



# Woollahra Public School

Term 4 Week 4– 1 November 2023



## Calendar Dates

- Wednesday 1 to Friday 3 November – Y6 Canberra Excursion
- Thursday 9 November - 9am-11 am – 2024 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

### World Teacher's Day – Thank you Woollahra!

There was such a buzz in our school last Friday as we celebrated World Teacher's day and showered our teachers in gratitude. It was a stellar effort Woollahra families in acknowledging the hard work of our teachers with cards, notes, email, flowers, gifts and some delicious sweet treats! Our teachers don't do the work they do for thanks but the gratitude you expressed to us in so many heartfelt ways was appreciated to no end. It brought many smiles to our teachers faces and lifted their hearts. My gratitude goes to all of you for once again showing what a special school community we are! I particularly loved the joy and happiness the kids were experiencing in giving their gifts and cards to their teachers. We all know that gratitude practices boost our own mental health and that was definitely in play last week!



## Tournament of Minds - International Final Triumph!

Every day at Woollahra we have the honour of being part of special student achievements. Last week we had a particularly special achievement that will become an important part of Woollahra history. For a while now, we have

been sharing the journey of our *Tournament of Minds* teams. A collaborative problem-solving program focused on creative and critical thinking, *Tournament of the Minds* is a high calibre international event which

attracts some of the best minds from around the world. Our Language and Literature team were successful at the end of last term in winning the NSW state final and were excited to travel to the international final which was





held in Melbourne on Saturday 21 October. Our students competed against teams from every state and territory in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Hong Kong. We were so thrilled to see our students in action. They were amazing collaborators, incredibly focused and responded to the challenges with depth of thinking and creativity. We were beyond excited when after a long day of competition our team

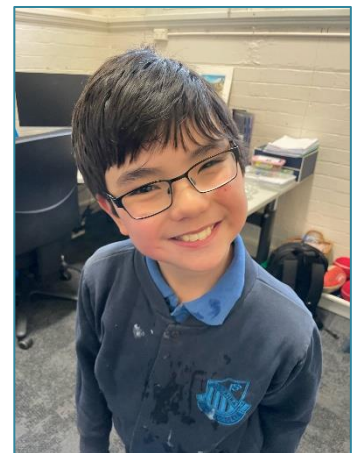


was announced as the first place against all other primary teams in the Language and Literature division. To say we are proud of the team and this exceptional achievement is an understatement! We were delighted to acknowledge their achievements at a special school assembly this week. Special thanks go to Ms Hayward for her expertise and dedication in coaching the team. Our immense gratitude also goes to the brilliant team of parents who accompanied the team to Melbourne as the support crew! It was a true Woollahra team effort. Well done Woollahra. We are all in good hands moving forward into the future with this exceptional group of young thinkers taking us forward.



## Outstanding Achievements- Luca and Monty

**Congratulations** go to Luca from 6W who represented the Sydney Region at the state athletics carnival last week. It was an outstanding achievement to progress to this level but Luca showed everyone he really can run faster than most people in NSW by placing third in both the 100 and 200 metre sprints. He will now represent NSW at the national championships to be held in Tasmania in a couple of weeks. Luca will run both of his individual events and will be a member of the NSW relay team. We wish him all the very best and extend heartfelt congratulations. We are so proud!



From sprinting to spelling, another outstanding achievement comes from Monty H in 5C. Monty has progressed through to the grand final of the state spelling bee and will compete this week at this high calibre event against the best spellers from across the state. We wish Monty all the very best and are also so proud of him.

## Support our P&C!

Our hard working P&C are very busy at the moment organising an exciting parent's night out to be held on Saturday 18 November at Bronte Surf Life Saving Club. It will be a wonderful evening to socialise and connect as well as being an important fundraiser for the school.

The team would love as many parents as possible to come along to make the night a success. Tickets can be purchased via the following link:

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

Everyone who purchases a ticket by Monday 6 November will go into the draw for a fabulous raffle prize – a Zambrero family meal deal. Get your tickets now!



## 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.

## 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
<b>2024 Band Expo</b>	8 November 9.15am	Hall	Year 2 students and any students interested in joining band
<b>Year 6 OC Notables Presentations</b>	Monday 20 November @ 1.30pm	Classrooms	Year 6 OC
<b>Year 6 High School Week</b>	27 – 30 November	Classrooms	Year 6 students
<b>Volunteers' Community Appreciation Morning Tea</b>	Tuesday 28 November 11.00am	At the bell tower in near our office	Everyone who has supported our school in 2023
<b>Band and Strings Concert</b>	Wednesday 29 November @ 6.30 pm	Hall	All Band and Strings students
<b>Year 6 Fair</b>	Friday 1 December	Playground	All students
<b>Chess Competition</b>	Monday 4 December	Hall	K-6 Students
<b>Super Choir singing at the Woollahra Community Carols - Chiswick Park</b>	Tuesday 5 December @ 6 pm	Chiswick Gardens	All Choir students 1-6
<b>Presentation Day Award Assemblies</b>	Wednesday 6 December K-2: 9.30 – 11 am 3-6: 12pm -2 pm	Hall	All students K-6

<b>K - 2 Picnic Day</b>	Thursday 7 December	Parsley Bay	K- 2 Students
<b>Year 6 Picnic Day</b>	Tuesday 12 December	Luna Park	Year 6 Students
<b>Year 5 Picnic Day – AMENDED</b>	Thursday 14 December	Movies	Year 5 Students
<b>Stage 2 Picnic Day</b>	Thursday 14 December	Parsley Bay	Years 3 and 4 Students
<b>Year 6 Graduation Dinner</b>	Thursday 14 December @ 5.30 pm	Hall	Year 6 students @ 6 pm
<b>LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS</b> <b>Year 6 Graduation Ceremony</b>	Friday 15 December	Hall	Year 6 Students Parents are welcome to join us at 1.30pm.

## Community Appreciation Morning Tea

We are very grateful for the huge support our parents and friends provide to our school through a variety of ways such as reading groups, , scripture, ethics, P&C events and book covering – just to name a few! If you have given some time this year to the school, we would love to see you at our Volunteers' Appreciation Morning Tea. The event will be held at **11am on Tuesday 28 November at the front of the school near the bell tower.**

## Presentation Days Years K-2 and 3-6

On Wednesday 6 December we will celebrate the achievements of students at our Presentation Day. There will be two separate assemblies as follows:

- Students in Kindergarten – Year 2: **Wednesday 6 December 9.30am – 11.00am**
- Students in Year 3- 6: **Wednesday 6 December 12.00pm – 2.00pm**

Parents will be notified in the lead up to the event if their child is receiving an award. The assemblies will incorporate the presentation of the Term 4 Principal awards as well as the end of year awards.

## Year 6 Celebrations

In the last weeks of term, there will be a number of events to celebrate our Year 6 students as they move onto high school. The Year 6 farewell will be in the evening on **Thursday 14 December** and there will be a special graduation assembly from 1.30pm on **Friday 15 December**, which will then be followed by the farewell arch. All Year 6 parents are welcome at the assembly where the students will be awarded their graduation certificate. The Year 6 picnic day will be held at Luna Park on Tuesday 12 December.

## Learning in 3L and 3J with Ms Lee and Ms Savannah



In Year 3 we have been exploring the mathematical concept of fractions. Year 3 students cooked up a storm creating fractions pizzas. We have been using mathematical language and symbols to represent our findings. In 3J and 3L, we used our critical thinking skills to discover that some fractions are equal to the same amount. Students then explored different equivalent fractions and how they can be represented in different ways. See some of our scrumptious fraction's pizzas displayed in the year 3 classrooms!



*In fractions we were given a slip showing a fraction. We then had to show that fraction on a pizza. First, we had to draw it out and then we had to cut out our toppings. The last step was to draw the slices evenly with pen. - Avery R from 3J*



I enjoyed drawing out the fractions. I found it hard to draw out my fraction as it was difficult to get the pieces even. My fraction was  $\frac{6}{12}$  and  $\frac{7}{14}$  which were both equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$ . - **Casper K from 3J**

*It was really fun making the pizzas. Some of the fractions were challenging because they were difficult to draw even parts. I learnt that some fractions  $\frac{2}{4}$ ,  $\frac{4}{8}$  and  $\frac{3}{6}$  are all equivalent to a half.* - **Melinda G from 3J**

I really liked how we got a random fraction and got to cover it in pizza toppings of our choice. - **Maggie T from 3L**

*I liked when we got to draw out our fractions and were able to decorate with the toppings and I learnt how to draw  $\frac{8}{24}$ .* - **Jade B from 3L**

*It was fun because we got to cut out different shapes and stick them on. Some people in 3L didn't put sauce on their pizzas and Nora thought that was unusual because she is Italian.* - **Hannah M from 3L**



## Learning in 2G with Ms Grindrod



As part of our Geography unit, 'People and Places', students in 2G have been investigating how spaces in our local area are used by the community. They have been studying the map of Centennial Park and discussing the many activities available to visitors. Students are learning to use the co-ordinates, the key and its symbols to locate landmarks and navigate their way from one place to another on the map.

Many of our students are familiar with the walking and horse riding trails, duck ponds, cafes and sports areas. In pairs, students have been creating maps of Centennial Park along with their own choice of symbols to represent

the various spaces and activities available.

Following a class discussion on mapping, students have been writing instructions using positional language to guide visitors to popular landmarks in the park.



## Whole School News

### 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/childcare/starting-school/2024-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!

## Stage 3 News

### 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:

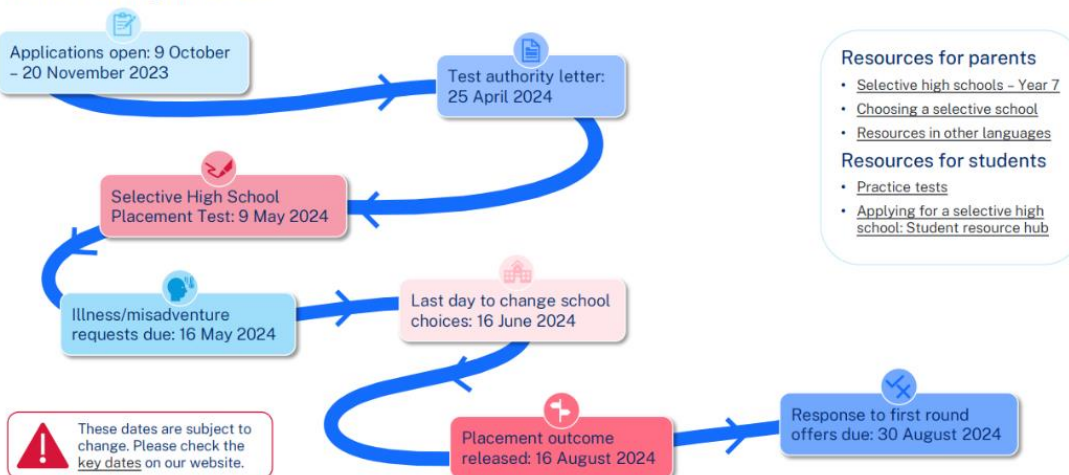
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

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

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### Selective high school placement timeline

Year 7 entry in 2025

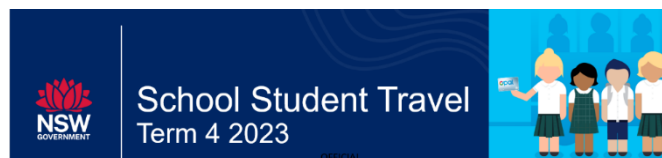


### 2024 Travel Applications Now Open

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

### ETHICS NEWS – Calling for Volunteers 2024



Currently we can only confirm 5 classes out of the anticipated 15 classes for next year. This means around 200 students will be missing out. We need 10 additional volunteers to assist with the facilitation of ethics classes across Kindy to Year 6. 30 minutes every Tuesday morning. Training will be provided.

**Join us on Tuesday 7 November at 8:30am, in the Learning Hub for an introductory session.** Parents, grandparents, friends, or anyone who is keen, please come along. Get in touch with our volunteer ethics coordinator Donna Kwan at [fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk), visit <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/>.

## 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 *In Class Transitions* Teachers are guiding their students to:

<b>Be Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move around classroom safely and quietly</li> <li>- Give way to others when moving around furniture</li> <li>- Allow others their personal space</li> </ul>
<b>Be Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tidy desks and the floor before moving to new activity</li> <li>- Put paper in recycling bin</li> <li>- Sit or stand where the teacher can see you</li> <li>- Place bags and hats on hooks</li> </ul>
<b>Be an Active Learner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Follow directions quickly and sensibly</li> <li>- Be ready for the next lesson</li> </ul>

## Parents & Citizens' Association News

### Uniform Shop News

Please make note of the following dates for end of term uniform shop opening times:

Last Uniform shop **online orders: Wednesday 13 December**

Last Uniform shop **open day: Friday 15 December 8.30 - 9am**

First Uniform shop open day: **Wednesday 31 January 2024 - 8.30-12.30pm**



## 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 Uniform Shop Team [Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com](mailto:Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto:woollahrapc@gmail.com)

**President** - Sheree Jonathan

**Secretary** - Claire Hooper

**Vice Presidents** –Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

**Treasurer**– Campbell Dawson



