



Woollahra Public School

Term 3 Week 4 – 10 August 2022



Calendar Dates

- Monday 15 August to Friday 2 September – Festival of Creativity and Thinking
- Monday 15 August – Showcase rehearsal
- Tuesday 16 August – Showcase performance
- Monday 22 August – Primary Proms rehearsal
- Tuesday 23 August – Zone athletics carnival
- Friday 2 September – Father's Day Breakfast and Classroom Visits for Parents

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy



Year 5 Adventures to Camp

What a joy it is for our students to be experiencing excursions, camps and outdoor activities once again. We had a fabulous athletics carnival at Trumper Park a couple of weeks ago, Year 3 had a great day this week at Botany Bay learning about First Nations cultures and the natural environment and Year 5 have just returned from a wonderful three days at camp. They excitedly set off to Narrabeen Sport and Recreation camp on Monday morning. An extremely dedicated team of teachers accompanied the children who enjoyed many fabulous adventures from canoeing to rock climbing. Camp is a wonderful

opportunity to learn new things, engage with different experiences and connect with teachers and peers in ways that are not always possible at school. Special thanks go to Ms Hayward, Miss Brandon, Miss Costello, Mrs Lingard, Miss Cuthbert, Mr Lawson, Mrs Fetherston and Mrs Garber who gave up their time to organise the camp and accompany the children for three days. It's a huge commitment to be away from their families for three days and care for our children day and night. Their level of care was exceptional and we are very grateful. We'll include some stories and more photos in next week's newsletter.



We received this fabulous email from one of our Year 5 parents Louis, this week. It reflects the sentiments of many, if not all parents. Thank you for taking the time to write Louis!

School camp is such an important rite of passage. Learning to be away from home, dealing with new challenges, working and playing together with friends and classmates, as well as dealing with uncertainty (such as the weather) in a safe and supervised manner, were such important life experiences for us when we were growing up. Especially after everything that has happened in the past three years, many of us had wondered whether or not our children would ever get to experience this important milestone.

We are so grateful to the teachers and the school leadership group for giving our children this opportunity. We know it probably required some deliberation, a lot of planning, and no small amount of courage on the part of the teachers. This we deeply appreciate and we just wanted to say thank you! Ms Hayward has been keeping us updated with some photos of what the children have been doing. We've really enjoyed seeing what they've been getting up to and it's clear the children are having a great time! The children are returning to school tomorrow, but I'm sure they'll bring home a lifetime of memories. We can't thank all of the teachers enough for what they have done for our children.

COVID Safety

Please remember that we all still need to be vigilant with our COVID safe practices. If your child is unwell at all, please keep them home. If your child is a household or close contact, they may attend school as long as they test negative on a Rapid Antigen Test. Additional packs of RATs were sent home this week. Let us know if you need more at any stage.



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.



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
- ✚ Term 3 Invoices – whole school
- ✚ Expression of Interest for Primary Proms Concert – Choir (Years 3 and 4 students)

Learning in 2K with Mrs Konstantaras

2K students have been busy this week fine tuning their numerical skills by playing a variety of different maths games with their peers.

I enjoy playing 'Win a Flat' as it increases my number skills in mathematics, and I love the challenge of reaching 100 first! – Lucy C

I am able to focus on adding numbers in my head and not use my fingers anymore. – Emilia B

I can improve my adding and subtracting by playing 'Base 10' with my best friend Archie. – Hendrix M



It helps me learn to take turns, it's a game of chance and luck. I enjoy playing 'Snakes and Ladders' with all my friends. – Hannah M

I enjoy the trading, swapping the ones for a long, then swapping a long for a flat. I am able to play with all my friends and beat them! – Albert P



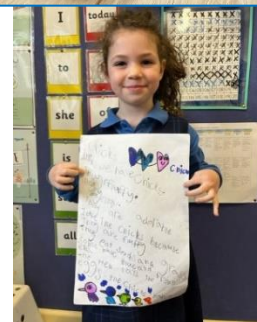
On Wednesday 26 July the students and staff congratulated our wonderful principal, Ms. Molloy, who gracefully turned half a century! Everyone enjoyed dressing up. Congratulations Nicole and we wish you many more birthdays to come.



Kindergarten News – Hatch and Grow Program

The Kindergarten classrooms are buzzing with excitement during our Hatch and Grow Chicks Program. Each classroom received 12 Chick Eggs, which arrived in incubators, and the students have been able to watch the chicks hatch and grow. Students are learning about the things that chicks need to survive (food, water, shelter) and all interesting facts about chickens.

The program links to our Science and Literacy units of work which focus on Living Things and Informative Texts. The students have absolutely loved filling in their Chicken Diaries, creating artworks, writing about the chicks, holding them for cuddles and even reading to them.



Kindergarten 2023 School Tour

On Wednesday 3 August we hosted our Kindergarten 2023 families in a tour of our school. They were welcomed with the choir performing Welcome to all People, A Million Dreams and A Sky Full of Stars. Our school leaders introduced themselves and led the Acknowledgement of Country. The incoming families visited classes across the school, seeing our students learning in action and a range of activities such as the Senior Band Workshop, Japanese and Italian lessons, dance lessons, our amazing library and visiting some of the baby chicks in the Kindergarten classrooms as part of their learning about life cycles and living things.

Thank you to all families that attended our 2023 Kindergarten Tour.



Whole School News

Supervision Before and After School

The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that **teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning**. No child is permitted to be at school before this time. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. *Helping Hands* OOSHC Service run an excellent before school care program from 7.00am each morning. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.10pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Again, there is no teacher supervision after school (that's when we hold our staff, learning support and professional learning meetings). The playground is also used for the aftercare service and it is important children not attending the service leave the grounds. Finally, **no child is to play on the playground equipment in the Chisolm and Barton playgrounds before and after school**. This rule is in place even when there is a teacher on duty. Please ensure your children stay off the equipment for safety reasons. It can be used during the day when there are fewer children in the playground.

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.

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

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



WPS Uniform Shop



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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>

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.

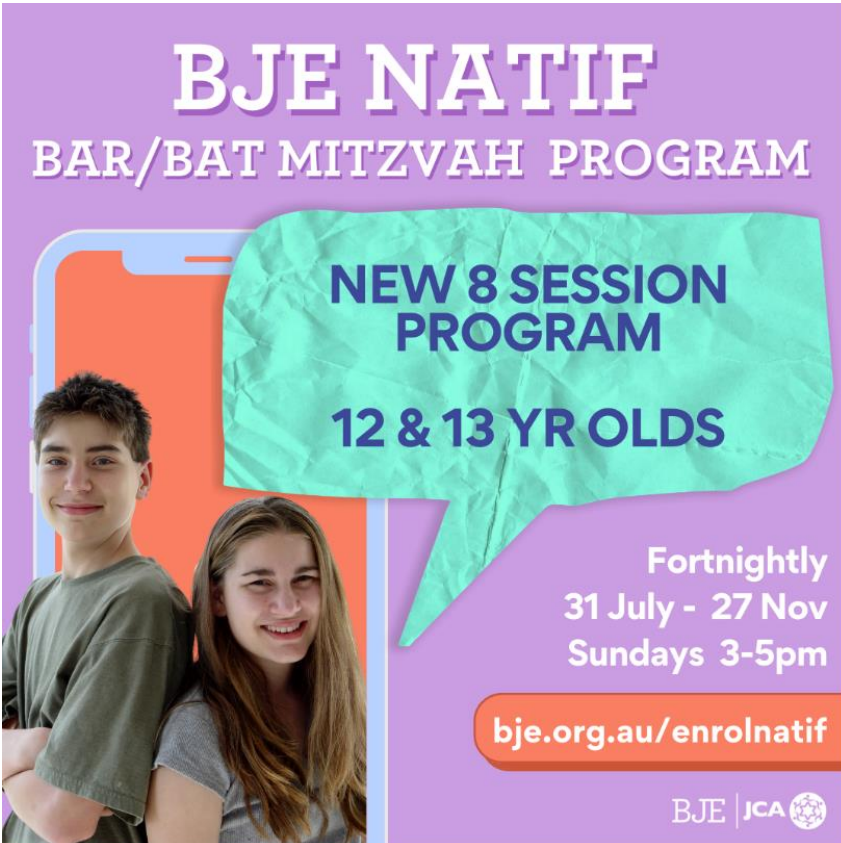
Ms Nicole Molloy - Principal



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.

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| 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 |



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BAR/BAT MITZVAH PROGRAM

NEW 8 SESSION PROGRAM
12 & 13 YR OLDS

Fortnightly
31 July - 27 Nov
Sundays 3-5pm

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SYDNEY BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

On-site Open Day

Thursday 8 September 2022 9:30am - 12:00pm

Online Open Day

Thursday 8 September 2022 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Please register <https://sbhs.co/openday>



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