

Woollahra

Public School

Term 2 Week 9 – 22 June 2023

Calendar Dates

- Monday 26 June Year 2 Excursion to the Powerhouse Museum
- Monday 26 June State 3 Athletics Carnival at Trumper Park Oval
- Wednesday 28 June Term 2 Principal's Award assemblies – K-2 @ 9.15 am, Yrs 3-6 @ 10.10 am
- Wednesday 28 June Band Winter Soiree Concert @ 7pm
- Thursday 29 June Year 3 Excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park
- Thursday 29 June 5M and 5P to NSW Art Gallery
- Friday 30 June Last day Term 2
- Tuesday 18 July First day of Term 3 for students

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy

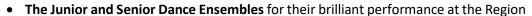


As we head into the last week of term, I would like to congratulate each and every member of our school community on a highly successful term. We have achieved

so much and there have been many highlights across the school. Accolades go to every student for their efforts to build on their learning and achieve their personal best throughout the term. This was reflected in all of the outstanding student reports I have read in the last week. Special thanks also go to our parent community for their

incredible support of the school and of course to our staff for working so hard on so many levels to make sure our students have the best learning opportunities possible!

We have enjoyed a range of stellar arts performances in the last couple of weeks. Special congratulations go to:



Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre last Friday and this week. All of our dancers were exceptional as they told their stories through movement. They demonstrated skill, grace and artistic flair which was nothing less than impressive. Special thanks go to Katelyn Boshell for all of her hard work in working with the children and coordinating the performances.



• Our **Senior String Ensemble and String Sinfonia** were exceptional in their performances at the Sydney Opera House as part of the NSW Department of Education Festival of Instrumental Music and the Sydney Eisteddfod respectively. They

worked so hard and

performed high level repertoire with to a standard well beyond their years. Congratulations go to all of our musicians on your dedication, collaboration and musicianship. Much gratitude goes to Ali MacDonald, Edwina MacDonald and the parent support team for all of their hard work in supporting the kids to achieve and have these experiences.







- We were proud to have our very own school captain **Charlotte perform a piano solo** in the Opera House Concert Hall at the same concert last week. Charlotte's performance of *Fantaisie Impromptu in C# minor* by Chopin was received to great acclaim, was technically brilliant and artistically beautiful.
- We are also excited for our stellar public speakers who represented our school at the network Multicultural Public Speaking competition held yesterday. Charlotte, Max, Finn and Lewis all did a brilliant job with what is a complex task presenting both prepared and impromptu speeches with confidence and sophistication. They all did a brilliant job. Congratulations go to Charlotte who won the competition and will progress to the regional final. Well done to Max and Finn who were highly commended.



Semester 1 Reports

Your child's Semester 1 progress report was made available through the Sentral Parent Portal next week. This report provides a summary of your child's academic progress, areas for further development, additional learning support programs where applicable, social development, work habits, involvement in school activities beyond the classroom and an attendance record. The report has been put together with careful consideration of your child's performance, effort and progress throughout the whole semester. Progress judgements have been made by teachers based on work samples, formal assessments, observation, daily class work and conversations with your child. We are happy to share these work samples and assessments with you at any point in time.

You will notice that the assessment of achievement is done on a five point scale using the following levels - *individual program, working towards, expected level, working above* and *working beyond*. I ask that you read the descriptors for each level carefully in order to interpret your child's report. The report also includes a section for children who are receiving learning assistance or enrichment. In addition, each report includes a student self-reflection section. I have very much enjoyed reading each child's reflections on their own learning and have found them to be very insightful. Involving the children in the assessment and reporting process is very important and I encourage you to talk about their reflections as well as their achievements on the overall report. My thanks go to all teachers who have put so much time and effort into ensuring the assessments and comments on each report are well informed and thoughtful.

It is never possible to capture every aspect of your child's learning in one document and I encourage you to talk to your child's teacher and look at examples of their work for more detail. While we have not scheduled parent-teacher interviews this term, I encourage you to contact your child's class teacher early next term if you would like to meet to discuss your child's learning and wellbeing. This opportunity is always open to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish every family a safe and happy holiday break. We will look forward to seeing you all back for Term 3 on Tuesday 18 July.

Staff Curriculum Planning Days on Reading Fluency and Comprehension: working with our Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction Brooke Rush



It is no secret that at Woollahra Public School, we are PASSIONATE about reading! In every classroom,



we foster a love of reading and ensure personalised reading goals and achievements are celebrated. Students and teachers alike enjoy reading and discussing a vast array of reading material. Whether it is quality picture books, chapter books, graphic novels, non-fiction books, magazines, newspapers – you name it, we love to read it all!

As a staff, we have been engaging in informed conversations about

evidence-based reading instruction that relate to all key learning areas across the K-6 learning programs. An ongoing goal shared by all teachers it to develop and embed high quality reading programs that achieve maximum learning growth in all students. These quality teaching programs include explicit teaching of the components of reading which are phonological awareness, phonemic awareness, vocabulary, reading fluency, comprehension, and critical literacy (textual concepts, authors intent and language features). Whilst we are implementing all components of reading, we were eager to go narrow and deep in one area. As a school, we identified that enhancing our *Reading Fluency* practice would be a glove fit for our school context and needs.

So, what is Reading Fluency?

Reading fluency refers to the ability to read text accurately, smoothly, and with appropriate expression. Fluent reading acts as a bridge between automatic word reading and comprehension. It is the link between reading words quickly and effortlessly and understanding and comprehending text. Explicit teaching and instruction are required to support children in becoming fluent readers.

In Week 6 (Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June) the classroom teachers from each stage were released for a full Curriculum

Planning Day focusing on Reading Fluency and Comprehension. This allowed all teachers to deepen their understanding the new English syllabus through unpacking the following areas of Reading Fluency and Comprehension:

- What does current research and evidence say about reading?
- What does reading fluency really mean?
- What are the important considerations in becoming a fluent reader?
 What does this look like at each stage level?
- What are some practical strategies for teaching fluency?
- Revisiting syllabus outcomes related to reading (fluency and comprehension) – where do the outcomes sit on the syllabus, how can we link them to other outcomes?
- Viewing Reading Fluency indicators on the Literacy progressions
- Exploring, sharing and planning resources available

Following our curriculum planning days, classroom teachers K-6 have been successfully implementing fluency lessons into their teaching and learning programs. This has included:



- teacher modelling reading for students with appropriate phrasing, stress, pitch and rhythm, with attention to punctuation.
- explicit instruction on appropriate intonation and a focus on phrasing, including cueing for phrase boundaries
- engaging students in repeated readings, choral readings and reading aloud performances.

Feedback from students and teachers have indicated an increased awareness of the components of skilled reading fostering a continuing love of reading across the school.

"Following our professional development centred around Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension, 5KL have been implementing some new reading strategies to develop reading fluency to provide students with as many various opportunities to read aloud our class novel, Ollie's Odyssey, including partners and individually. The students have responded enthusiastically with these new activities and appear visibly confident about reading aloud as we continue to explore the narrative text." – Ms. Kostic-London, Year 5 Classroom Teacher

"1BH have been enjoying daily fluency lessons and activities. We love experimenting with our expression and tone to show our comprehension of text." – Ms Brodie, Year 1 R/Assistant Principal and Teacher and Eve Hood, Year 1 Classroom Teacher

"In Kindergarten we have been building our reading fluency by delivering explicit phonic instruction. We have been using decodable texts to support students to read with increasing automaticity." – Alex Byron, Kindergarten R/Assistant Principal and Teacher



Learning in KB and KE with Mrs Byron and Ms Elwasfi

This week when engaging in the Grow Your Mind program, Kindergarten students have been sharing the ways that they calm their "Guard Dog" down when they are feeling angry or frustrated. KE and KB got together to read Mad Magpie which is a book by Gregg Dreise that introduces us to a munjerible (the Gamilaraay word for angry) magpie called Guluu. Guluu eventually learns to "stay calm like the water" by singing when he feels miserable or angry.

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KB and KE students shared the ways that they like to keep their guard dog sleeping

and calm. Then KE taught KB a new breathing technique, elephant breathing!

Here are some of the ways that the students keep their guard dog calm:

"I like to bring all the anger up into my mouth and then blow it out" - Kai

"I like to do five finger breathing" – Jojo

"I like to get cuddles from my mum" – Etta



"I like to do silly breaths"- Jack H



Whole School News

Safety Reminders and Other important routines

Supervision Before School

Please remember that supervision starts in the mornings at 8.30am. We have an increasing number of children arriving before school at this time and playing in the playground unsupervised. This is a safety risk. We have an excellent before school care service available from 7.00am if you need care for your child before 8.30am. Please do not drop your child in the school playground or allow them to walk to school before 8.30am unless they are attending a supervised before school activity.

Sun Safety and Hats

Even though it's winter, we still need to be conscious of sun safety. Our 'No hat, no play' policy is relevant right throughout the year and your child should be wearing their hat whenever they are outside. Please ensure they have a school hat with them each day.

Lost Property – label everything!

Losing hats, jumpers and lunch boxes is one of the greatest frustrations of school life for everyone. It can also be expensive. Our dedicated office team sort lost property several times a week and return it to students. For this to happen, we need all items to be labelled. It's surprising how often items arrive in lost property without any names on them. It's also important to teach your child good habits in looking after their belongings.

Canteen Use and Accounts

We are so fortunate to have a great canteen at Woollahra run by the fabulous Linda and Stephanie. Please remember, that the best way to organise food from the canteen for your child is through pre-orders on Munch Monitor. Allowing your child to put items 'on account' leads to excess purchasing and the temptation to buy food for peers. Please remind your child that they should never be purchasing food for other children. If they are bringing cash, it needs to be a small amount. The canteen is a business and as such is unable to provide food or drinks unless the items have been paid for.

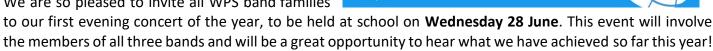
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Performing Arts Update

Band News

We are so pleased to invite all WPS band families

to our first evening concert of the year, to be held at school on Wednesday 28 June. This event will involve



Term 2 Winter Soirée

Who: Junior, Intermediate and Senior Bands

Date: Wednesday 28th June

Arrival Time: 6.15pm **Performance Time:** 6.30pm Where: School Hall

What to Wear: Normal School Uniform What to bring: Instrument and Music

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We are all looking forward to some great performances!



Performance Time



String Ensemble News

It's been a big and successful semester in the world of our Strings program.

Congratulations to our Senior Strings Students

Heartfelt congratulations go to our Senior String Ensemble who performed at the Opera House this week as part of the Department of Education's Festival of Instrumental music last week and to the String Sinfonia students who performed at the Sydney Eisteddfod on Monday this week. Their performances were breathtaking and of such a high

standard. We were so proud of our kids, our teachers and the way in which we are ensuring our long-standing tradition of musical excellence is thriving. We have all commented on how dedicated the kids have been and how they have collaborated with absolute support and a true spirit of teamwork. Being a musician has many benefits. Learning and developing these skills is one of them.

Our new String Ensemble

Thanks go to all of the parents of students in younger year levels who have been waiting to join the string ensemble. We appreciate your patience as we reset the program with new staffing this year. We are now ready for your children to commence in Term 3. We will be establishing a second string ensemble for beginner students and those who are in their first year or so of learning. The ensemble will rehearse on Friday mornings at 8.00am.

How to express interest, find out more information or join?

Please meet Mrs MacDonald in her classroom on Monday morning 26 June at 8.30am (ground floor Barton Block) or in the hall at 8.15am on Tuesday 27 June. Alternatively, send her an email to let her know you are interested at:

edwina.macdonald@det.nsw.edu.au

Staffing and Tutors

We have been delighted to welcome our new conductor <u>Alistair MacDonald</u> who has done a brilliant job working with our senior students and is now looking forward to working with the new students. Alistair also has some availability to teach private lessons at school for students who need tuition. Please email him on the following address if you would like more information:

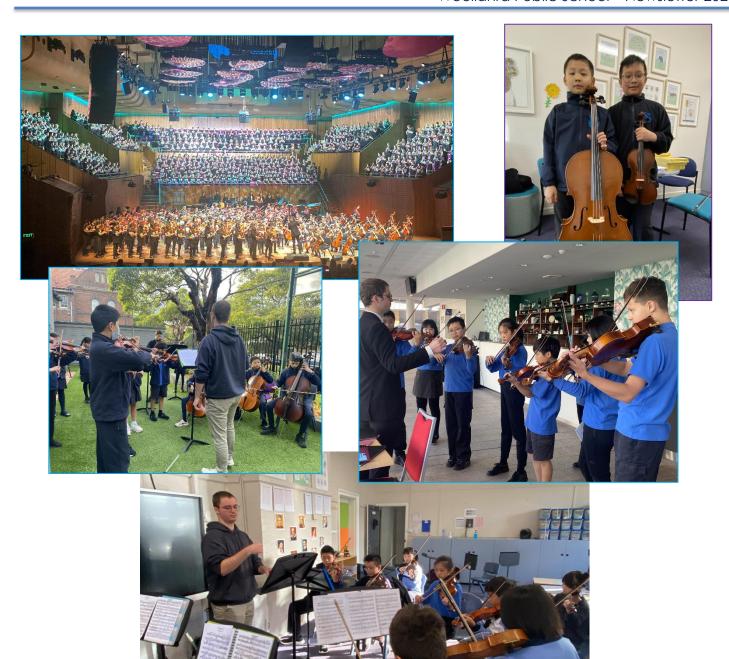
alistair.macdonald14@det.nsw.edu.au

We have recently welcomed back <u>Lilo Blyton</u> as one of our experience tutors. Here is some information from Lilo and her contact details if you would like your child to have lessons with Lilo at school or privately.

My name is Lilo and I have been teaching violin at WPS for the last 3 years. I have a background in violin /fiddle playing with many years of performing and teaching. After having a break in term 1, I have just started up after school lessons again, teaching on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I still have some available spaces. I specialise in teaching O'CONNOR METHOD, a method for strings written by American living music legend and virtuoso Mark O'Connor. In 2015/16 I was privileged to be able to travel to America to study and complete official teacher training with Mark himself of BOOKS I&II (beginner), then BOOKS III&IV (intermediate /advanced), which was a wonderful experience, and am listed on his current website as an accredited teacher in Australia. Take a look at www.oconnormethod.com to see more about the method. I love teaching O'Connor Method as it encompasses mixed genre as well as classical material and I've long been an admirer of Mark's musicianship ,performances and recordings. Since teaching this method in Sydney the last few years, I've had great success and enthusiasm from all ages and levels in learning. If you'd like to enquire about lessons, please email me at:

fiddlecat@bigpond.com

Thank you as always for your incredible support of your children and the music programs in our school. We're excited that our programs will continue to go from strength to strength and that your children will flourish as a result. Don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions and especially contact Edwina MacDonald if you would like your child to join our new ensemble.



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)

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 second school tour for the year on 26 July. 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

We are wrapping up Term 2 with a focus on appropriate behaviour in the **Playground**. Teachers will be reminding students how to play fairly and safely, how to look after our school equipment and how to deal with any playground issues.

These explicit discussions will include:

| Be Respectful | Play fairly, take turns and include others Put rubbish in bin Use appropriate language Share playground space | |
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| Be Safe | Wear your school hat Use play equipment correctly and stay in the supervised areas No riding bikes or scooters Only enter classrooms if a teacher is present | |
| Be an Active Learner | Follow rules of approved games Follow sports roster Try new games and make new friends Go to class quickly after the bell | |

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

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Coordinator

WPS P&C is looking for a uniform shop coordinator on a volunteer basis, to start in Term 3. If you have a few hours a week, have experience in running a small retail shop and would like to get more involved in the school community, please get in touch with Yocy Yung at woollahrauniforms@gmail.com or the P&C at woollahrapc@gmail.com as soon as possible. A job description will be provided to interested volunteers.

Back-to-School vouchers

Please note that Back to School vouchers expire in 2 weeks - by *Friday 30 June 2023*. The vouchers can be used at the Woollahra Public School uniform shop for NEW uniforms only.

Second Hand uniforms

Second hand uniforms will be available for sale on Friday 30 June between 8:30-9am under the flags. We have a reasonable amount of stock of winter and summer items, with items starting from \$5. Second-hand backpacks are FREE.

Please note that there is NO refund or exchange on any of the second hand uniform items.

Donations

We welcome all donations of school uniforms that you no longer need. We would appreciate it if the items are in good condition and washed prior to them being dropped off. Due to limited resources and storage space, we are only accepting them this Friday 23 June between 8:30-9.00am at the uniform shop.

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

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com



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 **Vice Presidents** - Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

Secretary - Claire Hooper **Treasurer** - Campbell Dawson

The exciting initiatives we are raising money for...



The Festival of Creativity and Thinking Create Your Story: An Invitation to Worlds Unseen will launch on 31 July and celebrates an exploration of other worlds through storytelling. The festival event promises to engage the whole school community in a range of unique learning experiences, events and shared performances by our students, teachers and community members. Over the course of the three-week event, a range of teacher led and expert community led workshops will be offered to all of our students. Community expert led workshops will provide unique learning experiences for our students including photography, art, writing, dance, film



making, music, STEM and much more. The event will culminate in a whole school performing arts concert on 23 August. Our festival is one of the most anticipated and enjoyed events of the year at Woollahra. Each year our students receive a specially crafted creative gift which invites them to develop their own creative offering that can be enjoyed by the whole school community. This year the school will contribute to an interactive gallery of questions, ideas, philosophical speculations and stories. Another unique aspect to this year's festival will be the offering of a parent visual arts workshop evening. We look forward to sharing this event with our community and hope you can make it!

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Hub



The Woollahra STEM Hub is an exciting new learning space being established in 2023. The hub will be a dedicated space for all students to

learn and work in. They will have the opportunity to learn, design and create using a range of technologies, robotics equipment, stop motion animation, coding software, film making equipment, 3D-Printers, virtual reality

equipment, maker space resources and STEM related literature. The space will be designed to foster innovative thinking, collaboration and will be accessed by all students in the school. The project supports the school's

goals in providing authentic and exciting creative and critical thinking opportunities for all children in a highly engaging way.



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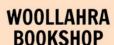


















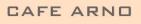




























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Starting School at Woollahra

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











NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

Established in 2001 ABN: 80 111 922 279

Contact details

Coach: Allan - 0449 699 739

Owner: Jed - 0411 775 945 - WhatsApp Email: info@pjtennisacademy.com

We accept Active Kids Vouchers as part of the registration payment

DATE: Friday 21 July - Friday 22 September

MEETING POINT: Outside School Gymnasium

TIME: 7.45am – 8.45am

COST: \$185

(Pro-rata rates for late enrolments)

HOW TO ENROL: Email: jed@pjtennisacademy.com

FORMS MUST NOT BE LEFT AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE



STUDENTS CAN ORDER A TENNIS RACQUET FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$15 IF NEEDED



ANZ Hot Shots Tennis is the fun way for kids to learn how to play tennis at school. Smaller courts, nets, racquets and low-compression balls make learning easy and gives younger players the chance to serve, rally and score right from the first time they play.

IMPORTANT POINTS

- Students won't be accepted without enrolment form and payment
- Suitable for all boys and girls in primary school
- Coaches turn up for the tennis classes regardless of the weather conditions

ENROLMENT SLIP | Tax Invoice ABN: 80 111 922 279 (Term 3 Tennis, 2023)

| CHILD/REN'S NAME | MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER | (Must be supplied) | D-O-B |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| CHILD/KEN 3 NAIVIE | MODILE PHONE/EMENGENCY PHONE NOMBER | (Must be supplied) | 0-0-6 |
| EMAIL ADDRESS | AFTER SCHOOL CARE (If relevant): | Yes No | |

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS

I consent to my child attending the Hot Shots Tennis at WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC and authorise the tennis coaches to supervise these activities. I medical treatment is required and contact cannot be made with a parent/guardian, I authorise the coach in charge to seek the necessary medical treatment. Next Generation Sports will not be held responsible for any accidents. I accept responsibility for the payment of this account

PAYMENT METHOD - BANK TRANSFER ONLY

BANK TRANSFERS TO BE MADE TO:

JED GOULD BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10181512

REFERENCE: STUDENT SURNAME and SCHOOL INITIALS

I acknowledge my child is automatically enrolled unless I am notified by phone. Classes missed due to sickness or

injury will be credited. No refunds given for students changing their mind on joining the program



Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



Mandarin Language Club at Woollahra Public School!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion-based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin!
- The discovery of Chinese culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes are on a <u>Wednesday Afternoon!</u>
To book a free trial/ enrol for the term:

Click <u>here</u> for Kindy-Year 2 (3-4.30pm) Click <u>here</u> for Year 3 - Year 6 (3-4.30pm)

Please check out <u>here</u> for more class options.

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