



Woollahra Public School

Term 3 Week 2 – 26 July 2023



Calendar Dates

- Monday 31 July to Friday 18 August – Festival of Creativity and Thinking
- Monday 31 July to Wednesday 2 August – Year 5 camp
- Tuesday 1 August – P&C Meeting in staffroom at 7.00 pm
- Wednesday 2 August to Friday 4 August – Australian Maths Competition
- Friday 18 August – Creativity Closing and Classroom Visits for Parents
- Friday 1 September – Father's Day Breakfast @ 8:00am

Principal's Message: Ms Nicole Molloy



As we finish Week 2 of Term 3, we are deep in a thriving and busy school community which is in full swing with activity and learning. We began the term with a full day of professional learning for our teachers focused on the creative learning process. Our teachers spent the day at the NSW Art Gallery working with the education team there. We built our own knowledge related to Visual Arts, the process of appreciating and making and participated in practical workshops. We had extensive discussions about how we

would apply this knowledge to our teaching and on the development of quality creative learning programs within the classroom. It is always important for our teachers to be inspired and build on their learning to do the best job they possibly can for your children. Special highlights included touring the new Yiribana gallery and engaging deeply with First Nations art as well as a tour behind the scenes to see the conservators in action. We experienced and reflected on the process of learning something new, being vulnerable in the creative space and working outside our comfort zones. The more we do this as educators, the more effectively we can empathise and support your children in the same process. This professional learning is a lead in to our **Festival of Creativity and Thinking** launches next week.

We are so excited about our festival which is very unique to our school and will be bigger and better than ever in 2023. Our aim is that it will give every child in the school a myriad of unique and interesting learnings opportunities and experiences. Read our festival overview on the next page. The festival guide will be sent out soon to give you a clearer picture of all that we have planned including specific dates. We are also excited about our special Performing arts showcase to be held at the Parade Theatre NIDA on 23 August. Save the date and keep an eye out for more details early next week.

The school is buzzing with an array of other activities at the moment. Over the last two weeks we have celebrated 100 days of school with Kindergarten, finalised the Stage 2 and 3 spelling bee, held a highly successful athletics carnival, supported our debaters and Tournament of Minds students to excel in these endeavours, amongst many other things.

We will feature photos and reflections from all of these programs throughout the term in the newsletter. We have an exciting term ahead and can't wait to see you for the various events.



Create Your Story: An Invitation to Worlds Unseen

A Festival of Creativity and Thinking



Woollahra Public School is proud to present our annual Festival of Creativity and Thinking - **Create Your Story: An Invitation to Worlds Unseen**. The festival forms part of our school's goal to ensure our children have opportunity to engage with rich learning experiences that foster innovative thinking and creativity. This year's festival celebrates and encourages an exploration of other worlds through storytelling.

Immersion in creativity can bring us closer together and help us cultivate greater self-awareness. Fine tuning the ability to feel a creative connection can help us develop our empathy and establish a deeper relationship between ourselves and the world.

The purpose of the storyteller is not to tell you how to think but give you questions to think upon. We are all storytellers. We all live in a network of stories. There isn't a stronger connection between people than storytelling.

Our 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 from Monday 31 July until Wednesday 23 August. 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 and expert led workshops will provide unique learning experiences for our students including photography, visual arts, writing, dance, film making, music, STEM and much more. *The event will culminate in a whole school performing arts showcase 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. We look forward to sharing this event with our community and hope you can make it.*



Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world. Stories are a communal currency of humanity.

The festival celebrates how NSW public schools are equipping young people with the skills and capabilities they need to thrive in a rapidly changing, globalised world. The key messages include growth mindset, creative and critical thinking, evolution of the classroom, strong relationships, and commitment to innovation and excellence.

We invite you to join us for the various activities throughout the festival. Take a look at our festival guide and planner to find out what's on.



Woollahra Public School Performing Arts Showcase

Wednesday 23 August 2023 @ 7:00pm

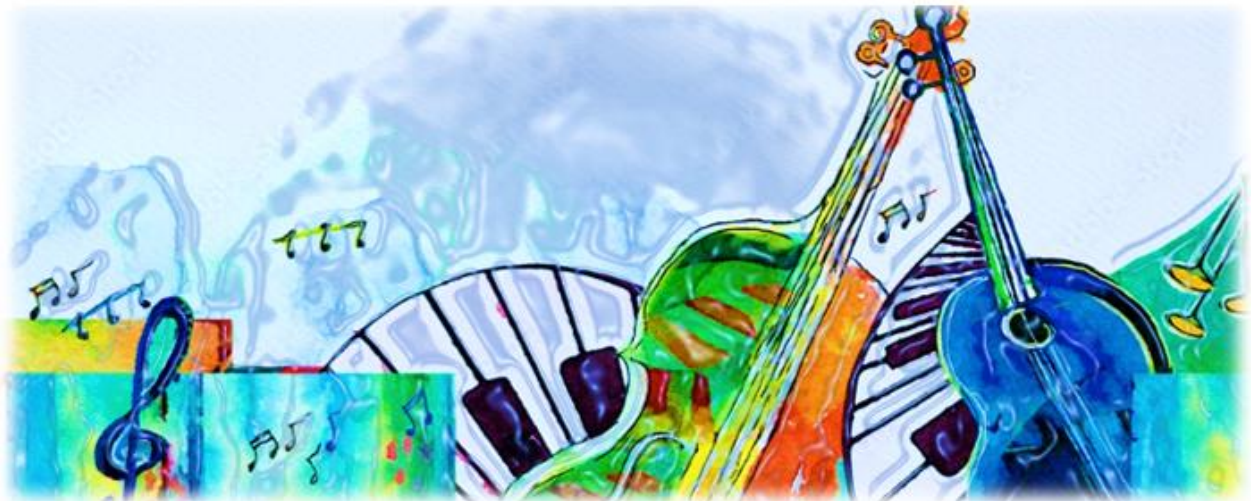
National Institute of Dramatic Arts – Parade Theatre
215 Anzac Parade Kensington



Woollahra Public School is proud to present our 2023 Performing Arts concert featuring the talents of our arts ensembles and soloists – Band, Choir, Rock Band, Dance, Musical Theatre, Film Making and Photography.

Join our performers and artists as they explore the galaxy and discover their own new planet – *Artarium*. It's a world rich in the arts, providing happiness, joy, inspiration and imagination to all who journey there. We invite you on this journey!

Tickets will be available for purchase in early August through the NIDA box office website.



Stellar Student Achievements

Each week we celebrate some exceptional student achievements across a range of endeavours. Congratulations go to the follow students.

Aritya and Monty – Premier's Spelling Bee

At the end of Term 2, the Stage Finals of the Premier's Spelling Bee were held. Two students represented each class (Years 3-6) with the addition of some Year 2 super-spellers. All finalists showed courage and determination as well as demonstrating an exceptional spelling ability. Congratulations to Aritya A (3W) and Monty H (5C) who have made it through to the Regional Finals which will be held on 15 August. We wish them all the very best. *Mrs Wood*

Vincent – Sydney East Golf Championships

We are delighted that we have a very talented student golfer in our midst! Vincent in Year 6 represented our school and Zone in the Sydney East Golf Championships this week and came first. He will now move onto compete at the next level. Well done Vincent!

Hugo and Max – Junior State Music Camp and Boys Vocal Camp

We're proud of Max and Hugo in Year 6 who were selected to participate in the State Music camp last week run by the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit. This high calibre camp is a wonderful opportunity for talented students. We'll look forward to hearing Max perform on violin and Hugo on trombone at the Opera House concerts later in the term. Hugo has shown himself to be a versatile musician by also attending the Boys' vocal camp at the end of last term. This was also a wonderful opportunity and we were proud to have him represent our school.



Allen – Opera House Concert Solo

Congratulations go to Allen in Year 6 who will be performing a violin solo at the Festival of Choral music to be held at the Sydney Opera House on 14 August. This is a truly outstanding achievement to be selected for this opportunity and we wish Allen all the very best.



Kindergarten 2023 School Tour

On Wednesday 26 July we hosted our Kindergarten 2024 families in a tour of our school. They were welcomed with the choir performing Gonna Rise Up Singing and When I Grow Up. Our school leaders introduced themselves and led the Acknowledgement of Country. The incoming families visited classes across the school, seeing our students learning in action and a range of activities and lessons. It was brilliant to welcome our new families. Special thanks go to our Year 6 leaders who did an excellent job of hosting.

2024 Enrolments and Kindergarten

It is the time of year when we need to work proactively to finalise our Kindergarten enrolments for 2023. If you have a child starting school next year please submit your enrolment form as a priority to the office this week. Similarly if you have friends or neighbours who have children starting please remind them to do the same. It assists us greatly with our planning and organisation to have a firm idea of how many children will be enrolling next year.



Learning in 4M and 4H with Mrs MacDonald and Miss Hayward

Last Thursday was the Years 3 and-4 Athletics Carnival. Every house did their chants for house points. It was our last carnival this year and it was really exciting. On the day I felt really nervous before my race but after I ran I felt proud. Most people including myself, were tired the next day but it was definitely worth it. - *Arella 4M*

When we got to Trumper Oval the teachers set up the races. There was 100m, 200m, 800m, long jump and shot put. We swapped so that boys did races first and the girls did long jump and then the other way round. I participated in every activity. I got to exercise and it was very fun. I also got to race with my friends and train my stamina. - *Jalen 4M*

At the Athletics Carnival, I went in the 100m, 200m and 800m races. I also did the shotput and long jump. I even won the shotput and got into the second round of long jump! But at the end of the day it was just fun! – *Jemima B. 4H*

At the Athletics Carnival I went in the 100m, 200m and 800m. My favourite race was the 800m race because it was fun running a long distance. I also liked running with my friends. – *Chiara G. 4H*

The Athletics carnival was so fun! I went in the long jump, 100m, 200m and 800m. My favourite event was the 200m. I really liked sitting in the stands and cheering on my colour house. Go Gilmore! – *Maya K. 4H*



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 **teacher supervision in the playground starts at 8.30am each morning**. 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, **no child is to play on the playground equipment in the Chisholm and Barton playgrounds before and after school**. 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.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

All schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD) each year. The process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the NCCD guidelines (2019). All students who receive additional support at school are included in this process. The data is provided in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the school office to talk to Ms Petriella or Mrs Warhurst who coordinate the process.

2024 Enrolments

Do you have a child who turns five years of age before 31 July 2024 and will be ready to start school? We encourage all families with children starting school next year to complete the enrolment application. Please also spread the word to other local families interested in enrolling at our school that now is the time to work through this process.

Now is the time to complete an **Application for Enrolment**. This can be done online at the following link:

[Enrolling at Woollahra - Woollahra Public School \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://nsw.gov.au/enrolling-at-woollahra)

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!



Kindergarten News

On Wednesday 26 July Kindergarten celebrated their 100 days of school. The students dressed in the themes of “What I want to be when I grow up” and “Myself at 100”. All day the students engaged in activities around the number 100, learning interesting new mathematics facts, creating portraits of themselves at 100, writing about what career they would like when they are older and making 100 day of school crowns. It was lovely welcoming the parents into the classrooms to see the students receive a certificate for this momentous occasion. *The Kindergarten Team*

Stage 2 and 3 News

Australian Mathematics Competition

The Australian Maths Competition is an international test which is written by mathematicians who are highly regarded in the field of education. It will be completed by the students who have applied to participate between the dates of 2 and 4 August. If a student is unable to do the test on a particular day due to festival activities or absence we will ensure that they do the test at another time between those dates.

Transition to High School

- Rose Bay Secondary College is scheduling school tours for interested families.
- Tours will be held on Tuesdays at 10am – beginning Tuesday 1 August - until Tuesday 29 August 2023.
- The tours will run for approx. 1 hour. As tour numbers are limited, please book by contacting the school on 9301-0300.



Performing Arts News

String Ensemble News

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?

Send Mrs MacDonald 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 **Alistair MacDonald** 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

Student Wellbeing

Positive Behaviour for Learning

This term we are continuing our implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL), a framework to create a positive, safe and supportive learning environment at Woollahra Public School.

Each week has a key focus that teachers explore with their class, to ensure students have a clear understanding of the role they play in meeting our three PBL expectations:

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

This week we are focusing on non-classroom settings:

Be Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow adult instructions - Treat others the way you want to be treated - Keep hands and feet to yourself - Be proud of your area and environment - Be an upstander, not a bystander
Be Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Think about consequences before you act - Report any problems to the teacher - Use 'No, Go, Tell' strategy when feeling unsafe
Be an Active Learner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrate a growth mindset in all activities

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

Save the Date – Father's Day Breakfast Friday 1 September @ 8am

All dads, grandfathers, uncles, and significant others that take on a father role, are all invited to breakfast along with your child under the COLA, Friday 1 September between 8-9am. Further details are on their way! In the meantime, put the date in your diary and get ready to share a special community celebration.

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.

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.

Starting in 2023, second hand clothing will only be available for sale on the last Friday of Terms 1, 2 and 3. This is subject to availability of stock.

The 2022/2023 WPS Uniform Order form is on the school website. Please send a completed form including payment details to our email address. No payment details will delay the fulfilment of your order. Note that it may take up to 72 hours for orders to be filled during term time.

The updated order form is available from the school office or on the school website:

[https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra Uniform Shop order form 2022-23.pdf](https://woollahra-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doe/sws/schools/w/woollahra-p/uniform-shop/Woollahra%20Uniform%20Shop%20order%20form%202022-23.pdf)

The Uniform Shop Team Woollahrauniforms@gmail.com

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 woollahrapc@gmail.com

President - Sheree Jonathan

Secretary - Claire Hooper

Vice Presidents –Sean Inzitari and Natalie Gentin

Treasurer– Campbell Dawson



Online Seminar

Online safety and digital resilience strategies for children 9 – 12 years

Tuesday 15 August 2023 · 6.30-7.30pm
Cost: \$15

Join us for a talk and Q&A with digital resilience and wellbeing expert Yasmin London and gain practical knowledge to assist with managing

- online exclusion and bullying
- screen time
- online gaming
- and popular social media platforms.

Book Now



Further information:

Contact us on 9083 8936
waverley.nsw.gov.au







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





WOOLLAHRA PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEKLY TENNIS CLUB



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



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.

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OFFER**

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

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

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. If 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 refund given for students changing their mind on joining the program

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin



mandarin stars



fun mandarin for kids

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 **Wednesday Afternoon!**
To book a free trial/ enrol for the term:

Click [here](#) for Kindy-Year 2 (3-4.30pm)
Click [here](#) for Year 3 – Year 6 (3-4.30pm)

Please check out [here](#) for more class options.

www.mandarinstars.com.au ★ enrol@mandarinstars.com.au ★ Ph:1800 18 11 18



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CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Woollahra Public School is held on:

Years 3-6: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 24 July 2023

Years K-2: Mondays from 8:00am to 9:00am, starting on 24 July 2023

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad
<https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email
office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact
Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.



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