

Principal:
Deputy Principal K-2 (Rel):
Deputy Principal 3-6:

Megan Lockery James Tod Peter Hayllar

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Friday 15 December

Year 6 and Leavers Clapout 2:15pm Last day of school for students



May holiday cheer fill your home with warmth and happiness Merry Christmas!

Year 2024

Tuesday 30 & Wednesday 31 January

Student Development Day

Thursday 1 February 2024

Students Years 1 – 6 first day back

Tuesday 6 February 2024

Kindergarten first day of school 'Cheers & Tears' Morning Tea



# **Lindfield Lines**



Term 4 Week 10 Friday 15 December 2023

# Principal's Message

# It's A Wrap!

We have finally made it to the end of a busy and exciting year. Thank you parents, carers, teachers and students for your amazing support and contributions in 2023. It just goes to show what we can achieve when we all work together. May I wish you all a happy, safe holiday break and restful time with family and friends.

# **Presentation Day Assemblies**

The final Presentation Day Assemblies were held last week and we thank our parents/carers and friends for attending to celebrate with us. Thanks also go to our P&C Representatives for acknowledging the achievements of the P&C; Mr Robin Chand (Killara HS Principal) for presenting the Killara HS Award to Adele W and Mrs Kathy Cowley (Friends of Ku-ringgai Environment) for presenting the 2023 Jean Posen Environment Award to Olivia.











# **Year 6 End of Primary School Celebrations**

Last Friday, Year 6 celebrated the end of their primary years 'Bollywood' style. With an authentic meal of Butter Chicken followed by Bollywood dancing, Year 6 enjoyed their special lunch in a wonderfully decorated hall. The 2022 School Captains Kristian and Ady returned to share their insights into high school. Thanks go to our volunteer organising committee of Janice Gleeson, Julia Mullen, Danielle Boots, Alex Curtis, Nancy Ng and Tina Cabela.





The Class of 2023 has graduated! Farewell Class of 2023! Yesterday you proudly graduated from Lindfield Public School and are now looking forward to the next step in your educational journey – high school. You have been a truly inspiring group. You have shown grace, compassion, resilience and dedication to your learning. Best wishes for high school! Following the Graduation, Year 6 danced the night away at the Year 6 Disco thanks to our amazing DJ Teaj! While the Year 6 students enjoyed disco fever, the Year 6 parents spent time reminiscing at the Year 6 Cocktail Party hosted by the Fieldens. Many thanks to our hosts as well as Brenna and her team of helpers who made the evening so special. Year 6 students are now spending some time signing bears and the Yearbook as they await the Clap Out this afternoon.









# **Staff Appreciation Lunch**

Staff were treated to a beautiful lunch provided by the P&C. Thank you to Annabelle, Angela, Kara, TingTing, Jane and the team of helpers for spoiling us. It was so nice to be able to sit down for a delicious meal without interruption. The coffee vouchers were a lovely surprise- how did you know that teachers love coffee?





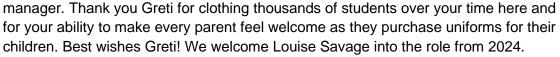
# Thank you and Farewell



After seven years as a student and then 13 years as a parent volunteer, P&C Executive member, President and Business Administrator, Mrs Tina Cabela is leaving us to start a new chapter in her life. We thank her for being such an amazing asset to our school and for always having the answers to a multitude of questions. Best wishes Tina for your future endeavours.



Mrs Greti Lindsay also leaves us this year after 14 years as a parent and 12 years as our Clothing Pool





Mrs Janice Gleeson has been a parent volunteer for over 14 years. She has been involved with Swimming, Canteen, social events and most recently as Strings Convenor. Her energy and willingness to help in any way that she can has been such a benefit to our school. We will miss her terribly and wish her all the best for the future. Thank you to all the departing parents and carers for your contributions over the years. There is a strong spirit of community here at LPS and we are grateful for your support.

# **Beginning of the Year Procedures for 2024**

When students return next year, they will be placed in temporary or holding classes until we can ascertain our final numbers as numbers often change over the holiday break. Once this is done, we can finalise the class structures and move into permanent classes. We expect this process to take only a few days. During this time, all children will be actively involved in lessons around road safety, friendships and anti-bullying as well as returning to the study of English, Maths, Science, PD/H/PE and Creative Arts. This year, teachers have already commenced planning for 2024. Next year, the Department of Education has nominated two Staff Development Days to commence the school year. These will be Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 January (pupil free). We look forward to seeing students from Years 1-6 return on Thursday 1 February. Kindergarten students will undergo Best Start Interviews on Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Monday 5 February with Kindergarten students starting school on Tuesday 6 February.

#### Classes 2024

As the year is ending, we are currently planning for next year. At this stage, our numbers are changing daily and we have dropped to around 629 students enrolled for 2024. The reduction in numbers is a result of many factors including changes to the intake (catchment) area; Lindfield Learning Village opening up to a defined catchment area; families moving to rural areas; as well as families moving interstate and overseas. At this stage we are on the cusp of forming either 24 or 25 classes. These classes may include composite classes, job share classes and single grade classes. Class structure is determined by the staffing formula provided by the Department of Education. The placing of children into new classes is a complex and time-consuming process as each year we strive to ensure that we have well-balanced classes. Classes at Lindfield PS are not graded academically except for the Stage 3 Extension class. When forming balanced classes, many factors are taken into consideration: gender; academic ability; high potential; additional needs such as learning support, English as an additional language or dialect, behavioural and social needs; medical needs and learning behaviours. Teachers also request students to identify friendships in an attempt to place each child with a nominated friend in their class. We do not take parent requests for teachers or for students to be placed together. Please respect the teachers' professionalism as they place students in a class that will best meet their educational needs. Speak to your child's class teacher or contact me directly should you have any educational concerns regarding your child's placement.

If you will not be returning in 2024 or if you will be late returning to school, please complete the Planning for 2024 Note.

# Lindfield Blue, Music and Sports Assembly

On Tuesday we presented 17 Blues and five Lindfield Pride Pins. Congratulations to all these students on your outstanding commitment to learning. A special afternoon tea was enjoyed by all. Silver and Gold Awards were also given to students for following the ROAR expectations. We were entertained by the Years 3-6 Choir who performed a medley of their favourite songs. In this assembly we acknowledged the Band and Strings Captains and presented the Conductor's Award for each band/string ensemble.















The 2023 House and Vice-Captains were thanked for their leadership and efforts. Ms McDonough announced the Champion House for 2023 – Rosella! The Most Valuable Player (MVP) for each PSSA team was acknowledged and presented with a trophy.





# **Accounts to be Finalised**

With the year over, it would be appreciated if accounts could be settled by 15 December 2023. Payments can be made through the School Bytes Parent Portal until 31 December 2023.

Thank you for your support.

Megan Lockery Principal



# **Deputy Principals' Message**

# K-2 Festivity Day

On Monday, students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 celebrated the end of the year with Festivity Day. As part of the activities, they participated in a dance workshop run by the group 'Down to Bhangra'. Students watched the group perform and then had a lesson with a dancer to learn Bhangra. Each class then presented their dance to their grade. Throughout the day students completed craft activities and were treated to an ice block. A fun day was had by all!

# **Kindergarten Key Dates**

It is not long now until our new Kindergarten students join us at LPS in 2024. Parents/carers have received an email indicating their child's Best Start teacher. The email explained how to use the School Interviews Website to book a time for the Kindergarten child's Best Start Assessment. Please note the key dates for Kindergarten below.

#### **Best Start Kindergarten 2024 Assessment Dates**

Thursday 1, Friday 2 and Monday 5 February

## Kindergarten 2024 First Day of Big School

Tuesday 6 February

# **Cheers and Tears Morning Tea**

Tuesday 6 February from 9:00am



# 2023 Young Australian Art Awards Winner

Lindfield Public School is very proud to announce that Barry W in Year 2 was selected as one of the winners of the 2023 Young Australian Art Awards. Barry's Artwork entitled 'Octopus Assault on Golden Gate Bridge' (seen below) is a fantastic representation of Barry's creativity and artistic ability. To receive the award, Barry and his family went to a ceremony and dinner in Melbourne. Congratulations Barry!!







### **Year 5 - Surf Education Excursion**

On Monday, students in Year 5 participated in the Surf Safe Program at Freshwater Beach, run by Surf Life Saving School. Surf Safe educators led the students through a number of activities including bodyboard riding, flags, free swim, bucket races and paddle board riding. Students even had the chance to "save" their friend using the Surf Rescue tubes. The sun was shining and all the students had an amazing time!





# **Stage 2 Moving Bodies Excursion**

Last Monday, Years 3 and 4 went on an excursion to the Moving Bodies Centre in Mt Kuring-gai. They moved their bodies through six different rotational activities, including a Ninja Warrior course, parkour, gymnastics and an obstacle course. They climbed, jumped, rolled and certainly didn't stop moving! Students enjoyed spending time with their class before the end of the year.



# Could you be the next Ethics coordinator at LPS

At Lindfield PS we have a wonderful team of Ethics teachers who are facilitating ethics classes for students in Years 1-6, but we dearly need another volunteer from our school community to help coordinate the program. The focus of this role is making sure we have enough volunteers to meet the demand for ethics classes, and liaising with the school to make sure the program runs smoothly.

This role provides a great opportunity for a parent or carer and is a rewarding way to engage with the school community. Times are flexible, requiring approximately 1-2 hours per week. Online training is provided. In Ethics classes, students explore a range of everyday ethical issues suitable for their age. They learn to think, reason and discuss as they form their own opinions while also respecting other points of view.

If this sounds like the right opportunity for you and you would like to know more please contact **Jodi Norton on 0404 851 975** or email: <a href="mailto:jodesandjimmy@yahoo.com.au">jodesandjimmy@yahoo.com.au</a>



For more information about the ethics program go to www.primaryethics.com.au.

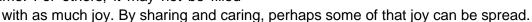
## Thank You from the Social Justice Committee!

The **Christmas spirit** is alive and well at Lindfield Public School!

Thank you so much to all those families who donated blank cards to help us share some love in our community. The Social Justice Committee hopes to bring some joy to local elderly people who have no family to share Christmas with. While it isn't the same, we are hoping the

student at Lindfield PS will help brighten their day. Some people may take it for granted that Christmas is a time for receiving gifts, eating nice food, holidaying with family and having a fun time. For others, it may not be filled

surprise of receiving Christmas cards from a





From The Social Justice Committee

# **Happy Holidays**

We wish every family a relaxing summer holiday break with friends and loved ones. Thank you for your support this year in our classrooms, extra- curricular activities and school functions. It's been fantastic working with you all. We look forward to another busy and rewarding year at Lindfield in 2024.



James Tod K-2 Deputy Principal (Relieving) Peter Hayllar

3-6 Deputy Principal

# Kindergarten Presentation Day

















# Year One Presentation Day















# Year Two Presentation Day





















# Year Three Presentation Day

















# Year Four Presentation Day























# Year Five Presentation Day

















# Year Six Presentation Day

















# Year Six Presentation Day

















# Special Awards



















## Rotary Club Christmas Appeal

# 'Tree of Joy'

The Rotary Club is seeking donations of gifts to give to those less fortunate.

This year, the organisations nominated to receive these gifts are the Royal North Shore Hospital Children's Treasure Chest and local Nursing Homes.

The Christmas Tree in the school office foyer is full of gift tags suggesting suitable gifts to give. Simply choose a tag, place it on the wrapped gift and place it back under the Christmas Tree by 10am Monday 18 December 2023.

Your generosity and support of this wonderful initiative is much appreciated.

# **Audiri App**

Skoolbag has been renamed 'Audiri'. The new Audiri App will replace Skoolbag as your primary communication tool for Lindfield Public School. Audiri can be downloaded from the app store following the 4 easy steps in the picture on the right.

## **Absentee Notification**

We would appreciate it if you could record student absences via the Audiri App. Audiri can be downloaded from the app store following the 4 easy steps in the picture on the right.

# Install the App in 4 easy steps!



The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

- Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
- 2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account.

  Open the confirmation email and canfirm your account.
- Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'.
  Type your school's name and press
  enter.
- Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



# Search Audiri in the app store





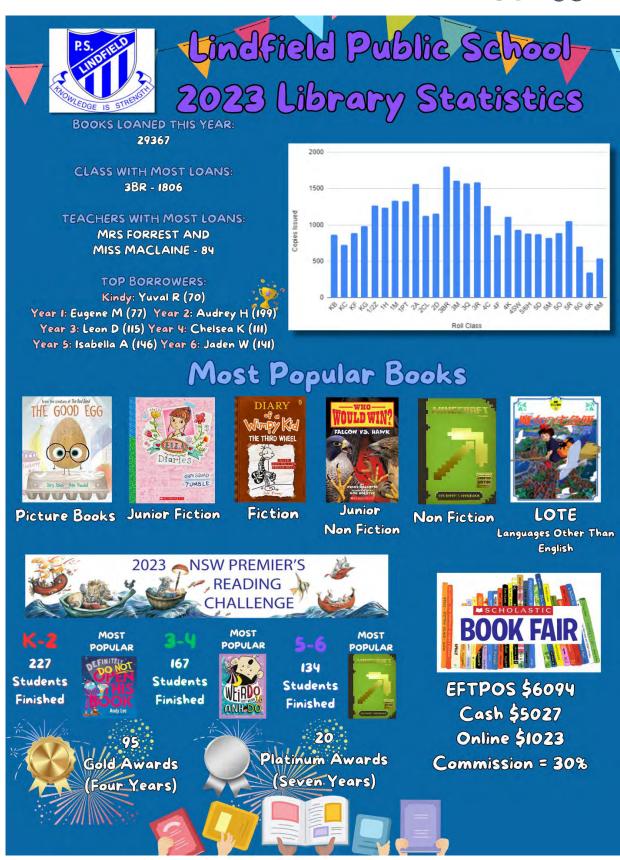
audiri.com.au



# **Library News**

Oliver Library: https://portal.det.nsw.edu.au





# **P&C** Association



# Year 6 Lunch Thank You

Many thanks to the volunteer parents and carers who helped with the Year 6 Lunch led by the wonderful Janice Gleeson, Julia Mullen, Danielle Boots, Alex Curtis, Nancy Ng and Tina Cabela. What a treasured memory for our Year 6's! A special thank you goes to Ross (LPS GA) for assistance with the hall set up.

# Congratulations Year 6!





















# Best of luck for High School!

# KINDY 2024 PARENTS - SAVE THE DATE

A new chapter for your child is approaching! As you bid farewell to your little ones, whether with a few tears or joyous cheers, we invite you to join us for a delightful gathering after you send your beloved ones to the Kindy Classroom on the first official day of school for Kindy children, Tuesday 6 February 2024. Enjoy an enriching chat over nibbles and refreshments while meeting representatives from the P&C and sub-committees. Discover the array of wonderful activities our school offers, learn how to get involved, and relish the opportunity to connect with fellow parents—both new and familiar.

Date: Tuesday 6 February 2024

**Time:** 9 - 11am

**Venue:** Lindfield Activity Centre ("LAC")

after-school care

We look forward to seeing you!

Tina Cabela
On behalf of the P&C



# **Lindfield Activity Centre (LAC) - 2024 Enrolments**



#### **Dear Families**

We have opened up the Becklyn Portal to commence 2024 Enrolments for new families.

The link to start enrolments is https://www.becklynweb.com.au/lindfield/. Please select 'I am a new user'.

The password will be 2024LACenrol.

A short video to assist in the re-enrolling stages can be found here: <a href="https://youtu.be/Vp8XYfelZ-Q">https://youtu.be/Vp8XYfelZ-Q</a>. Please ensure all immunisations forms are attached and any action plans are up to date and attached.

Many thanks

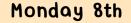
## **Shannon McCarthy**

LAC Director

#### **LAC Vacation Care**

Please see the following Vacation Care schedule. Bookings are now open via the Becklyn Portal.







# Tuesday 9th



# Wednesday 10th



# Thursday 11th



# Friday 12th



# Monday 15th



Tuesday 16th



Wednesday 17th



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Friday 19th



Monday 22nd



Tuesday 23rd



Wednesday 24th



Thursday 25th



Friday 26th

**Public** Holiday Centre Closed

# Monday 29th

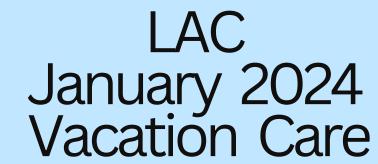


Tuesday 30th





# Wednesday 31st



# Vacation Care bookings are now open

# Log into the Becklyn portal to make your bookings

To enrol your child at LAC, email lacentre@outlook.com. If your child is already enrolled at LAC, please log onto the Becklyn portal to make your Vacation Care bookings.

**PRICING** 

Incursions = \$80

Excursions = \$100

# **Canteen Capers**

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"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." Mother Teresa

## The End of an Era

This week we say goodbye to some LPS Parents that have gone above and beyond in their years at Lindfield. Janice and Tina have been involved in so very many committees and volunteer events. We could not even count them. Highlights have always been seeing the LPS students thrive within the abundance of opportunities offered at LPS and made possible by the generosity of parents willing to offer their free time.

A further highlight was Janice mastering the apple slinky machine. It is not as easy as it looks!

We thank Tina, Janice, our Year 6 helpers and all the other parents and carers that we have seen this year. We look forward to meeting new volunteers next year and to bear witness as new LPS history is made. Good luck to everyone starting new adventures next year. We wish you all the best!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all. Be safe and have a fabulous Summer.





Volunteer Roster Term 4 - Week 10 Hours are Mon-Thu from 9am-2pm, Fri 9am-12midday

Please email <a href="mailto:canteen@lpspandc.org.au">canteen@lpspandc.org.au</a>
or pop into the canteen during school hours
to view roster availability

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Amber Johns

Lisa

Maggie Chung

Julie Sun





Claudette, Sarah, & Tingting Canteen Managers canteen@lpspandc.org.au

# **Clothing Pool**



# Clothing Pool is CLOSED during the School Holidays

Please everyone remember, the Clothing Pool is only open when the children are at school.

If you find your child has outgrown their uniform over the holiday season – please place an online order and we will endeavour to have that delivered to your child's classroom within their first few days of school.

# Thank you from Greti - Clothing Pool Manager

After many years running the Clothing Pool I have decided to move on to new adventures. I would like to thank everyone who has helped me during my time at Lindfield Public School and wish Louise all the best – please make her feel as welcome as you always did me.

# And finally - A very big thank you to all our fantastic volunteers.

The Clothing Pool Team would like to wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas** and a safe and happy start to the New Year.

# **Term 1 Week 1 Opening Hours**

Wednesday 30 January 8:30 – 9:30am Thursday 31 January 8:30 – 9:30am

Convenor – Belinda Wright

Clothing Shop Manager outgoing – Greti Lindsay

Clothing Shop Manager incoming – Louise Savage
orders@lpspandc.org.au



## Chess



How did we get to the end of the year!!!!

Our final session was held last week. There is no Chess on this Friday 15 December 2023.

For those who wish to compete in the holidays we recommend the one or two day tournaments at North Ryde. Follow this link to join: <a href="http://nswjcl.org.au/ComingEvents/2024/Summer/ComingEvents.htm">http://nswjcl.org.au/ComingEvents/2024/Summer/ComingEvents.htm</a>

The Sydney Academy of Chess also have tournaments on. Follow this link to join: <a href="https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming">https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming</a>

As I finish my last year as a parent of a primary schooler, I do have to say it has been a joy to watch the kids develop and grow. The memories and laughter have been enjoyed. I will be back next year, and maybe a few more, to keep Chess going. Have a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year all!

Eric Tse | Chess Co-ordinator

# **Swimming**



# **Term 4 Payments**

Payments for Term 4 and the Dive Clinics and Mini Seahorses should all have been paid by now. If you are yet to pay your account, you will be notified this week. You can make payment of your invoice by logging into your Customer Portal, click on View Account and then make payment.

### **JANUARY 2024 HOLIDAIY PROGRAM**

The timetable for the January 2024 school holiday program is now available on the website **HERE**.

Enrolments are now open for bookings. Please email me with the following information:

Child's Name:

Squad/LTS level (if known):

Preferred week and number of days:



# **Assessments/Gradings**

If you are new to the swimming program and require grading for the holiday program, please email me with your details or fill out our **ONLINE ENQUIRY FORM**.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

3 January – 25 January 2024 School Holiday Intensive Swimming Program

Alison Gladen - Swimming Administrator <a href="mailto:swimming@lpspandc.org.au">swimming@lpspandc.org.au</a>



# **Congratulations Strings for a successful 2023**

















Strings Committee strings@lpspandc.org.au



# AFTER-SCHOOL MANDARIN CLASSES AT LINDFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL

After-school Mandarin classes have been at Lindfield Public School for 6 years! Having been a community language school for the past 20 years, we at Hua Xia make learning Mandarin easy and fun for both native and non-native speaking students!

Time	Tues & Thurs (3.15pm - 4.45pm), Starting on 13 February in term1 2024				
Textbook	<chinese> (Overseas Edition): \$35 for 3 books</chinese>				
Class Fees	\$255 for 9 weeks in Term 1 2024 (We will start in week3 of term1)				
Class Location:	Lindfield Public School-classroom TBA				
Payment	A/C Name: Australian Hua Xia Chinese Cultural and Educational				
Payment Method:	Development Association Inc. BSB: 032-094, A/C No. 515158				
ivietnoa:					
	Reference on Receipt: Student's name+LPS+Tu or Th (Day of week)				

If you are interested, please fill out our <u>enrolment form</u> on Website if you are a **new** student, or confirm your attendance via our <u>'Contact Us' form</u> on Website if you are an existing student. Or you can contact us at any time.

## **CONTACT US**

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Bin Lin



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## Transport for NSW



# 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 <u>transportnsw.info</u> <u>trip planner</u> to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

#### Travel from Term 12024

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.

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School Student Travel Term 4 2023

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can <u>apply</u> or <u>update</u> 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 <u>local bus operator</u> 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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# **PROGRAMS**







#### Sessions include:

- Fun interactive activities that teach about animal care.
- Behind-the-scenes tour of our shelter.
- 100 Help our Animal Carers with their daily responsibilities.
- 200 Meeting a variety of shelter animals.
- Learn how to be an animal advocate in your community.
- Learn about animal career pathways
- **Sydney Adoption and Education Centre** 201 Rookwood Road, Yagoona NSW 2199

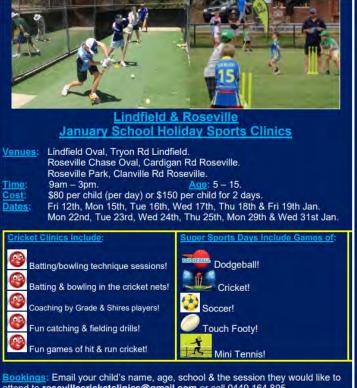


#### **RSPCA NSW Education Team**

€ 02 9782 4478 ■ education@rspcansw.org.au A https://events.humanitix.com/host/rspca-nsw







Bookings: Email your child's name, age, school & the session they would like to attend to rosevillecricketclinics@gmail.com or call 0449 164 805.





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Knoxunitedfc.com For more information

nsfa.asn.au

please contact