

# Woollahra

## **Public School**

Term 3 Week 9– 15 September 2023

#### **Calendar Dates**

- Monday 9 October Students return for Term 4
- Friday 20 October Year 6 and Sports Captain photos

#### Relieving Principal's Message: Serena Petriella



As the term comes to an end and we see the holidays fast approaching, we are enjoying the excitement of much activity and learning at Woollahra. Over the last few weeks, we have been delighted to support our students in performing in several very special events. Our Tournament of Minds Stage 3 teams competed in the State Final over the weekend with our Language and Literature team being awarded first place. The Stage 2 Choir performed in the Brindabella Concert at Sydney Town Hall with Charlotte and Max Compering. They performed to audiences of thousands of people at the Sydney Town Hall to great acclaim. We are so proud to have such committed and talented students at Woollahra. It's

another one of the many things that make our school so special! Heartfelt thanks go to our teachers and parents who work to ensure all of our children have these great experiences and are the best they can be.



We are also proud of our Senior and Junior Dance Ensembles who performed at the State Dance Festival, also to much acclaim. They were selected from hundreds of ensembles across the state to perform at this high-level event and we were beyond proud of their performance. Special thanks go to Miss Boshell for her ongoing hard work with the ensemble and to all of the parents who have been so supportive.

#### Thank you for a fabulous term

This is the last newsletter for this term. Thank you to the whole school community for your amazing support throughout the term. We've had a brilliant term on many levels and we are appreciative of all of your support and partnership in all that we do. We wish you all a very safe and restful holiday ahead of the beginning of Term 4, which commences on Monday 9 October 2023. We look forward to catching up with you all as we begin an exciting Term 4!

Serena Petriella

#### Osborne Lane Pick Up

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

• All pedestrians to use the Forth Street gates. Crossing the road at the Osborne gate is not safe with so many cars coming through. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

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

#### **Whole School News**

#### Enrolment Intentions 2024 – please respond now!

Believe it or not, it is time to start planning school organisation for 2024! To assist in making important decisions regarding staffing and classes for 2024, we are asking you to indicate whether your child will be returning to Woollahra in 2024 or attending another school. We are asking that this short survey is filled in for every child in Years 1-5. The survey <u>does</u> <u>not</u> need to be completed for Year 6.



The survey is very quick to fill in and can be accessed at the following link or via this QR code. Let's see which class can have all of their responses in first! This information is really important as part of our planning processes.

#### 2024 Enrolment Intentions - Woollahra Public School Survey

Please complete the survey as soon as possible and no later than Friday 15 September 2023.

#### We need your feedback – Our Festival of Creativity and Thinking

The Festival of Creativity and Thinking brought together a diverse array of educators, thought leaders, and practitioners who are passionate about fostering creativity and critical thinking skills in the classroom and school. This event served as a catalyst for dynamic discussions, interactive workshops, and collaborative networking, all centred around the theme of nurturing students' ability to think creatively, solve problems, and approach learning with a fresh perspective.

We would like feedback from students, staff and parents on the Festival. The survey is an invitation for all parents at Woollahra Public School to share your insights, thoughts and aspirations to help us shape the festival's content ensuring it aligns with what you envision for your child's growth Your input is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a vital part of The Festival of Creativity and Thinking community. Click on the link below to share your thoughts and insights. We would love as many people as possible to respond. This link is for parents. There is a separate link for students which will be shared in class.

# **2023 Festival of Creativity Feedback Survey - Parents**





#### School Bytes

School Bytes has now introduced a feature which lets you save your card details.

Please see the document included with this newsletter for detailed instructions.

### **Learning in KW with Mrs Wright**

This term in Science, KW are having a wonderful time learning about living things. Students have enjoyed participating in a range of hands-on activities designed to identify the needs of living things and explore how living things can be used to meet our needs.



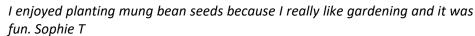
We have:

- · sowed mung bean seeds
- · explored the playground for living things
- · made bush soap using the 'golden wattle' leaves
- · investigated the cotton farming industry
- · used solar extraction techniques to create plant based dyes

In Science, I have enjoyed making dye from plants because I liked cutting up the purple cabbage and beetroot seeing the colours in the jar. Vihan

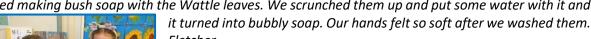
I loved working with my friends to crush up the wattle flowers and sprinkle them into the jars. It was fun watching the water change colour to yellow. Evita

I loved when the been seeds started to grow roots. We watered them everyday and the mung bean seeds grew a stem and leaves and that was fun. Henry



I liked making bush soap with the Wattle leaves. We scrunched them up and put some water with it and

Fletcher



I liked growing the seeds because we had some water and spray bottles. I got to help my friends to grow their plants. Nina

Making the plant dyes was actually really fun because my group got to crumble up the wattle flowers, it was very messy. Sophie M

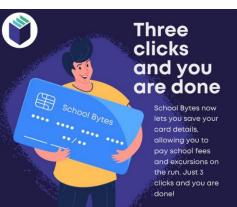
I liked making the green dye using spinach leaves. We had to cut the leaves into small bits and we filled the jar to the top! Xavier













#### **Student Achievements**

#### **Interschool Chess Tournament**

Congratulations to Michael L in 6H who recently won the semi-final in the Interschool Chess Tournament.

The Interschool Chess Tournament is an educational event where students learn to improve their thinking skills, plan and problemsolve and to manage their time effectively. It is where children learn

to win gracefully and lose with resilience.

Michael will now compete in the State Final of the Interschool Chess Tournament. We wish him the best of luck!



#### **Tournament of Minds**



Social Science Team

Victor, Alejo, Charlotte, Karin, Zahara, Misi, Beatrice Throughout the term we have had a group of hard working Stage 3 students preparing for and competing in the Tournament of Minds competition. A collaborative problem solving program focused on creative and critical thinking, Tournament of Minds is a high calibre international event which attracts some of the best minds from around the country. This year over 570 teams in NSW competed in the Tournament of Minds competition. Last week's newsletter had a showcase of each team and their work to date. All of our

teams performed brilliantly at the regional finals recently with the Social Sciences and Language and Literature teams progressing to and competing in the state finals on Sunday. Both teams that competed at the state competition produced truly inspirational responses to complex tasks and the Language and

Literature team were awarded first place!

The students had three hours to prepare their response to the challenge presented to them at the state final. Our children expanded their creative and divergent thinking skills as they worked to negotiate ideas and solutions amongst a team of seven! All responses were entirely the student's own work with students in each team writing their own script, making their own props and costumes and sound effects.

We are immensely proud of the effort and commitment all teams applied to solving challenges throughout the Tournament of Minds competition. We wish the Language and Literature team all the best as they represent NSW at the international finals to be held in Melbourne in October. We extend special thanks to Ms Hayward for her mentorship and special thanks to our very supportive parent team.



Language and Literature Team Isaac, Carlson, Claude, Viet, Robert, Roxanne, Sophia

I'm so proud of all the children. I watched their challenge solution with Ms Hayward and the parents - I couldn't believe how much Charlotte has grown in her drama and creativity since joining the group! I was so impressed. Louis

Thank you for praising Archie. We've just had a really good time. Such an enormous effort for all Woollahra teachers and students. A big congratulations. Ninh

Thanks Anna for your dedicated mentorship to and communication regarding the Tournament of Minds competition and to the learners in general! It's been so beautiful to see Alejo's love for learning flourish! Thankyou! Dani

#### **Bondi Public Speaking Competition**

Congratulations to our brilliant stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) winners of the Woollahra Public heats for the Bondi Public Speaking Competition, Kinga from 4W and runner up Lavena. Kinga will compete at Bellevue Hill Public School next Monday with Sophia from 6I, Evie from 1BH and Joshua from KG. We wish our public speakers all the best! Their speeches are fantastic.

Janelle Warhurst

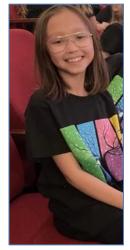


#### **Brindabella Primary Proms**

I have never been so thrilled to accompany a choir to the Sydney Town Hall as I was this year. The students in Years 3 and 4 had exemplary behaviour and their singing is outstanding. Some of the songs they sang were Inch Worm, The Candy Man, Go for Broke and Supercalifragilistic!

A huge thanks to the Primary Proms Choir, their parents and grandparents and Ms Grindrod. It is such a gift to see the students enjoying their music so much and to experience it with them.

Janelle Warhurst





#### **Library News**

The library has purchased many wonderful new books and would love some parents to please cover them if they have time.

Books can be sent home by your child for covering or it can be arranged with Miss Hoare before or after school from the library.

Please email Miss Hoare if you can help out with this task.

All books will come in a bag with very good quality contact.

**Thanks** 

Miss Hoare

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Kellie Hoare

#### **Sport News**

#### PSSA Wrap up of the Winter Season Part 1

The Winter Season for PSSA Sport has come to an end. The Woollahra teams had a fabulous season with many competition successes. Many thanks to the teachers who coached teams — organising weekly training, organisation of teams and referring games. There was a buzz of excitement each week as students boarded their buses to the various venues. Here is Part 1 of the season Wrap Up.

#### **PSSA Mixed Soccer 2023 Junior A and Senior A**

A heartfelt thanks goes out to all our Mixed Soccer players for their dedication and passion throughout the season. While the victories were celebrated together, the losses and other challenges were met with perseverance to improve individually and as a team. Players continually worked on skills, strategies and teamwork to better themselves and to boost the team's chances of climbing the ladder.



A huge congratulations goes out to the Senior A team who managed to secure a win in the grand final against Bellevue Hill to become the Sydney

secure a win in the grand final against Bellevue Hill to become the Sydney Coastal PSSA champions. The 4-1 win was made even sweeter by the fact that Woollahra finished second on the ladder to the skillful Bellevue side, and the previous game we played against them was a 3-0 defeat. The entire team showed school spirit, comradery and great sportsmanship throughout the season and should be extremely proud of their efforts. I feel incredibly lucky to have coached such an amazing team.

The Junior A team also made it to the grand final after knocking out the competition leaders, Bondi Beach, in a nail-biting semifinal penalty shootout. We were unfortunate to not have been able to field our strongest team on grand final day against Rose Bay, with some players out due to illness. Even so, the team showed commitment and discipline throughout the match. In the end we were disappointed with the final score of 2-0, but second place in such a tightly contested competition is a great result. The team showed tenacity, teamwork and resilience throughout the season and were the most improved team I have ever coached in my time at Woollahra.

Well done to both Senior and Junior A teams. I wish the Year 6 players good luck in their future football pursuits. Mr Lawson

#### **Woollahra Matildas 2023 (Girls Junior and Senior Soccer)**

Our very own Woollahra Matildas, the Girls Senior and Junior soccer teams, had a wonderful PSSA season. We saw a huge improvement in skills and match play from all our girls. Each week the teams bought a fantastic attitude to the games, they were respectful to each other, the opposition and the referees and they had lots of fun! The Senior team showed great leadership, helping the Juniors each week and the Juniors always cheered on the Seniors from the sidelines. Although we didn't make it to the finals, our season was a great success - go Woollahra Matildas! *Miss Kostic-London and Ms Murphy* 



#### Junior and Senior AFL

This year Woollahra's Senior and Junior AFL teams made it to the grand final against Randwick! Randwick was the only school both teams had lost to throughout the year, so we knew that it was going to be a tough contest. The Junior game was first up and at half time scores were equal. In the final few minutes, the Juniors scored a quick goal and they won their grand final!

The Senior team played extremely well all year but just fell short in their final match. Each member of the team should be immensely proud of themselves for their effort and determination throughout the year. Thank you to those players who played all season but due to injury and absence were unable to play in the grand final - your contribution was an integral part of the season.

Miss Cuthbert





#### **Whole School News**

#### **Supervision Before and After School**

The safety of all of our students is paramount at all times. This includes before and after school. Please be reminded that <u>teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning</u>. No child is permitted to be at school before this time. We have had a number of children arriving at school early and remaining unsupervised in the playground. *Helping Hands* OOSHC Service run an excellent before school care program from 7.00am each morning. We ask that you make use of this service if need be. In the afternoons we ask that all children leave the playground at 3.10pm and do not remain to play unsupervised. Again, there is no teacher supervision after school (that's when we hold our staff, learning support and professional learning meetings). The playground is also used for the aftercare service and it is important children not attending the service leave the grounds. Finally, <u>no child is to play on the playground equipment in the Chisholm and Barton playgrounds before and after school</u>. This rule is in place even when there is a teacher on duty. Please ensure your children stay off the equipment for safety reasons. It can be used during the day when there are fewer children in the playground.

#### 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. 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**

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a framework that helps WPS develop a positive, safe and supportive culture. Expectations are consistent and explicit across the school, giving teachers and students more time to focus on relationships and classroom instruction.

- · Be Respectful
- · Be Safe
- · Be an Active Learner

This week our PBL focus is: **Bus Lines and Back Gate.** Teachers are guiding their students to:

|                      | - Follow teacher and bus driver instructions             |  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Be Respectful        | - Speak quietly and politely in bus lines and on the bus |  |
|                      | - Greet and thank the bus driver                         |  |
|                      | - Go to back gate and bus lines quickly after the bell   |  |
| Be Safe              | - Remain seated on the bus                               |  |
| 20 00.10             | - Report any problems to the bus driver                  |  |
|                      | - Use an Opal Card                                       |  |
|                      | - Keep their phone in their bag                          |  |
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| Be an Active Learner | - Help younger students                                  |  |
|                      | - Represent our school with pride                        |  |

## Parents & Citizens' Association News Uniform Shop News

#### **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.

We are now selling second hand uniforms again during our regular opening hours of Tuesday and Friday mornings between 8.30 and 9.00 am.

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





## **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 <a href="mailto:woollahrapc@gmail.com">woollahrapc@gmail.com</a>

**President** - Sheree Jonathan **Vice Presidents** - Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

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



## 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

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#### 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







Established in 1911, Sydney Technical High School, located in Bexley and close to several major transport links, is an academically selective secondary school for gifted and high achieving boys.



Many of our proud alumni are currently leaders in their field and our strong connection with them allows for authentic networking opportunities.

Our staff are experts in delivering highly engaging and challenging curriculum for our diverse learners with strong links to the UNSW's GERRIC faculty.



We are highly successful members of the St George Sport Association with weekly grade competition each Wednesday afternoon in disciplines such as basketball, soccer, Oztag, cricket, volleyball, table tennis and tennis. This is complemented by our recreational sport program

The STHS Performing Ensembles music program has over one hundred student participants playing over thirty different instruments and receive mentoring and specialised tuition.



and includes fencing, fitness, ten pin bowling and beach walking.

Our extra curricular program offers outstanding opportunities for every student to connect and thrive in our school's high expectations culture in many fields including public speaking, debating, chess, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, digital media, Latin, entreprenuerism, coding and much more.

#### Our Open Morning is 9:30am on Tuesday 10 October 2023



Students seeking entrance into Year 7
must participate in selection procedures
organised by the Department of
Education. For further information
contact the High Performing Students
Team on 1300 880 367

or email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

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#### **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 Oct 13-Friday Dec 15

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 4 Tennis, 2023)

| CHILD/REN'S NAME | MOBILE PHONE/EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER | (Must be supplied) | D-O-B |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 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: NEXT GENERATION SPORTS

BSB: 063179

Account Number: 10243365

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:

Kindy-Year 2 (3pm - 4.30pm) Year 3 - Year 6 (3pm - 4.30pm)

Please check out here for more class options.

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