



# Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 10 – 29 June 2022



## Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 29 June – Principal's Award Assemblies
- Friday 1 July – Last Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 19 July – First day of Term 3 for students
- Tuesday 26 July – 3-6 Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 28 July – OC Test at school

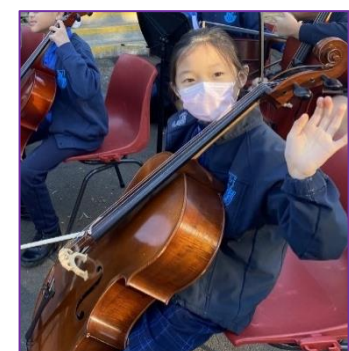


## Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy Thank you for a great term!

It is hard to believe we are at the end of another busy and highly successful term. So much has been achieved within each classroom and beyond. I'm extremely proud of the learning progress made by every child and you should be as parents too. On the sporting field, in our STEM projects and in our arts programs to name a few there have been some stellar achievements. Most importantly, it's wonderful to see how highly engaged our students have been in all of these initiatives. As a school, we have continued our work on the implementation of our 2021-2024 School Improvement Plan with an array of professional learning and improvement initiatives happening in literacy, numeracy, STEM, the arts, wellbeing and high potential learning. Congratulations go to our teachers who have worked equally hard on their own learning and improvement with the constant and core goal of learning improvement for every child. I was incredibly proud to present the Term 2 Principal's awards to many very deserving children this week.

I was particularly heartened to note the character strengths that were

highlighted in these awards – bravery, curiosity, creativity, teamwork, leadership, kindness to name a few. To know that our children display these strengths every day is what we are all about at Woollahra!



## Triumphs Abound

Amongst other highlights throughout the last fortnight have been some outstanding performances by our arts ensembles. Congratulations to the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands on their brilliant performances at last week's Winter Soiree

Band Concert. The ensembles performed an array of fabulous repertoire to a very appreciative audience. Special thanks go to our band conductors Logan Birchall and Phil Molloy for their great work with the ensembles. Our Senior String Ensemble and Super Choir have also performed as part of the morning concert series. They sounded brilliant. A special mention goes to Emma D in 4I. Emma performed Bach's Suite 1





for cello at this week's Principal's Award assemblies. This is a complex and sophisticated piece of music which Emma performed with great skill, confidence and incredible musicality. It is a true joy to share in the outstanding musical accomplishments of students across our school.

Our Senior Dance Company performed at the Seymour Centre last week as part of the regional dance festival 'In the Spotlight'. It was a high calibre concert and our dancers did themselves and the school proud with their brilliant performance. The school has been awash with debating

pro prowess this term as our four senior debating teams have competed against other schools in two concurrent debating competitions. The topics have been both interesting and challenging. Our debaters have handled this with depth of thought and great team work. A big thank you goes to Ms Brandon and Mr Owens for all of their work in coaching the teams and coordinating the competitions. It's a big job which they have done so well.

Our Innovator's Club come together once a week and are coached by Mr Lawson and Mrs Kazanis. They work collaboratively to engage with designing solutions to real world problems through the Design Thinking process and by using innovative technology. Recently they entered the Department of Education's Game Changer challenge. One of teams comprising Chloe T, Chloe C, Ella N and Iris Y were successful from hundreds of entries in moving through to the semi-finals which will take place at the University of NSW on 2 August. Vladimir will be joining the team for the finals. We're so proud of the team and all of the children who are part of the innovators club. We need to be nurturing young minds to solve complex problems in new ways and we are certainly doing this at Woollahra!



## Semester 1 Reports

Your child's Semester 1 progress report was made available through the Sentral Parent Portal this week. This report provides a summary of your child's academic progress, areas for further development, additional learning support programs where applicable, social development, work habits, involvement in school activities beyond the classroom and an attendance record. The report has been put together with careful consideration of your child's performance, effort and progress throughout the whole semester. Progress judgements have been made by teachers based on work samples, formal assessments, observation, daily class work and conversations with your child. We are happy to share these work samples and assessments with you at any point in time.

You will notice that the assessment of achievement is done on a five point scale using the following levels - **individual program, working towards, expected level, working above and working beyond**. I ask that you read the descriptors for each level carefully in order to interpret your child's report. The report also includes a section for children who are receiving learning assistance or enrichment. In addition, each report includes a student self-reflection section. I have very much enjoyed reading each child's reflections on their own learning and have found them to be very insightful. Involving the children in the assessment and reporting process is very important and I encourage you to talk about their reflections as well as their achievements on the overall report. My thanks go to all teachers who have put so much time and effort into ensuring the assessments and comments on each report are well informed and thoughtful.

It is never possible to capture every aspect of your child's learning in one document and I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher and look at examples of their work for more detail. While we have not scheduled parent-teacher interviews this term, I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher early next term if you would like to meet to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing. This opportunity is always open to you.



## Woollahra's Creativity Festival 22 August – 2 September 2022

We are now deep in the planning process for our highly anticipated annual Festival of Creativity and Thinking which will run from 22 August through to 2 September. We have had to cancel the festival over the last two years due to the pandemic so we are more excited than ever about this year's festival. The central theme of the festival is CONNECTION: Connecting with self, connecting with others, connecting with the world. All of our students will experience a broad range of unique opportunities and experiences through workshops with teachers and creative experts from the local and broader community. There will be some very special visitors and performances by artists and our students. Parents will be invited to join us for many aspects of the festival including some evening events like the Great Debate and Vivid Light Show. Stay tuned for more information early next term.



We are looking for creative community members to contribute to our festival. If you are a creative expert with skills to share and you are interested in working with our teachers and students to provide unique learning experiences, please contact Serena Petriella on (02) 9328 6313. We aim to offer a broad range of experiences from a multitude of disciplines including the arts, science, technology, design, engineering, communication, media and much more! We'd love to hear from you.



## Being of Benefit – Support for our Flood Affected Partner School

Much gratitude goes to our whole school community who came together once again last week to fundraise for our flood affected partner school on the north coast of NSW, Wollongbar Public School. 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 decided as a school community to increase our fundraising goal to **\$15000**. Through the generosity of so many families and under the leadership of our Year 6 leaders, we raised another **\$3488** with last week's mufti day. Added to our previous total of **\$6526** this now brings our total amount raised to **\$10 014**. Well done Woollahra! This will 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. We now only have \$4986 to go to reach our goal. We can reach this goal next term in a couple of ways:



- **Thankful Thursdays** – for the first couple of Thursdays the leaders will be collecting donations at the gates in the morning before school.
- **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 Wollongar PS through generosity and kindness.



## Learning in 4L with Ms Lee

4L were given the challenge in Mathematics to create their own Perimeter Person. Students used grid paper to create a design of a person. The criteria for the challenge was to incorporate all body parts - head, neck, arms, torso, legs, feet. Students in 4L then calculated the perimeter of their person and each body part in centimetres and millimetres. Here are some of the completed designs by Callum, Eden and Tiffany. Students enjoyed applying their mathematical knowledge in a creative, fun and engaging way.



## 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 2023 to put these dates in your diary.

## Sport News

### 3-6 Athletics Carnival

The 3- 6 Athletics Carnival that was meant to take place this week has been rescheduled to Tuesday 26 July at Trumper Oval, Paddington. Unfortunately, there were no bookings available next term at the other athletics fields. For this carnival we will take competitors only. Students not competing will stay at school. A permission note will be sent home early next term with further details. Parents are welcome to attend this carnival.

## SRE/SEE

### Volunteering for Ethics Classes

We are so lucky to have such a supportive school community. Without our dear volunteers, the classes would not be made possible. Ethics encourages children to listen closely, to develop their opinions through reasoning, to develop confidence and empathy. As an ethics teacher, you will get a lot out of it too!

We would love to hear from you! We are looking for one more teacher for rest of this year and any interests for next year. If you have 30 minutes every Tuesday morning and want to ensure children at our school can access this program, go to:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ethics-teacher/>

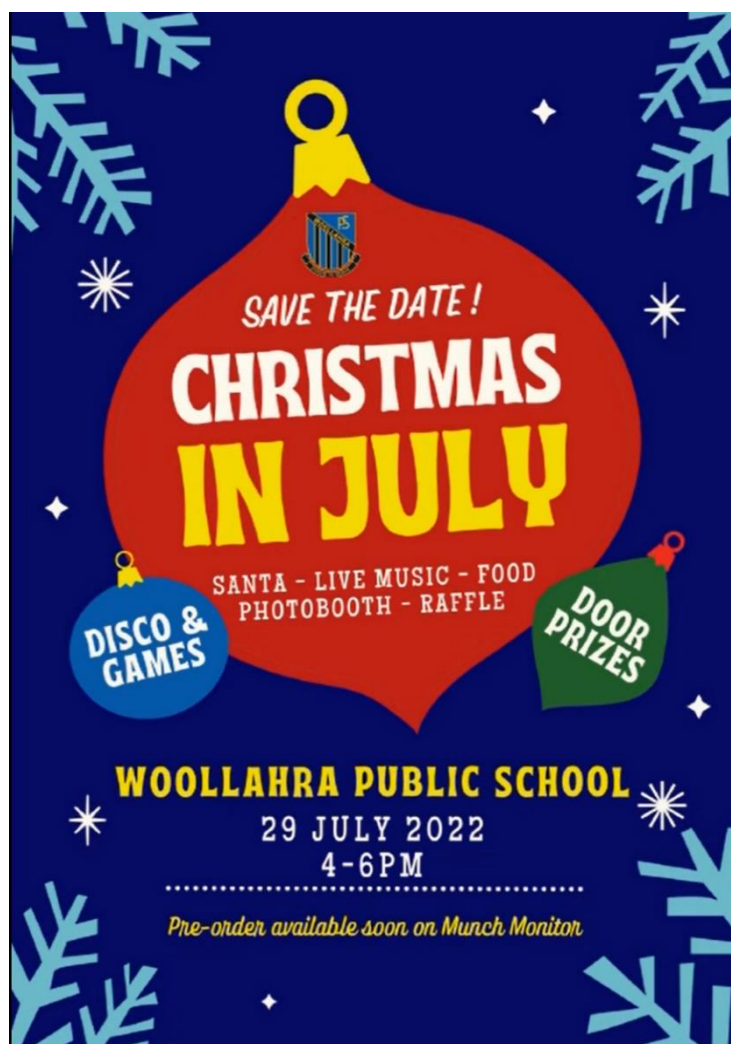


Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and teaching support. Open to parents, grandparents, the local community, or anyone you know who is interested. To make a valuable contribution to our school and to apply, please visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) 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!

## 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***



## 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>

### 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



# 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](http://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	<a href="mailto:school-activities@afsydney.com.au">school-activities@afsydney.com.au</a>
BJE	9365 7900	
Class Artz – Renee	0417 261 349	<a href="mailto:renee@classartzacademy.com.au">renee@classartzacademy.com.au</a>
Directions in Music Phil Molloy	9662 2211	<a href="http://www.directionsinmusic.com.au">www.directionsinmusic.com.au</a>
Easts Basketball	0402 634 001	<a href="mailto:info@eastsbl.com.au">info@eastsbl.com.au</a>
GoGo Sports – Daan	0468 948 509	<a href="http://www.gogohealthykids.com.au">www.gogohealthykids.com.au</a>
Helping Hands Network (OOSC)	1300 612 462	<a href="http://www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au">www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au</a>
Italian Language – CoAsIt	9564 0744	<a href="mailto:learning@coasit.org.au">learning@coasit.org.au</a>
Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould	0411 775 945	<a href="mailto:jed@pjtennisacademy.com">jed@pjtennisacademy.com</a>
Rock Band and Guitar Ricky Kradolfer	0407 534 944	<a href="mailto:ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au">ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au</a>
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@inet.net.au">vipmusic@inet.net.au</a>

## 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.*

*Regards*

*Laurel McGowan*

*Woolltones Community Choir Committee*





## 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@rickysmusic tuition.com.au](mailto:enrol@rickysmusic tuition.com.au) for more information and to secure your spot!

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## Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

### 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 culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes are on a Wednesday Afternoon!

To book a free trial/ enrol for the term:

Click [here](#) for Kindy-Year 2 (3-4pm)

Click [here](#) for Year 3 – Year 6 (4-5pm)

Please check out [here](#) for more class options.

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



The poster features a blue sky background with stylized clouds. At the top center is the 'GoGo Healthy Kids!' logo, with 'GoGo' in large yellow letters, 'HEALTHY' in smaller white letters, and 'Kids!' in green. To the left of the logo is a cartoon character of a tennis racket with a face, holding a black and white football. To the right is a cartoon character of a pink cone with a face, holding two grey dumbbells. Below the logo is a red banner that says 'Sports & Fun' and a green banner that says 'Calling all Kids'. A yellow banner below that says 'GoGo is coming to your school'. A red banner with white text says '5/12yo'. To the right of these banners is a white box with blue text: 'Programs at Woollahra PS', 'Thu Morning 7:45am', and 'Tue, Wed & Thu 3pm'. Below this is a green section with the text 'Join our Fundamental Skills Classes for lots of:' followed by a list of activities: 'Footwork, Coordination, Strength, Balance, Sports, Team games And much more...'. To the right of this list is a cartoon character of a blue and white soccer ball. Further right is the text 'Before or After School' in red, followed by a list of options: '- FREE Trial class', '- Single lesson \$22.5', and '- Discounted Term \$200'. Below the text are four photographs of children participating in various sports activities: running, jumping over a ladder, and playing basketball. At the bottom left is a cartoon character of a basketball with sunglasses. At the bottom right is a red banner with white text: 'For more information Call us on : 1300 482 209'. At the very bottom is the website address 'www.gogohealthykids.com.au'.

# GoGo

HEALTHY Kids!

**Sports & Fun**

**Calling all Kids**

GoGo is coming to your school

5/12yo

**Programs at Woollahra PS**

**Thu Morning 7:45am**

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- Discounted Term \$200

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