

Woollahra

Public School

Term 3 Week 5 – 19 August 2022

Calendar Dates

- Monday 15 August to Friday 2 September Festival of Creativity and Thinking
- Monday 22 August Primary Proms rehearsal
- Tuesday 23 August Zone athletics carnival
- Monday 29 August The Great Debate in the hall @ 7pm
- Friday 2 September Father's Day Breakfast and **Classroom Visits for Parents**
- Tuesday 6 September Super Choir performing at **Woollahra Goodwin Village**
- Tuesday 6 September P&C Meeting
- Monday 19 September Primary Proms Concert

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy



The Class of 1982 Returns to a Warm Welcome!

I was working with a group of Year 5 and 6 students this week on a special project to develop an Acknowledgement of Country personalised to our school and a collaborative painting that represents everything that is important about Woollahra. In the discussion, the kids highlighted the importance of everyone in our community having a strong sense of belonging and feeling connected. They talked about maintaining connections with Woollahra students even after they have finished their primary schooling and how everyone stays part of our community. I loved that our current students identified this as

important. It could never have been more evident than the weekend before last when we welcomed the Class of 1982 back to Woollahra for their 40-year reunion. Students from this class and their teachers Keith Stratton, Maree Tynan and Jenny Reidy reconnected both in person and virtually for a wonderful afternoon of sharing and reminiscing.

They were welcomed with our 'secret surprise' which was the choir who came along on a Sunday afternoon to sing with such heart that it brought 'happy tears' to many an eye. Our school captain Nevada welcomed our guests with poise and warmth. She was supported by Ethan and Beatrice who were outstanding in delivering the Acknowledgement of Country

and introductions. Following this welcome, the returning class had a tour of the school where squeals of delight could be heard as they visited

the classrooms and spaces they so fondly remembered. Later in the afternoon, they shared memories and reflections about their happy times at our school and how important those years have been in their lives. Key themes in the sharing were about forging life long friendships, learning in innovative ways, having the freedom to explore their passions and experiencing a very creative learning environment. These are all things that are central to our school today and it reminded me why they culture and experience of learning we create and nuture is so important to the lives of your children, both now and long into the future.

Very special thanks go to the children in the Super Choir and your parents who generously gave up your time on the weekend to come into school and welcome our visitors so beautifully. Our guests were touched by your generosity and heart. Thank you team Woollahra, I am also immensely grateful to you for making it possible and for showing what a special community we are. I received this gorgeous email from one of our returning students who asked that I share it!



Dear Super Choir,

When I was in Year 5 and 6, one of my favourite things was our classroom singalongs with Mr S. His head would bob up and down madly as he thumped the piano keys and we belted out our favourite songs. That playlist still comes back to all of us in the car, in the shower and at the most random moments. They will probably always be our favourite songs because they remind us of a couple of years at school when we loved learning, loved our teachers and had a lot of fun.

I had always wanted to thank my two teachers for those two years at Woollahra (the best years of all my schooling), and for making me love the classroom so much that I wanted to be a teacher. Yesterday, I was finally able to do that. It was the perfect surprise to be welcomed back to our

old school by your singing. You were only a few bars into your first song when the 'happy tears' started for me! I think one of you might have spotted those. I now know why you're called the 'Super Choir' and I feel very lucky to have been in the audience for your special treat performance.

I'm sure you all have very busy school days and weekends, so I especially wanted to thank you, your parents and your principal for making the effort to come in on a Sunday to sing for us. I hope that one day you can come back and feel as warmly welcome as we did. This is me in Year 5, forty years ago. I know that forty years probably seems like a geological era to you, but some things don't change and the Woollahra spirit definitely hasn't. I can't thank you all enough. Please keep singing! All the best, Rachel Duke

The Festival has Launched!

Our Festival of Creativity and Thinking is a very important part of the Woollahra calendar. It provides every student in the school the opportunity to engage with new and different learning experiences, work with different people, try new things and most importantly harness their creativity. The official opening of the festival is this coming Monday at 9.15am in the Barton playground. We have a great show planned includes performances from our Senior Band, Super Choir and the *Amplify Allstars*, led by our very own Ricky Kradolfer and Brendan Iredale. We warmly welcome you all to come along. This week we launched with a range of different workshops including a range of visual arts workshops, Poetry Slam, writing with Story Quad, circus skills, sewing, photography, weaving, drama, robotics, stop motion animation and music performances. At the same time, classes have been



working hard on their artworks ready for the opening of our whole school art exhibition next Thursday afternoon. If you haven't yet had a chance to have a good look at the Festival guide and planner, please do so. We would love as many parents and friends as possible to come along to our events and be part of the festival:

- Festival Opening Monday 22 August @ 9.15am in the Barton playground. The guide has details on this. We would love a big audience so please come along.
- Art Exhibition Opening Thursday 25 August 3.15pm 6.00pm. Come along and follow the art trail around the school to see art works from every child in the school displayed.
- The Great Debate Monday 29 August @ 7.00pm. Come along for a fabulous night. See our student team debate an alumni team, hear some Poetry Slam and watch our festival film 'Living a Creative and Curious Life'
- Father's Day Breakfast and Festival closing- join us at 8.30am to celebrate our Dads with donuts and coffee in the COLA and then visit all of our classrooms at 9.15am to share in the amazing work created throughout the festival.
- Come along to the various concerts Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands, Super Choir, Junior and Senior Rock Bands, Junior and Senior String Ensemble, K-2, Junior and Senior Dance Companies. Check the guide for details.



Our Amazing Dancers

Enormous congratulations go to our Junior Dance Company who performed to great acclaim at the Bondi Showcase concert last Tuesday night. Resplendent in bright pink sea anemone costumes and some very realistic looking 'Nemos' they danced with style, expression and delight. Performance opportunities like this are so valuable for our children but also a wonderful chance for proud parents, teachers and principals to see the kids shine. Thank to all of the parents for supporting the

dance ensembles and a huge thank you goes to Katelyn Boshell or her great work with the groups.

Recent Correspondence

- Term 3 Invoices whole school
- Choir (Years 3 and 4 students) Brindabella Primary Proms rehearsal and concert permission note. Note due Monday 22 August
- Year 4 Expression of Interest to participate in Taronga Zoo's Zoosnooz Program -note due Monday 29 August
- Participating students Sydney Coastal PSSA Zone Athletics Carnival note and code of conduct due Friday 19
 August

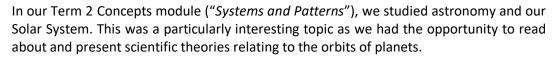
Learning in 5C and 5H with Miss Costello and Mrs Hayward



Our Concepts lessons form a central part of our learning in 5C and 5H. They are a key part of our inquiry-based learning curriculum. Similar to our STEM projects, we are given learning tasks to complete each week, based on a particular topic. These activities can be completed either individually or in groups. We usually have three sessions per week devoted to Concepts, during which we complete one compulsory task and 1-2 optional tasks.

Each term, we focus on a new topic. Our topic this term is *Inventions and Responsibilities*. During this term, we explore how inventions are developed and brought to the community, and how they

can have a useful or even harmful impact on our surroundings. In our Term 1 Concepts module ("Survival: Natural Disasters"), we studied the impact of natural disasters such as bushfires, and worked on group projects where we designed strategies for preventing and mitigating their environmental impact.





Example of a Concepts learning task: Discuss and write your thoughts to the following statement: Necessity (need) is the mother of invention. Give examples (minimum of 3) to support your opinion and be creative in your presentation. For example, as a mural, animation or podcast.

During class at Woollahra Public School, we strive to develop six learning behaviours (bravery, collaboration, creativity, curiosity, persistence, and reflection). Our Concepts tasks helps us to develop in all these areas. The topics are interesting, and the activities fun. We are encouraged to be curious with our questions, creative in completing activities and brave when presenting our ideas to others. We also learn how to collaborate in group projects. We often work with our friends, but are also encouraged to work in groups across different classrooms and outside our usual friendship circles. This

encourages learning outside of our comfort zone and prepares us for later life, when many careers often involve working with total strangers. We are also encouraged to persist when faced with a particularly challenging activity, and



reflect on teachers' feedback on our work so that we can get the most out of our learning.

Concepts allows us to work with different forms of media. We can use computer programs to make

presentations and videos, but we have also made murals, artworks, and dioramas by hand. All this makes our Concepts lessons a favourite part of the week. $Charlotte\ H-5H$

Stage 3 News

6B, 6O and 6W Excursion to Centennial Parklands

On the morning of Monday 8 August, after a brief roll call, the students, and teachers of the Year 6 mainstream classes of Woollahra Public School set off on a walk to Centennial Parklands. It took us about 30 minutes to walk there.

The point of the excursion to Centennial Park was to learn about and observe the bat colonies that lived there, although they weren't a resident colony, along with learning about the adaptations of certain animal species that resided in the expansive nature of the park. 'Adaptations' was also our science unit of the previous term, and it was because of this that the excursion was organised.

Upon arriving at Centennial Park, we all sat down to eat our morning tea as the teachers

talked to one another. After about 10 minutes, we began walking a short way to the Wildplay Education Centre. When we arrived, we were greeted by 3 members of the centre. One of them, called Dave, began talking about the history of Centennial Park, the reason why and how it was created. He then began talking about animal adaptations, and when he completed his speech, we were all split into groups based on our classes.

My class got Dave as our educator for the day, and he led us to the outside of what looked like a forest, where he began talking about different bird calls and about Tawny Frogmouths. He gave us the challenge of trying to find one of them, although it was not guaranteed we would spot one. After a few wholesome minutes of searching, a person from my class spotted the back of the bird, carefully camouflaged with the bark of the tree it was perched upon.



After a brief lecture about the similarities and differences between owls and Tawny Frogmouths, we diverted our attention to the Flying Fox colonies hanging upside down high up in the canopy. We were split into small groups and given a task of observing a single bat of our choice. We then had to write down our results on a worksheet given to us by Dave. He then gave each group a gadget to observe certain weather conditions like wind speeds, temperature, and air humidity. We then put down our results on the worksheet. When everyone had completed the task, Dave led us into the forest, stopping next to a swamp underneath the shade of some towering trees. We then used the devices to measure the conditions once again inside this time inside the swamp, which we the put down on the worksheet and compared with our previous results.

Leading us further into the forest, Dave showed us some of the plants that resided in the park and asked us to try and identify the plants in the underbrush, the ferns, and the canopy. He then talked a little about the history of the plants and how the ferns had been carried into the park by the bats, due to fruit bats pollinating plants and spreading their seeds with their droppings.

Dave also talked about the issues affecting the Flying Fox colonies, and so when we got back to the Education Centre using a small detour, we began creating something that could help the fruit bats with some of their problems, including heat

exhaustion. Using clay that the centre provided us with, as well as the nature around us, my group built a tent-like shape using interlocking branches we found on the floor to create a sort of shade for the bats. We also found thin branches with leaves still on them which we used to provide some extra shade.

Upon finishing building, we then went back to the Wildplay Centre and from there we waved goodbye to the educators. We found an open field to eat our lunch, and while my friends and I were running around and playing handball, we found a Kookaburra on the grass, probably looking for worms. It was my first time seeing a Kookaburra in real life, and I was amazed. After eating lunch, the entire Year 6 began walking up a long, steep hill-soon exiting the park and later arriving back at the school, after a long, eventful day. *Jayden L - 6W*





Premier's Spelling Bee



Last term students competed in class rounds of the Spelling Bee. Two students from each class were successful in making it through to the Stage Finals which were held in Week 3 of this term. The quality of spellers we have at Woollahra Public School is outstanding. Their knowledge of complex vocabulary and spelling conventions is quite remarkable.

Congratulations to our Stage Champions: Monty H (4I) and Tenzin L (6MG) who will go on to represent Woollahra

Public School in the Regional Finals later this term.

Mrs Wood - Year 6 Classroom Teacher



Game Changer Challenge FICCE Owls

Our team was selected for the semi-finals of the Game Changer Challenge, a brainstorming process that lets primary and high school students come up with solutions to real life problems using the Design Thinking Framework. The wicked problem we had to solve this year was; "We have a global challenge of ensuring healthy lives for all, at all ages". We found the Game Changer challenge really educational and it was very entertaining at the same time. We especially loved the dance battles during the breaks and the merchandise we received. Our team collaborated really well together and our



mentor, Mr Lawson, was supportive and provided amazing guidance.

At the start of the design process, we were told to list each other's strengths and we enjoyed finding how our individual character strengths combined to build a steady foundation that helped our team compete. Our solution to the problem was to create an app that provided a weekly reward based exercise program, tailored to an individual's lifestyle and needs. It included various options such as available location based activities and



a calendar showing your upcoming events and other health-related activities. The interface is incorporated into the NSW Health app, so it is available to everyone with discounts and rewards similar to the Active Kids youchers which are available.

All in all, we really enjoyed the day and found it really grew us as people, letting us see things from many perspectives. We are excited to get our results back on 18 August.

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 <u>teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning</u>. 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, <u>no child is to play on the playground equipment in the Chisolm and Barton playgrounds before and after school</u>. 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.

Lost Property

There are currently quite a few items in our lost property in the office. If you recognise any of these items below please come in to collect them.





















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.



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.







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/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.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 **Vice Presidents** - Mel Rose and Sheree Jonathan

Secretary - Lydia Santoso **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

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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.

| BJE | 9365 7900 | |
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| 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 |
| Mandarin Stars | 1800 18 11 18 | enrol@mandarinstars.com.au |
| Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould | 0411 775 945 | jed@pjtennisacademy.com |
| Rock Band & Guitar - Ricky Kradolfer | 0407 534 944 | ricky@rickysmusictuition.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 |





