



Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 7 – 10 March 2022



Calendar Dates

- Thursday 10 March
 - 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
- Thursday 31 March – rescheduled selective high schools placement test for 2023



Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

By far the best part of any day is when I spend time with your children sharing in their new learning, celebrating their successes and delighting in their new discoveries. Meet Daisy and Bear who are Year 1 students in Miss Jankelson's class. They visited the library this week and couldn't wait to come and share a book they found called 'Daisy and Bear'. Not only was the joy of finding interesting literature palpable, the delight for both children to have found a book where they were the main characters was even better! Here are Bear's thoughts on the experience!

Daisy and I found this book that was in the school library and we wanted to borrow it to read together and discover what Daisy and Bear (the characters) were imagining. Together, we read this book and found out that every day is extraordinary and that we were the main characters of this beautiful story! In Year 1, we don't have any ordinary days, especially when we are together! We visited Ms Molloy and lots of other people in the school to show them this great book all about us!

Thank you for adjusting so well to our updated COVID routines, particularly pick up procedures in the afternoon. Please be reminded of a couple of things:

- The school day now finishes at 3.00pm for ALL students. No child is to be picked up before then and we ask that parents don't come into school to pick up your child until a couple of minutes before 3.00pm. We also ask that you leave the school grounds immediately to ensure we are maintaining our COVID safe practices.
- We've had a couple of difficulties recently with traffic being held up in surrounding streets as a result of parents parking illegally in Forth Street. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES should parents pull into or park in the bus zones in the afternoons. It makes it very challenging for everyone when the school buses can't pull in to pick up our children at 3.00pm.
- A reminder to Kindergarten parents that drop off and pick up is to the Kindergarten courtyard only and not to the classrooms unless it's raining. We know we have had a lot of rain of late but now that the sun is out we will get back to our routine of using the Kindergarten courtyard. Please remember also to come through Gate 1 or 3 and not Gate 2 where the office is.

Update to COVID guidelines (Repeat)

Last week changes to school settings for the remainder of the term were announced. The following changes were put in place from 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 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**
- Note regarding school photographs scheduled for Friday 11 March and 18 March.

Whole School News

Whole School Timetable

Our school is a busy place with lots of activities happening not only during the school day but before and after school. Attached with this week's newsletter is our whole school timetable. This will be adjusted each term.

Student Shout Outs

Every day at Woollahra we have students contributing to our local school community in ways that help others. During the December 2021 /January 2022 school holiday period **Jacob R in 4I** gave up his time to volunteer with an organisation called Kids Giving Back. This is a charity whose mission is to create the next *Generation of Generosity*.

Cindy S in 5H participated in the Sydney Olympic Cup, the NSW State fencing tournament and won a **Bronze medal** in the U12 girl's foil individual event. Congratulations Cindy, we are proud of your efforts.

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 received 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.

Library News

The library has purchased many wonderful new books and would love some help covering them.

Books can be sent home with your child for covering or you can arrange to collect them from me in the Library before or after school. All books will come in a bag with very good quality contact.

Thank you Miss Hoare kellie.hoare@det.nsw.edu.au

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 2023. Please note the following information:

- Expression of interest application forms were sent home recently
- 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.

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop currently has an extraordinary amount of second-hand summer and winter uniforms, including great quality short and long sleeve polo shirts, winter jackets and dresses/tunics. It is available for purchase ONLY during our operating hours. For a limited time only until end of Term 1 and only while stock lasts, we are having a Buy-2-Get-1-Free (third lowest priced item free) promotion on ALL second hand uniforms.

In addition, all second-hand backpacks are FREE. Perfect time to stock up on uniforms or just get a few extra spare items for when you inevitably lose something later this year!!

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 address below and we will endeavour to fulfil your order within 72 hours.

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

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

WPS Uniform Shop



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8:30-9am**

For online orders, please email us at
WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com

For more information please visit:
<https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c-uniform-shop/p-c-uniform-shop.html>

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

President - Sasha Mollison

Secretary - Lydia Santoso

Vice Presidents –Mel Rose and Sheree Jonathan

Treasurer– Yocelyn Yonathan

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 or/and contact our volunteer Ethics Coordinator Donna Kwan at fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk Your help will be greatly appreciated!

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 – Hilit	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@eastsbbl.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
Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould	0411 775 945	jed@pjtennisacademy.com
Rock Band and Guitar Ricky Kradolfer	0407 534 944	ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au
Robokids – Melissa and Peter Clark	0403 043 011	melissaclark@robokids.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





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.

