



Woollahra Public School

Term 4 Week 6– 13 November 2023



Calendar Dates

- Monday 13 November – Media/photo shoot with Mayor for choir
- 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
- Thursday 23 November – Strings Expo in the hall @ 2pm
- Tuesday 28 November – Community Morning Tea @ 11.00am near the bell tower
- Wednesday 29 November – Band and Strings Concert in hall @! 6.30 pm



Monty Hui missed six weeks of school for two brain surgeries this year, but he wasn't about to miss the spelling bee. (ABC Radio Sydney: Declan Bowring)

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy Congratulations Monty!

I love that we have so many passionate spellers across our school who have turned the fine art of competing successfully in the annual NSW Premier's Spelling Bee into a coveted pursuit. Many hours of practice and determination are put into learning a large array of complex words, understanding the meaning of each word and



navigating the protocols of a spelling bee competition. Each year, students across the school participate in our school competition and then we have students represent the school at the region level of the bee. We are proud to say that this year we had one of our students achieve first place at the regional level and the progress to the state level. Monty H in 5C competed at the state finals last Friday and was exceptional, placing in the top 20 of Years 5 and 6 students across the state. We are so incredibly proud of Monty and extend all of our congratulations. Click on this link to read a great article that features Monty and his achievements. He is the Woollahra epitome of determination, persistence, enthusiasm, grit and talent. Well done Monty!

NSW Premier's Spelling Bee produces worthy, wordy winners and a marathon final round - ABC News



Well done Veronika!

Congratulations to one of our outstanding Year 6 musicians Veronika who recently travelled to Liverpool with our very own music teacher Ricky Kradolfer to sing the national anthem at a special Liverpool City council event. Veronika sang brilliantly with students from a range of other schools and was a wonderful ambassador for our school. Well done. It's wonderful to see our music talent travelling far and wide.

P&C Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 21 November 2023

Our 2023 Parents and Citizens Association Annual General Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 21 November at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. At this meeting we will elect the 2024 office bearers. The annual general meeting will be followed by the first general meeting of the year.

As returning officer for the P&C elections, I will declare all positions vacant. I'm calling for nominations prior to the meeting. If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else, please complete the attached nomination form and return it to the school digitally or in hard copy by 3:00pm, Monday 20 November 2023. If you are interested in running for an executive position on the P&C and would like some more information, please don't hesitate to contact us!

Please click here for information about the role of President.

<https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/faqs/Quick%20member%20info%20-%20Role%20of%20the%20President.pdf>

Please click here for information about the role of Secretary.

<https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/faqs/Quick%20member%20info%20-%20Role%20of%20the%20Secretary.pdf>

Please click here for information about the role of Treasurer.

<https://www.pandc.org.au/forms/faqs/Quick%20member%20info%20-%20Role%20of%20the%20Treasurer.pdf>

We have always been proud of the extremely supportive, inclusive and cohesive P&C we have at Woollahra. Our school benefits from this support and parent involvement in so many ways and we are grateful to have such strong parent partnerships. We are looking forward to building upon this tradition and culture in 2022 and I encourage any interested parents to become involved.

Welcome to our newest students – Kindergarten 2024



We have been delighted over the last few weeks to welcome our newest Woollahra students into the school – Kindergarten 2024! These students have joined us for the final component of a comprehensive orientation program which we conduct throughout the year to ensure new students and their families feel warmly welcomed into our school community. We had 80 new students join us for two sessions of 'Stay and Play' where they had the opportunity to spend time in our classrooms, meet some of our teachers, spend time with some of our Year 5 students who will be their Year 6 buddies in 2024 and generally become an integral part of Woollahra! Special thanks go to the teaching team led by Mrs Kazanis and Mrs Byron who coordinated the program, the Year 5 students who were an amazing support and the uniform shop volunteers led by Johanna and Rubie who were brilliant in ensuring the uniform shop was open for all sessions and the families could purchase their brand new uniforms, hats and school bags. This is such an important rite of passage in preparing for big school. Welcome Kindergarten 2024. We can't wait to see you next year!





School Drama at Woollahra Public School

Since 2013 Woollahra Public School has welcomed actors from the School Drama program at the Sydney Theatre Company to work with teachers and students.

In 2023 we have had four classes in our school which have participated in School Drama. This is a creative, professional learning program for teachers in which their class works with an actor or visiting artist, essentially an artist in residence for seven weeks. Teachers also engage in an outstanding professional learning session with teaching artists when they participate in the process drama activities themselves.

During this time the children and their teacher study quality literature and enact and embody the story, concepts and themes in the book through process drama. The program is highly engaging and enriches the English curriculum, improving learning outcomes in inferential comprehension, oracy, descriptive language and narrative writing. A unit of work is completed by the teacher and the actor as a future resource for the school and all teachers to share.

I liked the drama activity The Pied Piper because of the activities about acting and the way we moved and twisted our bodies which was really fun. Working in groups was enjoyable when we had to create shapes with everyone in the group. I hope we can do the drama activity again. - Hiroto 5KL

For more information about School Drama please watch the following video.

[School Drama - overview, rational and research](#)

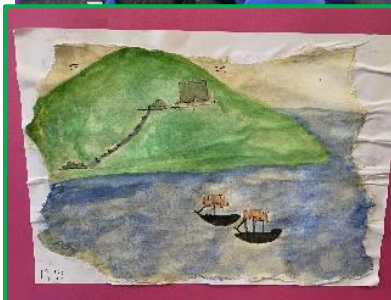


Learning in 5C and 5KL with Ms Cuthbert and Ms Kostic-London

This term 5C is studying the novel 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' by C.S. Lewis. We have been exploring the novel through persuasive writing, drama and visual arts. The drama lessons pictured have focused on significant events and characters throughout the novel.

Can you work out which characters 5C is embodying? In art we are creating our own wardrobes that open to show a significant event that happens when someone enters Narnia and influences the storyline.

The curious and creative students of 5KL have been studying the colonial settlement and the impact this had on the land along with researching the varied experiences of people living in Australia during that time. The class has been using a variety of sources to deepen their understanding of Australian History so we decided to recreate some of our own primary sources that would reflect some of the primary sources we had used in our research. Using photographs, maps, birth certificates and passports the students created their own art works that captured what life could have been like then.



Whole School News

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](#)

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
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



Volunteers' Community Appreciation Morning Tea	Tuesday 28 November 11.00am	At the bell tower near the staffroom	Everyone who has supported our school in 2023
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 @ 6.00 pm	Hall	Year 6 students - 6.00 pm 9.00 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.

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.

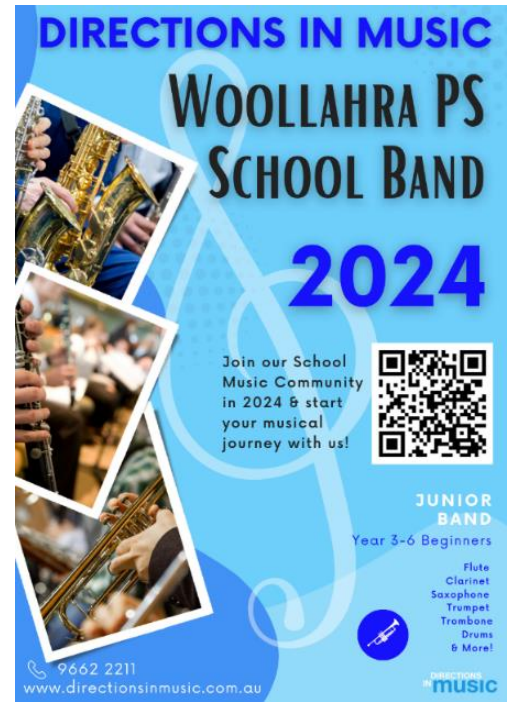
Year 6 Celebrations

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.

Performing Arts News

Arts at Woollahra - Join our Musical Ensembles in 2024

Our arts ensembles are such an important part of school life at Woollahra. We have had a year of thriving with all of our ensembles going from strength to strength. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2024 for our ensembles and are beginning the organisation for 2024 recruitment. Our Year 2 students had the opportunity to meet our band director Mr Molloy last week. They heard all about the band program, the instruments available to them and the process for applying to join in 2024. They even joined in with some great performances. Hard copies of information were sent home with these students. This information can also be found later in the newsletter. There will be more information coming next week about joining the Rock Band, dance ensembles, Choir, guitar and String Ensembles.



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.

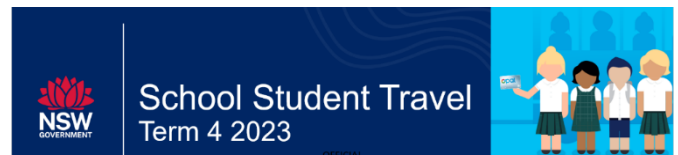
Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form will be available on Monday 9 October at:

<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.

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, 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: **Transitions around the school**, where teachers will be discussing with their students how to move around the school respectfully and safely.

Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk quietly on the left with a partner and keep up with your class - Follow teacher instructions - Knock before entering other classrooms
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wait quietly for the teacher after breaks - Be in the right place at the right time - Move around the school safely - Be aware of traffic on driveways
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Return to class promptly

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

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!

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Time
Beach
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**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.



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

2024 Nomination for P&C Executive Position

To be returned by Monday 20 November 3.00pm to the school office or via email to
woollahra-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please list your children's names: _____

Please note that you can nominate for more than one position but only be elected to one position.

One or both sections can filled in below.

Section 1 – Self Nomination

I would like to nominate myself _____ (name) for the following position(s):

Please tick	Position
	PRESIDENT
	VICE PRESIDENT – 2 positions to be filled
	SECRETARY
	TREASURER

Section 2 – Nominating another Person

I would like to nominate _____ (name) for the following position(s):

Please tick	Position
	PRESIDENT
	VICE PRESIDENT – 2 positions to be filled
	SECRETARY
	TREASURER

Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

DIRECTIONS IN MUSIC

WOOLLAHRA PS SCHOOL BAND

2024

Join our School
Music Community
in 2024 & start
your musical
journey with us!



JUNIOR BAND

Year 3-6 Beginners

Flute
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Saxophone
Trumpet
Trombone
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& More!



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WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL

OUR SCHOOL BAND

Welcome!

Our Band members have so much fun learning music alongside their friends! Weekly instrumental lessons together with a band rehearsal make for the perfect learning environment, offering students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in a supportive and collaborative setting.



Learn a Musical Instrument with DIM!

Est. since 2004...

- At DIM, we've been managing music programs in primary schools since 2004. Our years of experience in the field of music education means that we know what works when it comes to your child's musical future.

Give Your Brain a Workout...

- Learning to play a musical instrument is a fantastic skill that provides creative development for young people, as well as enhancing confidence, resilience, problem solving, and overall cognitive function. It's a great work out for your brain!

Collaborate & Learn...

- Playing together in a musical ensemble helps to develop important collaborative and communication skills, and most of all you get to play fun music with your friends!

Develop Life Long Skills...

- Prepare to be challenged! Music skills take time to develop, and it won't always be easy, but it's fun learning with your friends, you'll develop life long skills and resilience that will set you up for success!



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JUNIOR BAND at a glance...

- Enrolments open to all students in Yr 3-6.
- Beginners are welcome, there is no experience required.
- Choose your instrument: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, keyboard or drums
- You will have 2 sessions each week with our specialist music tutors - Band Rehearsal + Private Instrumental Lesson
- Band Rehearsal - Fridays, 7.45am
- Private Instrumental Lesson - 30 minute lesson, held after school throughout the week
- \$160 ensemble membership fee + private lesson fee (\$55 per lesson, approx 8-10 lessons per term)
- Termly fees include all lessons, rehearsals, performances and music

JUNIOR BAND

Year 3-6 Beginners

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& More!

ENROL BY:

Friday 25th November

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Woollahra Public School 2023 Community Thank you Morning Tea

'It takes a village to raise a child.' African Proverb

We are so fortunate at Woollahra to have such a supportive and generous community who give their time to the school in a myriad of ways to ensure our children have the very best learning experiences possible. This includes helping in the classrooms, leading and supporting the P&C, fundraising, managing events, , BEAR tutoring, assisting with school initiatives, volunteering in the uniform shop, teaching ethics and SRE and much more!

It is our pleasure to invite all of our wonderful community volunteers to join us for a thank you morning team on Tuesday 28 November at 11.00am at the front of the school just inside Gate 2. Enjoy a cup of tea, some delicious treats and celebrate the fabulous year we have had. We thank you for giving us so much support in 2023 and are looking forward to seeing you then.



With much gratitude. The Staff and Students at Woollahra Public School