



Woollahra Public School

Term 4 Week 2– 18 October 2023

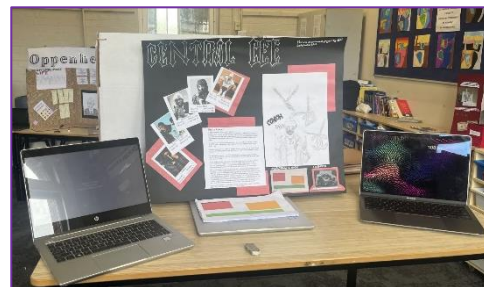


Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 24 October – P&C meeting at 7pm in staffroom
- Wednesday 25 October – Kindergarten 2024 Information Night @ 7pm
- Friday 27 October – Year 6 and Sports Captain photos- NEW DATE
- Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 November – Y6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 2 November and Thursday 9 November - 9am-11 am – 2023 Kindergarten Orientation
- Wednesday 15 November – OC 2024 Orientation – Senior band performing.
- Saturday 18 November -P&C event @ Bronte Surf Club
- Monday 20 November -Selective HS applications close
- Tuesday 21 November – P@C Meeting & AGM
- Wednesday 29 November – Band and Strings Concert in hall @! 6.30 pm

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

I was delighted to join the students and their parents from 6M and 6W on Tuesday for their 'Person of Eminence' presentation. These presentations were the culmination of extensive research completed by the children on an inspiration role model. The presentations were inspiring and it was fabulous to see the quality of work presented. Congratulations goes to Year 6 and their teachers! I also enjoyed chatting to the many parents who were able to join us for the afternoon. As Year 6 are now in their final term of their primary schooling, there was much reflecting on that journey, how far they have come, excitement about the leap into the next phase of their schooling and also some sadness that such a rich and special seven years is coming to an end. All of that said, we have so much planned for this term still to come. The key dates are outlined in the newsletter. Make sure you have them locked into your diaries!



Class Placement 2024 - Feedback Opportunity for Parents

Over the remainder of Term 4, our teaching team will be working on 2024 class placements for each child. This process is completed by teachers of the current year level (i.e. Year 4 teachers confer on Year 5 class groupings) and is overseen by the school leadership team. A substantial amount of time is put into this process considering the academic, social and emotional needs of each child. Other factors to be considered include ensuring a balance of students at each academic level within the class, friendship groupings and specific student needs. At times, there is particular information that you as a parent, may like considered as part of this process. This may relate to your child's academic, social or personal needs. While it is not always possible to accommodate specific requests, we do always carefully consider information shared by parents. If you would like to share some information related to your child's needs to inform the 2024 class placement process, please complete the following questions. Please note that we are not able to consider requests for specific teachers.



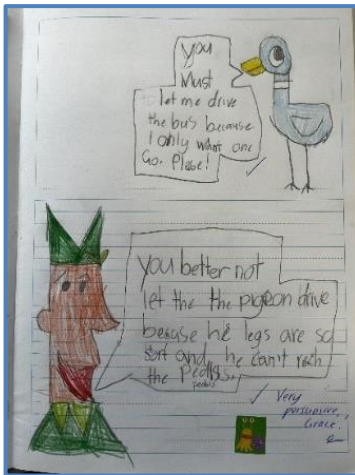
With this in mind, if you would like to share some information or a request to inform the 2024 class placement process it must be done in writing. Once again this year, we are asking that you complete a short survey form at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024ClassPlacement>

All responses will be assessed initially by myself and our Deputy Principals. Where appropriate, your feedback will be kept confidential.

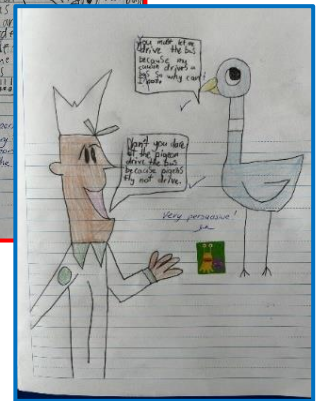
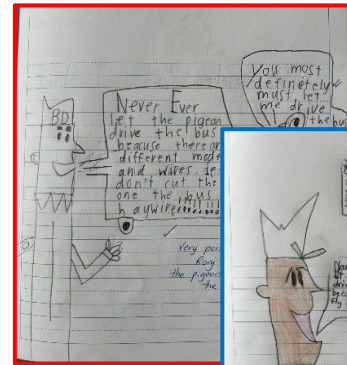
To streamline the collection of parent feedback and to consider the feedback in a timely manner, we ask that you submit your response via the survey link and do so **NO LATER** than Monday 13 November 2023. We ask that all feedback is submitted via this survey and not through email correspondence.

Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need to speak to us in person.



Learning in 1/2R with Mrs Rosenthal

It is so great to be back at school for the final term of the year. The children have jumped straight back into their learning, beginning with persuasive writing. To help us on our way, we have been studying the book, 'Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus', by Mo Willems. The children have investigated the various techniques for persuasion and put themselves in the shoes of the characters in the text. Here are a few samples from one of our recent lessons.



Important Term 4 Events

Please take note of the following important term 4 events and put them in your diary. We would love to have as many parents and friends involved as possible.

| What | When | Where | Who |
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| Year 6 Canberra Excursion | 1 – 3 November | Canberra | Year 6 |
| 2024 Band Expo | 8 November 9.15am | Hall | Year 2 students and any students interested in joining band |
| Year 6 OC Notables Presentations | Monday 20 November @ 1.30pm | Classrooms | Year 6 OC |
| Year 6 High School Week | 27 – 30 November | Classrooms | Year 6 students |
| Band and Strings Concert | Wednesday 29 November @ 6.30 pm | Hall | All Band and Strings students |
| Year 6 Fair | Friday 1 December | Playground | All students |
| Chess Competition | Monday 4 December | Hall | K-6 Students |
| Super Choir singing at the Woollahra Community Carols - Chiswick Park | Tuesday 5 December @ 6 pm | Chiswick Gardens | All Choir students 1-6 |
| Presentation Day Award Assemblies | Wednesday 6 December K-2: 9.30 – 11 am 3-6: 12pm -2 pm | Hall | All students K-6 |
| K - 2 Picnic Day | Thursday 7 December | Parsley Bay | K- 2 Students |
| Year 6 Picnic Day | Tuesday 12 December | Luna Park | Year 6 Students |
| Year 5 Picnic Day – AMENDED | Thursday 14 December | Movies | Year 5 Students |
| Stage 2 Picnic Day | Thursday 14 December | Parsley Bay | Years 3 and 4 Students |
| Year 6 Graduation Dinner | Thursday 14 December @ 5.30 pm | Hall | Year 6 students @ 6 pm |
| LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Year 6 Graduation Ceremony | Friday 15 December | Hall | Year 6 Students Parents are welcome to join us at 1.30pm. |



Whole School News

School Bytes

School Bytes has now introduced a feature which lets you save your card details. Please see the document included with this newsletter for detailed instructions.

2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 and will be ready to start school? We encourage all families with children starting school next year to complete the enrolment application. 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**. This can be done online at the following link:

[Enrolling at Woollahra - Woollahra Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/child-development/childcare/childcare-enrolment)

Our 2024 Kindergarten orientation dates have been set. The flyer is included in the newsletter and will be on our website shortly. We encourage new families or siblings who are commencing school in 2024 to put these dates in your diary. Don't hesitate to contact our school office if you have any questions or need assistance. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new 2024 Kindergarten recruits!

Library News

The library has purchased many wonderful new books and would love some parents to please cover them if they have time. Books can be sent home by your child for covering or it can be arranged with Miss Hoare before or after school from the library. Please email Miss Hoare if you can help out with this task.

All books will come in a bag with very good quality contact. kellie.hoare@det.nsw.edu.au

Stage 3 News

Public Speaking Congratulations!

Congratulations to Sophia from 6I who won the Bondi Public Speaking Competition and will be competing in the next round. Sophia's speeches, both prepared and impromptu, were convincing and so dramatically presented! We are very proud of your achievement Sophia and all our representative public speakers this year. It has been a very strong field and such an important life skill to develop.



Applications for Selective High School Placement 2025

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective high school entry in 2024, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024.

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available on Monday 9 October at:

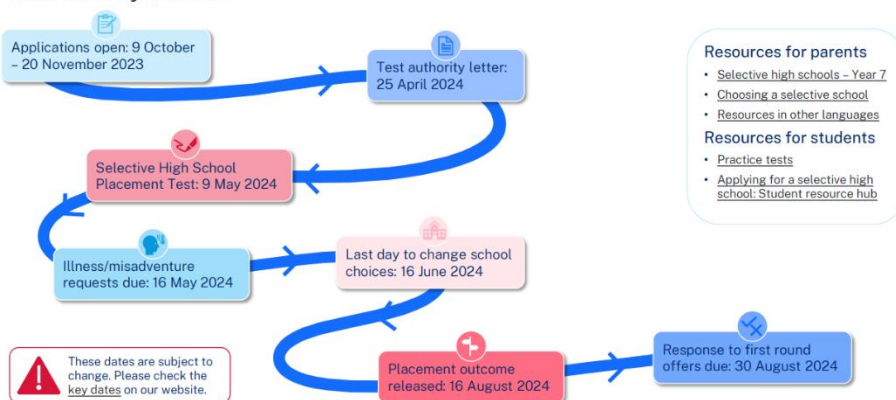
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Applications open on 9 October 2023 and close 20 November 2023. You apply before the closing date. You must submit only application for each student.

NSW Department of Education

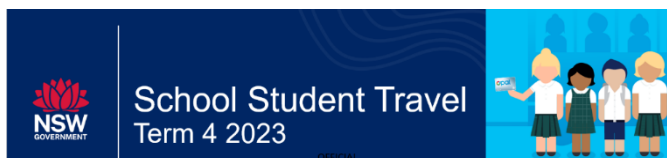
Selective high school placement timeline

Year 7 entry in 2025



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2024 Travel Applications Now Open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can apply [here](#). A new application will need to be

submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting additional travel entitlement because of new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of Term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Special Education in Ethics

Calling for Volunteers 2024

What an enormous success this year! Our dedicated volunteers have managed to facilitate 15 classes weekly across the whole school, delivering the program to around 300 students who have opted for the ethics program.

We must thank John Clayton, Geri Ettinger, Mel Rose, Etienne Alexiou, Katie Wang, Fiona Ford, Anna Han, Catherine Crawford, Ana Herrero Guemes, Philippa Machinnon and Donna Kwan.

These classes can only be run with the help of volunteers.

We need your help! We need 10 new volunteers for 2024 ethics across different stage groups (Kindy-Y6), 30



minutes every Tuesday morning. Without new volunteers, almost two-thirds of students will go without a class next year. We certainly do not want any children to miss out.

You are invited! Please join us on Tuesday 7 November at 8:30am, in the Learning Hub for an introduction, If you or someone you know is/are keen to understand more and express an interest. Get in touch with our volunteer ethics coordinator Donna Kwan at:

fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk, or visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/>.

The Learning Hub is located in the building behind the WPS mosaic wall, on the ground floor, far right room from the building entrance, passing Helping Hands.

Ten new volunteers is not a small number to achieve, but we know WPS has a strong sense of community value and together we can make 2024 another great year of delivery.

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!

Student Wellbeing

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a framework that helps WPS develop a positive, safe and supportive culture. Expectations are consistent and explicit across the school, giving teachers and students more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction.

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

This week our PBL focus is on settings outside the classroom, such as in the playground, library and when working with different teachers. Teachers are guiding their students to:

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| Be Respectful | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult instructions - Treat others the way you want to be treated - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Be proud of your area and environment - Be an upstander not a bystander |
| Be Safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Think about consequences before you act - Report any problems to the teacher - Use the 'No, Go, Tell' strategy when feeling unsafe |
| Be an Active Learner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate a growth mindset in all activities |

Parents & Citizens' Association News

P&C Meeting – Tuesday 24 October 7.00pm

The first P&C meeting for Term 4 will be held on Tuesday 24 October at 7.00pm in the staffroom. All parents are welcome.

Uniform Shop News

Donations

We welcome all donations of school uniforms that you no longer need. We would appreciate it if the items are in good condition and washed prior to them being dropped off.

We are now selling second hand uniforms again during our regular opening hours of Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.00 am.


The 2022/2023 WPS Uniform Order form is on the school website. Please send a completed form including payment details to our email address. No payment details will delay the fulfilment of your order. Note that it may take up to 72 hours for orders to be filled during term time.

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

WPS Uniform Shop



**Opening hours: Tuesdays and Fridays
8:30-9am**

For online orders, please email us at
WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com

For more information please visit:
<https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/p-c-uniform-shop/p-c-uniform-shop.html>

Term 4 P&C Parent Event – The Woollahra Beach Party!

Our P&C are hard at working organising a fabulous parent social event for this term. Join us on Saturday 18 November for a Beach Party at Bronte Surf Club. Ticket can be purchased at the following link. Be quick to purchase your tickets to ensure you don't miss out!

[Woollahra Beach Party 2023! | Humanitix](#)

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 - Sheree Jonathan

Secretary - Claire Hooper

Vice Presidents – Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

Treasurer – Campbell Dawson



Summer Time Beach vibe

JOIN US AT BRONTE S.L.S.C FOR THE WOOLLAHRA PARENTS BEACH PARTY

SOAK UP THE FUN, DRINK IN THE SUMMER VIBES,
DANCE TO THE CHILL BEATS

\$80 P.P. GETS YOU:

A WELCOME DRINK

SUMPTUOUS BUFFET DINNER BY BARBICREW

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

PHOTOBOOTH FUN AND MORE.

PLUS RAFFLE PRIZES TO RAISE FUNDS

SCAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS.





Starting School at Woollahra Kindergarten 2024



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 2024 Kindergarten children and their families.

School Tours for New Families

Thursday 18 May and Wednesday 26 July 2023- 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 15 September 2023

Each student and their family enrolling in Kindergarten for 2024 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 14 September 2023 – 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 2024 Kindergarten Parents

Wednesday 25 October 2023 – 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 2 November & Thursday 9 November 2023 – 9.15am

All students joining us in 2024 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

Thursday 1 February and Friday 2 February 2024

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 – Monday 5 February 2024

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





WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB



NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

Contact details

Coach: Allan – 0449 699 739

Owner: Jed - 0411 775 945 -WhatsApp

Email: info@pjtennisacademy.com

We accept Active Kids Vouchers as part of the registration payment

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| DATE: | Friday Oct 13– Friday Dec 15 |
| MEETING POINT: | Outside School Gymnasium |
| TIME: | 7.45am – 8.45am |
| COST: | \$185 (Pro-rata rates for late enrolments) |
| HOW TO ENROL: | Email: jed@pjtennisacademy.com |

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

**SCHOOL
OFFER**

**STUDENTS CAN ORDER A
TENNIS RACQUET FOR AN
ADDITIONAL \$15 IF NEEDED**

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students won't be accepted without enrolment form and payment
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice ABN: 80 111 922 279 (Term 4 Tennis, 2023)

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| CHILD/REN'S NAME | MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER (Must be supplied) | D-O-B |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | AFTER SCHOOL CARE (If relevant): | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> |

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. If medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account

PAYMENT METHOD - BANK TRANSFER ONLY

BANK TRANSFERS TO BE MADE TO:

NEXT GENERATION SPORTS


BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10243365

REFERENCE: STUDENT SURNAME and SCHOOL INITIALS

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or injury will be credited. No refund given for students changing their mind on joining the program

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



Mandarin Stars Language Clubs 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:

Kindy-Year 2 (3pm - 4.30pm)
Year 3 - Year 6 (3pm - 4.30pm)

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

mandarin stars

fun mandarin for kids

www.mandarinstars.com.au ★ enrol@mandarinstars.com.au ★ Ph:1800 18 11 18



Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

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

Years K-2: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 9 October 2023

Years 3-6: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 9 October 2023

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.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

GROUP MUSIC KEYBOARD LESSONS AT WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



- Lesson every MON or THU morning 8-8.45
- Convenient at-school lesson venue
- 45-min weekly lesson, small group
- Fun introduction to music, ideal for beginners
- Basic music theory & practical skills on keyboard
- Instrument not required initially
- Competitive rate

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