



Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 2 – 3 May 2023



Calendar Dates

- Tuesday 9 May – Cross Country Carnival @ Lough Park
- Thursday 11 May – Year 5OC STEM Fair @ 1.30pm
- Friday May 12 - Mother's Day Celebrations K-2
- Thursday 18 May - Kindergarten 2024 School Tour
- Wednesday 24 May – Writers' Circle excursion to Sydney Writers' Festival
- Thursday 25 May - K-2 Athletics Carnival
- Thursday 25 May – Year 4 excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

We have been thrilled to welcome everyone back for Term 2 over the last week and we have certainly hit the ground running with a busy term of planning, special projects and events. We are delighted to have an amazing array of programs happening and some exciting events coming up.

It was wonderful to hold a very special ceremony to commemorate Anzac Day last Friday. The ceremony was a reflective and thoughtful mix of music, student writing and the sharing of some important messages about the role of Australian men and women in past wars and in service today. We acknowledged their sacrifices that have contributed to the peaceful life we live today in Australia and reflected on this important part of our nation's history with true insight. Special congratulations go



to our student leaders who led the ceremony, Vincent, Emma and Charlotte who performed some beautiful musical pieces, Louie H-S and Hayden B who shared some special poetry, the combined choir who sang brilliantly and each class who made a wreath or tribute. Very thanks go to one of our families who shared their personal story on the day. Zali and Ziva



stood alongside their aunt Racheal Cosgrove and proudly talked about their grandfather George's service over a career of 44 years. Racheal shared her reflections on the importance of the work she does in active service now with the Royal Australian Navy. It was special that Ziva and Zali's grandparents George and Sonia travelled all the way from Queensland for the ceremony and to talk to our students. It's these personal connections and stories that make the learning authentic and meaningful for all of our children. A special tribute also goes to one of students Jacob in 5M who performed the Last Post and Reveille at the end of our ceremony. Jacob has been preparing what is challenging music to perform and did a wonderful job. Thanks also go to the parents who joined us for such an important community event.

It was great to see so many students heading off this week to various sports for the winter PSSA competition and our choice sports for years 4-6. There was much excitement as we had children heading to netball, soccer, AFL, basketball, tennis, table tennis and yoga. Thanks go to the teachers for their work in organising such a comprehensive range of sporting opportunities for our students. It promises to be a fabulous sporting season!

2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 and will be ready to start school? We encourage all families with children starting school next year to complete the enrolment application. Please also spread the word to other local families interested in enrolling at our school that now is the time to work through this process.

Now is the time to complete an **Application for Enrolment**. This can be done online at the following link:

[Enrolling at Woollahra - Woollahra Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/starting-school/starting-kindergarten)

Our 2024 Kindergarten orientation dates have been set. The flyer is included in the newsletter and will be on our website shortly. We encourage new families or siblings who are commencing school in 2024 to put these dates in your diary. Enrolment Learning Conferences will commence in a couple of weeks and we have our first school tour for the year on 18 May. Don't hesitate to contact our school office if you have any questions or need assistance. We are looking forward to meeting all of our new 2024 Kindergarten recruits!



Starting School at Woollahra

Kindergarten 2024



Is your child starting school next year? We are delighted to welcome you to Woollahra Public School!

Please join us for the range of events we have planned for our 2024 Kindergarten children and their families.

School Tours for New Families
Thursday 18 May and Wednesday 26 July 2023- 9.15am
 Our school tours are an opportunity to meet our Principal, students and staff. The tours will enable you to visit classrooms, talk to our students and tour the school facilities. Our students will give you an insight into the school from their own perspective and share some of their Woollahra stories. Meet at the school's main entrance on Forth Street.

Learning Conferences for Families and Children
23 May through to 15 September 2023
 Each student and their family enrolling in Kindergarten for 2024 is invited to attend an enrolment learning conference with our Principal or Deputy Principals. At this time you will have the opportunity to share information about your child's interests and needs as well as ask any questions you may have about the school.

Playgroup Session for New Students
Thursday 14 September 2023 – 9.15am
 Join us with your child for a playgroup session hosted by the school's Kindergarten teachers and our current Kindergarten and senior students. You will have the opportunity to meet staff, other parents and share in morning tea while your child plays with other children starting school next year.

Evening Information Session for 2024 Kindergarten Parents
Wednesday 25 October 2023 – 7.00pm
 Join us in the school hall for an information session run by our school leadership team. We will provide a comprehensive array of information on all aspects of life at school, school programs and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Stay and Play Orientation Program
Thursday 2 November & Thursday 9 November 2023 – 9.15am
 All students joining us in 2024 are invited to spend the morning participating in a range of play, art, music and literacy activities as part of our *Stay and Play Orientation* program. At the end of each session you will be invited to spend some time in the classroom with your child.

Best Start Assessment Period
Thursday 1 February and Friday 2 February 2024
 The Best Start Kindergarten Assessment takes around an hour and will be conducted prior to your child beginning school. This is an individualised assessment that helps teachers identify the literacy and numeracy knowledge and skills each child brings to school as they enter Kindergarten. We will make individual appointments in December.

First Day of Kindergarten – Monday 5 February 2024
 Visit our website at www.woollahra-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Woollahra Public School

We take pride in providing our students with a depth and breadth of educational opportunity. This takes place in a dynamic, innovative and caring learning environment, focused on achieving high levels of success for every child.

I look forward to meeting all of our new families and encourage you to contact the school and visit us so that I can personally welcome you to our great school.

Ms Nicole Molloy - Principal





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Mother's Day Celebrations – Friday 12 May

Mother's Day is a special day on our calendar where we celebrate the amazing women who are special mums to us all. We have a couple of exciting things planned for Friday 12 May which is the Friday just prior to Mother's Day.

Come for breakfast to connect and celebrate our mums - 8.00am in the COLA near the hall

Our P&C will be hosting a special breakfast of pikelets, fruit and yoghurt. Join us under the COLA (near the canteen and uniform shop) just outside the hall from **8.00am**. Tickets can be purchased now on Munch Monitor. You can also order a special bunch of flowers for only \$15.00. All on Munch Monitor! We will also look forward to a surprise musical performance!

Classroom Visits for our K-2 Children - 9.15am - 10.00am

All our welcome to visit our K-2 classrooms **9.15am - 10.00am** for some special performances, sharing and presentation of special artworks. Have a look at the flyer below for the timing of the performances.

All of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, friends and special people who fulfil mother roles in our lives are more than welcome to join us for these celebrations. Don't forget to order your breakfast tickets and flowers on Munch Monitor now and no later than 10 May.



Student Achievements

We're so proud of the many student achievements that happen across our school each week.

Academy of Chess representatives at Plunket Street Public School



We congratulate and thank our wonderful students Allegra 4W, Robert 6I, Michael 6H and James 1/2R for their participation and representation of Woollahra PS at the recent Chess Interschool Competition which takes place



every year. The students formed a team and they came second in the day's games overall! This is such a brilliant achievement! Allegra and Michael also won individual prizes. Thank you to the parents of the students involved who were able to attend and support our students.

State Swimming Stars!

We had several of our students represent our school and Sydney East Region at the NSWPSA Swimming Championships at the end of last term. We are so proud of how hard they worked and the way in which they supported each other. They were outstanding ambassadors for our school.



Huge congratulations go to Riley, Max, Hugo and Tommy who competed in the Senior Boys relay and placed 16th in the state. This is an outstanding achievement in a field of over 2000 schools. We are also beyond proud of Elizabeth from 2G won an individual State Bronze Medal for 50 m Freestyle and the gold medal for all age 5 x 50 freestyle relay. This is also a truly outstanding achievement. Well done to our swimming superstars!



At the end of last term Max N from 5P received the award for best sand competition for U10 boys, the gold medal for State Flag Competition, silver medal for U10 male beach relay and Bronze medal for all age beach relay. Congratulations Max!



Whole School News

Dogs on our School Site

For many members of our school community, dogs are an important part of our lives. We do have to remember however, that this is not the case for all of our students and their families. We have some students that are quite fearful of dogs. In addition, even the most placid dog can be unpredictable in an environment such as a school playground or on the streets around the school. We recently had an incident where an unleashed dog was brought onto the school grounds in the afternoon while afternoon sports activities were concluding. This caused a great deal of distress and fear for some of our children.

Please remember that dogs are not to be brought onto our school site at anytime – leashed or unleashed. They are also not to be tied up outside the school grounds.

A reminder that this is law under the NSW Companion Animals Act as follows:

Dogs are prohibited in the following places (whether or not they are leashed or otherwise controlled)--

- (a) Children's play areas (meaning any public place, or part of a public place that is within 10 metres of any playing apparatus provided in that public place or part for the use of children).*
- (e) School grounds (meaning any property occupied or used for a purpose connected with the conduct of a government school or non- government school under the [Education Act 1990](#) , other than any property used for a residence or the curtilage of a residence).*

While only a small percentage of dogs will ever be involved in an attack, the [Companion Animals Act 1998](#) ('the Act') requires that all dogs must be under effective control by means of a chain, cord or leash when in public (unless in a designated off-leash area) in order to minimise the chances of an attack occurring, and to protect the welfare of the dog and members of the public. (Ref: Woollahra Council website).

While it is imperative that we all abide by the law, it's just as important that we support each other as a community. Our school grounds need to be a safe place for every child and family. This means it is not a place for dogs.

Uniform Reminders

Woollahra is a proud uniform wearing school. A couple of reminders regarding our uniform:

- ***Please ensure your child is wearing Woollahra uniform items and not alternate jumpers and hats.***
- ***'Woollahra Wildcats' jumpers are not part of our school uniform and are not to be worn to school. These***
- ***need to be saved for wearing on the weekend at sport.***
- ***Black shoes are an important part of our uniform every day unless your child is wearing sports uniform.***
- ***We have a 'no hat, no play' policy and require every child to wear a school hat when outside. This includes before and after school.***

We appreciate the support of all families in adhering to these uniform guidelines.

As the weather starts to become colder, we are increasingly dealing with the challenge of tracking down jumpers and jackets when they are taken off at school. It is very frustrating when expensive clothing is lost or we are unable to return jackets to the owners as they do not have names on them. Let's work together as a whole school to do the following:

- ***Label every piece of your child's school uniform clearly with their name – especially hats and jackets.***
- ***Remind your child about the importance of putting their clothing in their bag if they take it off.***
- ***If your child comes home with an item of clothing which does not belong to them, please return it to school with a note so that it can be returned to its rightful owner.***



Survey Regarding Future High School Proposals

The NSW Department of Education has requested that we provide the following information to you on behalf of SEC Newgate. The survey is regarding future high school proposals.

Reminder to please complete this short online survey: https://dr.octopusgroup.com.au/survey/Needlefish_9_5

This survey is very important to convey your thoughts about future high school proposals within the Eastern Suburbs to the Department.

The survey closes Friday 12 May.

School Opal Card Compliance

We have received the following information from Transdev, the school bus operator. Please discuss with your child the need for tapping on and off.

It is essential for all school students to travel with a valid School Opal Card or Child/Youth Opal Card. This is so that we can understand customer travel patterns and can adjust the services provided, if necessary. Every time a student Taps On and Off, students are counted on our service – when students do not, they are invisible. Without accurate patronage data, Transport for NSW has the option to withdraw services that show low patronage. Further, adopting the behaviours of Tapping On and Off is a key part of fare compliance. Once students are no longer travelling to and from school, it is a legal requirement to travel with a valid ticket.

We ask that all parents ensure that their children have a valid Opal card for travelling to and from school each day. We also ask that you please encourage them to Tap On and Off every time they use a bus service. To be eligible for a School Opal Card the student must:

- be a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
- be aged 4 years 6 months or older. Pre-school children are not eligible.
- live a minimum distance from your school: o Years K-2 (Infants) - No minimum distance. o Years 3-6 (Primary) - 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further. o Years 7-12 (Secondary) - 2km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further. If you do not meet these criteria, your child will need to carry a Child/Youth Opal card with funds loaded onto it.

Transdev John Holland Buses (NSW) Pty Ltd www.transdevjohnholland.com.au

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.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term we are continuing our implementation of **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**, a framework to create a positive, safe and supportive learning environment at Woollahra Public School.

Our three school PBL expectations are:

- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Safe**
- **Be an Active Learner**

These expectations underpin everything we do at WPS in learning spaces, the playground, going to the library, at assembly, on excursions, at school sport – the PBL expectations are explicit and consistent, and remind students to make good choices in every part of their learning.

Each week our school has a key focus that teachers explore with their class, to ensure students have a clear understanding of the role they play in meeting our PBL expectations.

In Week 2 teachers will be revising the key expectations in the classroom:

Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult instructions - Treat others the way you want to be treated - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Be proud of your area and environment - Be an upstander, not a bystander
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Think about consequences before you act - Report any problems to the teacher - Use 'No, Go, Tell' strategy when feeling unsafe
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate a growth mindset in all activities

Thank you for your support of PBL by going through these expectations with your children.

Edwina MacDonald.

Parents & Citizens' Association News

Next P&C Meeting – Tuesday 9 May

Our next P&C meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 9 May in the staffroom. Entry through Gate 2 near the bell tower. All are welcome.

Uniform Shop News

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

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

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