



Woollahra Public School

Term 3 Week 3 – 3 August 2022



Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 3 August – 2023 Kindergarten School Tour
- Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 August – Australian Maths Competition
- Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August – Education Week
- Monday 8 August – 6B, 6O and 6W excursion
- Monday 8 August to Wednesday 10 August – Year 5 Camp to Narrabeen
- Wednesday 10 August – Year 3 excursion
- Monday 15 August to Friday 2 September – Festival of Creativity and Thinking
- Friday 2 September – Father's Day Breakfast and Classroom Visits for Parents



Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

As we head into Week 3 of Term 3, we are deep in a thriving and busy school community which is in full swing with activity and learning. We began the term with a full day of professional learning for our teachers focused on the creative learning process. Our teachers engaged in visual arts, drama, writing and poetry slam workshops. We experienced and reflected on the process of learning something new, being vulnerable in the creative space and working outside our comfort zones. The more we do this as educators, the more effectively we can empathise and support your children in the same process. This professional learning is a lead in to our **Festival of**

Creativity and Thinking which is now only a couple of weeks away. We are so excited about our festival which is very unique to our school and will be bigger and better than ever in 2022 after two years of cancellations. Our aim is that it will give every child in the school a myriad of unique and interesting learning opportunities and experiences. Read our festival overview on the next page. The festival guide will be out next week to give you a clearer picture of all that we have planned including specific dates.



The school is buzzing with an array of other activities at the moment. Just in the last week we have celebrated 100 days of school with Kindergarten, enjoyed an amazing Winter Christmas Fair led by our P&C, heard our arts ensembles perform, run the Stage 2 and 3 spelling bee, held a highly successful athletics carnival, supported our debaters, Tournament of Minds students and Game Changer students to excel in these endeavours, amongst many other things. We will feature photos and reflections from all of these programs throughout the term in the newsletter. My very special thanks go to our amazing P&C led by Sasha and Yocelyn who planned and ran a wonderful Christmas in July event last Friday afternoon. It was fabulous to bring our community together and share some

collective joy. Huge thanks go to all of the parent volunteers, families who made generous donations and to our Band, Choir and Rock Band teachers who gave up their time to ensure these ensembles could perform. Thank you to all parents who came along and supported event. We're very grateful!

COVID Safe Measures

As much as we wish it wasn't, COVID is still around. We remain vigilant as a community in ensuring all of the relevant COVID safe measures are in place. Please let us know if your child tests positive and needs to isolate for 7 days and ensure you don't send your child to school when at all sick. We are still only experiencing a small number of cases each week so appreciate all that you are doing to keep these numbers low. We do expect another delivery of Rapid Antigen Tests any day now and will send these home to you as soon as we have them.



CONNECT

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15 August – 2 September

This year's festival of creativity and thinking celebrates and encourages connection. The festival will offer rich opportunities to reconnect to ourselves, others and our world through the pursuit of creativity. We invite you to connect with your imagination, bodies, community, country and spirit.

Immersion in creativity can bring us closer together and help us cultivate greater self-awareness. Fine tuning the ability to feel a creative connection can help us develop our empathy and establish a deeper relationship between ourselves and the world.



What connects us is more powerful than what divides us.



Our festival event promises to engage the whole school community in a range of unique learning experiences, events and shared performances by our students, teachers and community members from **Monday 15 August until Friday 2 September**. Our grand opening ceremony will take place on the morning of **Monday 22 August** where special guest performers and speakers will officially open the creative journey of connection and deep learning. Over the course of the three-week event, a range of teacher led and expert community led workshops will be offered to all of our students. Community expert led workshops will provide unique learning

experiences for our students including photography, art, writing, dance, film making, music, STEM and much more. **The Great Debate** will take place on the evening of **Monday 29 August** when community members are invited join us as our student and Alumni debate teams showcase their critical and creative thinking skills as they debate an important question. A whole school art project will be exhibited on the same evening, staging the final submission from every student showing their exploration in making connections to their self. We also look forward to celebrating and sharing with all of our arts ensembles (band, choir, dance, rock bands) through daily performances.



The process of creating and thinking will drive our connections as we learn and create.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

All schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) each year. The process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). All students who receive additional support at school are included in this process. The data is provided in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the school office to talk to Ms Petriella who coordinates the process.

2023 Enrolments and Kindergarten

It is the time of year when we need to work proactively to finalise our Kindergarten enrolments for 2023. If you have a child starting school next year please submit your enrolment form as a priority to the office this week. Similarly if you have friends or neighbours who have children starting please remind them to do the same. It assists us greatly with our planning and organisation to have a firm idea of how many children will be enrolling next year. We will also start communicating regularly with our prospective families regarding the transition to school process. It is likely to look a little different this year due to the COVID 19 restrictions. We are still finalising the revised plan.

Recent Correspondence

- ✚ Junior Dance Ensemble – ticket purchase information
- ✚ Junior Dance Ensemble – performance Tuesday 16 August. Note due 9 August
- ✚ Junior Dance ensemble – technical rehearsal 15 August. Note due 8 August
- ✚ 6B, 6O and 6W – excursion to Centennial Parklands Monday 8 August. Note due 5 August
- ✚ Year 3 – excursion to Kamay Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre Wednesday 10 August . Note due 5 August



Learning in 6P with Mrs Pellow

6P have been working on a Mathematical and Statistical Challenge run by Melbourne University. The purpose of this competition is to extend our knowledge beyond the original questions. Our class has had masses of fun working cooperatively and deciphering the questions beyond the surface level by increasing the complexity.

Joshua and Lucas

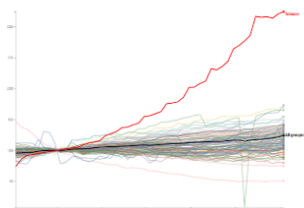
We have been working on a statistical question that expands on the topic of CO2 Emission Indicators in Australia.

With the aid of these indicators, nations like Australia can better predict how much CO2 emissions they will produce over the course of a given time and prevent the recurrence of high greenhouse gas concentrations. Children in Australia are now being assisted by these indicators to comprehend the issues with greenhouse gases. These indicators include, but are not limited to Economic Policy and Debt, Infrastructure, Trade, Education, and many more. Working through the question has



Economic Policy and Debt - Cost of Living

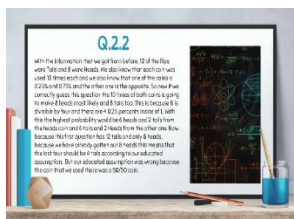
The growing prices of vegetables and gasoline have made headlines in recent months, with rising prices generating significant rises in Australia's cost of living. However, these aren't the only items and services that have seen significant price increases. And, despite the general high rate of inflation, some items are now less expensive than they were previously. Inflation is also not uniform across Australia, according to data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, with certain major cities seeing lower price increases than others. This is based on the most recent data, which are for the quarter ending in March 2022. This data explorer displays the change in the price index, which is the cost of an item converted to 100 in a specific base year, with each subsequent year's price computed by converting the price to a percentage of the base year and then using that percentage to create the index for that year.



been a highly riveting experience, one which we have enjoyed immensely.

Jayden and Dino

In this maths competition, we were challenged to evaluate numerous problems with a partner of choice. We chose an intermediate level question on probability. The question we decided to evaluate was quite difficult. The genre of the question was probability, a genre we weren't completely familiar with. Although we ran into many



difficulties along the way, we were able to complete the questions we were assigned and took the question to a deeper level. All in all, this competition has been a great learning experience and we both really enjoyed it. We are very appreciative of our teacher for guiding our paths to the future.

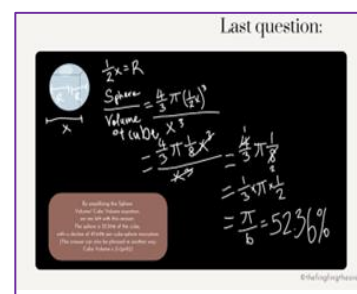


Fei and Ching Ching

For the mathematics competition, our question was primarily based on rates and inscriptions. We were provided with two diagrams—one of a square-circle combination and the other of a triangle-circle combination. Our task was to find the rate at which the radius/side length of the shapes declined. There were also extension questions, one of the most difficult



being the 3D version of the square-circle question (finding the volume of a sphere inscribed into a cube). Although we had to answer the questions themselves, the main task of the mathematics and statistics challenge was to extend beyond the scope of the question. One example of this in the series of questions was finding a correlation between square-circle combinations and other polygon inscriptions.



Sophia

In the Mathematics and Statistics Competition, I worked on a formal report about question 6: Pythagorean theorem/triples. For a brief explanation, question six was a collection of research topics that all had something to do with Pythagoras's theory. Within this area, most of the questions (which consisted of approximately 8) made me judge and extend my research. The topics involved included statistics, ratios, and angles. I learned about triangles and what makes them efficient, along with the proportions and formations of each line. Quite a bit of the information needed to be thought about for nearly an hour before I understood. However, in the grand scheme of things, it was a great experience and taught me a lot.



Mathis and Toby

For the maths competition we chose to go with the free choice question in the Junior booklet which had to do with shapes and patterns. We chose Finding Patterns in DNA. How it works, to put it briefly, is that scientists try to find repeats in patterns of four nucleotides: Adenine (A), Thymine (T), Guanine (G), and Cytosine (C). We found that DNA is easy to extract but hard to investigate in terms of the patterns. Overall, we have found this exercise fun and challenging. We have learnt a lot and we cannot wait to complete the challenge.



Learning in 6MG with Mrs Melville-Griffiths

6MG have been exploring a variety of art styles to construct faces. Humans are biologically programmed to be drawn to

faces and connect with them. Consequently, everyone loves a good portrait. We love to draw them, look at them and wonder about the person in it. It is part of our survival to live in small, sociable communities and be able to read each other's facial expressions. 6MG have learnt about shape, value, line and space, through drawing faces.



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.



Kindergarten News

On Friday 29 July kindergarten celebrated their 100 days of school. The students dressed in the themes of "What I want to be when I grow up" and "Myself at 100". All day the students engaged in activities around the number 100, learning interesting new mathematics facts, creating portraits of themselves at 100, writing about what career they would like when they are older and making 100 day of school crowns. It was lovely welcoming the parents into the classrooms to see the students receive a certificate for this momentous occasion. **The Kindergarten Team**





Sport News

Congratulations to Kevin P from 4I who won a gold medal at the NSW States Jiu-Jitsu championships recently.

Performing Arts News

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 or/and contact our volunteer Ethics Coordinator Donna Kwan at fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk. Your help will be greatly appreciated!



Parents & Citizens' Association News

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop opens on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:30-9am during term time. We also accept ONLINE orders for NEW uniform ONLY. Please send your order form including payment details to the our email address and we will endeavour to fulfil your order within 72 hours.

The updated order form is available from the school office or on the school website:

[https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf](https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra%20Uniform%20Shop%20order%20form%202022-23.pdf)

The Uniform Shop Team

Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

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



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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

Message from Transport NSW – Ashley our crossing supervisor is on leave. He will be back!

I wish to advise that there will be no School Crossing Supervisor (SCS) available at the crossing at **Edgecliff Road, Woollahra from 29.07.2022 to 31.08.2022 (Morning & Afternoon)**. Presently, a replacement SCS is unavailable. We will notify you if we are able to source a replacement.

Please be aware, school staff/parents are not authorised to carry out the duties of the SCS and must not use the STOP Children Crossing bat and/or the Transport for NSW uniform. The school may wish to place Children's Crossing flags out at the crossing (if applicable) and organise a school staff member to monitor the crossing and remind the students of the road safety messages which are:

- Wherever possible, cross the road at a designated pedestrian crossing facility
- Stop! Look! Listen! Think! when crossing the road
- Take care whenever you cross
- Don't run across the road



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.

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	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
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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Woollahra Public School is held on:

Years 1-4: Mondays from 11:00am to 11:30am, starting on 25 July 2022

Years K, 5-6: Mondays from 11:30am to 12:00pm, starting on 25 July 2022


Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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12 & 13 YR OLDS


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Sundays 3-5pm

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