

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Monday NOV 27:

Y5 Sport Captain Speeches and voting in House Meetings 2pm

Thursday NOV 30:

Parent/Community Morning Tea
Thank You 11:00

Catholic Christmas celebration
last day of Scripture 2023

Friday DEC 1:

VOTM - Presentation

Year 6 Mini Fete

Tuesday DEC 5:

Stage 3 Presentation Day 9:30am

Wednesday DEC 6:

Kindergarten Presentation Day
9:30am

Stage 1 Presentation Day 11:40am

Thursday DEC 7:

Stage 2 Presentation Day 9:30am

Friday DEC 8:

Diamond Rewards Day



EXCURSION

Wednesday NOV 29:

Year 3 Excursion to Mosman



ABOVE: Aaliya (Year 6), fully engaged in chemical analysis of the soils in STEM with Mr Nassh.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

On Monday this week, 28 of our fabulous Year 5 students presented a speech to their peers for a leadership position in 2024. These speeches were amazing, and I enjoyed watching the recording on Tuesday as I was unable to be there on the Monday. I was so impressed with the level of maturity and the confidence our Year 5 students displayed and I know it is going to be close. Congratulations to all the students who presented their speeches, no matter what the outcome is, you should all be very proud of yourselves for representing not only yourself, but your

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family and school so well.

Our House Captain speeches will be next week, and I look forward to hearing these as well. I wish all the candidates the best of luck. Thank you, Miss Drabsch, for organising this with our Year 5 students and for all the parents assisting their children to prepare speeches.

Our leaders will be notified prior to Presentation Day if they have been successful in gaining a School Leader or House Captain position for 2024. Our school captains will be announced at the special Presentation Day assembly.

The final Early Birds session was held on Wednesday this week and we have loved getting to meet our newest students. Over the past 4 weeks they have visited each Wednesday for a 2-hour session meeting all 4 of our Kindergarten teachers along the way. They have enjoyed classroom time, tours of the school, and purchasing from the canteen.

Thankyou to Mrs White, Mrs McGann, Mrs James and Mrs Bridge for all their hard work organising the groups each week. Mrs Priest has done an amazing job organising our Early Birds sessions ensuring all the students and their families felt supported and welcomed. We are very much looking forward to welcoming our Kindergarten cohort next year.

School Spectacular

This week our choir and dance students participating in Schools Spectacular will be performing today at both the matinee and evening performance. We had a bus of spectators travelling to Qudos Bank Arena today to watch the matinee performance. I was very lucky to have joined them. I would like to thank the organising teachers, Mrs Hansard, Mrs Rayner, and Mrs Buckton for their hard work leading up to this weekend's performances and of course supervising the performers over the weekend.

Thank you to all the parents involved ensuring that your child has attended rehearsals on time, organising costumes and the many early starts. I hope you enjoy the show!

New School Shirt

The new school shirt has been very popular, and they look great on our students. Just a reminder this is not compulsory, and it is an addition to our current uniform. White shirts are still an option and will remain part of our uniform over the next couple of years.

If you would like to still purchase white shirts, they can be bought at the front office, while the new shirts are part of our uniform shop and can be purchased online.

If you have any queries, please contact the uniform shop or our front office may be able to assist.

Reports

Staff are currently writing end of year reports for all students K-6. These reports are a culmination of Semester 2 results and will be sent home with all students on Wednesday, December 13. All reports will also be available via SENTRAL on this day.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Our annual Presentation Day assemblies will be held in Week 9 of this term. All assemblies will be hosted in our school hall, and anyone is welcome to attend.

Our Stage 3 students will have their assembly on Tuesday December 5 starting at 9:30am. On Wednesday, December 6 our Kindergarten assembly will begin at 9:30 followed with Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) at 11:40am.

Thursday, December 7 our Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) students will start at 9:30am. We look forward to welcoming you at these special assemblies.

Final Scripture Service

Next Thursday is our last SRE service for the whole school. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have given up their time to provide these lessons to the many students at Kariong Public School. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2024. Thank you also to Mrs Broadhurst for coordinating this across our school for 2023.

Mini Fete

Don't forget it is our Year 6 mini fete this coming Friday. Tickets can be purchased through School bytes for including lunch orders. I love this day and cannot wait to see what Year 6 have for us this year!

We have 3 weeks of school left and it is going to be busy, but lots of fun!



By **TONI SKINNER**
Kariong Public School
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NEWS

SRC Christmas Drive

WHAT: Gifts for children aged 0-18 years from disadvantaged families in the Hunter and Central Coast

WHEN: Week 7, 8 and 9

WHERE: Please drop presents to the Christmas tree in the library.

We Care Connect Christmas Program

Our aim is to ensure over 2,000 Central Coast & Hunter children will have a gift under the Christmas tree.

Gifts should be brand new & unwrapped.

Presents are needed for girls & boys, newborn - age 18. Some gift ideas: Lego, cars and trucks, tea sets, board games, frisbees, footballs, beach toys, towels & sunhats, caps, cosmetics, STEM games, art supplies, puzzles, movie vouchers & gift cards. Stocking fillers like Uno, toiletries, craft, fidget toys, playdough, books, stickers.

Each child receives a mix of bigger gifts, craft, books and stocking fillers – so around 10-12,000 gifts need sorting & packing – sadly, these gifts can often be the only ones that a really disadvantaged child receives.

We are often struggling to receive enough presents for the really little ones – the under threes. Gifts for babies, 1- and 2-year-olds are always needed, but we are very happy to receive gifts for all ages.

As well as Christmas presents, we try to provide small (up to 2 m) Christmas trees and decorations for the families we are helping, so you might like to include that in your materials? We rarely get enough donations of these and often have to buy them.



CONGRATULATIONS			
GOLD BOOK		GOLD AWARDS	
Jai W	KJ	Nicholas Y	5/6R
Susie E	KJ	Georgia O	5/6R
Bryce S	KM	Emma S	5/6R
Jack K	KM	Tahlia M	5/6R
Elían Z	KM	Amelia S	5/6B
Isaac T	KM	Krystal H	5/6B
Sonya L	KJ	Amber B	5/6B
Harper H	KM	Ruby O	5/6B
Holly E	KW	Billy M	5/6B
Emilia H	KM	Emily A	5/6B
Aria Q	KM	Tahlia O	5/6B
Isla M	KM	Flynn H	5/6B
Imogen B	KW	Ziva W	5/6B
Willow A	KW	Mackenzie O	5/6B
Will W	KW	Candace C	5/6B
Saskia R	KW	Cullen G	5/6B
Zoe Mc	1T	Charlotte P	5/6B
Jarrold W	1T	Mervyn H	5/6B
Mia S	KJ	Josephine H	5/6B
Elias B	1T	Hunter F	5/6B
Sophia S	KJ	Thomas C	5/6B
Elijah K	KJ	Zaiden F	5/6B
Audrey M	KJ	Kayleb L-W	5/6B
Archer H	KB	Olympia A	5/6B
Colin Y	KB	Lucy T	5/6B
Eevie M	KB	Sachia M	5/6B
Lachlan G	KB	Tate H	1B
Billy P	KB	Molly H	5/6R
		Haley B	5/6R
		Indi H	5/6A
		Lachlan M	5/6S
		Leilani D	5/6S
		Indy D	5/6S
DIAMOND AWARDS			
Emily P	1T		
Sophie H	1T		
Zander R	1T		
Eligh H	1T		
Jarrold W	1T		
Hunter S	1T		
Liara J	1T		
Levi H	1T		
Ella M	1T		
Liam E	1T		
Claudia D	1T		

SRC CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

BRING YOUR NEW AND UNWRAPPED GIFTS for
disadvantaged children (newborn-18 years old)
TO OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY.

GIFT IDEAS:

LEGO, BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, ART SUPPLIES,
FOOTBALLS, TOYS, TOWELS, GAMES, PLAYDOUGH,
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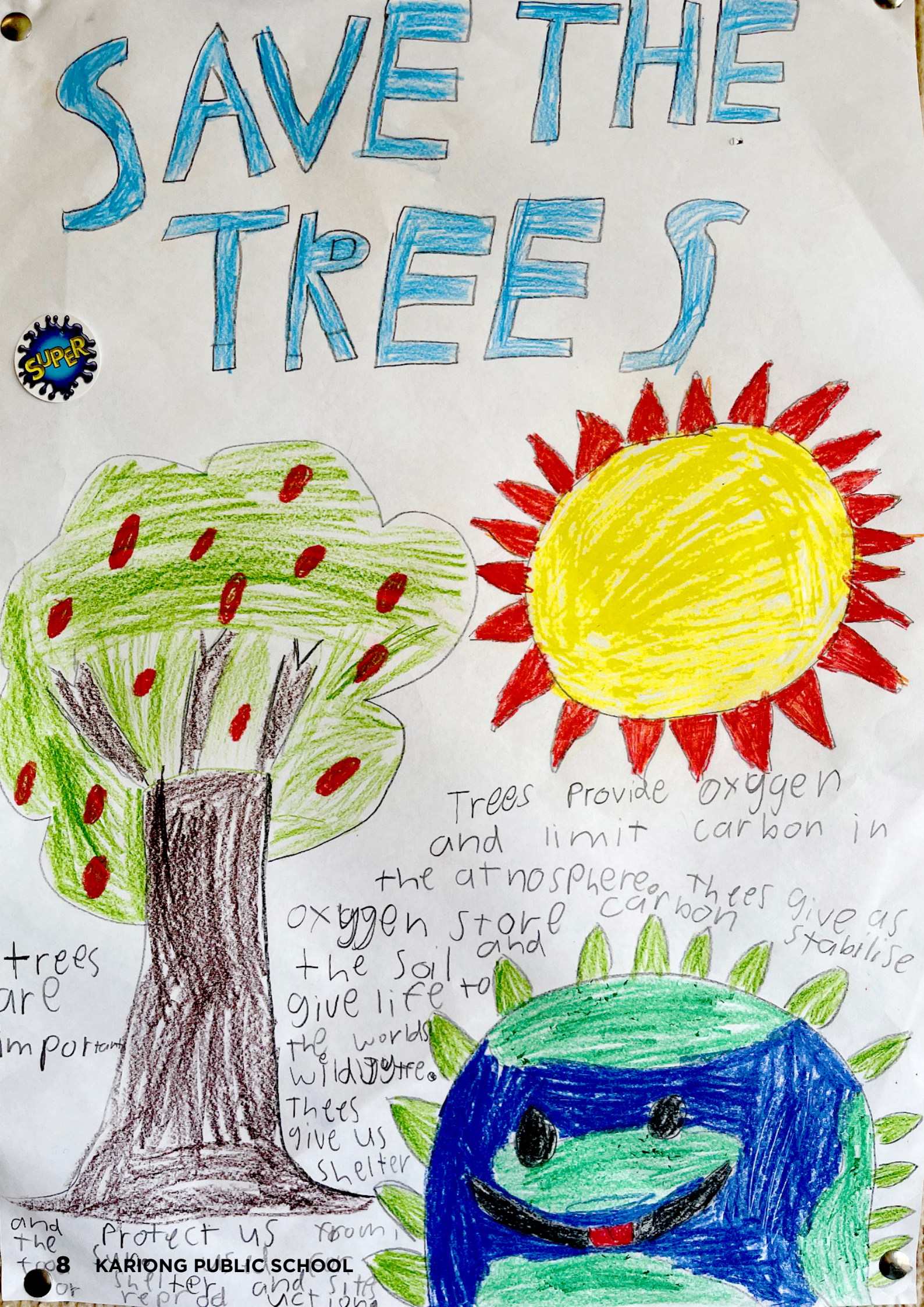
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BEEN
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AWARENESS
AND PROTECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT**



2S has been learning about photosynthesis and here is a word tree containing the key words for this topic.





INDI S. (pictured right)
CREATED THE POSTER
(on the left).



STAGE THREE

STEM

Mr NASH

**AALIYA AND GRACE (YEAR 6)
HAVE BEEN IN WORKING ON
THE **EARTH AND SPACE** UNIT IN
STEM.**



The equipment we use and some of the soil and rock samples we have collected for further study.



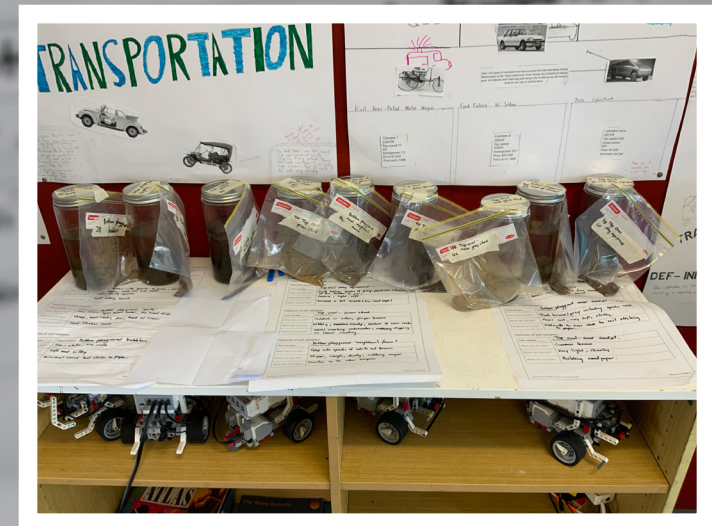
Investigating soil samples
 Date: 17/10

30

Team members' names: whole class

Soil sample	Observations
30 Bottom playground	Mostly brown with speckles of grey, mostly one layer, roots and leaf matter Soft, mushy squishy
What can you see?	
What can you feel?	Soft rolling sound.
What can you hear?	

Soil sample	Observations
Bottom playground 'gully'	tiny rocks, light brown 'pale', wood chips, sharp, small rocks, dry, hard at times.
What can you see?	
What can you feel?	loud shaker sound.
What can you hear?	



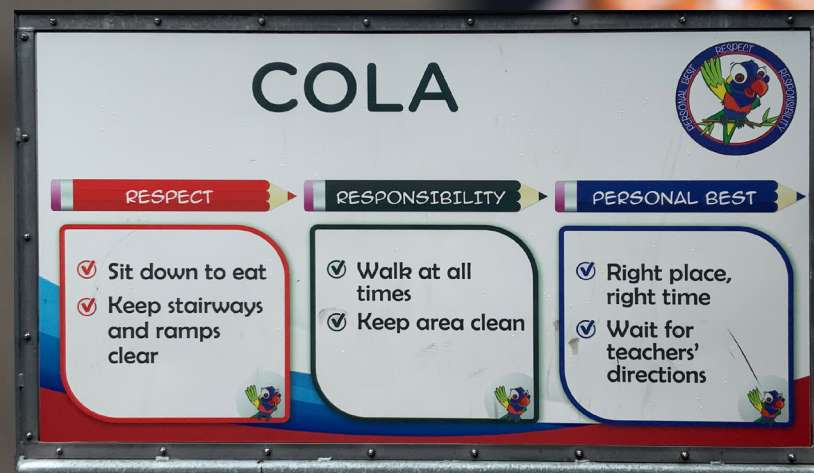


Hats are not required to be worn in the C.O.L.A.

PBL UPDATE

THE C.O.L.A.*

This week our PBL lesson has been focused on our school's COLA. Students have been reminded that this is a place for quiet play and eating. The COLA is the place where students who don't have their hat can play.



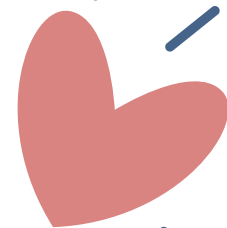
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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERS WHO SUPPORT OUR
STUDENTS AND STAFF

PLEASE JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

VOLUNTEER PARENT HELPERS THANK YOU MORNING TEA

30 NOV| 11:00 - 11:30 AM

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Summer Uniform

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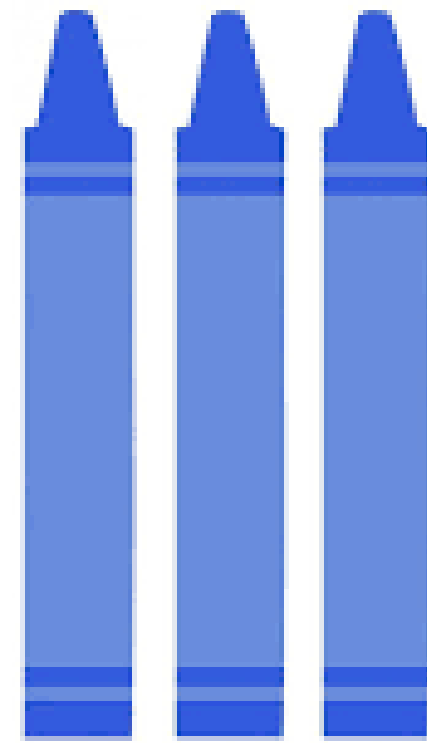


Girls

- A-line red, white and blue checked **dress**; or navy skort with a white **blouse**, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- White **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red and navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**

Boys

- White **shirt** with white collar button through, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- Navy **shorts** to the knee, without side pockets
- White or navy **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red & navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**



things
that are
blue!



We are collecting things that are blue for a special whole school reading event in 2024. Please drop your blue bottle lids into the school office.

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.infotrip 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](#).

Nutrition Snippet

FOOD SAFETY

As the weather warms up, it's important to keep food in the lunch box cold and safe to eat.



TOP TIP: Use a cooler bag and ice brick or a frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cold.

For more info and tips read our [food safety blog](#).

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