



Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 4 – 15 February 2023



Calendar Dates

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

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

What a truly wonderful week we have had at Woollahra! The school is buzzing with activity, laughter and learning. The highlights of the week have been uplifting:

- It was wonderful to have such huge attendance at our first P&C meeting for the year on Tuesday night. It was the largest attendance we've had since February 1980 (yes, we broke a long-standing record!) and we welcomed many new families. Great conversations were had, some fabulous planning occurred, and the collaboration was incredible. It was a true reflection of the special school community we have at Woollahra. We are grateful to all of the parents who volunteered to help and take on roles.
- Thank you to all members of the community who have been able to make it to this week's Parent Information evening. It has been brilliant to have so many parents involved and the teachers have enjoyed connecting with you and sharing their learning plans for the year. The next major meetings scheduled regarding student progress are the student/parent/teacher Learning Conferences later this term. Notes regarding these interviews will be sent home soon. Teachers are always happy to meet to discuss student learning so if you would like to chat with your child's teacher regarding any aspect of your child's education please don't hesitate to make an appointment.
- Our amazing sports team led by Judy Fetherston ran the second successful swimming carnival this week for our Stage 2 children. As with the carnival last week, the event was a day of great teamwork, camaraderie and competition. Thank you to everyone for their hard work in making the carnival a success.
- It's been a joy to have our arts groups commencing over the last week. We had a wonderful group of children join us for the Woollahra Super Choir on Tuesday. They are already sounding brilliant. Band, Rock Band, guitar and dance have also started. Our whole school timetable with all of the enrichment activities will be out early next week.



Anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations

This Monday 13 February was the 15th anniversary of the apology to our First Nations Stolen Generation delivered by the then Prime minister Kevin Rudd in National Parliament. I shared with the P&C on Tuesday night what a significant day this was in my teaching career. I was teaching a Year 6 class and we watched the apology live. It was such a significant and important historical moment and something that was both a long time coming and incredibly powerful. We have a framed copy of the apology in our main corridor at Woollahra and this week was a time to reflect with your children on the importance of this apology, especially as it relates to truth telling, the *Uluru Statement of the Heart* and the upcoming referendum. It's timely to reflect with your families on the importance of the apology and the important work we still have ahead of us to ensure authentic reconciliation for Aboriginal Australians. Visit this link to watch the moment in parliament: [Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples – Parliament of Australia \(aph.gov.au\)](https://aph.gov.au)
Louie H-S in 6M reflected deeply on this over the week and has written an incredible poem expressing his thoughts which I am delighted to share with you.

*Dots and dashes we didn't understand,
Though they were there we never paid attention.
Their pride and joy was their culture and land,
They suffered and cried but then they tried,
Bit by bit they started to chant.*

Louie H-S Year 6, 2023

Recent Correspondence

- Year 4 Sport – AFL
- Year 5 Sport – Tennis
- Year 6 Sport – Gymnastics

Whole School News

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 providing more information as soon as we transition to the new system.

School Photos

Class, Individual, School Leaders and School House Captains photographs will take place on **Friday 10 March 2023**.

Students will receive photograph order envelopes on Monday of next week and information regarding the photographs is listed on the envelope. These envelopes are to be returned to your class teacher on or before **Friday 10 March 2023**. Every student is photographed whether they are purchasing or not. Envelopes need to be returned even if you do not wish to purchase.

Please refer to the information on the envelope regarding late orders. This fee is charged by the **School Photographer** and not Woollahra Public School. Should you require a sibling photo please collect the 'special' envelope from the school office, next week.

We ask that students wear their correct summer uniform including black shoes, navy socks and blue hair accessories.

Please do not include any other payments with your photograph envelope, these envelopes are not opened by the school and are given directly to the photographer.

Teacher Release

From time to time you will notice that your child's teacher is not on class with them for the day. There are a number of reasons (in addition to illness) why this could be the case. Teachers might be required to do additional planning for the class or a specific student, they may be working on a whole school program that benefits all children across the school or they may be involved in planned professional learning programs to enhance knowledge and teaching practice. Each class works with our team of 'release' teachers for two hours during the week to participate in dedicated programs such as personal development, dance, Italian and Japanese. Rest assured when your child's teacher is 'off class' they thoroughly plan lessons for the day and communicate key information about their students to the replacement teacher. At Woollahra we also make every effort to ensure we have a consistent casual workforce to promote stability and on-going learning if your child's teacher needs to be away.

Special Religious Education and Special Education in Ethics

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Special Education in Ethics lessons are provided every week and are taught by visiting teachers organised through approved religious and ethics providers. These lessons take place on a Tuesday as follows and will commence for the term on 21 February:

-  **9.00am – 9.30am Students in Years 3 and 4**
-  **9.30am – 10.00am Students in Years 5 and 6**
-  **10.30am – 11.00am Students in Kindergarten, Years 1 and 2**

The following options are available to students at these times:

Catholic (Catholic Diocese of Sydney)

The Catholic Church sees the education of Catholic children in the Faith as integral and key to its mission. Catholic SRE Teachers (also referred to as Catechists) are volunteers who are approved, authorised, and trained by the local parish and Dioceses of the Catholic Church. Our volunteers ensure that children attending Catholic SRE classes receive lessons about building a relationship with Jesus and understanding his message of salvation. They also give them background preparation for the Sacraments that may be available to their age group.

Protestant (Anglican Diocese of Sydney and Uniting Church of Australia)

At Woollahra, Protestant Christian Special Religious Education delivers approved programs that explore Christian Scriptures, core Christian beliefs, and examine how the teachings of Jesus call us to make good life choices in our relationships. Teachers utilise a variety of teaching methods that allow students to respond to lessons via writing, group discussion, music and song, drama and prayer. All teachers are people of faith and volunteers from local churches.

Judaism (NSW Board of Jewish Education)

The Board of Jewish Education (BJE) provides a structured curriculum for students in Jewish SRE classes. Students are encouraged to feel positive about being Jewish and to identify with the Jewish community. They learn about Jewish holidays, values, synagogue basics and Israel. Older children also explore ethical aspects of Judaism and explore some areas of Jewish history. Basic Jewish prayers are incorporated into each lesson.

Orthodox (Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Australia)

Orthodox Special Religious Education is coordinated by the Saint George Church Rose Bay.

Ethics (Primary Ethics)

Ethics is a branch of philosophy that examines ethical concepts and issues, asking what is right or wrong in particular circumstances. The ethics curriculum comprises a wide range of age-appropriate topics that primary-aged children find interesting. Students learn to think about ethical matters and engage in the give-and-take of reasoned argument. This process allows them to properly consider other people's points of view and to be sincere, reasonable and respectful in dealing with their differences. The K-6 curriculum has 78 topics, starting with *Questions and Puzzlement*, introducing children to the foundation of ethical thinking. Children in the younger primary years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings and interests of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy and appreciating difference. Research shows that well-reasoned moral judgement does not develop automatically as young people mature and that these skills are best developed using the methods we employ in ethics classes. Once acquired, these skills accompany individuals into adulthood.

Non-SRE Classes

The school offers non-SRE as an option during special religious education classes for children who do not wish to attend any other class. During these times students complete independent reading or study.

Department of Education policy requires the school to send a letter to the family of each student new to the school to ascertain the group you would like your children to join during SRE and SEE time. This letter has been issued to Kindergarten 2023 students plus new OC students and students that have joined us from other schools.

SRE and SEE lessons will commence on Tuesday 21 February. This program is coordinated by our Deputy Principal Mrs Warhurst. Please contact your class teacher or Mrs Warhurst if you have questions.

Text Books

Most students have now paid for their textbooks online. If you have not already done so, please refer to last week's information on how to do this. LJ Harper are currently updating us daily with reports on books paid for overnight and we will issue the text books from the office.

Osborne Lane Pick Up

We are continually working to ensure efficient and safe pick-up procedures for your children. Of significant concern are the safety issues at the gate on Osborne Lane. This gate is not to be used as a pedestrian entry and exit due to the safety concerns with traffic and visibility. Please ensure you adhere to the following procedures:

- ***ALL pedestrians to use the Forth Street gates. Crossing the road at the Osborne gate is not safe with so many cars coming through. We appreciate your cooperation with this.***
- ***Ensure you have talked to your children and reminded them to be lined up on the soccer field near the gate as soon as they leave class at 3pm. The teachers are also working on this to make sure your children are at the gate as soon as you pull up.***
- ***Please do not park in the lane and get out of your car. This causes congestion problems in the lane and makes it unsafe.***
- ***We are able to fit two cars at the gate if the first car moves up as far as possible. This way two children can be picked up at once allowing the line to move faster.***
- ***Please ensure you do not queue along Edgecliff Road waiting to turn into Osborne Lane. If you are unable to turn into the lane, please drive around the block and come back.***

Traffic Safety – Important Reminders

To help schools keep the school zone safer for all pedestrians and drivers there are seven new traffic offences with new fines. None of the seven offences attract demerit points when committed elsewhere on the road but now in a school zone they each come with two points. The changes are:

- ***Stopping in intersection - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Stop within 20m of intersection (traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***
- ***Stop within 10m of intersection (no traffic lights) - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.***

- **Stop near bicycle crossing lights - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$439 and 2 demerit points.**
- **Obstruct access to ramp/path/passageway - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a penalty of \$330 and 2 demerit points.**
- **Not parallel park in the direction of travel - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**
- **Parallel park close to dividing line - Under the changes if a driver commits this offence in a school zone they will receive a \$330 fine and 2 demerit points.**

Performing Arts News

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	Coordinating Teachers	Rehearsal Time	Venue
Junior Choir (Years 1, 2, and 3)	Janelle Warhurst Diane Grindrod Elizabeth Elfes	Tuesdays @ 8:15am Our rehearsal will start at 8.15am so we ask that every child arrives no later than 8.10am to be ready.	Meet in the Hall – enter through Gate 3
Senior Choir (Years 4, 5 and 6)	Nicole Molloy Edwina MacDonald Jennifer Lee		

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

Woollahra P&C Welcome Picnic!

The Woollahra P&C along with school staff are excited to invite all families to join us next Friday 24 February for the Woollahra's greatest picnic on the school grounds. Come along to share a fabulous evening with other families. There will be a disco in the hall for children some sports activities and some delicious treats. The afternoon will be a chance to meet other families and come together as a community. There is no cost for the evening and all families are asked to bring their own picnic and drinks (no alcohol).



FREE ENTRY

COMING SOON!

*Woollahra's
largest family
picnic day*

Friday 24 Feb, 4.30 - 6 p.m
B.Y.O snacks, drinks and blanket
Join in the fun and games, disco,
sports activities and more!

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT AND NO DOGS



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/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf](https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra%20Uniform%20Shop%20order%20form%202022-23.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 - Claire Hooper

Vice Presidents –Sean Inzitari and Vacant

Treasurer– Campbell Dawson



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.

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@pitennisacademy.com
Rock Band & Guitar - Ricky Kradolfer	0407 534 944	ricky@rickysmusic tuition.com.au
Robokids – Melisa and Peter Clark	0403 0433 011	melissaclark@robokids.com.au
Sydney Academy of Chess	9745 1170	www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au
Valerie Jenkins Academy of Ballet - Gina	0400 229 712	dance@valeriejenkinsballet.com.au
VIP Music	9411 3122	vipmusic@inet.net.au

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