



Woollahra Public School

Term 1 Week 7 – 8 March 2023



Calendar Dates

- Friday 10 March – School Photos
- Tuesday 14 March – P&C Meeting
- Wednesday 15 March- NAPLAN commences
- Monday 27 March – Learning Conferences start
- Saturday 25 March – NSW State Election. School hall used as a polling place. P&C BBQ
- Wednesday 29 March – Principal's Award Assembly
- Friday 31 March – make up day for school photos
- Thursday 6 March – Anzac Day Ceremony
- Thursday 6 March – Last Day of Term 1

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

Learning Conferences and Knowing Your Children Well

We are now a little over half way through Term 1 and it has been great to see your children so settled and thriving with their learning. You will receive a note this week regarding our upcoming Learning Conferences. These sessions are an opportunity for you to meet with your child and their teacher to discuss their learning progress this year and set learning goals for the upcoming terms. There is an option to attend these conferences face to face or digitally via Zoom. I encourage every family to book in a Learning Conference with your class teacher. We are looking forward to meeting you.

The NAPLAN assessments are coming up in a couple of weeks. More information is included later in the newsletter. This is one of many opportunities for us to gather information about your child's learning.

Year 6 – Placement in High School for 2024

Information regarding 2024 high school placement for Year 6 students has been sent home and is included again in this newsletter. Thank you to the parents who have already completed these online forms. They are quick to complete and we would appreciate every family completing them as soon as possible. This will give us adequate time to process the forms and contact families if any clarification is needed. Please note, that every family needs to complete one of the forms even if you don't require placement in a NSW government high school.

Cultures of Thinking – Philosophy at Woollahra

An important goal for us at Woollahra is to foster a strong culture of thinking across the school. This can be done in so many ways, one of them being the teaching of Philosophy K-6. We are always striving to improve our knowledge and skills for this program. I had the pleasure of attending a two day professional learning course over the last couple of weekends along with Bec Isaacs. We worked with facilitators from the Association for Philosophy in Schools NSW. The goal was to build our skills as teachers of philosophy and also reflect on how we lead the program in our school. We connected with educators from primary and high schools and came away inspired and invigorated about what is possible in teaching philosophy to your children and embedding a culture of deep thinking in our school community. We will share more of this work as we go along and plan to run a parent workshop on the topic next term. Read Bec Isaac's reflection later in the newsletter to gain some insight into what is happening in our classrooms. The commitment of our teachers to give up their weekends to engage in professional learning like this is exceptional. Special thanks go to our teachers.



Student Achievements

I'm so proud of the many student achievements that happen across our school each week. This included the exceptional achievements of our representative swimming team at the Zone Swimming Carnival last week. There were a range of great individual achievements and our relay teams also performed very strongly. We have a large group of students who will now represent our school at the Eastern Suburbs zone at

the Sydney East Regional carnival next week. We wish them all the very best. Read Mrs Fetherston's great account of the team's achievements in the sports section of the newsletter.

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.



Charlotte H

Hello, my name is Charlotte He, and I am in 6H. I am very honoured and excited to be your girl school captain this year. You can often find me in the playground playing 'survival tag' with my friends or sourcing articles for The Woollahrian! I enjoy problem-solving, writing short stories and playing the piano. I like to experience new things and get out of my comfort zone. An interesting fact about me is that I once kayaked by myself across Milford Sound in

New Zealand. As a student leader, I will work on projects that will enhance school pride and help create a sense of belonging in all students so that we all feel connected as one big family. If I had to change one thing about the world, I would want small people to feel that their voice can be heard just as loudly as a big person's.



Riley J

Hi, my name is Riley and am the school captain of Woollahra PS, I am in 6H (OC). I have been at Woollahra for one year and a term. An interesting fact about me is that I have been playing rugby league for 8 years. My interest is pretty much any sport that you can play. I love playing cricket, rugby and to swim at beaches and in pools. My passions in learning are STEM and English. They are both extremely interesting and fun, they require me to think outside the box. My hopes as a school leader this year is to help improve the passion children at the school have for learning and doing other school activities. If I could change one thing in the world what would it be? I would probably make the whole world play more sports and encourage all people to have a go and get active.



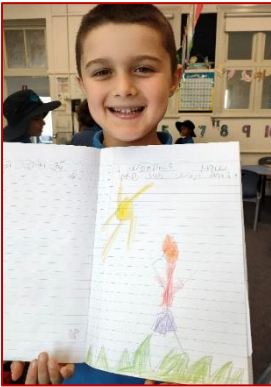
Isla P

Hi I am Isla and am in 6W. An interesting fact about me is that I do 14 hours of dance each week! My top interest is performing arts. My passion in learning is English. My hope as a 2023 school leader is to get the whole school involved in a school musical. If I could change one in the world it would be to give underprivileged kids the chance to go to school, dance lessons and acting classes.

Hugo I

Hi my name is Hugo Inglis, and I am in 6W. I have been blessed with the opportunity to be your school leader. An interesting fact about me is that I am English-French bilingual and I have a twin, who is also one of our school Leaders. My sister and I have set a Woollahra P.S record being the first set of twins as school leaders. I love swimming. It is one of my favourite things to do. I have a deep passion for learning especially when it comes to writing narratives. As a leader I would love to help students overcome their fears, one by one. If I could change something in the world, it would be to make our economy regenerative.

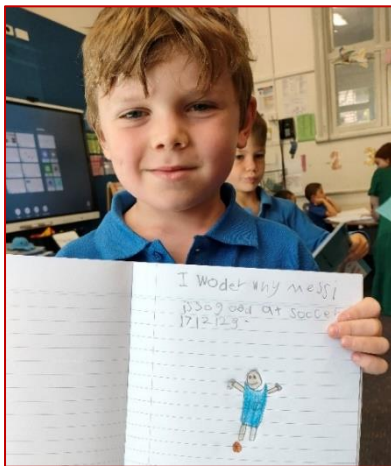




Philosophy at Woollahra with Miss Isaacs

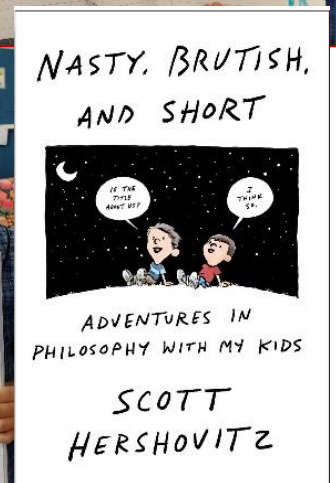
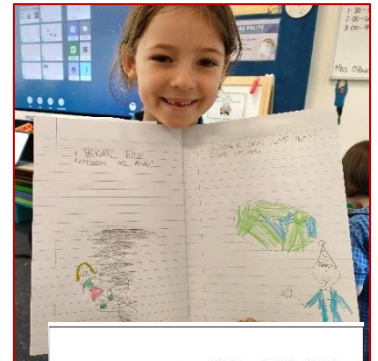
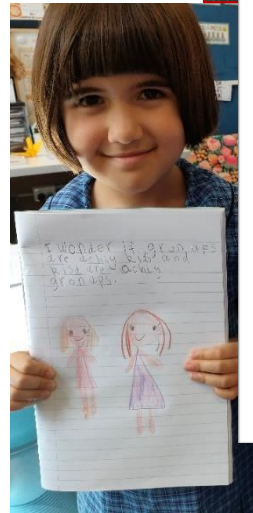
This term I've had the fabulous opportunity of teaching your children philosophy. We've played games, read lots of picture books, conducted thought experiments, debated the meaning of concepts such as good and bad, reflected on the nature of truth and history, questioned what we need to be happy, and interrogated whether revenge is ever justified. It has been fun and funny, enlightening, deeply interesting, rewarding and often very challenging. Children are most certainly, as is oft claimed and as I'm sure all parents are aware, natural philosophers.

Meanwhile, Ms Molloy and I have spent the past two Saturdays at a **Philosophy for Children** workshop run by The Association for Philosophy in Schools New South Wales. It has been an absolute delight for the both of us, and a great introduction to a pedagogy that has been around for more than 50 years.



In 2022, philosopher and author (of the excellent book *Nasty, Brutish and Short: Adventures in Philosophy with my Kids*) Scott Hershovitz, asked *The Guardian UK* to put a call out for children's philosophy questions. Leyha, seven, queried: 'If God created everything, who created God?', while five-year-old Sahil asked: 'Why are there numbers?'. Caspar, also five, demanded Hershovitz answer the question:

'What are our lives for'? Meanwhile, seven-year-old Arthur revealed future politician, asking: 'Do the needs of the many outweigh those of the few outweigh those of the many?'



his career prospects as a the few, or do the needs

As you can see, the children's response was nothing short of awesome and we're sure that you, our wonderful Woollahra community, is bursting with questions too! We'll set up a collection box at the office, so drop them in and we'll endeavour to publish some in the coming weeks. **Bec Isaacs**

Whole School News

Back To School Vouchers

Back to School Vouchers can be redeemed in person at the Main Administration Office on Mondays and Fridays between 8.30am and 2.00pm **ONLY**.

Please note vouchers cannot be redeemed online or over the phone.

Communication – Sentral Platform

There are a couple of different communication platforms we use to communicate between school and home. The Sentral Parent portal provides parents with access to your child's school reports. It does have other functionality which we will increasingly use but at the moment we primarily use it for your access to reports. Our Sentral coordinating team will work over the next couple of weeks to provide access keys and information for new families to access the portal. Please be patient while this process occurs. Access to portal will not be necessary until the reports are published in June.

School Photos

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

Students have received photograph order envelopes 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.***

Stage 2 and 3 News

Year 6-7 Transition – Applying for 2024 High School Placement

To enrol your child in Year 7 for 2024, you will need to complete an Expression of Interest for Year 6 to Year 7 transition. The Expression of Interest (EOI) lets you indicate which school(s) you would like your child to attend in Year 7.

The EOI process is now available online. After you submit an EOI and it has been assessed, your child will be offered a place at a high school.

If your child will not be attending a NSW Government high school next year, please let us know by completing a Placement Not Required (PNR) form. If you are unsure whether they will be attending a NSW Government school (you've applied for a private school, or you are moving interstate), we ask that you still complete an EOI and follow up with your school once a decision has been made.

The online process will guide you through your options and collect the information required to make the process as smooth as possible.

For parents/carers who are not able to complete an application online, a paper EOI form can be collected from the school office.

For more information about moving to high school, visit *Going to a public school* <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school>



Moving to high school

For Year 6 students attending Woollahra Public School

To enter data for your child, go to our school website <https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> →

Enrolment → Moving to high school

OR the direct URLs are:

For our school's EOI <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=7442>

For our school's PNR <https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/no-placement/?schoolCode=7442>

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you need any assistance.

Connecting with our Local Feeder High Schools



OPEN NIGHT 2023

Tue 21 MARCH 23 **3:30pm - 5:30pm**
34a Hardy St Dover Heights
RSVP via this link:
<https://events.humanitix.com/rose-bay-secondary-college-open-night-2023>

School Tours – 10am Tuesdays and Thursdays
Bookings can be made on 9301 0300

Rose Bay Secondary College Tours

Rose Bay Secondary College is scheduling school tours for interested parents/carers and child/ren.

Tours will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10am – beginning Tuesday 21 February 2023.

The tours will run for approx. 1 hour. Tour numbers are limited. Contact the school on 9301-0300 to book.

Inner Sydney High School

Inner Sydney High School will have two events for Year 6 students transitioning into high school next year.

Event One - Webinar

Parents can join our online webinar on **Thursday 9 March 2023 at 5pm**. This webinar will provide general information about IN-SYD and specific details about enrolling at the school. Login details are available on our school website.

Event Two - School Tours for Year 7 2024

Self-guided tours for Year 7 2024 and their families will be held on **Thursday 16 March from 4-7pm**. Bookings are essential via the booking link on the flyer.



YEAR 6 to 7 TRANSITION

Is your child enrolling in Year 7 2024?

Please join our online webinar on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 5pm. Information will be provided about enrolling your child at IN_SYD for 2024. Login details are available on our [school website](#)

If you are unable to join us at this time, the presentation will be recorded and made available on our school website.

A Self-guided tour for Year 7 2024 and their families will be held on Thursday 16 March from 4-7pm.

Bookings are essential via the [Booking Link](#)

Tours for younger children will be available later in the year.



National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2023. NAPLAN is an important diagnostic assessment that gives us a snapshot of your child's learning in literacy and numeracy. It is one of a range of assessments that provide us with information to plan your child's learning program and develop their learning goals.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **15 and 27 March 2023**.

The attached information sheet gives you detailed information regarding the assessment and how it will work. We ask that all parents read it carefully. Don't hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions.

Digital Devices and Headphones: all assessments with the exception of Year 3 writing are conducted online. School computer devices that have specially been set up will be used for this purpose. Each child will need a set of headphones for the assessment. The school will provide these where needed. However, children often prefer to bring their own headphones. If this is the case, you might like to ensure your child has a functioning set of headphones or purchase some soon.

School Sport News



Sydney Coastal Zone Swimming Carnival

The following students competed at the Sydney Coastal Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday 1 March. Thank you to Miss Abbott for all of her work in convening this successful carnival; Miss Cuthbert for her Team Management on the day and Mr Lawson and Mrs Wood for their work as officials.

The following students represented Woollahra in events at the Zone Swimming Carnival: **Cleo 5C; Evie 6W, Sybella 6M; Elizabeth 2G; Estelle 3W; Madison 6W; Margaret 6M; Melinda 3J; Roxanne 6H; Beatrice 6W; Milly 3S; Molly 4M; Emma 4/5A; Indiana 4H; Manuela 6W; Felicity 5M; Alisara 6H; Grace 5P; Maggie 3L; Arella 4M; Athena 4H; Jonah 3L; Archer 4W; Flynn 3W; Robert 6W; Mishka 3W, Eric 6H; Jack 4/5A, Hugo 6W, Riley 6H; Max 6C; Robert 6C; Zack 3L; Sam 5P; Archie 5P; Jensen 3W; Adam 3L, Tommy 5KL, Theo 6H.**

After a full day of racing, Woollahra students had many successes. The Senior Boys relay (Hugo, Riley, Max, Tommy and Robert) won comfortably.

They are the new Woollahra Mean Machine.



The Senior Girls Relay (Beatrice, Manuela, Alisara, Roxanne and Cleo) came second.

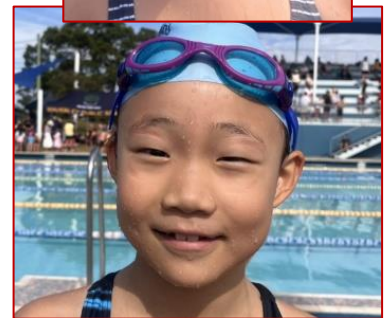


The Junior boys Relay (Sam, Jack, Mishka and Archer) came second.



Other swimmers to note are:

- Elizabeth 2G – first in the 8 years 50m freestyle.
- Mishka 3W – second in the 9 years 50m freestyle.
- Maggie 3L – first in the 9 years 50m freestyle.
- Tommy 5KL - first in the 11 years 50m freestyle.
- Robert 6C – second in the 11 years 50m freestyle, second in the 11 years backstroke, first in the 11 years 50m butterfly.
- Theo 6H - second in the 11 Years 50m breaststroke;
- Max 6C – second in the 12 years 50m freestyle, first in the 12 years 50m breaststroke, first in the 12 years 50m backstroke.
- Archie 5P – second in the 11 years 50m butterfly.
- Riley 6H has qualified to swim in the Senior 200m Individual Medley.



These students will represent Woollahra and Sydney Coastal at the Sydney East Regional Swimming Carnival next Monday 13 March at Sydney Olympic Park.

To complete a successful day Woollahra Public School won the overall point score at this carnival.

We are very proud of all of these achievements in the pool and wish all of our Regional Swimmers the best of luck next week. **Judy Fetherston – Sports Coordinator**



Woollahra Public School



Expression of Interest – General Assistant Temporary Position

Woollahra Public School, located in the Eastern suburbs of Sydney has an enrolment of 715 students. The school is located on a 0.7 hectare site in the middle of the city. The site holds several beautiful heritage buildings and some newer buildings. The grounds are asphalt and artificial grass with small gardens around the school. The school community takes an enormous amount of pride in our physical environment ensuring it is well maintained, clean and visually appealing. There are 28 classes and a range of other rooms which are used as learning spaces and offices. There is a dedicated space for the General Assistant to complete computer-based work and store equipment. The successful applicant will be part of a highly collaborative staff who support each other and work together with the goal of ensuring our school is the best it can be in every aspect of operation. Our school community prides itself on our values of inclusivity, caring, kindness and collaboration.

Expressions of interest are invited from people interested in working at our school in the position of General Assistant. The position includes a range of duties relating to routine maintenance and upkeep of the grounds at the school. Tasks are varied but include the following:

- *Undertake minor maintenance of buildings and equipment that may not be covered by contractors or require a qualified tradesperson.*
- *Identify and report maintenance/safety issues to the Department of education contractors. Communicate with contractors and oversee maintenance work being conducted in the school.*
- *Organising, rooms, furniture and equipment within the school.*
- *Maintaining and caring for the school grounds including looking after gardens, watering and mulching.*
- *Unpacking, sorting and distributing stores.*
- *Storage and monitoring of tools, equipment and other stock for the General Assistant's use.*
- *Overseeing and monitoring school security and gate access for contractors.*
- *Assisting with set up for school events and special activities.*
- *Monitoring the safety of the school site and assisting with implementation of Work, Health and Safety policy.*

Essential Requirements:

- *Current Working with Children Check clearance (for paid employment).*
- *Willingness to complete all required Department of Education mandatory training.*
- *Strong interpersonal skills, flexibility, initiative and willingness to work in a wonderful school.*

Position Details:

- *The position is full time (5 days per week) although applicants wishing to work part time will be considered.*
- *Hours are 7.00am – 3.00pm. There is a possibility of negotiation with these times.*
- *We are looking to fill the position as soon as possible until the end of 2023 with the possibility of extension. For the right applicant, a temporary contract will be put in place to enable leave entitlements to be accessed.*

If interested in this opportunity, or for further information, please contact the school with attention to:

Nicole Molloy - Principal

Email: nicole.molloy@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 9323 6313

Community Sport News

NETBALL IS BACK.
**ESCPSNA 2023 NETBALL WINTER
SEASON STARTS IN TERM 2.**



**JOIN A WOOLLAHRA
WILDCATS TEAM.**
Want your child to get in on some
team sport action? Let them join in
the fun and learn skills in a game
they can play for life! Interested?
Email us your:

Name and contact details. Child's
name, school year and date of birth.

**SIGN UP FOR TERM 2.
EMAIL DETAILS TO
ESCPSNETBALL@GMAIL.COM**


E.S.C.P.S.N.A.

The Woollahra Wildcats Netball Teams

Many of our students participate in a local netball competition that is held on Saturday mornings at the Waverley netball courts during Term 2 & 3 of the school year.

The competition is held by Eastern Suburbs Combined Primary Schools Netball Association –

[E.S.C.P.S.N.A. | Eastern Suburbs Combined Primary Schools Netball Association \(escpsna.com\)](http://escpsna.com)

The competition is a great way for school children to learn how to work as a group and have fun at the same time. If you are interested in your child being part of the competition, please contact the association at the email address above.

The Year 5 teams in particular are looking for some more players so we encourage any Year 5 students to contact the association as a priority. Alternatively, the team managers can be contacted at the following email addresses

Woollahra Wildcats (Year 5)	Luke Irons	irons.luke@gmail.com
Woollahra Wonders (Year 5)	Zoltan Zavos	zoltonz@gmail.com

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 14 March

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 March in the staffroom. Entry through Gate 2 near the bell tower. All are welcome.

NSW State Election BBQ and Fundraiser

Once again, the Woollahra Public School hall will be a polling place for the NSW state election to be held on Saturday 25 March. Our P&C will be running a BBQ and cake stall as a fundraiser. We would love as much help from the parent community as possible so please save the date and watch this space for further information. An hour of your time will make all the difference and it will be lots of fun!

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](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

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 Parents and Citizens' Association

There are many opportunities to help the P&C through involvement in our events and activities.

All enquiries can be sent to woollahrapc@gmail.com

President - Sheree Jonathan

Secretary - Claire Hooper

Vice Presidents –Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

Treasurer– Campbell Dawson

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@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@iinet.net.au

