<b>Meet in the Barton 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. Then come along on Tuesdays at 8.15am - meet in the Barton playground

## Parents & Citizens' Association News

### P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 March at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Enter through Gate 2 and in the door under the bell tower. It's great news that we can now meet in person.

**Secretary Role** – the secretary role on our P&C executive has been declared vacant since the last meeting. We welcome nominations for the role and will look to fill it formally at the upcoming meeting. Nominees need to be financial members of the association in order to nominate and/or vote.

### 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@iinet.net.au">vipmusic@iinet.net.au</a>



**RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL**  
OPEN NIGHT  
*'Educating today's girls to be tomorrow's leaders'*

The staff and students of Randwick Girls' High School invite you to experience our campus.

**Tuesday 15th March**

Session 1  
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm


Session 2  
6:45 pm to 8:15 pm




Please book your place by emailing the school [randwickg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:randwickg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au). Session 2 is a repeat of Session 1.

We respectfully request that you wear a mask during the visit. We look forward to meeting you and your daughter.

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**RANDWICK GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL**  
OPEN NIGHT  
*'Educating today's girls to be tomorrow's leaders'*

**At Randwick Girls' High School we are committed to providing excellence in girls' education in an all-girls environment**

- Consistently high HSC results: In 2021 our students achieved over 60 band 6s and E4s in extension subjects. R.G.H.S ranked 162nd in NSW. The highest reported ATAR of 2021 was 97.0.
- A track record of excellence in supporting literacy with dedicated Literacy classes in Years 7 and 8. In 2021, students exceeded or achieved expected growth in: Writing (70%); Spelling (77%); Grammar and Punctuation (73%).
- A future-focused curriculum including a dedicated project-based STEAM class for all students in Years 7 and 8.
- A commitment to providing the broadest range of curriculum for all students, driven by a dedication to student choice. A wide selection of languages including French, Japanese, Chinese, Spanish and Hebrew.
- A dynamic student leadership team led by the Student Representative Council.
- A strong emphasis on supporting student wellbeing at all points in their High School journey.
- A broad range of co-curricular activities including Concert Band; Debating; Public Speaking, School Musical Show, Art Club; Crystal Club; Photography Club and Craft Paper Scissors Club.

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## YEAR 6 to 7 TRANSITION

### ***Is your child enrolling in Year 7 2023?***

Please join our online webinar on Thursday 10 March 2022 from 5pm.  
Information will be provided about enrolling your child at IN\_SYD for 2023.

Login details are available on our [school website](#)

If you are unable to join us at this time, the presentation will be recorded  
and made available on our school website.

Self-guided tours for Year 7 2023 and their families will be held on  
Thursday 17 March from 4-7pm.

Bookings are essential via the [Booking Link](#)

Tours for younger children will be available later in the year.

