

Woollahra

Public School

Term 4 Week 8–29 November 2023

Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 28 November Community Morning Tea @ 11.00am near the bell tower
- Wednesday 29 November Band and Strings Concert in hall @! 6.30 pm
- Friday December 1 Year 6 Fair Day
- Monday December 4 Sydney Academy of Chess Competition Day
- Tuesday 5 December Community Christmas Carols at Chiswick Gardens
- Wednesday 6 December Presentation Day Assemblies K-2 @ 9.30am and 3-6 @ 12pm
- Thursday 7 December K-2 Picnic Day
- Friday 8 December Project Flourish Muffi Day and Book Swap
- Thursday 14 December Years 3, 4 & 5 Picnic Days
- Thursday 14 December- Year 6 Graduation Dinner
- Friday 15 December Last day for students and Year
 6 Graduation Assembly @ 1.30pm in the hall

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy School Spectacular Heroes!



Providing our students with rich and exciting opportunities in the arts is a focus for us at Woollahra. To this end, we were excited to be part of the NSW Public Schools School Spectacular performance which was held last week at Qudos Arena Homebush. This outstanding show featured 4700 students from across NSW. We were very proud to have our Senior Dance

Company perform in two different segments. We are also beyond proud of our very own

Ms Katelyn Boshell who choreographed and coordinated the 'Happy Birthday' segment with over 500 dancers. It was an amazing show and such a great experience for the children who are to be congratulated on their achievements. Special thanks go to Ms Boshell and the many parents who assisted with transport and organisation.



Congratulations Luca!



We were delighted share the amazing

news a few weeks ago that Luca in Year 6 has been highly successful at the NSW state athletics championships and progressed to the National titles in Tasmanian. This was a phenomenal achievement and we were grateful to the many members of our community who support Luca's journey by purchasing raffle tickets.

Luca travelled interstate last week and has a wonderful time. He placed 10th nationally for the 200 metre race. In the 100 metre sprint he recorded a personal best of 12.40 seconds, making the final and placing 6th in the country. Finally, he was a member of the NSW under 12 relay team which came first, meaning Luca brought home gold.

Congratulations Luca on a truly outstanding achievement. Our community is proud beyond words. You are a Woollahra hero!



Our Future Leaders

Leadership is unlocking people's potential to become better. Bill Bradley

A huge congratulation goes to all 29 candidates who nominated to stand for leadership positions in 2024 and progressed through to the second round of the selection process. The leadership passports put together by these students were outstanding and we'll look forward to sharing some of the leadership projects they undertook soon. All students presented engaging and interesting speeches about their strengths, their leadership goals, how they could contribute to the future of our school and how they as leaders hope to make a positive difference. This enthusiastic response clearly shows the committed and responsible nature of our students. It

definitely made the voting process extremely hard as all candidates would undoubtedly make inspirational leaders. The 2024 leadership positions, including house captains will be announced during our presentation day ceremony on Wednesday 6 December at 12.00pm

Our Amazing Parents and Citizen's Association

We held our final P&C meeting for the year last week including the Annual General Meeting to elect the 2024 P&C executive. Congratulations go to our incoming executive:

President – Lydia Georgeopoulos

Vice Presidents – Natalie Gentin and Brooke Hanby

Treasurer - Campbell Dawson

Secretary – *Nicholas Georgeopoulos*

It was great to have so many parents join us for the final meeting. I'm always so grateful for the incredible parent support we have at Woollahra. It makes our school a very special community and I'm very much looking forward to working with the 2024 P&C under the leadership of this great team.



Our enormous thanks goes to the 2023 P&C executive Sheree Jonathan, Sean Inzitari, Natalie Gentin, Campbell Dawson, Claire Hooper, Jenny Fendler and Jonathan Potts for their hard work and outstanding leadership through 2023. They have brought the community together through some wonderful events and hosted a brilliant parent event at the Woollahra Hotel recently. Enormous thanks also go to Johanna Liberou, Rubie Lonergan and Yocelyn Yonathan for their leadership of the uniform shop. I was delighted to present our outgoing executive and other hard working parents with a well-deserved Principal's award and coveted gold pencil! Congratulations and thank you!

School Development Days – End of Year and 2024

Parents will be aware that schools have school development days on the first days of Terms 1, 2 and 3 and the last day of Term 4. These days are non-teaching days and focus on teacher professional learning and school planning.

- The school development days scheduled for the end of this year are Monday 18 December and Tuesday 19 December. Staff will be at work on Monday 18 December for a professional learning and planning day. This will be a student-free day. Tuesday 19 December was re-scheduled this year with teachers completing their professional learning workshops during evening sessions. Accordingly, there will be no staff present on Tuesday 19 December and the school will be closed to students. The last day of attendance for students is Friday 15 December.
- At the beginning of 2024 staff will return on Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January to participate in professional learning related to curriculum development and wellbeing for two days. We will also be engaged in whole school strategic planning and look forward to sharing this with you early next year.
- The first day of attendance for students in Years 1-6 for the 2024 school year is Thursday 1 February 2024.
- New Kindergarten students will complete their Best Start Assessments on Thursday 1 and Friday 2 February. Their first day of school will be Monday 5 February 2024.

A Very Special Graduation – Being Excited About Reading (BEAR)









A very special program we run at Woollahra is the Being Excited About Reading (BEAR) program. This program brings parent and community members together with students in Years 1 & 2 for one on one reading support and connection. We held a special graduation ceremony for our students completing the program last week at the same time were able to express our sincere appreciation to the volunteer tutors for their time, care and support.

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
Band and Strings Concert	Wednesday 29 November @	Hall	All Band and Strings
	6.30 pm		students
Year 6 Fair	Friday 1 December	Playground	All students
Chess Competition	Monday 4 December	Hall	K-6 Students
Super Choir singing at the	Tuesday 5 December @ 6 pm	Chiswick Gardens	All Choir students 1-6
Woollahra Community			
Carols - Chiswick Park			
Presentation Day Award	Wednesday 6 December	Hall	All students K-6
Assemblies	K-2: 9.30 – 11 am		
	3-6: 12pm -2 pm		
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
Year 3 and 4 Picnic Day	Thursday 14 December	Lough Park	Years 3 and 4 Students
Year 6 Graduation Dinner	Thursday 14 December @	Hall	Year 6 students - 6.00 pm
	6.00 pm		9.00 pm
LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS	Friday 15 December	Hall	Year 6 Students
Year 6 Graduation			Parents are welcome to
Ceremony			join us at 1.30pm.

Learning Japanese with Mr Lawson

This term in Japanese, we have been growing our knowledge of fundamental sentence structure through the study of adjectives and their proper application in conjunction with nouns. Additionally, we have honed our listening abilities with videos of native Japanese speakers, breaking their conversations down into smaller parts, then deconstructing the grammar points in their speech. We have also continued the revision of both reading and writing hiragana script to improve our proficiency.

In addition to learning more about Japanese language, we have also looked at various interesting and unique places in Japan which are of cultural significance as well as popular tourist attractions. We learned to use Google Earth to navigate Japan and create personal maps of places which are of interest to us. This week, as well as preparing for our Japanese assessment through revision of previously learned content, we have also been introduced into the world of *shodo* – the art of Japanese calligraphy.

Year 6 Head to Canberra!



Year 6 have recently spent 3 days and two nights in Canberra. The students had a busy few days visiting many important places. Here are a few highlights of our trip.

Parliament House was a highlight of my Canberra experience because it felt like a really big deal to stand in the house of one of the most important people in the country and to actually look at the car where Prince Charles (now King Charles III) sat. My favourite part (surprisingly) was the giant cabinet in the Government house. With 52 drawers, it was made by Geoffrey Hannah, and it may not sound



like much, but it is quite the sight to see. Something else that I really liked was the number

plate of the Governor General's car, which is simply a red and gold crown. Tino 6M

At the Australian Electoral Commission, we learnt how the Australian voting system works. We did a mock election with

four candidates, orange, banana, peach, and apple. We received a slip of paper with each of the candidates. We had to vote by numbering them from our favourite - number 1 to our least favourite - number 4. Then we put our votes into the ballot box and after everyone voted we counted the score:

In the lead: peach! Second: banana; third: orange and in last place: apple We learned that secondary voting is crucial and that Allegra Spender, member for Wentworth would have lost to David Sharma in the last election if it wasn't for secondary voting. **Veronika 6M**





On Thursday evening during our Canberra excursion, Year 6 went to a **Questacon**. We split up into groups and we went off into all the incredible activity rooms. There were many interactive activities such as: free-for-all slide, earthquake simulator, and many more fun activities! After that, the students got to buy souvenirs from the Questacon store! Overall, we had such a great time at Questacon. **Saule 6M**

The Australian Institute of Sport was so fun! We met with some staff members, who are current athletes and they

led us to the games area. In the games area there were loads of activities to do, such as: basketball, a football penalty shootout, who can hold a chin up for the longest and so much more fun things! We had a tour around the AIS, and we learnt more about the Australian athletes and what they do as a career. At the end, we got to go to the AIS souvenir store and buy some souvenirs to take home! **Grace and Sophia 6M**





Whole School News WOOLLAHRA WORKING BEE

WANTED: Parent and Community volunteers to cover decodable readers!

<u>When:</u> Monday to Friday for the rest of the term or until all

books are covered!

Morning Session: 9am-11.00am

Location: Staff room

If you are available, please come along and donate 1 or 2 hours to help contact student decodable readers for our 2024 class and home reading programs. Any support would be very much appreciated by our students, staff, and wider community.

Hard work will be rewarded with delicious biscuits! Thank you in advance and I hope to see you there.

Brooke Rush - Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction

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.

ETHICS NEWS - Calling for Volunteers 2024

Since our call out for 2024 ethics teaching volunteers a month ago, we are happy to share that 4 volunteers have successfully applied and moving forward to the onboarding stage with training in January and February. We have a few more potential volunteers to move forward. We must thank all those who have reached out and spread the words.

With our continuing volunteers and new volunteers for 2024, we are looking good for the Stage 2 & 3. However, we are still looking for the younger years (Kindy in particular). 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, visit https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/.



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 Achievements

We love to celebrate exceptional student achievements across a range of endeavours. Congratulations go to the follow students: **Kids Giving Back**

Between August and October this year (including school holidays) the following students gave up their time to volunteer for the Kids Giving Back programme:

GIVIND BACK

The next generation of generosity

Annika and Toby F in 4/5A and 4H.

Anyone interested in the programme can contact: https://kidsgivingback.org/

Performing Arts News

Arts at Woollahra - Join our Musical Ensembles in 2024



We've had two very successful instrumental demonstrations recently for children who may be interested in joining the Band Program or String Ensemble Programs in 2024. Planning and staffing for these programs needs to happen now so we would appreciate you contacting Directions in Music (Band) or sending back the Expression of Interest form (Strings) as soon as possible. Information for both programs is attached with the newsletter. Don't hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.

Stage 3 News

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 <u>renew or update</u> 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.

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Woollahra Beach Party

Thank you to all of the parents who supported the P&C Beach Party Parents' Event last weekend. it was a fabulous night. We're very appreciative of the support of our sponsors. See below for a special thank you message to our sponsors.





President's Annual Report 2023 – from Sheree Jonathon

It is with great pleasure that I share with you the annual President's report for the Woollahra Public School Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) 2023. This year has been truly remarkable as we focused on building a stronger and inclusive community within our school and worked to have as many parents involved and heard across our community. Our monthly P&C meetings have seen a large turnout of enthusiastic parents. Your active participation and presence have been instrumental in shaping our school community. Your willingness to lend a helping hand whenever needed, is a testament to the strong bonds we have forged.

Throughout the year, we organised several events that brought our community together. We started the year with our Welcome Picnic, providing an opportunity for new families to connect with existing ones. It was heart-warming to witness the relaxed vibe and support shared among the attendees and watch the children soak up the activities. Our annual Trivia Night was a tremendous success, with participants showcasing their knowledge and enthusiasm. It was an evening filled with laughter and friendly competition, strengthening the bonds within our school community. The State Election BBQ was also fabulous and it was special to be able to host the Woollahra community on school grounds. To celebrate the incredible mothers in our school, we organised a special Mother's Day event. It was a beautiful occasion where mothers were acknowledged and appreciated for their invaluable contributions to their families and our school. Similarly, we organized a Father's Day event to honour and recognise the amazing fathers in our community. It was a joyous occasion that showcased the importance of fatherhood and the positive impact Dads have on their children's lives. Finally, are concluded the year with a memorable parents' Beach Party. It was a festive gathering where parents had the opportunity to relax, socialize and enjoy the company of fellow community members. It provided a perfect way to end the year on a high note.

None of these events would have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our incredible events team, led by the talented Jenny Fendler. Their tireless efforts and creative minds were the driving force behind each successful event. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their commitment to making our community events unforgettable experiences.

The funds raised through our various initiatives have made a significant impact on our school. We allocated a portion of the proceeds to the Festival of Creativity and Thinking, which showcased the talents of our students and fostered their creativity. Furthermore, we were able to provide financial support for the Playground Project, ensuring that our students have a safe and engaging environment to play and learn. In collaboration and to support our Year 6 leadership group, we agreed to support their fundraising projects to support Project Flourish, an initiative to support other schools in accessing our very special wellbeing program *Grow Your Mind*. Their dedication and compassion towards helping those in need are truly commendable. Lastly, we expressed our gratitude to the hardworking teachers by hosting an end-of-year thank you lunch. It is a small token of appreciation for their unwavering dedication to educating and nurturing our children.

Our uniform shop, run by a team of amazing volunteer parents, has consistently been a significant contributor to our fundraising efforts. Their tireless work and commitment enable us to make substantial financial contributions to the betterment of our school community. A special thank you goes to Yocelyn Yonathan and her team for their outstanding efforts. A warm welcome and thank you to our new volunteer leaders Johanna Liberou and Rubie Lonergan.

In closing, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to each and every one of you for your invaluable contributions in making Woollahra Public School a beautiful and inclusive community. We are privileged to be part of this remarkable journey together, we will continue to build upon the foundations we have established. Together, we will strive to create an even more inclusive and supportive environment for our students, teachers, and families. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Nicole Molloy and the dedicated teachers and staff of Woollahra Public School. Your unwavering commitment to providing quality education and guidance to our children is truly inspiring. We appreciate your tireless efforts day in and day out. To the parents and caregivers, thank you, your active involvement and support are integral to the success of our school community. Whether it's volunteering in the classroom, participating in events, volunteering time for school projects and enrolment panels or lending a helping hand, your contributions make a significant difference in the lives of our students.

Last but not least, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to the Woollahra P&C executive committee, event organisers, volunteers, and all those who have dedicated their time and energy to the betterment of our school community. Your passion and dedication are the driving forces behind our achievements, and I am truly grateful for your unwavering commitment.

As we move forward, let us continue to embrace the values of inclusiveness, collaboration, and community spirit. Together, we will create a nurturing and vibrant environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. Thank you once again for your continued support and involvement. I am honoured to have had the opportunity to serve as the President of Woollahra School P&C in 2023.

Sheree Jonathan: President, Woollahra Public School P&C 2023

A welcome from our 2024 P&C President – Lydia Georgeopoulos

I am honoured to take on the role for President for the P&C Association, returning to a school where my daughter thrived, and my son eagerly anticipates starting kindergarten next year. WPS has always been a special place for us as a family and we are beyond thrilled to be returning. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to outgoing President Sheree Jonathan and the entire executive team (Sean Inzitari, Natalie, Claire Hooper and Campbell Dawson for their hard work, dedication and service and also to the team of dedicated parents that made up the Events team and the uniform shop this year.

I am delighted to introduce the new executive for 2024 as follows:

- Vice Presidents Brooke Hanby and Natalie Gentin
- Treasurer Campbell Dawson
- Secretary Nicholas Georgeopoulos

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead working alongside Nicole and serving you, the wonderful Woollahra Public School community.

Lydia Georgeopoulos: President, Woollahra Public School P&C 2024

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

Online orders can be made using the order form following the link below. When using the order form please send it, 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 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

Please note that online orders for 2024 are to be sent to the uniform shop email address by close of business Monday 29 January 2024 in order for them to be ready for pick up on Wednesday 31 January 2024.

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 <u>Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com</u>

Woollahra Parents and Citizens' Association 2024

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

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Secretary - Nicholas Georgeopoulos **Treasurer**— Campbell Dawson

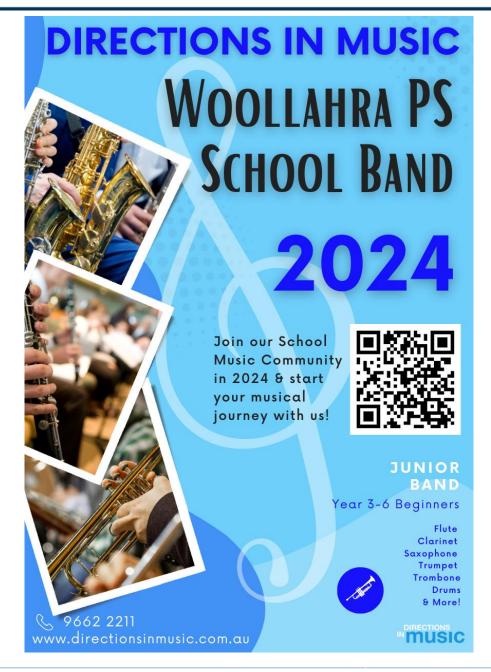
WPS Uniform Shop



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



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!

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

Flute Clarinet Saxophone Trumpet Trombone Drums & More!

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Friday 25th November

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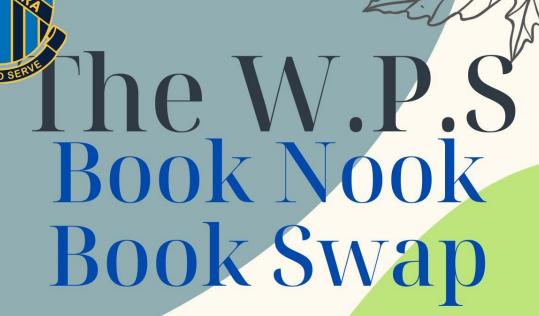


FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023

Come along to school on Friday 8

December in mufti clothes! Our theme is wear something that brings you joy. It could be a favourite colour, animal, your pyjamas - any that brings you joy!





BEFORE SCHOOL FROM 8:15AM TO 9:00AM
BRING AN OLD BOOK AND SWAP IT FOR A
NEW READ!

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 2023

BRING A BOOK | SWAP IT | READ IT | REPEAT

WHERE? AT GATE 3 NEAR THE CHESS GAME,

W.P.S STREET LIBRARY













ROBOKIDS Robotics Workshops are BACK!

TERM 1, 2024

Don't miss out!

Enrol NOW for Robotics Term 1- 2024 - 8 week program

*for Woollahra PS students only

*Lego Robotic Workshops for students in Years 1-6
Fun with engineering, coding, programming, robotic challenges and
more! Build Robots with Lego, and learn to code!

Aligned with all NSW STEM requirements.

Monday Afternoons- Beginning Term 1 - 2024

TIME: 3.00pm to 4.30pm

COST: \$240 for an 8 week program inc. GST CREATIVE KIDS voucher may be used to save \$50 DAY: Monday afternoons - 5/2/24 - 25/3/24

ROOM: TBA

*We have a Covid Safe Plan and will follow all Woollahra PS Cleaning and Health Protocols BOOK NOW- Don't Miss Out!

* Years 3-6 Lego Spike and EV3 Robots-Booking Link: https://www.trybooking.com/CNQES

*Years 1-2 Lego Essentials and WEDO 2.0 Robots-Booking Link: https://www.trybooking.com/CNQEG