



# Woollahra Public School

Term 2 Week 4 – 17 May 2023



## Calendar Dates

- Thursday 18 May - Kindergarten 2024 School Tour
- Monday 22 May – Multicultural Public Speaking Competition
- 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

### Somewhere Over the Rainbow...musings on what makes a great school experience

Whenever anyone has a conversation with me about learning and school education, I'm always quick to describe teaching as both an art and a science. It's a highly complex endeavour and while it's one that as professional educators we adore. Designing learning experiences and creating educational environments that deeply engage our students and simultaneously maximise their learning, is intricate, challenging and at times a changing landscape. Education is also a landscape that is influenced from all directions ranging from current research and systemic policy through to personal opinion and the 'on the ground' experience of our teachers and children. I love this complexity and enjoy engaging in the debate, listening to the various perspectives and reflecting on what is best for our children at Woollahra. Our staff have regular conversations in this space. It's a point of pondering and thinking for me constantly and I feel uplifted when I have these conversations with parents. To this end, I thought I would share this insightful and reflective article published last year in the Griffith Review. It's written by an outstanding young woman and provides immense food for thought in thinking about what she describes as the 'tension between quantifying learning and quality learning'. We know that assessment of student learning and analysis of this assessment to determine our impact as educators is important. However, is it at the expense of making the learning experience for our kids more about measuring their progress and less about what will matter to them long after the assessment is over? The relationships our kids have at school, how we challenge them to approach their learning with curiosity, creativity and a mindset that values learning for what it brings us in our lives are perhaps the things that matter over learning as a means to achieve on a test. I would love to know your thoughts and urge us all to reflect on this and talk about what we value in learning at Woollahra.

<https://www.griffithreview.com/articles/somewhere-over-the-rainbow/>



## Happy Mother's Day and a huge thank you to our P&C

Special thanks go to all of the parents, teachers and students who made our Mother's Day celebrations truly memorable last Friday. The classroom concerts were heartfelt with many a tear shed by our mums as your children sang to you and it was wonderful to see your children spending time with you sharing their portraits and class work. I think what made the day extra special was the opportunity to have parents join us in the classrooms, have a little window into school life and share the special experience with your children. We are incredibly appreciative of the work of the

P&C who organised the beautiful flowers and breakfast which was enjoyed immensely by one and all. Heartfelt thanks also go to the





superstar team of parents and children who organised the flowers. We also loved the fabulous and heartfelt performance by our Super Choir! It was incredible teamwork and a beautiful camaraderie- the Woollahra community at its best!



## Learning in 1O & 1BH with Miss O'Rourke, Ms Brodie & Ms Hood



1O and 1BH have been having fun in Mathematics this term! We have been exploring number combinations, place value, patterns, and other important concepts through engaging mathematical games which align to our new K-2 Mathematics curriculum. Students have been using their deductive reasoning and problem-solving skills to work through challenges and justify their choice of strategies in games.



1BH: "I really like playing Maths games because they're fun" - Lola L

1BH: "I love Maths games because they help me to remember my number facts" - Ludvig S



1O: "I like that there are so many different types of games to play." - Ashy W

1O: "I love maths games because they get you thinking, and there are so many ways to add and subtract!" - Neive P and Teddy A





## Learning in 5P and 5M with Mrs Pellow and Mrs Markezinis

### 'OC Class Astounds School at STEM FAIR; Best Yet, Says Many'

On Thursday, 5M and 5P presented their STEM Fair. They had been working in secret for over a term, unbeknownst to many. The only privileged souls who knew of it were 5M, 5P, Ms Hayward, Mrs Markezinis and Mrs Pellow.



At one o'clock the participants began to set up. Twenty different ideas, all in one room. If the presentation was to begin on time, they would have to get a move on. They did get it on time, but barely. When the parents came in, they were greeted with a stupendous sight: tables lined with linen cloth, and cardboard boards lined up

on them, prototypes on the side, and laptops ready to present a quiz or two. "IT WAS SO GOOD!" screams one parent, before they are asked to quiet as the lights are the wall. It shows pictures of us the parents made their way were doing. "So, what's this?" some Year 5 and 6 students came in and participated in many of our quizzes and games to test their knowledge.



dimmed. Suddenly, an image appears on in 5P's room, designing our models. Soon, around to each group to learn what we an inquisitive parent asked. After that,

At the end of the day, Ms Molloy came and looked at the work. "It's best we've ever seen." She ended with a fitting end to this wonderful and fruitful day. **Reporter: Angus D 5M**



### The STEM Journey

Our STEM fair last week was the finished product of over a term of tireless efforts from all the students in year 5 OC. The driving question was 'How can we help people prepare, survive and recover from a catastrophic bushfire event', and it really got our brains churning. We went through the design thinking process to achieve what felt like a miracle. We made empathy maps and cried over all the people who had suffered through the terrible effects of a bushfire. We asked questions to find out real problems that are happening in our country around the topic of

bushfires. We formed our group of three and began brainstorming crazy ideas through strategies like Crazy Eights. We had a flying caravan as one of our ideas. We decided on an underground bunker, and talked to firefighters about our idea who gave us priceless feedback. We built a beautiful prototype, where details were the key. It all started to come together. We worked for days and days to write pages of work, recounts, and information to present in the fair. We all saw the kaleidoscope of colours surrounding the hall. We waited in anticipation for the guests to arrive. The fair was a blast. Many people did the quiz that we had made, and we beamed with pride when we realised what we had done. Our underground bunker was foolproof. We had an answer to every question. When I went to bed that night, I could not help but feel a sense of relief and joy. I cannot wait for next term when we can strive to do bigger and better things. STEM was amazing! **Reporter: Pippa J**

## Whole School News

### We are excited to announce our school will be transitioning to an upgraded School Bytes finance system on 23 May 2023!

In preparation for the transition to a simplified finance system for both you and the school, we will be required to implement a short payment lockout period where we will not be able to receive any payments.

#### What this means for you

- No payments can be made online from 9am, ***Tuesday 16 May 2023***.
- Last day to make cash, cheque or EFTPOS payments will be close of business on Tuesday 16 May 2023.
- We will advise you when payments can resume soon.
- Any existing payment links that have been sent to you previously in emails can still be used after the transition and will automatically redirect to the new system.
- After the transition, a School Bytes portal will be available for you to register and begin using (Link: <https://portal.schoolbytes.education>).
- All previous payments made will be migrated to the new School Bytes finance system and portal.

#### What is the School Bytes portal

The School Bytes portal provides flexibility for you to conveniently:

- ***Make school payments online (including paying for multiple siblings at once)***
- ***Use a family credit to pay for an activity or school contributions***
- ***Download a receipt for payments made***
- ***View all historical payments in one place***
- ***Complete and submit digital permission notes***
- ***View the status of all permission notes***
- ***Request a refund if required***

This can be done where you want at any time: day or night.

Through the portal, you will easily be able to download a receipt once a payment has been made and have access to view all historical payments when needed. Online payments are processed in real-time and can be viewed by school staff immediately. While our preference is for payments to be made via the portal, we will still accept payment via cash, cheque, and money order.

## 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/childcare/starting-school/2024-enrolment)**

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!

## Student Wellbeing

### Positive Behaviour for Learning

This week our PBL focus is **Transitions around the school**, where teachers will be discussing with their students how to move around the school respectfully and safely. These explicit discussions will focus on:

<b>Be Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking quietly on the left with a partner and keep up with your class</li> <li>- Following teacher instructions</li> <li>- Knocking before entering other classrooms</li> </ul>
<b>Be Safe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waiting quietly for the teacher after breaks</li> <li>- Being in the right place at the right time</li> <li>- Moving around the school safely</li> <li>- Being aware of traffic on driveways</li> </ul>
<b>Be an Active Learner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Returning to class promptly</li> </ul>

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

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

We appreciate your support of PBL by going through these expectations with your children.

## Parents & Citizens' Association News

### Wild West Trivia Night – Saturday 3 June

We are working hard to make the upcoming Wild West Trivia night a fabulous evening for all. Lots of fun will be had, but we also want to raise at least \$30,000 to fund the Festival of Creativity and Thinking that our children will benefit from in a few months' time. This is where we need your help.

***We are in need of some prizes and auction items we can sell on the night.***

- Are you a business owner and able to provide a suitable prize? For example, gift vouchers, wine, hampers, health and fitness goodies, homewares, fashion items, accessories - the list is endless!
- Do you have an 'experience' opportunity you could donate? For example, a weekend away, a cooking class or personal chef for the night, a tour of a winery or brewery.
- Do you have connections to our local businesses in and around Woollahra who could make a donation?

We would love to hear from you! Please email us on [woollarapc@gmail.com](mailto:woollarapc@gmail.com) and let us know how you can help, or if you can make an introduction for us. Thank you.



A red poster with a western theme. At the top is a row of white stars. Below them is a silhouette of a cowboy on a horse. The text "QUICK DRAW" is in large, white, serif capital letters. Below that, "TRIVIA NIGHT TICKETS ON SALE NOW" is in smaller, white, serif capital letters. Further down, "SATURDAY 3RD JUNE, 7 P.M AT EASTS RUGBY CLUB, ROSEBAY" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom left is a small crest with a shield and a cross. To the right of the crest, the text "PARENTS' NIGHT FUNDRAISER. \$85 P.P. OR \$850 FOR A TABLE FOR 10. INCLUDES GRAZING PLATTERS, TRIVIA MASTER AND DJ." is written in a small font. At the very bottom is another row of white stars.



More importantly, we hope to see you at Easts Rugby Club for our Wild West Trivia Night, 3 June. It's going to be a great night! We've got fun trivia, yummy Texan food, and we'll finish the night off dancing with Ruby J - one of Sydney's most in-demand DJs who has performed alongside Calvin Harris and at the ARIAs! Prizes for best dressed and other fun games too. A wonderful opportunity to socialise with other parents. Tickets are limited and selling fast so be sure to buy yours soon on [Munch Monitor](#). You can either group together and buy a table for 10, or you can buy individual tickets and we'll place you on a table with other parents in your child's year group. Ticket sales will close 5pm Tuesday 23 May, unless sold out prior.

***The Woollahra Public School P&C Events Team***

## 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](mailto:Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com)

### WPS Uniform Shop



**Opening hours: Tuesdays and Fridays  
8:30-9am**

For online orders, please email us at  
[WoollahraUniforms@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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