



# Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 8 – 17 March 2022



## Calendar Dates

- Friday 18 March – Sibling and catch up photos
- Monday 21 March- Harmony Day Celebrations and 'Fiver for the Floods' fundraiser.
- Friday 25 March – PSSA Sport Trials
- Thursday 31 March – rescheduled selective high schools placement test for 2023

## Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

### Thank you for your support!

Thank you to the many parents for your messages, emails and kind words of support in the playground following my 'Pleading Principal' message earlier in the week. In case you missed it, I've included it here. To add to the reminders in my earlier message, please remember that the 'no parking' signs in Forth Street adjacent to the bus zone mean that you can pull in to drop your child but please do not get out of the car to bring your child into the playground. It's meant to be a quick drop off spot and it's important that you move on quickly so that other parents can use the space. The Woollahra Council rangers were on Forth Street and Osborne Lane today enforcing traffic and parking rules. Remember to abide by these rules for the safety of all.

Those of you who know me well, will know it takes a lot to get me frazzled! It's also not often that I plead on bended knees with my very best pleading look but here we go...

We need the help of EVERYONE in our school community to work together in making sure we are all safe and that the complex nature of moving our 700 young people on and off the school site each day happens in a safe and calm manner. I plead and implore everyone to adhere to the following:

- **FORTH STREET BUS ZONE** - Please don't park in the bus zones on Forth Street from 2.30pm each day under any circumstances. Even if you think you'll be quick it's not ok to park there. Each day for the last week we have had parents parking in this zone. This then means the buses can't pull in to pick up our kids and consequently they block up the Forth St traffic and streets beyond this. Never, ever, ever, ever park there. Please!! We currently have traffic markers out there and myself or my staff are actually patrolling the street but cars still seem to be sneaking in if we're not out there quickly enough. It's been really challenging for the last few weeks so let's work as a community to ensure we never park in bus zones, no stopping zones, no parking zones or the disabled parking spot.
- **FORTH STREET SAFETY** - please do not do a U-turn on any part of Forth Street in the mornings at drop off or in the afternoons at pick up. There are lots of pedestrians around, most of them being children and it's so unsafe. If the street is blocked up, please be patient. It will clear. It's not worth risking an accident or someone's life. Please also make sure you use the pedestrian crossing and don't cross other parts of the road with your child. This is also extremely unsafe and is why we have a pedestrian crossing. Let's use it.
- **OSBORNE LANE CAR LINE** - If you are using car line please be efficient and quick with getting your children into the car to ensure it moves quickly. There are always two staff members supervising. As you pull in, move up as far as you can so that we are loading three cars at a time. If your child is not waiting at the gate please keep moving and go around the block. If the car line doesn't keep moving, this blocks up Osborne Lane and then Edgecliff Road. This then blocks up all of the surrounding roads leading to frustration for everyone. The car line must keep moving. Please do not pull over on the side of the lane opposite our school fence under any circumstances. Remember that



Gate 4 on Osborne Lane is not a pedestrian exit point in the afternoons for safety reasons. It only takes an extra minute to walk the other way - a minute that could save a life.

- **DOGS** - Most of you will know that I love dogs and will take any opportunity to pat your pooches when I see them BUT only in a safe manner and it should NEVER be on the school site. For safety reasons, dogs are not allowed on school sites and can't be tied up at our fences unattended. Even the most friendly, placid dog could react in an unsafe manner if startled or approached in a way that makes the dog feel uncomfortable. Please keep your pooches on a lead outside the school grounds and fully supervised by an adult if you are walking them to and from school.

We are large school community and I am always so proud of the way we work together in the interests of the safety and wellbeing of everyone. We show kindness, care and patience for each other even when things are busy, congested or a little challenging (a good description for pick up some afternoons!). Let's make sure we all live these values and guiding principles every afternoon. I think we might be a little out of practice after such a long period of adjusted COVID routines. I'm confident however that we can get back to the well-oiled, harmonious, cooperative school community that we are. Please remind relatives or friends who might be picking up your children of the guidelines and routines too.

I'm not sure what the stage after 'slightly frazzled, pleading principal' is and I hope I don't have to find out! Is it begging principal?!!! It's not in my nature and I know as a community we can sort things straight away so that I don't have to get to that point. Let's face it, a photo of a 'begging principal' could be even worse than the 'pleading principal' above! Let's avoid having to see that photo!

With all my appreciation in the world

*Nicole...your 'slightly frazzled, pleading' principal...soon to turn to 'cool, calm and collected' principal. xx*

## COVID 19 Update

Thank you to our whole community for your continued adherence to the COVID 19 safety protocols. While there has been a slight increase in confirmed cases across the school, the case numbers still remain low for the number of children and staff we have in the school. Please read below for some clarification regarding isolation guidelines for household contacts:

If a student or staff member lives with someone who has COVID-19 then they must follow the [NSW Health Self Isolation Guidelines External link](#) and self-isolate for 7 days. The student/staff member must also follow the NSW Health Self-Isolation Guidelines for 7 days if they have been notified to do this by NSW Health. A household contact does not need to repeat isolation if another person in their household tests positive in the 14 days after their 7 day isolation period ends.

If another person in their household tests positive for COVID-19 more than 14 days after their 7 day isolation period ends, they will have to isolate again and follow the instructions for household contacts of people with COVID-19.

## Meet our School Leaders

Our 2022 Year 6 School Captains, Vice Captains and Leaders have made a wonderful start to the year thinking about how they can lead our school forward and contribute positively and broadly. Here they share a little about themselves, their goals and their hopes for future. We'll feature a couple of the Leaders' profiles each week.



### Ella N

Hi I'm Ella and I am delighted to be your school leader in 2022. I am in 6MG with Mrs MG. I really like penguins. I really enjoy sports especially cricket, soccer, swimming and gymnastics. At school, I enjoy STEM, Maths and science. I also enjoy creative writing because my teacher chooses great topics. I would like my peers at Woollahra to be more creative and to have more choice in the school. If I could change one thing about the world it would be that there would be peace between countries, religions, genders and beliefs.

## Chloe L



Hello Woollahra community! My name is Chloe from 6B and I am honored to be one your Vice Captains for 2022. I was born in Paris then lived in England for 7 years and then came to Sydney. My dad is French but my mum is Australian.

One thing that might surprise you about me is that I have a crazy, uncontrollable obsession. I absolutely love Harry Potter! When I went to England me and my family went to Harry Potter World and we got wands! I also have a very cute Golden Retriever Puppy called Darcy, though he is very naughty! Some of my interests include swimming, netball, knitting and reading. One of my other hobbies is writing. I am part of the Woollahra Writers Circle along with Phoebe H, Nevada W and

Beatrix G who are part of our leadership group.

Ever since I came to Woollahra I have always looked up to the Leaders here and now it is amazing that I am now a leader. Some of my hopes for Woollahra are to try and have some more community service. I think that it is vital to help others less fortunate than us and that community service is a great way to do so.

If I could change something about our world today it would be for people to not quit their passions. One of the quotes that I like to go by is from Henry Ford that is related to this. "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently." I think that we should all never give up for something that we really want and to never give up. I am so excited to work with the WPS community this year and make this school even better.

## Ethan R

Hello, my name is Ethan and I'm in 6O. I've been in the school since kindy. A quirky thing about me is that I'm left handed and right footed. I was born in Sydney, like my mum, but my dad is English. My family background is very varied and interesting - I'm the great grandchild of holocaust survivors, pilots and engineers. I love playing AFL, soccer, golf as well as sailing. I also love music and I play piano and trumpet. I enjoy reading, particularly Greek and Roman mythology. Some of my strengths in school are creative writing, mathematics and collaboration.



As a leader in 2022, I want to improve the school even further by helping my fellow students reduce plastic waste. I'm looking forward to having more whole school events as restrictions ease further. If there was one thing I could change about the world it would be to open war makers eyes to reality and the need for people to be kind to each other.

## Beatrix G



A big hello to the Woollahra community! My name is Beatrix, a School leader of Woollahra Public 2022. I am in 6B and my teacher is Ms Barta. Something you may just not know about me is that I have a large cultural background. I was born in Singapore, Asia, lived there for four years and I moved to San Francisco, America for just below a year. I have been living in Australia ever since and my cultural background is half Canadian, a quarter Czech and a quarter Australian. My interests include playing Ice Hockey and gymnastics and I also love writing poetry or doing art in all forms for my Grandpa (Dèda). I really enjoy writing and art and in fact, I am in the Woollahra Writers Circle or WWC. I've always wanted to be a School leader since I was in kindergarten at Woollahra and getting into this leadership role has made me so grateful to be one of the few to get this incredible learning opportunity.

If I could change one thing about the world it would probably be that us as human beings could all make others dream paths in life come true. I believe that nobody should give up ever on something they truly love. No matter what. Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.



## Recent Correspondence

- Note regarding school photographs scheduled for Friday 11 March and 18 March.



## Celebrating Harmony 2022

Come to school dressed in rainbow colours

on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Please donate a **Fiver for the Floods** to help people impacted by devastating floods in NSW.

Please bring your **\$5** to school to be collected by our school leaders.

You can see photos on the [GIVIT WEBSITE](#).



## Whole School News

### Harmony Day

Monday 21 March is Harmony Day. On this day each year we celebrate diversity in Australia, aiming to foster inclusiveness, respect and the idea that people of all different cultures can make a valuable contribution to society. We ask that the students wear orange or rainbow colours. (Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.)

Please read the attached posters about our Harmony Day celebration! Schools in our network are partnering with schools affected by the floods in Northern NSW and donating funds to those schools and families in need.

We also have an exciting celebration which is detailed in an attached poster called *A Taste of Harmony* in which all Woollahra families may like to participate.

*Ms Giffard, Mrs Warhurst and the Harmony Day team.*

## Library News

The students have enjoyed having library lessons more frequently again this year and I have been very impressed with the borrowing and enthusiasm for reading. Just a reminder about the library days for all classes. We encourage K-2 students to bring a library bag weekly.

- **Monday** - 3W, 3M, 1F, 1J, 1BH, KS, 1/2M and 2E
- **Tuesday** - 5C, 5L, 5B, 2G, 2A, 2K, KA and 3C
- **Wednesday** - 6O, 6P, 6W, 6MG, 6B, 5H, 5R and 3S
- **Friday** – 4F, 4I, 4W, KC and KB

## 2022 New South Wales Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) for 2022 commenced on Monday 28 February. The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more and read more widely.

The PRC is open to all NSW students from Kindergarten to Year 9 and does not close until Friday 19 August. We encourage all students at Woollahra Public School to participate in the PRC and the library has a wide range of PRC books for students to borrow and enjoy reading.

At Woollahra, K to 2 students have the books read to them in their classroom



and students in Year 2 also read some independently.

Years 3 to 6 students are encouraged to borrow PRC books regularly and read them independently. Students then record them on their personal log sheet. Before the closing date, in Term 3, we have sessions in the library and classroom to read and to record them on the PRC personal site page. Students in K-2 must have heard or read 30 PRC Books (25 PRC books and 5 free choice) and Years 3-6 students need to read 20 books (15 PRC books and 5 free choice).

The library has many new books and we would appreciate parent helpers to assist in covering them. Please contact me on [kellie.hoare@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kellie.hoare@det.nsw.edu.au) if you would like to assist with covering books. Parents can take home a bag of books and contact to cover books in your own time and these can be collected from the library. We look forward to hearing from parent helpers soon. ***Kellie Hoare - Teacher Librarian***

## Special Religious Education and Ethics VOLUNTEERING FOR ETHICS CLASSES

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to our existing volunteers and those who have reached out. Your contribution means so much to the children. We are delighted that more volunteers will be joining us after their training. Please do continue to raise your hands, as we still need a couple more volunteers in order to accommodate the students who are currently on the waitlist.

- 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 and to apply, 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

### 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](mailto:woollahrauniform@gmail.com)

## WPS Uniform Shop



**Opening hours: Tuesdays and Fridays  
8:30-9am**

For online orders, please email us at  
[WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com](mailto:WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com)

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

*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

**Secretary** - Lydia Santoso

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

**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</b>	<b>0407 534 944</b>	<a href="mailto:ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au">ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au</a>



Ricky Kradolfer		
Robokids – Melissa and Peter Clark	0403 043 011	<a href="mailto:melissaclark@robokids.com.au">melissaclark@robokids.com.au</a>
Strings Music Ensemble – Andrea Ng	0433 982 865	<a href="mailto:andrea.ng.86@gmail.com">andrea.ng.86@gmail.com</a>
Sydney Academy of Chess	9745 1170	<a href="http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au">www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au</a>
Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet	Gina – 0400 229 712	<a href="mailto:dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au">dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au</a>
VIP Music	9411 3122	<a href="mailto:vipmusic@iinet.net.au">vipmusic@iinet.net.au</a>

## Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

### **FUN** Mandarin Language Club at Woollahra Public School!

#### **The Mandarin Stars program offers:**

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion-based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes start in Term 2 and are held on Wednesday Afternoons as follows:

**3pm – 4pm Kindy – Year 2/3**

**4pm – 5pm Years 3 – Year 6**

To enrol for the term, please email:

[enrol@mandarinstars.com.au](mailto:enrol@mandarinstars.com.au)

[www.mandarinstars.com.au](http://www.mandarinstars.com.au)

[www.mandarinstars.com.au](http://www.mandarinstars.com.au) ★ [enrol@mandarinstars.com.au](mailto:enrol@mandarinstars.com.au) ★ Ph:1800 18 11 18





*Basis*  
**MARKET**

**Saturday 26th March**  
**9am-noon**  
**Chapel Court, 15 Cross**  
**Street, Double Bay**

**Live music, quality 2nd hand**  
**clothing and accessories**

**All proceeds go towards**  
**providing affordable**  
**counselling to those in need.**

**[unitingheartandsoul.org](http://unitingheartandsoul.org)**