



Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 7 – 10 June 2022



Calendar Dates

- Monday 13 June – Long Weekend
- Tuesday 14 June – P&C Meeting @ 7pm (Staffroom)
- Wednesday 22 June – Combined Band Concert 6.30pm

- Thursday 23 June – Senior Dance Festival Seymour Centre
- Wednesday 29 June – Principal's Award Assemblies
- Thursday 30 June – 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Friday 1 July – Last Day of Term 2

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

Congratulations!

Our school really is a hive of activity as we head towards the end of Term 2. It's been such a joy to share in the learning programs that are happening in every classroom but also to see the level of involvement across the school in learning experiences beyond the classroom. Your children are engaging in sport, band, guitar, choir strings, dance, debating, Tournament of Minds, public speaking, Innovators Club, coding and writing, just to name a few of our programs with enthusiasm and commitment. I commend them all on embracing the full gamut of school life so fully. It's such a joy to be part of such a thriving educational tapestry each day. Special thanks go to all of our hard working teachers who give up an enormous amount of time to make these learning experiences happen and to you as parents for your support. We will continue to feature the work, learning and achievements in the newsletter each week. This week we feature our school leaders, public speakers, 4-6 sports programs and the K-2 athletics carnival. Our teacher guitar group even debuted with a performance at the Opera House this week. We'll share more details and photos next week!

Welcoming our 2023 Kindergarten Families



We were delighted to welcome many of our 2023 Kindergarten families recently for the first of this year's school tours. The morning started with a performance from our Super Choir who sang *Cover Me in Sunshine* and *Welcome to All People* with heartwarming enthusiasm. Huge accolades go to Antigone in Year 3 who performed a solo beautifully. I was also incredibly proud of our Year 6 student leaders. Ethan delivered the Acknowledgement of Country and our children spoke articulately about what they love about our school, their experiences and what they value in their school experience. They then did a brilliant job in assisting our tour groups, showing our new families around the school and answering questions. There is no

better way to get to know our school, our work and our values than to talk to our kids. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them. It was also a delight to visit many of our classrooms to hear our students and teachers talk about their learning. We are holding a second tour on Wednesday 3 August at 9.15am - 11am as part of our transition to school program. Have a look at the transition flyer for more information about the different events on for the Kindergarten 2023 students and families. If you have a child starting school in 2023 and haven't yet enrolled, please do so as soon as possible. We'd also appreciate you spreading the word to any other prospective families who are yet to enrol.



Upcoming Concerts and Performances

It has been so uplifting to see and hear our music ensembles progress over the term. They are sounding amazing. We have been delighted to hear them perform as part of our 'Arts in the Morning' concert series. The Junior, Intermedia and Senior Bands have performed over the last two weeks to some very appreciative audiences. Our upcoming performances between now and the end of the term are listed below. All parents and friends are very welcome to join us.

- **Wednesday 15 June @ 8.40am in the Chisholm playground – Senior String Ensemble**
- **Wednesday 22 June @ 6.30pm in the hall – Junior, Intermediate and Senior Band Concert**
- **Tuesday 23 June at the Seymour Centre – Senior Dance Ensemble**
- **Tuesday 28 June @ 8.40am in the Chisholm playground – Woollahra Super Choir**
- **Wednesday 29 June @ 9.15am in the hall as part of the Principal's award assembly – Senior Band and Senior String Ensemble**
- **Rock Band performances – to be confirmed**



Public Speaking Triumphs – Multicultural Public Speaking Competition 2022

Each year our students research topics which help them to understand the importance of multiculturalism in Australia and many of our students have their own special stories to tell. We congratulate all students who entered the competition and thank our teachers and the community for supporting the students in their learning. The school finals were held last Thursday and there was a day of informative and powerful speeches. Our adjudicators had a difficult time in deciding on the winner and runner up in each category. Special congratulations to Charlotte from 3M (winner) and Ayla from 3C (runner up) in the years 3 and 4 section and to Riley 5H (winner) and Max 5C (runner up) in the Years 5 and 6 section. Their speech topics were as follows:

- **Charlotte – The Power of Sport**
- **Ayla – My Place**
- **Riley – Representation**
- **Max – Representation**

Charlotte, Ayla, Riley and Max will represent the school in the local final, which is then followed by a state final for the successful students. We are very proud of the high standard of speeches and will be asking for the students to present their speeches to our community in the future. Many thanks to Ms Giffard and Miss Isaacs who organised the competition. **Janelle Warhurst**



Learning in 5B and 5L with Ms Brandon and Mrs Lingard

S.O.L.E, what is it?

S.O.L.E. stands for **Self-Organised Learning Environment**. It is a great source of education to open students' minds. How? Well, we have to think of every possibility our minds can come up with. Even though we can use computers, our teachers want us to empty our minds of every single thing that has a square in it, or a triangle, or if we can improve business as we know it today. S.O.L.E is basically philosophy and

ethics. S.O.L.E makes us independent as a group and learn and try new things that we had never thought of before. This is good because we're learning not to go to the teacher straight away and actually take the time to process and think about it. It also helps us grow character strengths of collaboration, bravery and curiosity.

Our first session, with our classes combined, was about how we could improve teaching and learning in schools as they are today. This was hard because school is the most important place and is a fun place to be. Teaching and learning is good and is spread across multiple subjects equally. On the other hand, it is fun because you get to see your childhood friends or current friends without needing to bump into them on the street, so it was pretty hard to think of bad points. In the end, we all got to think of some good points and share all our ideas and we really enjoyed it.

Our last session of S.O.L.E was about the meaning of a circle. What do you think the meaning of a circle is? We wrote and discussed things like, "What is the circle important for?" What could the circle resemble? Is the circle in everyday items? We worked in groups of 3-5 people spread across two classes, 5B and my class, 5L. We are looking forward to working with 5R, our buddy class and other classes too. Each group presents and shares their ideas. We are encouraged to dive deeper and reflect on our thinking and make connections. My classmates and I are looking forward to future projects and questions of S.O.L.E. A question we are looking forward to in S.O.L.E is: What is the meaning of life? I hope you enjoy reading why our classmates like S.O.L.E.



By Arlo and Zachary 5L

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.



Stewart House Donation Drive

Thank you very much to all the families who donated to this very worthwhile cause. Woollahra PS families raised an extraordinary \$919.15.



Kindergarten and Stage 1 News

K-2 Athletics Carnival

The rain held off and we enjoyed a highly successful K-2 athletics carnival last week. The kids ran like the wind, jumped to the stars and had a lot of fun. Special thanks go to the incredible staff team led by Emma Brodie who organised the event and to the many parents who joined us for the day. We loved having you there.

Here are some reflections on the

day from the athletes themselves!

My favourite part was racing because I love running. At the end my whole class ran around the whole park and I came first. I felt so good! Jonah 2E

My favourite part of the athletics carnival was the cup castle because everybody had to co-operate to build it. Guy G. 2E

I loved running my race. I came second last. When it was my turn I was so excited and the ribbon was so beautiful. Max P, 2E.

The best part of my day was racing with my friends because I got to be free with the wind all over my hair. I also liked bouncing on the blue butts because I fell over on my face and I looked funny! Eliana 2E

"Yesterday at Trumper Park we had racing, bouncing and jumping. I was so excited all day. But it was so cold that I turned into an ice-cube. I had a woolly jumper on to keep warm just like Ms Kon, the teddy bear. " Ella - 2K

At the beginning of our race Ms Abbott said "on your marks...get set...go!" I was out in the lead, then I got further and further in front... I could feel my heart beating so fast. I finished my race and came in first place. My dad was watching me and he was so proud. Then we did SISA. I loved the day! " Lachlan 2K



Performing Arts News

Band Concert – 22 June @ 6.30pm

We are pleased to invite all WPS band families to our first evening concert of the year, to be held at school on Wednesday 22 June. This event will involve all band members, and will be a great opportunity to hear what we have achieved so far this year! [Here are the details:](#)

Date: Wednesday 22 June

Time: 6.30pm start (arrival from 6.15pm)

Who: All Bands - Junior Band, Intermediate Band, & Senior Band.

Venue: WPS School Hall

What to Wear: Normal School Uniform

What to Bring: Instrument & Music

We are looking forward to hearing our Junior students show off their new skills, and to hearing our Intermediate & Seniors in their first evening performance since lockdowns! Please let me know if you have any questions. See you there! **Phil Molloy – Band Director**

Sport News

PSSA Sport Mid-term Update

Woollahra PSSA Sport students have had a great start to the Winter season. Rain has interrupted our competition games twice. Here is a snapshot of what is happening around the fields.

AFL



Our Junior and Senior teams have had a disrupted start to the competition. In our first week the students completed a skills session with instructors from NSW AFL. Then, it rained and rained some more. Finally, in Week 5 we were allowed to play. We versed Bondi Beach, played well but were unable to score enough to get the win. In Week 6, we played Bronte and both sides won. Our Juniors had a strong start with Archer scoring 5 goals and 6 behinds in the first third. The Juniors ended up having 7 different students kicking goals. They won 86-0. Our Seniors won 31-25 with each team member working together and playing their role effectively. Our backline was fantastic in the last third and continually prevented the other team from scoring and allowing our midfielders to deliver the ball to our sensational forwards and secure the win. **Miss Cuthbert**



Girls Soccer

The season has started well for Girls Soccer. The Juniors have had one win, one loss and a draw. The Seniors have had a win against Randwick Public School. Both teams train together on a Tuesday and are showing promising results on the field.

Mixed Soccer

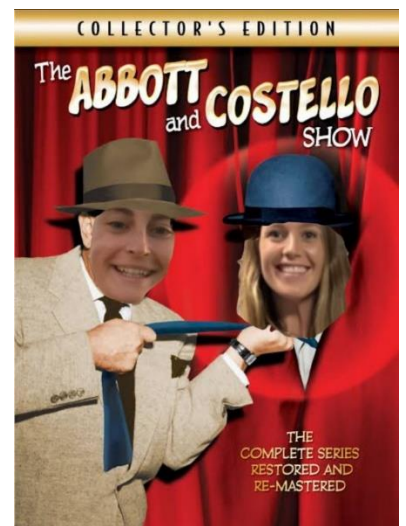
Although rain has impacted our season, Mixed Soccer has enjoyed an encouraging start. All Mixed Soccer teams are working collaboratively and enthusiastically. The Senior A's have had mixed results with 1 win, 1 loss, and 1 draw. This was enough to keep them in the A division for the rest of the season. The Junior A team has come up against some challenging opponents. They are yet to celebrate a win but are improving with each game. The Senior B Team had their first loss this week but have demonstrated good sportsmanship throughout the season. The Junior B Team is making progress each week and are beginning to strategise and understand the fundamentals of the game. Everyone is looking forward to playing the rest of season.

Mr Lawson & Miss Brandon

Netball

Both our Junior and Senior netball teams have been displaying their skills and integrity each Friday this term. Competing against other local schools and drawing on flexibility with an unpopular addition, the weather, which has intercepted a few games from us. All teams have enjoyed victories and been gracious winners. While some of the games were not in our favour, our teams showed resilience and dedication throughout the entire game until the final whistle sounded; defeated but never deflated. From our more experienced senior players to our junior players, who took to the court for their first time a few weeks ago, all players display honesty, encouragement, and support for one another. Keep it up Netballers!

Miss Abbott and Miss Costello



Parents & Citizens' Association News

Upcoming P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome.

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. 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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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 2023 Kindergarten children and their families.

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

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



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