



Umina Beach Public School Newsletter

Term 4, Week 4, 2023

DIARY DATES – TERM 4

Tue 17 Oct	Tonight - P&C Disco
Wed 1 Nov	Year 5 vote for School Leader candidates
Thu 2 Nov	2024 Parent information @ Umina Campus 5:00pm
Mon 13 Nov	School Musical Cast A. Matinee & evening
Tue 14 Nov	School Musical Cast B Matinee & evening
Thu 16 Nov	Kindergarten 2024 – Early Bird sessions begin Yrs 3-6 Family Curriculum Info session
Sat 25 Nov	Santa photos at UBPS
Fri 1 Dec	Year 6 Mini Fete
Fri 8 Dec	Presentation Day
Mon 11 Dec	All school PARTY DAY
Thu 14 Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Fri 15 Dec	Year 6 arch farewell LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS 2023

From the principal

The last term of the year is really flying and, on top of the wonderful focus on teaching and learning that we maintain across our classrooms each week, we're planning and organising a wide range of special end-of-year events for our students, including the school leader selection process for 2024. It's wonderful to see so many students aspiring towards leadership and being so willing to engage with the school as active citizens to improve school experiences for everyone at our school. This young generation of learners are informed, empowered, active and engaged: they want to have a say and make a difference, not just to our school but to the world around them. It's an exciting time for Generation Alpha: the most Gen Alpha; the most technologically savvy generation ever who are predicted to stay in education longer than any previous generation. They are independent when it comes to making their own decisions, connecting globally and shaping their identity, they bring a confident expectation that their individual needs and preferences are to be taken into account. Such traits lead them towards being active, informed citizens and our Stage 3 teachers are actively encouraging this! I personally congratulate every student aspiring towards a leadership position and encourage each one to continue to advocate for what they believe in and continue to have a say, regardless of the outcome of the selection process.

We're also in final preparations for our school musical which is shaping up to be a marvellous, entertaining experience for our students, school and community! Tickets are currently on sale via [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com). We recommend that you check with your child (or their teacher) so you know what night they will be performing, before purchasing your tickets! Cast A will be performing on Monday 13 November, 7:00pm. Cast B will be performing on Tuesday 14 November, 7:00pm. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/> (Click "buy tickets" and then search for "Global Worming"). Tickets cost \$20.00 per ticket. To help with affordability, there are "school aged and under" tickets for \$10.00 and "Family of 4 tickets" for \$55.00. There are also 2 matinee performances on Monday 13 November 11:30am (Cast A) and Tuesday 14 November 11:30am (Cast B), for \$10.00 each. We recognise that times are financially difficult for many, right now: please contact the school if we can be of any assistance towards ensuring that your family can enjoy this wonderful event.



Global Worming

Written by Jeff Bonner
Music by Pat Farrell

\$20 PER TICKET

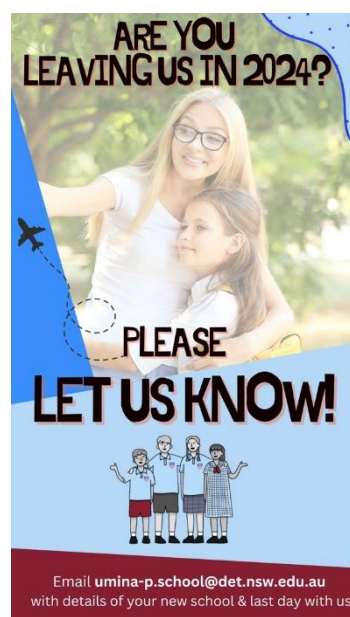
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RECORDING OF PERFORMANCE WILL
ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Term 4 is an important time of the year for assessing, reporting and reflecting on progress, not just in relation to our student progress but also in regard to our school strategic directions, initiatives and targets across the school. As we reflect on our progress across the year, we're seeking valuable feedback from our parents and carers, and the *Tell Them From Me* parent survey is a great way to provide us with your thoughts on our school. The survey closes this Friday (3 November) and so far we've had 40 lovely parents share their feedback with us. We really value the reflections of our families on what we're doing well as a school and where we could be doing even better and, with only 6% of our community views currently shared, we'd love you to add your voice! Here's the link to our survey: <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/umina23>



Our teachers are deeply engaged in their own reflection processes as we enter our Semester 2 assessing and reporting period. You can expect from your teacher a report that reflects your child's progress and growth this year, as well as individual information on future goals that they will be supported to work towards in 2024. For students who have accessed individual or additional support this year, individualised information on progress will also be provided. Your child's report will be published via the Parent Portal (you can also access this not only via your mobile but via computer browser, which makes it easy to read, print and share). If you would also like a printed copy of your child's report, please let us know by calling our friendly admin team or emailing the school: umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



We'd also love you to contact the school if you are aware that you will be leaving us next year: this is really important information for us as we work to finalise classes for 2024. As class groups are informed by student enrolment data, it's important for us to include any new enrolments as well as plan for those students who may be moving to a new school in 2024. Thanks in advance for providing us with information of your new school and your last day of attendance at UBPS: please email this to the school via umina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



We're really grateful to be part of a connected, engaged and supportive community at Umina Beach Public School and our teachers felt this last Friday as we celebrated World Teachers Day at UBPS. I'd like to thank our wonderful P&C for their thoughtful and generous gifts for our teaching staff: you really helped make the day special! Thanks also to those parents who took the time to say thank you to their child's teacher on Friday or who shared their own special thank you message: you really made our teachers glow!

It was the perfect day for us all to reflect on the amazing teachers who have supported us and had a positive impact in our lives. My world was profoundly shaped by some very special teachers who inspired my own journey to become a teacher and I'm so grateful for the role they played in my learning and personal development. Each and every day, I'm profoundly grateful to work alongside an absolutely

awesome group of teachers at UBPS. And, as our [Umina Beach Public School P&C](#) so perfectly sum up, our teachers are "the glue that keeps our community together". Thanks again to our P&C for making our teachers feel special.

Santa photos are coming to our school!

Umina Beach Public School
Saturday November 25

- > Santa photo fundraiser for the P&C
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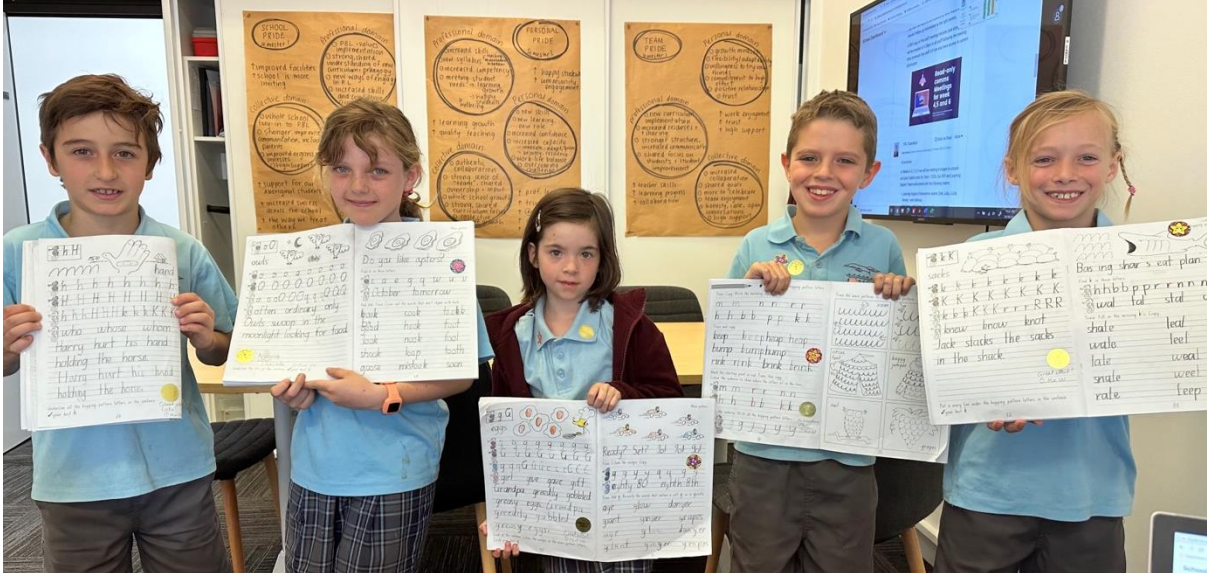
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LOOKPRO

Speaking of all things 'special', we are really excited about our special Christmas fundraiser for 2023... local, unique Santa photo experience that offers quality products for a great price, and you even get to avoid the shopping centre crowds! We encourage you to get in quick and book a Santa photo session for your family on Saturday 25 November at UBPS! You'll get to meet our jolly Santa and have a studio-quality Santa photo taken of you and your loved ones. You can even bring the family pooch (see note below). We love being able to provide such a fun, quality experience for our families and local community AND provide a fundraising opportunity for our school at the same time! The amazing team at LookPro will be donating 20% of profits back to

our P&C! How great is that! Sessions run from 9:00am to 4:00pm on Sat 25 Nov: be quick and book your spot today! For more information visit <https://www.lookpro.com.au/santasnaps/> (scroll to the bottom of the page, select UBPS and book your session time). *Please note, family dogs are allowed at the sessions, but must be clean, quiet, kept on a lead and controlled at all times. Owners are responsible for the behaviour of their dog and it is at the discretion of the school to not allow any animal deemed unsafe on school grounds.

Great students at our school!

I loved my visit from 2S today, with Luka, Charlotte, Aubrey, Avery and Django showing their outstanding handwriting. It's great to see our students showing such focused concentration and effort on achieving their best handwriting script! Did you know that teaching and learning handwriting is an important foundational literacy skill, because reading and writing are reciprocal skills. As students learn to spell words with the same phonetic patterns they are reading, it helps solidify their understanding. Automaticity and accuracy in letter formation frees up working memory. Well done to our 2S students showing just how it's done, and their big smiles show pride in a job well done!



Have a great week at our school! X Mrs W



CONGRATULATIONS!

Callan represented Umina at primary schools' state athletics championships where he won silver in discus and gold in shot put. He will now represent Umina and NSW at the Australian Schools primary track and field championships in Tasmania in November.



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Music by Pat Farrell*

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME WORLD CLASS MUSICAL THEATRE?

The casts of 'Global Warming' are super excited to be performing in under TWO WEEKS!
The choir are in fine form, the actors are itching to tread the boards and the performing classes are ready to shine!!!

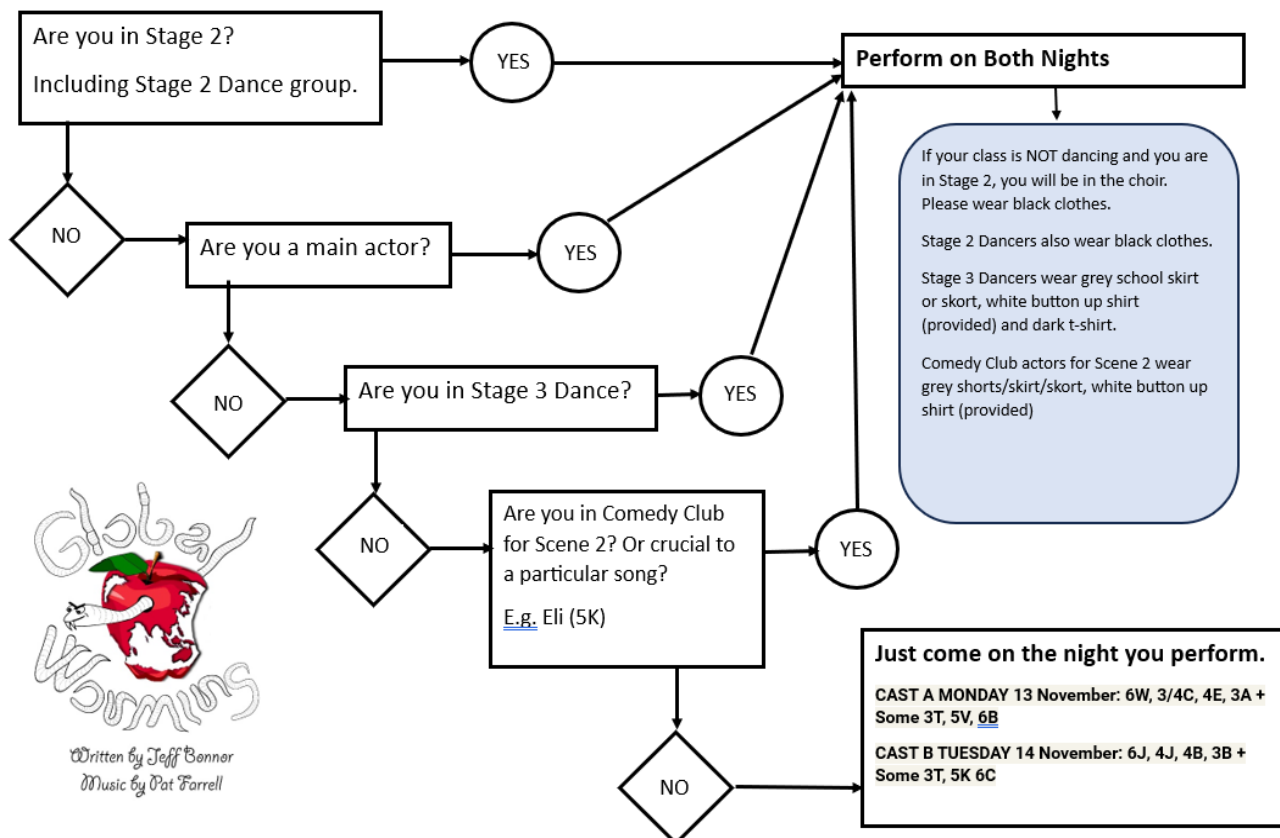
Tickets are on sale now. Go to www.trybooking.com and search for 'Global Warming'.
Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$10.00 for school aged children and \$55.00 for a family of 4.
Ticket prices are to cover the significant cost of hiring sound and light equipment, videography and costumes which have been purchased by the school. All these things are absolutely necessary in order to give our students the professional production that they deserve.

A quick reminder for performances:

CAST A perform on Monday 13 November.
Cast A classes who dance are: 3A + some of 3T, 3/4C, 4E, 5V, 6W.
Stage 3 Dance group will be needed on both nights.
Stage 2 Dance group will be needed on both nights.
All Stage 2 classes and MAIN ACTORS will be needed on both nights.

CAST B perform on Tuesday 14 November.
Cast B classes who dance are: 3B + some of 3T, 4J, 4B, 5K, 6J.
Stage 3 Dance group will be needed on both nights.
Stage 2 Dance group will be needed on both nights.
All Stage 2 classes and MAIN ACTORS will be needed on both nights.

Flow Chart for Performances



YEAR 6 INFORMATION



As we enter the last term at Primary School for our Year 6 students, we are starting to finalise plans for their end of year celebrations. Each of these events are organised to create great memories for our students and to celebrate their Primary School journey. The Year 6 Farewell will include dinner and a disco for students only. The following day we will hold a celebration ceremony for Year 6 and their parents where they will receive their Graduation Certificate. After this ceremony students will walk through the arch.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

YEAR 5 INFORMATION

Our Students Leader selection process began yesterday with a talk to Year 5 students about 'Being a Leader' and how the Student Leadership process works. Information will be sent today via the Parent Portal and all students will receive this information explaining the steps involved. It is important that the process is followed. If there are any questions, please contact Mrs White.

INTENTION TO APPLY FOR YEAR 7 PLACEMENT IN A SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL IN 2025 ATTENTION PARENT/CARER OF CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Selective high schools cater for high-potential and academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods. If you would like to have your child considered for Year 7 selective **high school entry in 2025**, you need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply and the link to the online form are at the [Selective high schools and opportunity classes Year 7 website](#) or read through the attached information booklet.

Applications open on **9 October 2023** and close on **20 November 2023**. You must apply before the closing date. Please email Mrs White: colleen.a.white@det.nsw.edu.au to provide advice to the school that you intend to apply (or have already applied). The school CANNOT apply on your behalf.

The Selective High School Placement Test will be held on Thursday 9 May 2024.

If you have any questions, please email Mrs White: colleen.a.white@det.nsw.edu.au or ring our office on 43 411630 to request a call back from Mrs White.

LIBRARY NEWS

Our P&C have organised a lovely surprise Week 6 and 7, November 13 to the 24. A Butterfly enclosure is being delivered to the library and the students will have the opportunity to watch them hatch from their chrysalis. Students can observe the butterflies during library lessons and at lunch time. Younger siblings are welcome to come into the library after school to have a look each day with their parents.

Mrs Deas -Teacher – Librarian



SAVE THE DATE - CURRICULUM INFORMATION SESSION 3-6

On Thursday 16 November, Year 3-6 families are invited to attend a 2024 Curriculum Information Session in the school hall. The session will begin at 9:30am and run for approximately one hour. The session will cover the new mathematics and English syllabuses, and the significant changes being made to teaching and learning next year.

Mr Buist's HORRIBLE *and not so horrible* HISTORIES

The Canteen.

Did you know, back when I started at Umina, the canteen didn't operate every day? I can't remember exactly which day, but I think it was closed at least 1 day a week. Mrs Elliot has worked at the canteen for a long time, I won't say for exactly how long, but her son who now works at the school, Mr Elliot was in my Year 2 Literacy Group when she was running the canteen!

Just in case you're wondering what I mean by a "Literacy Group", for many years the children spent the first two hours of each day, doing Literacy and Numeracy in a group that best suited their learning needs. If they were doing well with these subjects, they would be in a group that could really extend them and if they needed more help they would be in a small group of less than 20.

So next time you go to the canteen, not only should you make sure you always use your manners, but at least once, thank Mrs Elliot for all that she's done.

Musicals- The Early Years.

I have to acknowledge a teacher named Vicki Woodham who was the first teacher (that I know of) to put on a musical at our school in the late 1990's. The first musical was "I Am Australian" followed by a western called "Fearless Fiddlin' Frankie" that involved Year's 5 & 6. This was a big change for our school because until then there was very little in the way of performing arts. I think there might have been a senior girl's dance group, but there were no choirs, no Comedy Club, no school band and from memory I don't think there was even a recorder group. I gave Mrs Woodham a little bit of help with these musicals, but I took a much bigger role as co-director for the next Year 5 & 6 musical - "The Circus". One of the highlights of this show was that one of the kids could not only juggle but could ride a unicycle and juggle!

Then I wrote the next show "2001: A Space Musical" which was (as you might have guessed) a musical set in space about a space cruise ship that gets captured by the evil "Clingheads" who take over most of the crew by putting cling wrap on their heads whilst singing the song "Let's do the Cling Wrap again" (to the tune of Timewarp). Did you know that Miss Baharoglu was in this musical and played the role of the "Alcan Commander" who saved the cruise ship!

The next musical that Mrs Woodham and I did was "Abbacadabra" in 2003 which was based on the story of "Cinderella" set to music from Abba - and yes this came way before the musical "Mamma Mia". We didn't know it then, but this would be the last musical that Mrs Woodham would do (she moved to Copacabana School where she still teaches).

The next Umina Beach musical happened the next year in 2004, but I'll talk about that in the next article. I did do a musical in 2005 and it was "Abbacadabra" again, but this time I did it at a school in England where I taught for nearly a year. A touching thing about that musical was that the girl who played the lead, had a bit of a Cinderella homelife, so this experience was something I'm sure that girl will always remember. Mind you that is one of the great things about school musicals - children when they become adults usually have fond memories of their role in school musicals.

More about musicals in future episodes.



LIBRARY NEWS

The library has been undergoing a facelift thanks to the kindness of our P&C. Mrs Darmody started things off with her legacy gift, a beautiful mural on the library front doors. The P&C has continued things adding display shelves, new mats and colourful blinds. It is a work in progress and the space continues to be vibrant and very welcoming to our students.

Mrs Deas (Teacher-Librarian)

YEAR 5 GUINNESS WORLD RECORD DAY

On Tuesday, 24 October, Year 5 participated in a Guinness World Record Day, aligning with their English unit on the novel, Paper Planes.

In the morning, students competed individually in 10 activities to break grade records. The winners were:

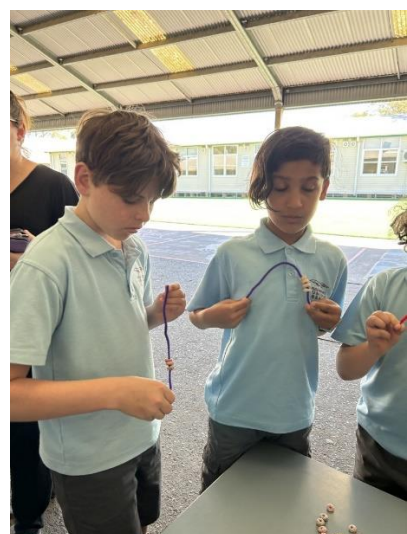
Name	Activity	Record
Sam L, Minty L	Most soccer ball kicks from foot to foot	215
Perzy P, Sam L, Evie B	Tallest tower of dice on the end of a pop stick	8
Mila P	Quickest tied shoelaces with tongs	25 seconds
Eve H, Lexie M	Most transferred pieces of popcorn using chopsticks	84
Ollie G	Most threaded Froot Loops onto a pipe cleaner	9
Jameson C, Levi C	Most marbles rolled to stick onto a line of tape	38
Fraser H	Highest connector block tower	39
Owen B	Most ping pong balls bounced into a cup	13
Indi M	Picking up pasta tubes with spaghetti	29
Charlotte Y	Most bottle flips	28

In the middle session, students played in teams to score the most points. Fun games included heads or tails, giant newspaper paper plane making, eating biscuits with no hands and fishy relays! Iggy S, Bailey F, Blake T and Tallen S took out the team events.

Students also looked at the actual Guinness World Record books and discussed what record they could (or would like to) break.

Did you know?

- The most basketball slam dunks performed by a rabbit in one minute is 7.
- Mochi the female St. Bernard dog has a tongue extending 18.6 cm.
- Germany's Andre Ortoft holds the record for the most jelly eaten while blindfolded (and with no hands!), consuming 1.5 kg in one minute.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SCHOOL BAND?

Band recruitment will be commencing in the next few weeks!

In 2024, students in Year 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to enrol in our school band. It offers many benefits!

Why Music Is Important And How It Can Help:

It has been scientifically proven that music assists in learning and confidence. It has been found that music harmonises the body and the brain.

Learning Through Music:

There are many ways music supports learning. It:

- develops listening skills
- strengthens aural discrimination
- helps children (and adults) remember
- assists children sing tunefully
- supports children to speak clearly and pay attention
- makes transitions in the classroom go smoothly
- promotes cooperation, thinking, and problem-solving
- provides beginning experiences in pitch, timbre, and texture
- is fun and fundamental for all children



Most Improvement in Literacy Award proudly sponsored by Wiseberry Real Estate, Umina. Congratulations Mila 5V, Skylar 3A, Lulu 2/3T and Matilda KS. Well done!

SPORT IN SCHOOLS FEEDBACK

We are seeking parent feedback regarding their perspectives on Sport in Schools. Please complete this short survey by 10 November: <https://forms.gle/DdCnSRrTE62QoXwT7>

REBEL READERS TERM 4 WEEK 4

Kindy	Stage 1
KS Finn Madison Scarlett Jackson Felix Drago Alyssa Jayce Bailey	1/2P Nisa Innes Clyde Flynn W Digby Vallee Teddy
K1H Lucy Milo Oscar	1F Jameson Lux Kaia Sonny Hunter Jack Layla Mahlia
KA Jack Hendrix Nella Havana Chaice	2A Xavier Meadow Ollie T Alex River Millie Raff Lewis Mia Elsie Theo Hugh Charlize Leon
KC London Charlise Oliver Parker Ethan River Gisele Archer	2S Luka Eli Aleira Tahlie Sebastian

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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