# Woollahra Public School



# Term 1 Week 1 – 8 February 2023

Monday 13 Feb – Year 6 Sport (Gymnastics) starts	Friday 24 Feb – P&C run Welcome Picnic
Tuesday 14 Feb – P&C Meeting @ 7pm	Wednesday 1 March – Zone Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 15 Feb – Parent Information Evening	Friday 10 March – School Photos
Thursday 16 Feb – Stage 2 Swimming Carnival	Wednesday 15 March- NAPLAN commences
Friday 17 Feb – Year 5 Sport (Tennis) commences	Monday 27 March – Learning Conferences start
Tues 21 Feb – Special Religious Education/Ethic starts	Thursday 6 April – Anzac Day Ceremony     Last Day of Term 1

# Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy



#### Welcome back for 2023!

As this is our first edition of the Woollahra PS newsletter for the year, I would like to warmly welcome you back to school. Each new year is an exciting time and is naturally full of new challenges and new adventures. It is a time when we can reflect with renewed energy on what is possible, embrace new plans and build on our past successes. I have been thrilled to see our whole school community doing this with vigour over the last two weeks! In that time, we have welcomed 106 new Kindergarten students to our school, 60 new Year 5 OC students and 21

new students into our other classes. We have formed 28 classes across the school for 2023. I'm really proud of all of these new students and their families who have settled in so well. We hope you feel a part of the Woollahra PS community already.

#### **Our Student Leaders and new Kindergarten families**



It was a true delight to see our new Kindergarten students and their families start school last Thursday. Starting school is such a special moment. For some families it was their first experience of starting school and for others it was a significant moment as they had their last child starting. Either way, it was special and great to see such big smiles, gleaming shoes and immaculate uniforms. Our Kinder students have settled in so well thanks to their amazing teachers Mrs Byron, Mr Sipple, Mrs Wright, Miss

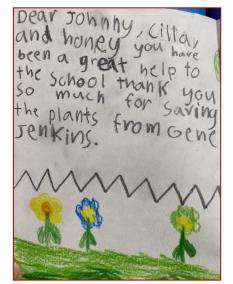
Gaddes and Ms El. They really are the perfect dream team of Kindergarten teachers and I express so much gratitude to them all for the stellar job they have done in starting our newest students. This will be the class of 2035

when they graduate Year 12. I can already see the immense potential and future leaders amongst the group. We can't wait to see what lies ahead over the next 13 years! Our Year 6 student leaders were outstanding in their new roles last week as they welcomed our new families. I was very proud of them and am looking forward to a great year working with these young leaders.









#### Thank you to our amazing neighbours Cilla, Johnny and Toffee

I love the African proverb 'It takes a village to raise a child' for all it says about the community effort needed to make sure every child truly flourishes. The same applies to our whole school – it takes a village to look after a school! We are so fortunate at Woollahra to have this village all around us. We appreciate the kindness and generosity of the neighbours surrounding the school to no end. They look out for our children, are patient with the busy start and end to each school day and

help in a myriad of ways. We had some special neighbours who live directly across the road in Forth Street go above and beyond to look after our school recently. Cilla, Johnny and their granddog Toffee came into the school each day during the holidays to check on things and

water our plants. Thanks to their help, our gardens flourished through the hot summer when we weren't here and the school was well looked after. We are so grateful to Cilla and Johnny who epitomise the 'village' that looks after our school. Last week our children expressed their gratiude with notes and some special artworks to thank our amazing neighbours. We loved creating them and making a special delivery. Thank you Cilla, Johnny and Toffee (who we all called Honey because your name made us think of something sweet!). We are so grateful.



Dear Cilla, a Johnhynuand Honey Thank you for watering the flowers and trees. I hope Honey had a nice un. ove Veronika

Dear Cilla, Johny and honey THANKYOU so much for watering our garden and taking good care of our plants. YOU are amazing I don't know what we would have done without you. YOU. Are so kind and considerate and also so selfless.



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# **Our Swimming Stars**

Congratulations to all of our students in Years 5 and 6 who participated in a highly successful swimming carnival this week. I was impressed with how many students were involved. The spirit of participation, teamwork and cooperation was brilliant and a lot of fun was had by all. We will hold our Years 3 and 4 carnival next Thursday 15 February and will have a strong team representing Woollahra at



the zone carnival coming up in a couple of weeks. We will share more detailed carnival news next week. Special thanks go to Mrs Fetherston, Miss Abbott, our staff and our student Sports Leaders for their expert organisation of the carnival.



# **Staffing News**

We are delighted to welcome several new staff members to our 2023 teaching team this year. A warm welcome goes to:

- Brooke Rush who joins us as our new Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. Brooke has experience working in several schools and most recently at Highfields Preparatory School.
- Mollie Hayward who joins us from Bondi Beach PS and has worked at various other local schools.
- Tara Murphy who joins us from Malabar Public School.
- Sarah Elwasfi who joins us from International Grammar School.
- Bianca Kostic-London who has taught in a range of schools locally including Bondi, Coogee and Kensington.
- Shelly Gaddes who joins us from Gardeners Road Public School.
- Julien Smith who joins us from Bellevue Hill Public School.

# 2023 School Leadership Team

Our outstanding leadership team will continue their great work in 2023. Their leadership roles are:

- Nicole Molloy Principal
- Serena Petriella Deputy Principal, overseeing K-6 and Support programs
- Janelle Warhurst Deputy Principal, overseeing K-6 and Support programs
- Vanessa Kazanis R/Deputy Principal (part time) and Assistant Principal, leading Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
- Alex Byron R/Assistant Principal, leading Kindergarten
- Edwina MacDonald Assistant Principal, leading Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
- Judy Fetherston R/Assistant Principal, leading Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
- Anna Hayward Assistant Principal, leading Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
- **Brooke Rush** Assistant Principal (Curriculum and Instruction)

Below is a list of our teaching and non-teaching team. I encourage you to come along to the Parent Information evenings next week to meet your child's teacher and hear about the planned learning programs.

Name	Class/Role	Days Worked
School Leadership Team		
Nicole Molloy	Principal	Mon-Fri
Serena Petriella	Deputy Principal	Mon - Fri
Janelle Warhurst	Deputy Principal	Mon - Thurs
Vanessa Kazanis	R/Deputy Principal – Stage 1	Tues-Fri
Alex Byron	R/Assistant Principal – Kinder	Mon-Fri
Edwina MacDonald	Assistant Principal – Stage 2	Mon-Fri
Anna Hayward	Assistant Principal – Stage 3	Mon-Fri
Judy Fetherston	R/Assistant Principal – Stage 3	Mon-Fri
Brooke Rush	Assistant Principal (Curriculum & Instruction)	Mon-Fri
Classroom Teachers		
Alex Byron	Kindergarten - KB	Mon-Fri
Adam Sipple	Kindergarten - KS	Mon-Fri
Ashlie Wright	Kindergarten - KW	Mon-Fri
Sarah Elwasfi	Kindergarten - KE	Mon-Fri
Shelly Gaddes	Kindergarten - KG	Mon-Fri
Isabelle O'Rourke	Year 1– <b>10</b>	Mon-Fri
Natalie Sheining &	Year 1 – <b>1SK</b>	Natalie: Mon-Thur
Vanessa Kazanis		Vanessa: Fri
Emma Brodie &	Year 1 – <b>1BH</b>	Emma: M. T, W, F
Eve Hood		Eve: Thurs
Luahn Rosenthal	Year 1/2 – <b>1/2R</b>	Mon-Fri
Janey Jankelson	Year 2 – <b>2J</b>	Mon-Fri
Kathy Konstantaras	Year 2 – <b>2K</b>	Mon-Fri
Diane Grindrod	Year 2 – <b>2G</b>	Mon-Fri
lan Witschi	Year 3 – <b>3W</b>	Mon-Fri
Sophie Wadsworth	Year 3 – <b>3S</b>	Mon-Fri
Jennifer Lee	Year 3 – <b>3L</b>	Mon-Fri
Julien Smith	Year 3 – <b>3J</b>	Mon-Fri
Mollie Hayward	Year 4 – <b>4H</b>	Mon-Fri
Kay Wall	Year 4 – <b>4W</b>	Mon-Fri
Edwina MacDonald	Year 4 – <b>4M</b>	Mon-Fri
Samantha Abbott	Year 4/5– <b>4/5A</b>	Mon-Fri
Ruby Cuthbert	Year 5 – <b>5C</b>	Mon-Fri
Bianca Kostic-London	Year 5 – <b>5L</b>	Mon-Fri
Gail Pellow	Year 5 – <b>5P (OC)</b>	Mon-Fri
Yvette Markezinis	Year 5– <b>5M (OC)</b>	Mon-Fri
Tara Murphy	Year 6 – <b>6M</b>	Mon-Fri
Aimee Wood	Year 6 – <b>6W</b>	Mon-Fri
Anna Hayward	Year 6 – <b>6H (OC)</b>	Mon-Fri
Hannah Costello (T1)	Year 6 – <b>6C (OC)</b>	Mon-Fri
Bec Isaacs (T2-4)		

Name	NESA ID Role	Days Worked
Instructional Leaders and L	earning Support Teachers	
Brooke Rush	Assistant Principal C & I	Mon – Fri
Belinda Head	Literacy IL and Learning Support	Tues- Thurs
Judy Fetherston	Numeracy IL, Learning Support, RFF	M, T, Th, Fri
Monique Jerome	Learning & Support Teacher	Thurs - Fri
Elizabeth Elfes	Learning Support, RFF	Mon - Thurs
Lia Giffard	K-6 EAL/D & Learning Support, RFF	Mon – Fri
Janne Hogben	Learning Support, RFF	Mon - Thurs
Alice Caspers	Learning Support (Tm 1)	Mon- Fri
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Paul Robson	Learning/Classroom Support	Mon – Fri
Specialist and Release fron	n Face to Face (RFF) Teachers	
Neil Kirkby	RFF - Italian	Mon-Tues
Svetlana Skrypnikova	RFF - Italian	Wed-Fri
Katelyn Boshell	RFF – Dance and Drama	Tues-Thurs
Clare Barta	RFF -	Thurs - Fri
Craig Lawson	RFF –Japanese/STEM Specialist	Mon – Fri
Karin Lingard	RFF -	Mon – Wed
Kellie Hoare	Teacher Librarian	Mon – Fri
Bec Isaacs	Philosophy and Support (Tm 1)	Mon – Fri
Mary Curtis	School Counsellor	Tues, Wed, Fri
Administrative and Suppor	rt Staff	
Narelle Rutland	School Admin Manager	Mon – Fri
Margaret Cordingley	School Admin Officer	Mon, Wed-Fri
Michelle Towers	School Admin Officer	Mon – Thurs
Bec Whitcombe	School Admin Officer	Mon, Tues, Fri
Lori Walker	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	Mon - Fri
Renate Dunham	SLSO 0.8 and Library SAO 0.2	Mon - Fri
Samantha Whetters	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	Wed - Fri
Frances Berry	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	Mon – Fri
Jack Frewson	School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)	Mon – Fri
Alicia Khoo	Technology Support	Wed-Thurs
Steve Garland	General Assistant	Mon - Fri
Linda Priori	Canteen Manager	Mon - Fri
Stephanie Zavras	Canteen Manager	Mon - Fri

# Whole School News

# **Parent Information Evenings**

We would like to invite all parents and caregivers to our beginning of the year parent information evening to be held in Week 5 as follows:

Date	Time	Classes and Location
Wednesday 15 February	5.00pm – 5.45pm	Kindergarten Classes – KB, KS, KE, KG, KW Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) Classes – 3W, 3S, 3L, 3J, 4H, 4W, 4M
Wednesday 15 February	6.00pm – 6.45pm	<b>Stage 1 (Years 1 &amp; 2) Classes</b> – 10, 1SK, 1BH, 1/2R, 2J, 2K, 2G <b>Stage 3 (Years 5 &amp; 6) Classes</b> – 4/5A, 5C, 5B, 5P, 5M, 6M, 6W, 6H, 6C

This evening is an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, hear about learning programs they have planned for this year and talk about any organisational details you need to be aware of. Another purpose of the evening is to welcome our new families to the school community and give you the chance to get to know other parents.

#### Term 1 Invoices and Moving to a new System

Once again this term we will be sending home an invoice and note with all of the expenses incurred for your child this term. These notes and invoices will be prepared and sent home next week. We ask that the amount on your term invoice is paid promptly. From next term we will be moving to a new online platform that will allow you to pay all of your accounts easily online as well as sign permission notes digitally. This will make things far more efficient and easier for all families. We will look forward to provide more information soon as we transition to the new system.

#### **Supervision Before and After School**

The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that **teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning**. No child is permitted to be at school before this time unless they are enrolled in a supervised before school activity. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. Helping Hands run an excellent before school care program in Block E from 7.00am each morning if you need to drop your children early. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.00pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Helping Hands' after care service runs from 3.00pm until 6.00pm.

#### Anaphylaxis Reminder – Please ensure NO nuts or nut products are brought to school

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the anaphylaxis procedures contains information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is Important to let us know.

Find out more: <u>http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/studentsupport/studenthealth/conditions/anaphylaxis/index.php</u> All families are asked to assist the children in our school who are anaphylactic. This is potentially a life threatening condition. Please do not send any of the following foods for your own children, whilst they are at school:

- Peanuts and other nuts including cashews, hazelnuts, walnuts, pistachios, macadamia, brazil nuts
- Peanut Butter or Nutella
- Muesli bars containing nuts or any other foods containing nuts.

# **Canteen News from Canteen Fresh**

Online ordering is available at Canteen Fresh Woollahra. All Class lists have been updated so please go to <u>www.munchmonitor.com</u> to update or register your child's new class and place an order.

Sushi must be pre ordered the day before by 2.00pm and is not available on Mondays. Snacks and drinks are available for purchase at both breaks and before school. There are no over the counter sales for K-2 students. We ask that all orders for these students are done online. Manual lunch orders must be handed in by 8.50am and online orders close at 8.15am. If your child requires meals and snacks for excursions, these must be pre-ordered 24 hours in advance and picked up from the canteen the morning of the excursion.

Fridays are our busiest day. To avoid delays, please order lunches the day before. We have occasionally had system problem overloads. This will avoid orders not being processed because of the very high usage on a Friday morning. It is also a good idea to keep some extra money in your account. Occasionally lunches have been forgotten at home or dropped or the order deadline missed. We can then process the order for you if needed or if your child is still hungry they can come and see us and pick up a snack with your permission.

Thanks for all your support. We enjoy feeding your children! If you have any questions please visit us at the canteen.

Linda and Stephanie – Canteen Fresh

#### 2023 Department of Education Calendar

Accompanying today's newsletter is the 2023 Department of Education calendar. This calendar details the school term dates, school holidays and school development days for 2023.

# **Performing Arts News**

We are excited to have many of our performing arts groups up and running this week with more to come as organisation falls into place and timetables are sorted out over the next week or so. Attached to today's newsletter is information about our amazing Super Choir. Details are also below. If you would still like your child to join any of the following groups, it's not too late. Flyers accompany the newsletter with details about the programs and contact details for the coordinators.

- Junior, Intermediate and Senior Band
- Junior and Senior Rock Band
- Guitar
- Choir

We are currently recruiting a new teacher for our String Ensemble and as a result there will be a delay in the commencement of this program. We will look forward to a vibrant strings program starting later in the term.



# Choir Program 2023 – Woollahra Super Choir!

It is now time to launch our choir program for 2023! Woollahra PS has a long tradition of strong choir programs which we are planning to continue and build upon this year. We had an amazing year in 2022 and became known as the Woollahra Super Choir! The details of our program this year are:

Choir	<b>Coordinating Teachers</b>	Rehearsal Time	Venue
Junior Choir (Years 1, 2, and 3)	Janelle Warhurst Diane Grindrod Elizabeth Elfes	Tuesdays @ 8:15am Our rehearsal will start at	Meet in the Hall –
Senior Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6)	Nicole Molloy Edwina MacDonald Jennifer Lee	8.15am so we ask that	enter through Gate 3

The aim of our program will be to ensure choir sessions are engaging and interesting as well as providing students with the musical training required to be a member of this type of ensemble. The choir is open to all students regardless of ability – enthusiasm and motivation will be enough!. For many rehearsals and performances we will work together as one whole 'Super Choir'. For some performances we will divide into Junior and Senior choir. Our performance program will be planned so that it gives the students a range of opportunities to perform both at school functions and in the wider community. Later in the year children in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to perform as part of a massed choir at the Sydney Opera House and Town Hall.

**Students who make a commitment to the choir need to be aware that they do so for the entire year**. It is disruptive to the ensembles if members are coming in and out at different times in the year. Each child will need a plastic display folder for their music and it will be important that they bring this along to every rehearsal. We also have a Google Classroom for choir where we upload our music and tracks so that our choristers can practice at home. The code to join this classroom is below. Google Classroom can be accessed through the Department of Education student portal.

# Choir Google Classroom code - uelfdlr

We are looking to form a large and dynamic choir in 2023 and would like to encourage as many children as possible to join the ensembles. It is a great way to become a member of our successful Woollahra musical community. Please ensure the permission note is returned as soon as possible. This note has been sent separately on Enews and there are hard copied available in the office. **Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday 14 February at 8.15am - meet in the hall.** 

# Parents & Citizens' Association News Welcome to the new P&C Executive and the first 2023 meeting!

Thank you to the many parents who joined us at the end of last year for the P&C annual general. It was fabulous to have so much parent support and begin talking about the initiatives for 2023. A special congratulations goes to the 2023 P&C Executive who were elected at the meeting. There are still some positions to be filled. We encourage any interested parents to come along to the meeting or contact the school.

**President** – Sheree Jonathan **Vice Presidents** – Sean Inzitari, second position to be filled **Treasurer** – To be filled **Secretary** – To be filled

The first P&C meeting for the year will be held next Tuesday 14 February commencing at 7.00pm

# **Uniform Shop News**

Our opening hours in 2023 remain as 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 Term 1, 2 and 3. This is subject to availability of stock.

Attached below is 2022/2023 WPS Uniform Order form. You can also find this form 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/uniformshop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

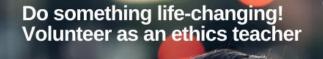
# The Uniform Shop hours are: Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30am - 9.30am

#### 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 Jonathan Secretary - Vacant

Vice Presidents - Sean Inzitari and Vacant Treasurer-Vacant





# **ETHICS NEWS – Calling for** Volunteers 2023

We are delighted that most of our 2022 volunteers will continue to teach ethics in 2023 at our school. We are so grateful for their contribution.

These classes can only be run with the help of volunteers. We need volunteers for the Kindy year, 30 minutes every Tuesday morning (10:30-11am).

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!

Training will be provided. If you would like to know more, please visit https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/ or/and contact our volunteer Ethics Coordinator Donna

Kwan at fandonna312@yahoo.co.uk. We would love to hear from you or someone you know that would like to be part of the ethics volunteer team!

We are seeking ethics teaching volunteers, particularly for next year's Kindy group, 30 minutes every Tuesday morning.



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# **Quick Information**

# Using MunchMonitor Online Ordering

- You can place orders online up to 4 weeks in advance
- Top-up your account online using VISA/MasterCard
- List allergies to alert canteen staff
- · You can order anytime you want using web browsers such as Chrome or Safari
- · You can use desktops, laptops, tablets or smart phone with internet access
- · It only cost \$ 3.00 (ex-GST) per school term for the family account
- No sign up fee
- No transaction fee

Call us at 1300 796 190 or email us at help@munchmonitor.com if you require further assistance.

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# **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.

Board of Jewish Education (BJE)	9365 7900	
Class Artz – Renee	0417 261 349	renee@classartzacademy.com.au
Directions in Music	9662 2211	www.directionsinmusic.com.au
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	learning@coasit.org.au
Mandarin Stars	1800 18 11 18	enrol@mandarinstars.com.au
Next Generation Tennis – Jed Gould	0411 775 945	jed@pjtennisacademy.com
Rock Band & Guitar - Ricky Kradolfer	0407 534 944	ricky@rickysmusictuition.com.au
Sydney Academy of Chess	9745 1170	www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Tennis – Jed Gould	0411 775 945	info@pjtennisacademy.com
Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet - Gina	0400 229 712	dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au
VIP Music	9411 3122	vipmusic@iinet.net.au

# Out-Of-School Hours Italian Language & Cultural Program

# 2023 enrolments now open!

The Co.As.It. Out-of-School Hours Italian Language & Cultural Program is available at 14 centres across NSW



# WOOLLAHRA PS SCHOOL BAND ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN FOR 2023

Start your musical journey with us in 2023, and join our fabulous community of musicians at Woollahra PS!



# JUNIOR BAND

Year 3-6 Beginners Flute Clarinet Saxophone Trumpet Trombone Drums & More!

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