



Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 8 – 15 June 2022



Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 21 June – Magical Creatures Muffi Day
- Wednesday 22 June – Combined Band Concert 6.30pm
- Friday 24 June – Year 1 Geography Excursion
- Thursday 23 June – Senior Dance Festival
- Monday 27 June- Year 4 Science Incursion at school
- Tuesday 28 June – Super Choir performance at 8.30am
- Tuesday 28 June – Year 2 Geography Excursion
- Tuesday 28 June – 5B, 5L and 5R excursion
- Wednesday 29 June – Principal's Award Assemblies
- Thursday 30 June – 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Friday 1 July – Last Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 19 July – First day of Term 3 for students

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

Can Rock and Roll Save our Schools?

We are all learners at Woollahra and are constantly striving to improve, build on our knowledge and grow our character strengths. It's important as adults that we continually model this process for our children. Our staff guitar team are the perfect example of this. We have lessons with our super star teachers Ricky and Brendan on Mondays. It puts us in the role of learners and risk takers, we have a lot of fun and is a weekly reminder of the important place music has in enhancing wellbeing. We performed at the end of last term but stepped it up recently with a performance at the Opera



House. It was part of a conversation series on the future of education in Australia with our amazing music teacher Ricky and eminent Finnish educator Pasi Sahlberg. Entitled 'Can Rock and Roll Save our Schools?' the discussion involved a range of inspiring educators discussing the important of music education in enhancing wellbeing, building confidence and ensuring our kids become well rounded learners. Our staff guitar team performed with Ricky and Brendan and while there were a few nerves, there were also lots of smiles and fabulous sense of achievement. We can all learn and grow in new ways each day!



Being of Benefit – Support for our Flood Affected Partner School

Muffi Day – Thursday 23 June 2022

You will remember that last term we came together as a school community to fundraise for schools on the north coast of NSW who were affected by the devastating floods earlier in the year. Combined with Harmony Day, this was our first major *Be of Benefit* initiative for 2022. Click here to see the video we made about the initiative:

<https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/689457732>

With the support of the whole school community and our P&C we raised \$6526 through this initiative. In that time, we have been matched with our partner school who will be the recipient of our donation. The school is Wollongbar Public School (<https://wollongbar-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>) which is on the north coast of NSW, east of Ballina. When I contacted the school to let them know about our support they were beyond appreciative. Here is an excerpt from the response I received from the principal Jennifer Thomas:



I wanted to acknowledge your amazing gesture. On Monday night I attended a community meeting with Housing, Resilience NSW, Council and more. Wollongbar is one of the villages setting up temporary housing, on the town's sporting fields for people still homeless after the floods. It will be initially for two years. These are severely traumatised

people, including young children. The floods have changed everything up here. At our own school we have families who lost everything in the floods and staff who have had their homes flooded twice this year.

The widespread trauma is quite something to deal with and the money that you have raised will allow us to do all the things we have started to plan.. We have fed and clothed not just our children but communities, provided books and pencils and sporting equipment for other schools, but now we need to help people feel welcome, valued, that they belong. The reality of a school is that we have spent so much money already helping our families and others we were at the wondering how to do what we want to do stage. Thanks to your generous support we can do it now.

The last couple of years have been challenging for all school communities but hearing about the situation of the Wollongbar community really puts things in perspective for us. They are experiencing deep hardship on all levels. After discussion together we have decided that as a school community we can give more to Wollongbar Public School. The most useful way of supporting them at the moment is with another financial donation. Meeting with the student leaders, we have decided that we want to increase our fundraising goal to \$15 000. This would make a significant difference to the students and families of Wollongbar Public School. At the same time we are reinforcing the values that are important to our school community – being of benefit, thinking of others, showing kindness and giving back. Our student leaders have a couple of ideas:

- **Thankful Thursday** – for the next couple of Thursdays the leaders will be collecting donations at the gates in the morning before school.
- **Magical Creatures Mufti Day** next Thursday 23 June. Come dressed as a magical creature of your choosing or dress in rainbow colours. Bring a generous donation on the day.
- **Donations online through our website** - If each family who is able to donated \$10, \$20 or more we could add to our donation total in a big way! When you make the donation, note in the reference that it's for our flood fundraiser.

Let's come together as the Woollahra team we are and aim to reach our goal to support Wollongbar PS through generosity and kindness. Plan your mufti costume for next Thursday, bring your donation in or donate online!

Staffing Update

I wrote to the parents of children in 1F this week to let you know that we will be farewelling their class teacher Miss Kate Fitzpatrick at the end of this term. Kate will sadly be leaving Woollahra to move to Tamworth where she is taking up a permanent position in a school up there. We thank Kate for the amazing work she has done at Woollahra in her time here and wish her well. I'm pleased to welcome Luahn Rosenthal to our school as the new teacher for 1F. Luahn is a highly experienced teacher who joins us from Haberfield PS. She has previously done some work at Woollahra and is excited about joining the team. Luahn spent the day with the 1F students on Thursday and enjoyed getting to know them. We warmly welcome her to our school.



Writer's Festival

Reading is the hunt for great stories' - Matt Stanton

What a grand adventure our Writers' Circle kids had at the Sydney Writers Festival recently. They met inspiring authors, chatted to the CEO of the festival, learnt more about the craft of writing, were inspired by new and imaginative ideas, had lots of laughs and thoroughly enjoyed adventuring as writers, thinkers,



creators and story hunters. Congratulations go to our young writers for embracing the adventure with such enthusiasm, deep thought and team work. We are so proud to be able to offer such a rich array of opportunities to our children at Woollahra. We are looking forward to our exciting new project 'Woollahra Writes' which will commence next term and culminate in an exciting book launch on 24 November. Watch this space for more information!

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 and very welcome to join us.

- **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**



Learning in KB and KCE with Mrs Byron and Mrs Cooper-Egan

KB and KCE have been loving the Grow Your Mind program! We have been learning about the animals in our minds and how they help us to look after our mental wellbeing. When all the animals are functioning effectively we are happy and focused. We came together for relaxation and mindful breathing and we then had a big circle time discussion about how we can care for our animals.



James M *"The hippocampus helps us to remember. I remembered my chess moves".*

Cecilia *"The amygdala/guard dog barks when you get frustrated. I calm down my amygdala by having some quiet time"*

Harvey *"Having a cuddle calms my guard dog down".*

Tristan *"Taking some deep breaths calms my guard dog down".*

Penelope *"The sensitive octopus helps us make friends"*

Marley *"The wise owl helps solve problems. It is the prefrontal cortex".*

Lucas *"The wise owl helps us make good decisions".*

Imogen *"The sifting sooty helps us to focus."*



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.

Stage 3 News

Year 5 Camp to Narrabeen – 8-10 August

The Year 5 Camp will be held on Monday 8 August 2022 to Wednesday 10 August 2022 , Term 3 Week 4. We will be going to the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation Camp, Narrabeen. For further information on the facilities and programs offered at the Centre please visit:

Parent/Guardian Information Pack - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/facilities/schools/parent>

The cost of this excursion will depend on the number of students attending and will be in the range of \$350.00. Exact cost cannot be calculated until we know how many students are attending and how many buses we will require to transport students. The camp will be an invaluable experience for your child and a great opportunity to develop their independence, problem solving, social and sporting skills. The cost includes; two nights' accommodation, bus travel, meals, daily activities and planned entertainment. To enable us to plan this excursion, we are asking parents/carers to complete an Expression of Interest form with a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit to your child's class teacher no later than Thursday 16 June 2022.

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**

Sports News

Sydney Coastal Sports Superstars!

Throughout 2022 Woollahra select representatives to trial for various sports. This year Woollahra has had some success in the following sports:



Tennis

Nina (6B) was selected in the Sydney Coastal Tennis team and continued on to the Sydney East Tennis Tournament at Rockdale in March.

Touch Football

Jack (6B) displayed his talent in touch football and was also selected in the Sydney East Touch Football team during Term 1.



Netball

Georgie (6MG) was selected in the Sydney East Regional Netball team. Georgie's team, Sydney Coastal won the inter-school competition last week. They were undefeated all day and won 13-10 playing Eastern Suburbs. Georgie will be playing in the State Carnival next term.



Sydney Coastal Zone Cross Country



The following students competed recently in the Sydney Coastal Zone Cross Country at Centennial Park. All students represented Woollahra PS proudly and competed well. Thank you to Ms Brandon for convening this event.

8/9 Years girls – Hannah, Emily, Olivia, Isabel, Arella, Molly
8/9 Years boys Presley, Archer, Lachlan, Ralphie, Harry
10 Years Girls – Roxanne, Madison, Milana, Elena, Evie
10 Years Boys – Sebastian, Tommy, Viet, Billy, Robert
11 Years Girls – Olivia, Sophia, Elizabeth, Ella, Madeleine, Ada
11 years Boys – Riley, Joshua, Vincent, Felix, Shaun, Kai
12 Years Girls – Abi, Grace, Abigail, Ruby, Nevada, Marli
12 Years Boys – Charlie H, Sam, Oliver, Charlie M, Will, Aston



Congratulations to the following students who will be competed at the Regional Cross Country at Miranda on Wednesday 15 June.

8/9 Years Girls Hannah
10 Years Girls – Roxanne
12 Years Girls – Abi
12 Years Boys – Charlie H, Sam and Oliver

Judy Fetherston - Sport Co-ordinator

Student Wellbeing Update

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week our PBL focus is **Representing Woollahra Public School**. This applies to school excursion, camps, PSSA Sport, music rehearsals and performances – any activity where WPS students are representing our school. Teachers will be covering these key points with their students:

- **Use respectful manners**
- **Be aware of community members**
- **Use appropriate language, including saying please and thank you**
- **Board and exit transport safely**
- **Remain seated on transport**
- **Wear required uniform**
- **Stay with group**
- **Follow all instructions**
- **Be a good sport**

At all times we are reminding students of our three expectations at Woollahra Public School:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be an Active Learner**

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

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Many of you would remember the traditional Woollahra Welcome Fair which is an important part of our school calendar each year. We haven't been able to run the fair recently because of the pandemic and have missed this important community event.

We're excited to announce that in its place the P&C will be hosted a winter welcome fair this year with a theme of Christmas in July! It will be held on Friday 29 July in the school playground 4pm – 6pm. There will be a sausage sizzle, delicious waffles, a disco, photo booth, games and lots of fun. We'll send out details for ticket purchase and food orders very soon. This will be done through Munch Monitor.



Uniform Shop News

In view of increasing supply chain costs, the P&C Executive and Uniform Shop volunteers have recently conducted a full review of the Uniform Shop pricing. While we have absorbed these increases for an extended period, they have become unsustainable. As a result, the prices of a number of uniform items we supply will be increasing, effective from Term 3 2022. Please be assured that we have made every effort to keep these increases to a minimum. Even with these increases, we are pleased to offer amongst the most affordable uniforms for schools in our area.

The increase does vary depending on the item, therefore we ask you to refer to the new price list attached below or from 1 July 2022 please visit our [website](#).

All in-person purchase and online orders placed before end of Term 2 will be honoured with the current prices, and you are welcome to take advantage of this in the next 2 weeks.. Please note that last day for online order for Term 2 is 30 June.

We continue to offer good quality second hand uniform items, subject to availability. We would appreciate your donations of any clean and good quality items you have that you no longer need. You can drop them off at the uniform shop during our opening hours or in the school office.

Feel free to reach out to our team at our email addresses below if you have any questions or concerns.

All funds raised go towards supporting the school and their initiatives. Thank you for your support, we appreciate it.

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](mailto:woollahrauniform@gmail.com)

The Uniform Shop hours are: Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am - 9.30am



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

WPS Uniform Shop



**Opening hours: Tuesdays and Fridays
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>

From Ricky, our Rock Band and Guitar teacher...

Calling all musos!

Come and have a jam this school holidays with Ricky and his team.

School Holiday Rock 'n' Roll Workshops

Monday, July 4 – 9AM to 5PM

Tuesday, July 12 – 9AM to 5PM

Mascot Public School

King St, Mascot

Cost for the day is \$100. Students can bring their instrument of choice along, otherwise, there will be instruments to play. Lunch is provided.

Email enrol@rickysmusictuition.com.au for more information and to secure your spot!

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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	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



Holiday Soccer Clinics

ESFA & Sydney FC holiday clinics provide 3 full days of football, fun and friends! If your child is a keen baller this is a no brainer.

Sign up today for Rose Bay (5-7th July) or Daceyville (11-13th July). Visit my.sydneyfc.com.au/esfa-clinics for more details.

Community Choir

Dear Woollahra Public School

We are a local community choir who rehearse almost next door to you.

We are very much in need of new members and as we leave St Columba's each Thursday afternoon we see many parents, grandparents and carers arriving for school pickup.

We wonder whether any of these adults might like to sing with us?

We know how hard it is to fit in social and cultural activities around parenting, but this looks like a happy match as we rehearse on Thursdays from 12.45 to 2.45pm at St Columba's on the corner of Forth and Ocean Streets.

Could we advertise this fact through any of your school organs of communication?

Do you have a notice board, actual or electronic we could post on? Is there a newsletter that goes out regularly that we could get a mention in?

Hoping your school community will be interested and that you'd be willing to help us reach out to them,

Regards

*Laurel McGowan
Woolltones Community Choir
Committee*

