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Newsletter

YOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FOR THE FUTURE

Friday 17th November TERM 4 WEEK 6_ 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Term 4

Friday 17th November

Erko Tube entries Due

Monday 20th November

Stage 1 Excursion_ Farm Days

Saturday 25th November

Erko Tube film festival

Thursday 23rd November

Morning tea for Kindy 2024

(hosted by current Kindy families)

Tuesday 12th December

K-2 Presentation Day 9.10 - 10am

3-5 Presentation Day 10.15 - 11am

Wednesday 13th December

Year 6 Graduation 12.15 - 1.30pm

Year 6 Graduation Party 5 - 7pm

Thursday 14 December

Year 6 Picnic Day @ Sydney Park

Friday 15th December

Last day of Term 4



Principal's Message

Leadership speeches – The first component of electing the 2024 leadership team was completed this week with 19 candidates putting forward their names to be considered for Captaincy, Vice Captaincy, and Prefect positions. I was impressed with the poise and polish on display by all our candidates in both their speeches and presentation. Once again, the decision will be a difficult one but one that will result in Erko having an excellent leadership team who will lead and support the wider student body.

Kindy orientation - It was a pleasure to meet so many new (and returning!) faces with the first of our orientation activities for our Kindy's of 2024. My thanks to Ms. Russo for her organisation and Ms. Sallway and Ms. O'Connor for their contributions to making the information session a success. Special mention to our stage 3 students who were instrumental in helping support our new students and guiding our new community members to rooms and general support in admin - a perfect advertisement for the school.

Parking issues - I know parking is an issue at the best of times and is part of our continual exhortations to council for a solution but can I remind parents that safety of our students is paramount? Double parking, driving onto school grounds and taking longer than needed in our 'kiss and drop' zone is unfair and creates larger issues for all parents following and are dangerous. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Toilet upgrade - Over the Christmas period there will be upgrades to the boys and girl's toilets in A block (ground and top floor) and the toilet outside the Bottlebrush room. I am shortly to be briefed on what this will entail as it will possibly have an impact on the Gowrie holiday program. More details as they arise.

Band auditions - Thank you to Ms. Cecire and our band conductor Ryley for running the audition process for all our bands this week. This process is to assess if progression is warranted and for the training band to familiarise students with all the instruments of the band. Again, a reminder that training band in 2024 will move to the mornings for logistical reasons.

Remembrance Day assembly - congratulations to Melaleuca class students and Mr. Rodley for running the closest I have seen to a flawless assembly on Friday November 10. I guess I have created a little pressure now!

Swimming carnival - For those unfamiliar with the process for our school swimming carnival it is very early in the new year. Next year's carnival has been booked for February 9th so please make a note of it.

Car park pedestrian access – I am hopeful that we will be able to have a ramp on the Malcolm Street side of the school so prams, bikes and scooters can enter and exit safely. There are some issues regarding compliance from the department that need to be worked through before this can happen. Can I ask that families avoid walking through the double gate as the car park is hazardous by nature and with parking on the street, sometimes reduces visibility.



WELLBEING AT ERKO

This is your last chance to complete the parent survey for this year! To complete the survey, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/Qg2NjTZLK3HNn1236>



The SRC had a wonderful experience becoming part of the B&B Highway, learning the importance of pollinators and biodiversity. They have been busily watering their newly planted seedlings and watching them begin to grow. We would like to thank Nicole and Ella from Planting Seeds for all of the information they shared and helping our SRC become citizen scientists!





Remembrance Day

Assembly



On Friday 10th November, students from Melaleuca hosted a special assembly to commemorate Remembrance Day. The ceremony featured speeches about World War 1, Aboriginal soldiers and nurses, and symbols of remembrance. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend. Also, a special thank you to Airlie, Skye, Claire and Irmuunee, who made a beautiful wreath, and Max for doing an amazing job operating the assembly slideshow.



Write a book in a day



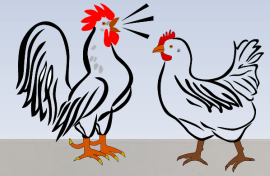
Earlier this year, Year 6 students participated in Write A Book In A Day, a writing competition for the purpose of raising money for the Kids' Cancer Project.

Congratulations Erko students on raising over \$5000 for the charity. Special congratulations to Maya P, Ella, Ash, Maya M, Aja and Scarlett for winning Best Book Illustration in NSW.



Stage 1 RAS Farm Excursion

“Stage 1 are looking forward to their excursion on Monday. Here are some of the things we’ve been learning about in preparation for our visit to the farm



Firstly you plant the sugarcane and it grows.

secondly when the sugarcane is ready you can start harvesting! When you cut the sugarcane down you need to cut the fluffy parts off.

Finally the sugar gets called at the shops.

Sugar

Next the sugarcanes get taken to a factory where the sugar gets processed. At the mill the stalks get washed and cut into shreds. Then the juice is clarified, concentrated and crystallized. The crystals are spun in a centrifuge to remove the liquid and produce golden raw sugar.

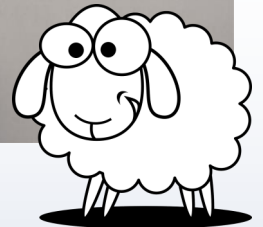
Life Cycle of an Apple

Draw and label the life cycle of an apple from seed to fruit.

apple seed → seedling → sapling → tree → flowers → fruit → apple seed



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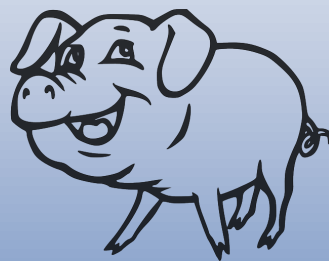


Dairy: Farm to Table

Introduction ①
Have you ever wondered how cows make dairy? Well it's another big process.

P1: On the Farm ②
How dairy is made on the farm firstly farmers make sure cows are very happy. Then they milk the cows. The farmers have to milk the cow for 10 minutes and 3-2 times a day. These are the first steps in the dairy farming process.

P2: At the Factory ③
This is what happens at the factory. Then the farmers homogenize the milk. Next they check for dyes. That's how your yogurt, milk, ice-cream and butter is made.



- 1 firstly the cotton gets grown from plants.
- 2 secondly the flowers fall off and leave seed pods balls.
- 3 Next a machine called a cotton gin opens the fibers are pressed into bales.
- 4 The bales of cotton are sent to a mill where the cotton is turned into yarn. The yarn is made into fibers. The fabric is sent to a factory that makes clothes.

Cotton



Performing Arts Program

Cadenza is Erko's night of nights to celebrate the creative and performing arts talent within our school community.

Performers will soon be selected by audition and will join our many performance groups including: **Erko Voices, K-2 Dance, 3-6 Dance, Ukulele Ensemble, Stage 3 Rock Band and our 3 school bands, Training, Intermediate & Concert Band.**

A full program will be released closer to the date!

*Cadenza will begin promptly at 6pm and finish by roughly 7:30pm.
All families and carers, and their guests, are welcome from 5:45pm.
Please note that seating is limited.*



Micaela Cecire

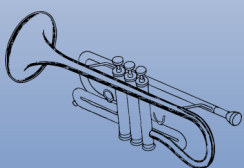
Music Teacher & Band Co-ordinator

Erko Band

2024 Training Band

Year 2 students now have the chance to select an instrument that they would like to learn and register their interest in the 2024 training band. Enrolments for the 2024 training band are due this term in Week 7 on Monday 20th November and can be completed here:

<https://forms.gle/LNG26N23Mhi8onLy6>



ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

presents

CADENZA 2023

WEDNESDAY

6TH DECEMBER

6 - 7:30PM





Hi all,

We are looking for donations of paper bags (Woolworths style) for sending art home in, near the end of this term. We will need one for each student, but if you have a few that would be fantastic ! Many Thanks,

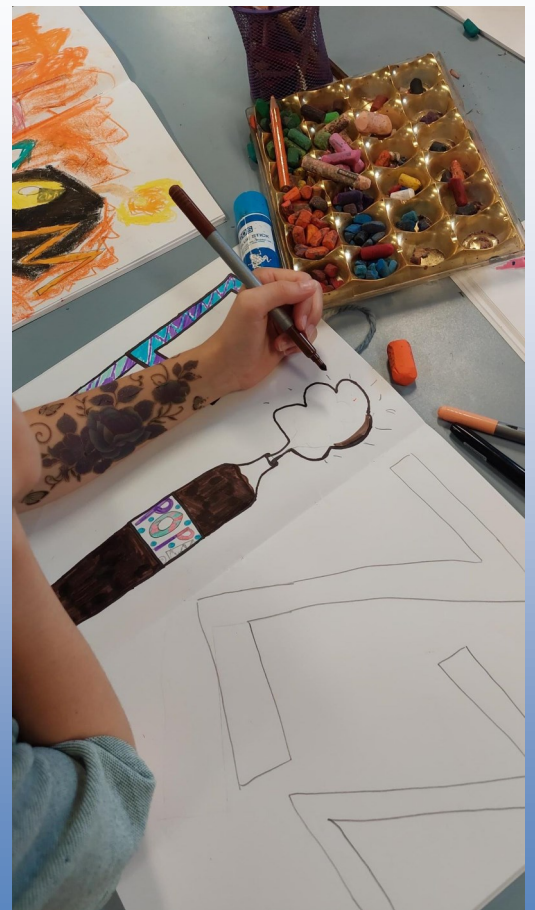
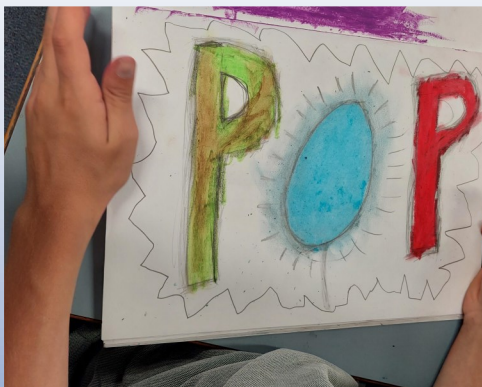
Ms Tsangaris and Ms Stein



"POP art, Onomatopoeia words"

Stage 2 Bronia and Blue Gum

Art with Ms Stein & Ms Tsangaris





PUBLISHED AUTHORS!!!

Library News

Congratulations to: August J, Sierra D, Charlotte J, Kaina F, Aarav M, Jolly C, Oscar D, Ava A, Ivy M, Anika M who are now published authors in the new Better Read Than Dead Poetry Anthology 'The Poetry Project'

You can grab a copy in store now. Don't forget when making any purchases at Better Read Than Dead to mention you are from Erko as our school will earn bonus credit for our library to spend for resources here at school.

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ORDERS
DUE BACK BY:

Book Club

GAME OF THRONES: THE MANGA HANDBOOK
NEW! Action and Manga Manga Handbook. Become an active and manga expert! 200 pp. AGES 8+
\$15.00

WINGS OF FIRE: HOW TO DRAW
NEW! The Official Wings of Fire: How to Draw Step-by-step instructions on how to sketch and colour over 45 dragons. 80 pp. AGES 10+ \$6.99

DRAGON GAMES
NEW! The Battle for Imperia Team Dragon must return the last dragon egg to L&R the princess. 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$4.99

DRAGON GIRLS
NEW! Save the League Dragon. The Dragon Girls must find the magical method. 144 pp. AGES 7+ \$4.99

SALAH RULES
NEW! Salah Rules. Learn all about football legend Salah. 120 pp. AGES 7+
\$12.00

THE TIMMY SHOW
NEW! Super \$8.99! The funny story is destroyed. Meet with The Gully gang. 120 pp. AGES 7+
\$4.99

STAR WARS: THE FORCE STAR STORIES
NEW! Five Star Stories. We got his star. We got his star. We got his star. 72 pp. AGES 8+ \$4.99

GOAT
NEW! GOAT. Greatest of all time. Goat thinks he's great, but his friends want to be the great goat! 24 pp. hardcover. AGES 3+ \$8.99

DIARY OF WIMPY KID: NO BRAINER
NEW! No Brainer. It's up to Greg to save the crumbling school before it's shut down for good. 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$4.99

ANCHO: HOT DOG!
NEW! Hot Dog! Hotdog and his friends enter a hot eating contest. 128 pp. AGES 6+ \$4.99

BAD GUYS
NEW! The Bad Guys have been working on the best of the year! 96 pp. AGES 7+ \$4.99

WHERE'S SANTA?
NEW! Where's Santa? Help Detective Inspector George track Santa down to time to save Christmas. 24 pp. AGES 4+ \$4.99

SCHOLASTIC

Book Club

orders are due:

Monday 27th Nov @ 4pm

**LOOP payments ONLY:
NO CASH**

CREDIT CARD Your School is in the LOOP! When you order and pay by LOOP, do not fill in the order form or return anything to school. Your order will be electronically linked to the rest of your school's order. Visit [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) OR download the app:



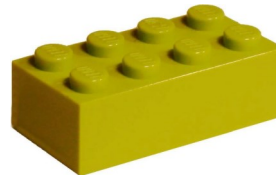
Erko Kids Kicking goals



Amazing to have Zack back with us after an incredible season down at the snow, retuning with first place in Pro Slalom and Giant Slalom and 2nd place in Skier cross under 10 male.



Lego Masters



INFO:

Lego Masters is a club where you can have fun, use your imagination and creativity and make new friends you will make awesome builds and complete hard challenges like this



Well, maybe that is a little too big but our builds will be awesome!

Lego masters club is on Fridays, 1st half of lunch. Lego masters club will be in Wollemi





ERSKINEVILLE PS PARENTS & CITIZENS (P&C) ASSOCIATION NEWS

UPCOMING P&C MEETINGS

As always, all Erko parents, carers and community members are welcome at our upcoming P&C meetings. Our final meeting for the year will be:

Thursday 7 December - School Library

Yes! This is a change in date! Our previously scheduled date clashed with Cadenza, so we are holding our meeting on Thursday instead.

We will have some light refreshments to celebrate the end of the year and thank all parents for their hard work and contributions.

Everyone is welcome to attend – we hope to see you there! Please note: to participate in voting you need to have been a member at the close of the November meeting - but all parents, carers and community members are welcome to come along.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY ...

Don't forget to order Christmas trees: ASAP

Deadline for entries for Erko Tube student film festival: Fri 17 Nov, 5pm

ERKO TUBE student film festival gala screening: Sat 25 Nov, 6pm

KINDY 2024 MORNING TEA: Thurs 23 Nov (hosted by current Kindy families)

DECEMBER P&C MEETING: Thu 7 Dec, 6:45pm

Christmas tree collection: Sat 9 Dec from 8am

TEA TOWELS ARE HERE!

Tea towels were distributed via kids' classrooms late last week. If yours hasn't shown up, please check lost property first - they were delivered in a bag clearly labelled with students' name and class.

And if you forgot to order, we have a very small number of leftovers available as late orders:

www.erkoteatowels.bigcartel.com



ERKO TUBE FILM FESTIVAL

Submissions due Friday 17 November, 5pm
Gala screening Saturday 25 November, 6pm

Not long now! Make sure you get those entries in, or contact erkophotocomp@gmail.com if you're having issues uploading your submission.

Everyone's invited to the red carpet screening ... not just film-makers. So come along and watch and support Erko's up-and-coming Hollywood stars.

This is a student and family event (which means no 'grown-up beverages' please) and kids must be accompanied by an adult – doesn't have to be their own parent/carer, so you can coordinate with other parents/carers for kids to attend together, as long as they know who their responsible adult is.

There will be pizza and movie-style snacks!

Make things easy by pre-purchasing drinks, popcorn and icecream – we'll give you tokens on arrival that the kids can exchange for their snacks and treats.

Pizza pre-orders are essential, and close on Wednesday 22 November, but other snacks can be purchased right up to the event.

Pre-order now at www.erkotube.bigcartel.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Please lend a hand setting up, serving and helping the evening run smoothly: register here: www.volunteersignup.org/RPQLB

CHRISTMAS TREES

Our freshly-cut, real trees are on sale now at www.ErkoBerzerko.com/shop Simply place your order online and then collect your tree from the top playground on Saturday 9 December.

This is a great fundraiser, so please share the link with local friends and family who may want to buy a tree – it's a really easy way to support the school.

Don't need to buy a tree this year? You can still help by liking, comments and sharing our social media posts. This helps us sell more trees to the broader Erko community, so we're not just relying on sales to parents and carers. Find our posts on Facebook and start clicking!

www.facebook.com/erkoberzerko



WELCOME KINDY 2024

With Kindy Transition Days underway, we're preparing to meet our new Kindy families (and new Kindy students who are following in their older siblings' footsteps).

The next event will be the Welcome Morning Tea at the next transition day on Thursday 23 November, so if you're a current Kindy parent and can pop along to assist and chat with new families, please register here: www.volunteersignup.org/LFCM9

Following the Transition Days, we'll be coordinating our traditional Playdates in the Park for new kids and families to get to know each other.

STAY IN TOUCH ...

- Subscribe to School eNews to receive updates on upcoming P&C events.
- Make sure you're on your Class Parent's list. Check with the office if you're not sure.
- Contact the P&C Executive anytime at erkopandc@gmail.com

REMEMBER YOUR OWN KIDS' FIRST DAYS OF SCHOOL?

We have a small handful of the precious handmade wooden decorations, each celebrating one of the Australian native flowers that have been our Kindy class names over the years. Order yours online for easy classroom delivery: www.loveerko.com



SPENDING OUR P&C FUNDRAISING DOLLARS

We're now approaching the end of the year, when P&C members vote on how to spend fundraising profits. Of course, the P&C isn't just about fundraising, but it's an important way that we support the school and our kids.

As we've mentioned in previous newsletters, everyone needs to already be a signed-up member of the P&C to propose a project or vote. This is because our voting rules are guided by the NSW P&C Federation Constitution. If you've missed that opportunity this year, be sure to join ASAP after our AGM in 2024, so you know you're eligible next time.

P&C members: keep an eye on your inbox!

At our meeting on 1 November, P&C members proposed their ideas and Dr Haynes presented the 'wishlist' on behalf of the staff and school. The proposals are now being reviewed to include any feedback, and will be distributed via email to all members prior to voting at the December meeting.



With the beginning of November, we are reaching the new season in D'harawal calendar - Time of Parra'dowee. This season will last November and December, described as Goray'murra: warm and wet weather.

This season begins with the Great Eel Spirit calling his children to him, and the eels, which are ready to mate, make their way down the rivers and creeks to the ocean.

It is the time of the blooming of the Kai'arrewan (Acacia binervia), which announces the occurrence of fish in the bays and estuaries.

We invite your input on our seasonal Afternoon Tea and Breakfast menus.

*Is there a particular meal your family relishes during the hot weather?
Are there cherished Gowrie classics your children wish to see return?
Or would you like us to introduce something entirely new, expanding the culinary horizons of our young ones?*

Please share your ideas with us. Our revamped menu will debut on Monday, the 6th of November.

Regards; **Edyta Tucholska**
Assistant Program Manager & Inclusion Support Lead

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Knitting club

Tuesday 11.30

Learn French Knitting (BYO paper towel cylinder) or knitting with needles.

Bring a gold coin if you're interested in taking wool and needles home once you have learnt !

With Ms Stein years 3 – 6

All Welcome





DRAMA GAMES

*A Fun & Fast Paced Drama Program Where Students Learn
Team Impro Games to Perform 4 You!*

ERSKINEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Fridays 3-5pm : Kindy - Year 2

Fridays 3-5pm : Year 3-4

Fridays 3-5pm : Year 5-6

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p/term

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You can check out our History & all Testimonials on the website too! All Enquiries to director@redroar.com.au



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A Fun & Fast Paced Drama Program For All Ages 5-15 Years!

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JANUARY 15-19

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Before Care From 8.30am & After Care to 5pm
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Schools Spectacular 2023

Our Erko K-2 Dance Group will be participating in Schools Spectacular 2023 on

Friday 24 November 11 am and 7 pm,
Saturday 25 November 1 pm and 7 pm
at Qudos Bank Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.



Visit the [Ticketek website](#) to purchase your tickets

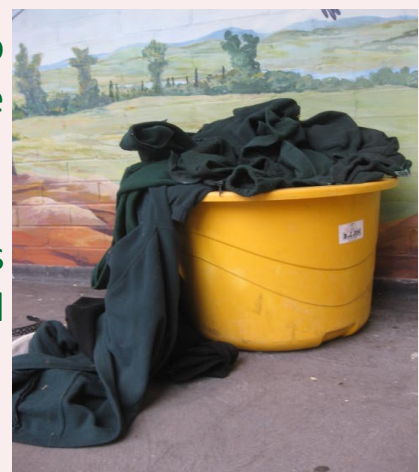
School term	NSW student school term dates 2023/2024
Term 4 2023 NSW	Monday 9 October 2023 - Friday 15 December 2023
Term 1 2024 NSW Year 1 - 6	Thursday 1st February 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024 Years 1 - 6
Term 1 2024 NSW Kindergarten 2024	Tuesday 7th February 2024 - Friday 12th April 2024 Kindergarten
Term 2 2024 NSW	Tuesday 30th April 2024 - Friday 5 April 2024

LOST PROPERTY

Has your child lost something?

All items should be labelled with your child's name. Please take the time to look through Lost Property in the Brown Hall, It's overflowing.

All unclaimed / un-named uniforms will be sold at the P&C pre-loved uniform coop.





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



Is this your daughter?

Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform.

Join us at our
NOVEMBER OPEN DAY!



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS





AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR



An experience that goes far beyond the stage!

Girls blossom as members of the AGC, both on and off the stage. Your daughter will develop confidence, public speaking and presentation skills, resilience and friendships that will last a lifetime.

Our senior performers have shared the stage with a long list of artists including Hugh Jackman, Amy Shark and Kylie Minogue. You may have seen our girls perform for the FIFA Women's World Cup or AFL Grand Final; or on television appearances on Sunrise, Today, Carols by Candlelight and Carols in the Domain.

Now accepting 2024 enrolments for our rehearsal venues in Balgowlah, Beecroft, Chatswood, Haberfield, Kellyville, North Parramatta, North Ryde, St Ives, Waverley and NEW venue opening in Castle Hill!



JOIN US AT OUR NOVEMBER OPEN DAY

Register now at ausgirlschoir.com.au/joinagc or phone 02 9922 6733



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS



Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines
learning
with fun!**



Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

Erskineville Public School Chess Classes, 2023 Thursdays 8:00AM - 9:00AM in the Brown Hall

Term 1	Cost: \$144	9th Feb - 6th Apr
Term 2	Cost: \$160	27th Apr - 29th Jun
Term 3	Cost: \$160	20th Jul - 21st Sep
Term 4	Cost: \$160	12th Oct - 14th Dec

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at
www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment

Enter the code **QWI3VRF0P4** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**There are no credits or refunds for missed classes, clashing activities, sickness, school excursions, staff development days, teacher strikes or change of mind. Any missed classes can be made up at one of our online chess classes. Please visit <https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/online> for more information.*

A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the first lesson of the term. Join midway through the term is welcome. Use the payment code above and follow the online instructions.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices exclude delivery)

To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment

Workbook 1 – Cost: \$25 [For Beginner/Rookie Players]	Workbook 2 – Cost: \$25 [For Intermediate Players]	Workbook 1 & 2 – Cost: \$40 [SPECIAL OFFER]
Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$33 [For Advanced Players]	Chess Set & Roll-up Board – Cost: \$25 [Recommended for All Ages]	Chess Clock DGT1002 Bonus – Cost: \$55 [Recommended for All Ages]

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a **free chess set or workbook 2**. Offer expires 31st March, 2023.



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School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

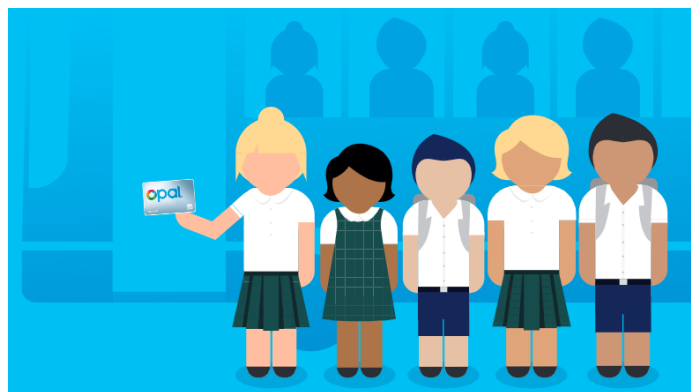
Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).



Further information can be found at [Plan your trip to school | transportnsw.info](#)

Enquiries can be submitted at [Fares, concessions, tickets & top-up feedback | transportnsw.info](#)



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19 October to 14 December

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Term 1, 2024

Y2 - Y6 Students

CREATIVE CODING

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In-person coding classes

Every Monday

5 Feb - 8 April | 9 weeks

BEGINNER

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Y2 - Y5 beginner students

ADVANCED

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Y3 - Y6 experienced students

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\$243 per student per term

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2023 Athletics

To find out about courses visit
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YEARS 3-6 Mondays 3-4.30pm



Athletes will be put through their paces with a weekly training session focusing on fitness, strength, coordination and agility.

As part of each session they will be introduced to the various events that they will encounter at the School Athletics Carnival which will be in term 3. Sprinting, Relays, Shot Put, Discus Long Jump and High Jump.

YEARS K-2 Tuesdays 3-4.15pm

Join us in the lower playground where athletes will be following a modified Athletics Australia Play program which provides them with a range of games and drills designed to develop and practice the fundamental movement skills of beginner athletes.

Athletes will perform activities that focus on ball skills, jumping, running, agility courses, hurdles, skipping,



sprints



jumps



discus



hurdles



javelin



relays



shot put



high jump