



Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 3 – 11 May 2022



Calendar Dates

- 10 – 20 May – NAPLAN Assessments for Years 3 & 5
- Thursday 12 May – Students Leaders workshop at Rose Bay Secondary College
- Wednesday 25 May – K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 26 May – 2023 Kindergarten School Tour
- Thursday 30 June – 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

Happy Mother's Day and a huge thank you to our P&C



Special thanks go to all of the parents, teachers and students who made our Mother's Day celebrations truly memorable last Friday. The classroom concerts were heartfelt with many a tear shed by our mums as your children sang to you and it was wonderful to see your children spending time with you sharing their portraits and class work. I think what made the day extra special was the opportunity to have parents join us in the classrooms and have a little window into school life after the long hiatus that has been the last two years as we have navigated COVID restrictions! We are incredibly appreciative of the work of the P&C who organised the beautiful flowers and delicious treats to be purchased by the kids for their mums. Heartfelt

thanks also go to the superstar team of parents and children who were at school early and helping with wrapping flowers and organising the gift distribution. It was incredible team work and a beautiful camaraderie – the Woollahra community at its best!



Somewhere Over the Rainbow...musings on what makes a great school experience

Whenever anyone has a conversation with me about learning and school education, I'm always quick to describe teaching as both an art and a science. It's a highly complex endeavour and while it's one that as professional educators we adore, designing learning experiences and creating educational environments that deeply engage our students and simultaneously maximise their learning is intricate, challenging and at times a changing landscape. Education is also a landscape that is influenced from all directions ranging from current research and systemic policy through to personal opinion and the 'on the ground' experience of our teachers and children. I love this complexity and enjoy engaging in the debate, listening to the various perspectives and reflecting deeply on what is best for our children at Woollahra. Our staff have daily conversations in this space, it's a point of pondering and thinking for me constantly and I feel uplifted when I have these conversations with parents. To this end, I thought I would share this insightful and reflective article published recently in the Griffith Review. It's written by an outstanding young woman not long out of high school and provides immense food for thought in thinking about what she describes as the 'tension between quantifying learning and quality learning'. We know that assessment of where students are at and analysis of the evidence to show our impact as educators is important. However, is it at the expense of making the learning experience for our kids more about measuring their progress and less about what will matter to them long after the assessment is over? The relationships our kids have at school, how we challenge them to approach their learning with curiosity, creativity and a mindset that values learning for what it brings us in our lives are perhaps the things that matter over learning as a means to achieve on a test. I would love to know your thoughts and urge us all to reflect on this and talk about what we value in learning at Woollahra.

<https://www.griffithreview.com/articles/somewhere-over-the-rainbow/>

National Assessment Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

This week has seen the commencement of the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia. Our school is once again completing the assessments online. This is our fourth year working online. Over this week and next week our students will collectively complete 960 tests. This is no small task to prepare for and implement. I would like to congratulate our Deputy Principals Serena Petriella and Janelle Warhurst who have led the implementation and our teachers who have done a brilliant job preparing and supporting the Year 3 and 5 children.

The NAPLAN tests provide us with useful assessment information about each child's learning and are one source of information to inform their next steps in learning. We value and use this information. Just as importantly, we value all of the other ways in which we know our students well and personalise their learning. This includes daily conversations, observations of learning in the classrooms and the many school-based assessments we complete. In addition, each student's learning growth is so much more than can be measured in an assessment and this is something we celebrate. To see each learner growing their strengths of curiosity, collaboration, critical thinking, personal best, compassion, kindness, empathy, resilience and perseverance is equally important to us as educators. These qualities will never be measured in an assessment and I encourage you to celebrate your child's growth in these domains as much as their assessment achievements. The NAPLAN assessments continue until the end of next week. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

COVID Safe Update

Last month NSW Health announced changes to isolation rules for close contacts which mean that students and staff identified as close contacts and showing no symptoms can return to school with certain requirements. Close contacts attending school will need to adhere to the following:

- ***They must notify the school if they are intending to return under this provision.***
- ***They should conduct a daily rapid antigen test (RAT) and return a negative result each morning before attending school for 5 school days.***
- ***If in a secondary school setting they must wear a mask indoors except when eating or exercising. Primary school students are recommended to wear a mask indoors (except when eating or exercising).***
- ***No student or staff member identified as a close contact will be permitted to participate in overnight excursions, including school camps.***
- ***Any visitor to a school site who is a close contact is required to advise the school that they are a close contact before they come on site. These visitors should conduct a daily RAT and return a negative result before attending. They must also wear a mask indoors at all times.***

If your child is a household contact and you require Rapid Antigen Tests, please visit or contact our administration office as we still have a supply available to families.

Behaviour with Bicycles and Scooters around the School

A reminder to all children and their families who ride bicycles and scooters to school that there are some important safety guidelines.

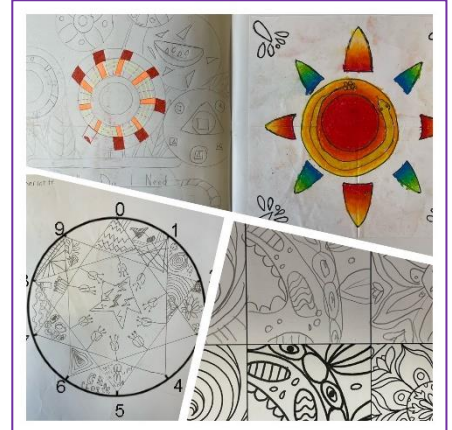
- ***When you enter and leave school grounds please walk your bike/scooter to and from the storage area. Bikes and scooters are not to be ridden around the playground.***
- ***Please ensure you 'park' your bike or scooter in the storage area and then leave straight away. Children are not to play or linger in this area.***
- ***The school cannot be responsible for the security or safety of bicycles or scooters in the storage area. They need to be securely locked up to the bicycle racks to ensure security.***

Learning in 3S and 3M with Ms Wadsworth and Mrs Markezinis

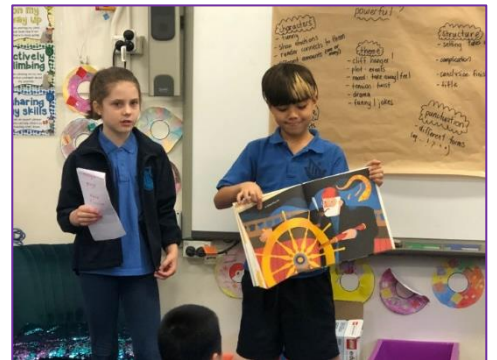


In 3M, we have been learning about the life of Frida Kahlo. As a class, we have enjoyed exploring Frida's character strengths through the Grow Your Mind program. 3M were impressed by the perseverance, bravery and creativity Frida demonstrated throughout her life despite the adversity she faced. Inspired by Frida's words - "Feet, what do I need you for when I have wings to fly?" - we created a collaborative art piece. We were each responsible for decorating a feather and, as

a class, we drew on our knowledge of tessellations to create two wings. Throughout the design process, 3M researched different techniques and patterns unique to Mexican folk art. We had lots of fun experimenting with bright colours, symmetry and 2D shapes. 3M are very proud of our art piece and we are ensuring that it serves as a daily reminder of what can be achieved when you persevere.

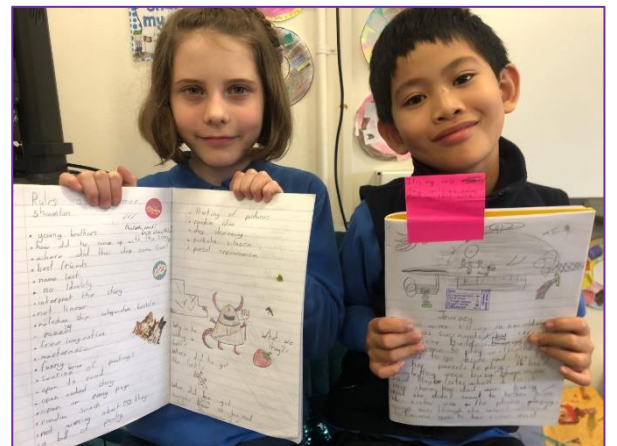


3S students have been learning about how to write 'powerful' narratives. They shared their favourite stories and discussed the features and elements that made them powerful. After analysing a variety of stories, they learnt about 'author's purpose' and why it is important to



consider your audience when writing. 3S worked in groups to make bookmarks about the features of a story and then constructed a class poster about what needs to be included in a powerful narrative. They have worked hard to improve their planning, writing, and editing skills. At the end of the year, 3S's goal is to publish a collection of short stories.

"Authors can persuade, inform and entertain you."- Philine
"You should use cliff-hangers to make the audience wonder what will happen next."- Emma
"I enjoyed learning about the different parts of a narrative. I love to write the resolution because I like thinking about how to solve problems." – Max
"A powerful narrative has interesting characters. You should describe their 'inside' and 'outside' features". – Adrien



Whole School News

2023 Enrolments

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 2022 to put these dates in your diary.

Student Wellbeing Update

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week we are looking at **in-class transitions and using the classroom space respectfully and safely.**

Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Move around classroom safely and quietly</i> - <i>Give way to others when moving around furniture</i> - <i>Allow others their personal space</i>
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Tidy desks and the floor before moving to a new activity</i> - <i>Put paper in recycling bin</i> - <i>Sit or stand where the teacher can see you</i> - <i>Place bags and hats on hooks</i>
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Follow directions quickly and sensibly</i> - <i>Be ready for the next lesson</i>

We appreciate your support of PBL by going through these expectations with your children.

Edwina MacDonald – PBL Coordinator

Kindergarten and Stage 1 News

Bring in some spare clothes!

A reminder to all parents of children in Kindergarten and any of those in Years 1 & 2 who think their children might need it, to pack a spare pair of underwear and socks in your child's bag in case they have a toileting accident at school. The school is running very low on spare underwear and clothing to change children in the instance that this happens. It makes it so much easier if your child has spares in their bag. The school will also gratefully accept any donations of smaller sized second hand clothing (shorts, trousers, dresses) that can be lent to children for this purpose.

K-2 Athletics Carnival

Our K-2 athletics carnival will be held on Wednesday 25 May at Trumper Park. Parents will be welcome to join us. Keep your eye out for a note with the details very soon. We can't wait to see our budding athletes shine!

Stage 2 and 3 News

Opportunity Class Applications for 2023 Placement

Opportunity classes cater for intellectually gifted and high potential students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. Students successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test alone. Students who wish to be considered for opportunity class placement will sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 28 July 2022.

How to apply

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2023, you need to apply between Tuesday 26 April 2022 and Friday 13 May 2022. You will need to access the online application at: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

You must not use the child's email address. Late applications are not usually accepted. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Team for assistance after Tuesday 26 April 2022. You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Performing Arts News

Choir Update

What a truly wonderful start we have had to the year with the formation of a dedicated and very enthusiastic Woollahra Super Choir! We've already built up a range of repertoire, had a couple of outstanding performances and had a lot of fun! We have a lot more planned as we continue including lots of new repertoire, a range of performances and some collaborations with other musical groups in the school. We are also exploring the option of some guest musicians coming into the school to work with our choristers. For some performances and repertoire, we will be working in smaller groups so that the music can be tailored for the age group. With such a large ensemble it's important that things are well organised and run smoothly. Please see below for some important information:

- Rehearsals are every Tuesday morning commencing at 8.15am in the hall. **Please arrive no later than 8.10am so that we are ready to start at 8.15am.** We ask that you are on time every week. It's hard to run a great rehearsal when children are arriving late throughout it. Your child is also missing important learning if they are late. It's also important that your child attends **EVERY** week unless of course they are absent from school. We have a couple of bigger performances coming up later in the year which will require lots of work to prepare for so your child must be at every rehearsal.
- Please make sure your child has a display folder to keep all of their music and lyrics in. We have handed out lots of music which is being misplaced because not every child has a folder. These folders need to be brought to every rehearsal.
- We have a Google Classroom where you can find the recordings of repertoire we will be learning for practice at home. We will also upload the lyrics here. To access the Google Classroom go through your student portal (as we did for home learning last year) and use the code **vbcp76a**. Please contact Mrs MacDonald, Miss Brandon or Mr Owens if you need assistance with this.

Thank you for your incredible support of choir and music in our school. We can't wait to invite you along to our next performance! We'll see everyone bright and early tomorrow morning.

Nicole and the Choir Teacher Dream Team

Parents & Citizens' Association News

P&C Election Day Barbecue and Cake Stall – Saturday 21 May 2022

Our P&C will be running a barbecue and cake stall as part of the election day next Saturday 21 May. We need as many volunteers as possible on the day and are also encouraging families to donate to the cake stall. See below for details!



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**JOIN OUR FALL FUNDRAISER NIGHT
WOOLLAHRA HOTEL, 7.30P.M., FRIDAY 20 MAY.
\$60 P.P. INCLUDES DRINKS, CANAPÉS
& RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL.**

TICKETS NOW ON MUNCH MONITOR.

Uniform Shop News

We are well stocked for winter uniform items for Term 2. Please consider our opening hours on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:30-9am (term time only) if you need to purchase uniforms for your child/children.

In addition, we also stock PSSA shirts (\$35) and soccer socks (\$15) if your child has made it to the PSSA team.

Online orders, for NEW uniforms only, can be sent to our email address below. You will receive a message when the order is ready to be picked up at the school office. We will endeavour to fill in your order within 72 hours.

Kind regards
The Uniform Shop Team
Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

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

WPS Uniform Shop



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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



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 2022 Kindergarten children and their families.

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



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

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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.

Alliance Francaise	9292 5712	school-activities@afsydney.com.au
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@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
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