

Woollahra

Public School

Term 1 Week 10 – 29 March 2023

Calendar Dates

- Friday 31 March Family photos and catch up photo day
- Friday 31 March @ 8.15am Student Leader Great Book Swap and Book Nook launch
- Friday 31 March Junior Band Open Rehearsal in the hall 'Hot Cross Buns' performance
- Monday 3 April- BEAR reading program information session and training @ 2.00pm
- Tuesday 4 April Harmony Day Celebrations.
 Whole school performance at 2.40pm in the Barton Playground.
- Wednesday 5 April Teddy Bears Picnic for Kindergarten
- Wednesday 5 April Open rehearsal for Senior Band @ 7.45am
- Thursday 6 April Open rehearsal for Intermediate Band @ 7.45am
- Thursday 6 April Last Day of Term 1
- Wednesday 26 April First day of Term 2 for Students
- Friday 28 April @ 9.30am– Anzac Day Ceremony

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy Best Democracy Sausage, Best Community!

Last Saturday's election day fundraiser truly was another example of our community being the best ever. So many parents came together to collaborate in planning, organising, setting up,

cooking, selling and packing up the best ever Democracy sausage BBQ! It was a joy to see and be part of the collaboration, the smiles and the

great chats. My sincere thanks and gratitude go to all of the parents, led by Jenny Fendler who contributed their time be it in organising, baking cakes or volunteering on the day. It was such a generous show of support and the Woollahra spirit shone through. Significant funds were raised which will go towards the development of our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Hub for all children in the school to learn in.



Easter Egg Guessing Competition

Our wonderful P&C have also organised

an Easter Egg guessing competition to raise some money for the STEM Hub and to allow the children to have some fun with a competition to win the coveted Easter eggs at the end of the term. Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to collect the guesses in the playground over the last week. Come and make some final guesses at the Book Swap tables near Gate 3 on Friday morning or near the friendship tree on Monday morning. The competition winner will be announced at our whole school Harmony Day get together in the Barton playground at 2.30pm next Tuesday 4 April.





Let's come together to celebrate our cultural diversity.

Harmony Week

Woollahra Public School celebrated Harmony Week last week with some great learning and sharing in the classrooms.

Tuesday 4 April (Week 11) will be our official day of celebration. We invite all students to come dressed in cultural dress or the colour orange.

Invitation to Parents and Friends.

All parents and friends are invited to join us next Tuesday 4 April at 2.30pm in the Barton Playground where our whole school will come together to celebrate Harmony Day. Our Super Choir will perform and the whole school will premiere a very special song which has been written for Harmony Day by our very own Woollahra Dad and music teacher Ricky Kradolfer. Join us to celebrate our special community in song.

The Grand Woollahra Book Swap and Book Nook Opening!

An initiative in partnership with our student leaders, the local Men's Shed and the Soroptimists

Did you know that Woollahra PS has it's very own 'Street Library' box where you can donate pre-loved books and swap them for books you would like to read. The book box is located just inside the Forth Street fence near the Kindergarten rooms. Look for the chess board and keep walking to find it. Our street library was created a couple of years ago with the help of our local Men's' Shed and the Soroptimists organisation under the coordination of our very own Woollahra parent Johanna Liberiou. Our 2023 student leadership team have taken the initiative to rejuvenate the space, promote the library and at the same time lead a love for reading in the school. They are pairing this with our 'Grand Woollahra Book Swap.

Here is some communication and a flyer from our student leaders:

stuck into books during break times! To celebrate the opening of the Book Nook the 2023 Woollahra School Leaders are hosting a book swap where anyone that wants to hand in old books can 'trade' them for new ones! This fantastic event will be held in the outdoor Chess Board area (just to the right of Gate 3). It will be held on Friday 31 March 8.15am - 9.00am. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join! We will be coming around to collect book donations in Week 9 so make sure you are ready! Tables will be set out so that you

can browse the many collections of books, and even donate your own!

W.P.S STREET LIBRARY SO MANY MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER The Book Nook will be a space for students to unwind and get

After the grand opening in Term 1, the Book Nook will be open for any students to come and read, discuss and share books with students. Donations of books can be sent in any day from now. We would love books that are in good condition. All children who donate a book will be eligible to select a book for a gold coin donation on the day of the book swap. Money raised will be donated to a special charity chosen by the student leaders. We will share the details of this next week. Every child who visits the Great Book Swap will also receive a special book mark created by our student leaders.

Safety Around our School

We need the help of EVERYONE in our school community to work together in making sure we are all safe and that the complex nature of moving our 715 young people on and off the school site each day happens in a safe and calm manner. We ask everyone to adhere to the following:

- **FORTH STREET BUS ZONE** Please don't park in the bus zones on Forth Street from 2.30pm each day <u>under any circumstances</u>. Even if you think you'll be quick it's not ok to park there. Each day for the last week we have had parents parking in this zone. This then means the buses can't pull in to pick up our kids and consequently they block up the Forth St traffic and streets beyond this.
- FORTH STREET SAFETY please do not do a U-turn on any part of Forth Street in the mornings at drop off or in the afternoons at pick up. There are lots of pedestrians around, most of them being children and it's so unsafe. If the street is blocked up, please be patient. It will clear. It's not worth risking an accident or someone's life. Please also make sure you use the pedestrian crossing and don't cross other parts of the road with your child. This is also extremely unsafe and is why we have a pedestrian crossing. Let's use it.
- OSBORNE LANE CAR LINE If you are using car line please be efficient and quick with getting your children into the car to ensure it moves quickly. As you pull in, move up as far as you can so that we are loading three cars at a time. If your child is not waiting at the gate please keep moving and go around the block. If the car line doesn't keep moving, this blocks up Osborne Lane and then Edgecliff Road. This then blocks up all of the surrounding roads leading to frustration for everyone. Please do not pull over on the side of the lane opposite our school fence under any circumstances. Remember that Gate 4 on Osborne Lane is not a pedestrian exit point in the afternoons for safety reasons. It only takes an extra minute to walk the other way a minute that could save a life.
- DOGS Most of you will know that I love dogs and will take any opportunity to pat your pooches when I see
 them BUT only in a safe manner and it should <u>NEVER</u> be on the school site. For safety reasons, dogs are not allowed
 on school sites and can't be tied up at our fences unattended. Even the most friendly, placid dog could react in an
 unsafe manner if startled or approached in a way that makes the dog feel uncomfortable. Please keep your
 pooches on a lead outside the school grounds and fully supervised by an adult if you are walking them to and from
 school.

Respect and Support for others in our School - Disabled Parking

As parking around our school is limited and we have no onsite parking, there is only one disabled parking spot adjacent to the Barton building on Forth Street. We have several families in the school who rely on this space to enable a safe drop off and pick up of their children.

In recent weeks, a distressing situation occurred for one of our families who were legally parked in the disabled parking space to ensure a safe pick up of their children who have disabilities. Unfortunately, there was communication to the parent that she should not be parking in the area and when her car was moved, the adults in the area applauded in an unsupportive manner. This response understandably made the parent feel stressed, uncomfortable and unsupported.

This kind of response is uncharacteristic of our community and disappointing given the important role values of inclusivity, care and kindness play in our community. These values are the foundation on which we all work to support each other. The incident has led to the parent now feeling uncomfortable about coming into the school which is not what we ever want for any of our families — quite the opposite in fact. I have expressed my sincere apologies on behalf of our school community and urge everyone to always ensure we support each other and treat others with the utmost kindness and respect. Our school is a safe and kind place to be and we need to work together to protect that.

Please take the time to review the NSW mobility parking permit regulations in support of our families who need and use these permits.

NSW Government Mobility Parking Permit Regulations

Our Student Leaders

Our 2023 Year 6 School Captains, Vice Captains and Leaders have made a wonderful start to the year thinking about how they can lead our school forward and contribute positively and broadly. Here they share a little about themselves, their goals and their hopes for future.



Elizabeth N

Hi everyone, my name is Elizabeth and I'm in class 6M. I'm proud and very delighted to be this year's vice captain of WPS. I am looking forward to helping all of our school's students and teachers. In school my passions are all sorts of writing formats, taking part in the Maths Olympiad and debating. What's interesting about me is that, when I was 9 years old, I walked with my family on the Burramoko Ridge Trail in Blue Mountains to the Hanging rock which was 24 km to go there and back. It took a long way but I really enjoyed the challenge! My hopes for this year as 2023 vice captain, are to support my fellow students to reach their goals, building their confidence and achieve their best. If I had to change something about the world, it is for people to stop teasing people who have

different religions, beliefs and opinions from themselves, and accept others for who they are as people.

Joshua S

Hi, my name is Joshua, from 6C, and this year I am truly excited to be one of Woollahra Public School's Leaders. One thing that you may not know about me is that I love solving Rubik's cubes. I have practised for a long time and now I can solve one in close to ten seconds. I am passionate about learning more about the world and concepts that will help me later on in life. I also like playing various sports and I like practising in my spare time. Stand - up paddle boarding is one of my favourite things to do. On the weekend, I sometimes take my paddleboard to the beach to practice. As a school leader, one of my hopes for this year is to help make sure that students in Woollahra Public School enjoy learning and break times, but also make



them feel that they are valued for who they are. If I could change one thing about the world, it would be that everyone accepts others for their differences and who they are. They would accept them for their personality, their hobbies, their likes and dislikes etc. If this could happen, we would lessen the amount of global issues such as racism and discrimination towards certain people.

Winter W



Hi! My name is Winter and I am in 6C. I am one of your school leaders for 2023. One interesting thing about me is that me and my family lived overseas for 9 years and I have two little sisters that go to Woollahra. My favourite thing to do at break is to run around with my friends. If I could change one thing about the world it would be that everyone would be able to appreciate and enjoy the little things that we don't always see. My favourite subjects are English and Art. I enjoy these subjects because they allow you to see the other perspectives across different subjects and topics. This year my goal is to encourage my fellow students to ask more questions. We are going to have a great year!

Henry H

Hi, I'm Henry and I'm in 6W. Some of my interests are sports, philosophy and arts. I also like helping other students. An interesting fact about me is that I was named after my great-great-great-great grandfather who came to Australia from England. If I could change one thing in the world I would raise the average pay in the world so everyone would be given the same opportunities in life.



Learning in 4/5A with Ms Abbott

4/5A have been focusing on a range of writing techniques and styles, exploring new vocabulary, and crafting both imaginative and persuasive texts during our novel study this term. One of our standout activities has been class debates. Students have used their persuasive techniques to debate many philosophical questions raised through our novel's themes, like whether our imagination is helpful or a hindrance, and whether toys age. Students expressed their opinions, found supporting evidence from the novel and wider research, but most importantly they worked collaboratively as a team.



Learning in in KG and KS with Miss Gaddes and Mr Sipple

KG and KS have really enjoyed celebrating Harmony Week together. We learned that Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. In Kindergarten, we have been sharing stories about our cultures, making new friends, learning Harmony Week songs and completing artworks to mark this special occasion. We love that our school culture is based around kindness, collaboration and respect, and agree that every week at Woollahra Public School feels like Harmony Week. Here are some of the ideas that KG and KS came up with to explain Harmony Day:





Edith: Harmony Week is when people from other cultures come together.

Tomek: Harmony Week is about being kind to other people and making friends from other countries.

Oscar: Harmony Week is when people celebrate different cultures and play together.

Archie: Harmony week is about trying new

things like food and music and spending time with people from everywhere. Alessia: Harmony week is about making new friends and it doesn't matter where they come from or what they look like.



Being Excited About Reading Program

In 2022 we launched a highly successful reading program called **Being Excited About Reading** (*BEAR Program*). The BEAR Program is designed to strengthen and increase Stage 1 students' reading fluency, phonological awareness, phonic knowledge, vocabulary, comprehension and LOVE of reading.

The program is coordinated by school staff but relies on the generous support of volunteers. We would like to invite community members to be part of the program. The program is open to parents, grandparents, friends and community members – the more help the better!

Things to know about the program:

- The program targets Year 1 and 2 students who would benefit from a short boost of reading guidance.
- BEAR sessions run for approximately 30 minutes.
- Connection is important. Each volunteer will work with a student for approximately 10 weeks. This means that reading success and the learning journey is celebrated by the student and tutor.



- Volunteers will be trained by school staff in how to deliver the BEAR session. This will include useful strategies on how to support and extend students reading skills. While this is extremely useful for this program, it is also invaluable in assisting you to support/extend with your own children at home.
- Ongoing support relevant resources and teacher support will be provided.

What do you need to participate in this exciting program?

All that is needed is some time and enthusiasm! No special skills are required. Parent support to work with students on an individual level makes such a difference to the learning development of our students. Ideally, tutors will be available to work with a student for 2-3 sessions per week. The session times are scheduled to align to the Year 1 and 2 teaching program.

If you are interested in learning more about the BEAR Program, we invite you to attend a BEAR Information Session on **Monday 3 April** at 2pm. Any questions you may have will be answered during this session. Please let Janey Jankelson know by emailing her at janey.jankelson@det.nsw.edu.au

Performing Arts News

Band News from Directions in Music

We are so proud of the progress our students have made over the past term, and we are super excited to share their music with everyone! We are pleased to invite all families and friends to hear our Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands play at our upcoming Open Mornings.

Junior Band

Event: Hot Cross Buns Performance (Open Morning)

Date: Friday 31st March

Time: 7.45am

Please Note: Our first performance event of the year is always kept informal and lots of fun for everyone! Our

Junior Band members are excited to share their music with you all at their very first performance!

Intermediate Band

Event: Open Rehearsal **Date:** Thursday 6th April

Time: 7.45am

Senior Band

Event: Open Rehearsal **Date:** Wednesday 5th April

Time: 7.45am

Open Rehearsals are a great opportunity for our students to share their music in a casual setting. While you may not hear a super polished version of our pieces, you'll experience first hand some of our important rehearsal techniques, and see how we are learning to work together as a team. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, we are all looking forward to some great performances to finish the term!

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten teachers are very busy and excited preparing for the Teddy Bears' Picnic on **Wednesday 5 April.** In preparation for this event, we are asking for all Kindergarten students to bring a special teddy bear or soft toy to school from Monday 3rd April which will stay at school until the Wednesday event. The teddy bear picnic will also be a **mufti day for Kindergarten students**. They can dress up as their special toy, a teddy bear or any other kind of bear. The students will have a fun filled day celebrating our learning of the Cranky Bear book series and their first term of school.

During week 11, the Kindergarten students will also be building shelters for their teddy bears/special toys. This links in with our Science unit in which we have been learning all about weather. For this to be successful, we are asking all **families to donate recycling** such as boxes of varying sizes, bottle lids and plastic, as well as bring in sticky tape to support their child's construction. This can be brought in from Week 10 onwards. Thank you for your support in these exciting end of term activities.

Stage 2 and 3 News

Message for Year 4 Parents - placement in an opportunity class in 2024

Opportunity classes are for primary school students who have high academic potential or who are intellectually gifted. They provide an environment where students can learn and make friends with classmates of similar ability. This can benefit a student's academic progress and also their wellbeing.

Opportunity classes are offered in Years 5 and 6, with parents/carers applying in Year 4. Students who are successfully placed will usually have to leave their current school to enrol in a school with an opportunity class for Years 5 and 6.

Opportunity classes are just one of the ways that we cater for our high potential and gifted students.

Testing and assessment

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered on the results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test. Students who wish to be considered for placement are required to sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Thursday 27 July 2023.

How to apply

Parents/carers must apply online between Thursday 30 March and Monday 15 May 2023 at:

https://education.nsw.gov.au/oc

You must use your own email address and not one belonging to your child. Late applications are not usually accepted. If you do not have internet access you can apply at a public library or at your child's school. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after 30 March 2023. You must submit only ONE application for each student.



Stage 3 Student Achievements

We're so proud of the many student achievements that happen across our school each week. On Sunday 19 March Kevin P from 5C won a gold medal at the Sydney BJJ Championship. This is Kevin's second gold medal in this event.

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.

This week our PBL focus is **Presentation of Work**. Teachers will be reminding students to do their best in all types of work, even when they find the task challenging, and to take pride in their efforts. These explicit discussions will include:

- working quietly when asked and allowing others to work
- taking pride in bookwork and presenting work neatly
- having equipment ready for school
- trying to ignore distractions
- keeping work area tidy and organised
- trying to complete your best work
- starting and finishing work in a suitable time-frame
- continually trying to improve

At all times we are reminding students of our three expectations at Woollahra Public School:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be an Active Learner.

At all times we are encouraging students to follow our three school expectations of being respectful, safe and an active learner. Thank you for your support of PBL by going through these expectations with your children. *Edwina MacDonald – Positive Behaviour for Learning Coordinator*

Being of Benefit to Others



Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Relief

Two earthquakes, the first a 7.7 magnitude followed by a 7.6 magnitude earthquake, struck Türkiye and Syria on 6 February 2023. A third earthquake of 6.4 magnitude has hit Türkiye, only weeks after the first two earthquakes.

The collective death toll is now more than 47,000. While the total number of children affected remains unclear, 4.6 million children live in the 10 provinces of Türkiye hit by the earthquakes, and more than 2.5 million children are affected in Syria. Families have been displaced, exposing them to the elements at a time of year when temperatures regularly drop below freezing.

The earthquakes have also caused widespread damage to schools and other essential infrastructure, further jeopardizing the well-being of children and families. Access to safe water and sanitation is also a major concern, as are the health needs of the affected population.

By making a donation, you'll be helping children and their families impacted by the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria.

https://earthquake.unicef.org.au/nihanlawson

Thank you in advance for your support - Craig and Nihang Lawson

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Uniform Shop News

Our opening hours in 2023 are Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8:30 and 9.00am.

Due to an excess of stock, donations of second hand uniforms will only be accepted by the uniform shop on Friday 24 March 2023 between 8.30 and 9.00 am. Starting in 2023, second hand clothing will only be available for sale on the last Friday of Terms 1, 2 and 3. This is subject to availability of stock.

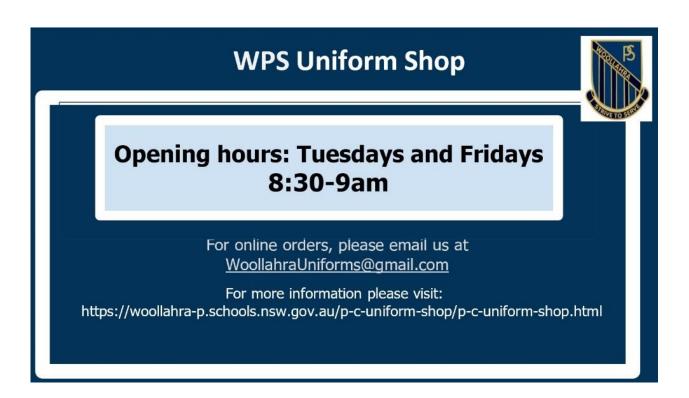
The 2022/2023 WPS Uniform Order form is on the school website. Please send a completed form including payment details to our email address. No payment details will delay the fulfilment of your order. Note that it may take up to 72 hours for orders to be filled during term time.

The updated order form is available from the school office or on the school website:

https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

The Uniform Shop hours are: Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am - 9.30am



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 JonathanVice Presidents - Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

Secretary - Claire Hooper Treasurer — Campbell Dawson

Out of Hours Extra-Curricular Activities and News

We have a range of extra-curricular activities happening at Woollahra before and after school and during break times. These activities are advertised in the newsletter for enrolment. Please see below for the contact details of all of our community users if you are interested in enrolling your child or need to contact the provider.

BJE - Paula	9365 7900	<u>bje.org.au</u>	
Art Classes	0417 261 349	renee@classartzacademy.com.au	
Class Artz - Renee			
Band Program	9662 2211	www.directionsinmusic.com.au	
Directions in Music			
GoGo Sports - Daan	0468 948 509	www.gogohealthykids.com.au	
Helping Hands Network (OOSC)	1300 612 462	www.helpinghandsnetwork.com.au	
Italian Language CoAsIt	9564 0744	<u>learning@coasit.org.au</u>	
Mandarin Stars	1800 181118	enrol@mandarinstars.com.au	
Next Generation Tennis –	0411 775 945	jed@pjtennisacademy.com	
Jed Gould			
Rock Band and Guitar	0407 534 944	ricky@rickysmusictuition.com.au	
Ricky's Music Tuition			
Coding and Robotics	0403 043 011	melissaclark@robokids.com.au	
Melissa and Peter Clark			
Sydney Academy of Chess	9745 1170	www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au	
Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet	0400 229 712	dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au	
Keyboard Lessons	9411 3122	vipmusic@iinet.net.au	
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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

DATE: Friday April 28 – Friday June 30

MEETING POINT: Outside School Gymnasium

TIME: 7.45am – 8.45am

COST: \$180

(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)

HOW TO ENROL: Email: jed@pjtennisacademy.com

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



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



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.

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 2	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 No	

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. I 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:

JED GOULD BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10181512

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 refunds given for students changing their mind on joining the program



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