

From the Principal

Term 4 Week 6

The really big news this week, is that earlier today, the inaugural WWPS/WWPS P & C Walkathon was held. The weather gods smiled upon us, and the event went off without a hitch (well, unless you count Mr Hughes' sprained ankle, acquired during his over-zealous attack on the obstacle course set up on the oval). The children we spoke to remarked that they were having so much fun, they didn't even realise that they'd walked three kilometres! The behaviour of our students was exemplary, with groups of children happily stepping to the side to allow dog-walkers and pedestrians to pass, and cheerfully greeting other passers-by. It was a great opportunity for our students to take in some fresh air and to get active, while at the same time raising money for a great cause. As we write this, we're approaching almost \$20 000 raised. A fantastic effort from our school community! Thank you to all who contributed and/or came along on the day. Special thanks to Mr Price, Mrs Williams, Mrs Young and Miss Bartlett who were instrumental in organising the event, and to our amazing P & C team, led by Billie-Jean Higgison for all of their hard work in running the event. May it be the first of many.

2023 Transition Programs

The final session of the WWPS 'Coming Up to Big School' (CUBS) Kindergarten orientation program was held last week for the 2023 intake of students. At present we have around about 60 mainstream enrolments for Kindergarten next year, which is up from 43 enrolments for 2022. This will likely enable us to form three straight Kindergarten classes in 2023. Based on the entitlement figures in our School Budget Allocation Report, we're planning for the formation of either 14 or 15 mainstream classes in 2023, the final number being dependent on exactly how many enrolments we receive before the end of the year, and at the start of next year.

Miss Whitney Williams is currently working with preschool students and their families to compile Transition to School Statements for all of our preschool students. She will conduct Transition to School interviews later this term in order to go through the Transition to School Statements with parents.

Year 6 students attending Brisbane Water Secondary College next year had a high school transition day yesterday (Thursday 17 November). Additional transition sessions have been scheduled for students who need additional support with transition. One was held on Thursday 10 November, and another will take place Thursday 24 November.

Aboriginal Education

The 2022 Deadly Awards celebrate the achievement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from schools in the Brisbane Water learning Community and are set down for Wednesday 23 November. We'll be in attendance and can't wait to applaud the successes and accomplishments of our Aboriginal students.

The Young Black and Ready for School (YBR4S) Kindergarten Transition program is being held on Wednesday 30 November from 9:30 – 11:30am in the Woy Woy South PS hall. Parents of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who're starting school next year will receive free student and parent packs, along with information regarding the health status of their children.

International Day of People with Disability Concert

This year's International Day of People with Disability concert is set down for Tuesday 6 December (Week 9). You can read more about the event in the coming pages, but suffice to say, it is one of our very favourite events of the year. If you've been fortunate enough to have seen the students from our support unit classes performing before you'll know why. Please come along on the day if you're available, to celebrate the fact that at this school we value each and every individual for who they are. In fact, it's one of our core values and a great source of pride for many in our school community.

Class Placement Requests

Finally, just a quick reminder that in the last edition of the Namalata I asked for requests for class placements for next year be submitted in writing **by next Friday 25th November** in order for them to be taken into consideration when the process of class formation for 2023 begins.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Regards,

Ms Buckley and Mr Betts Principals

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Weeks 5 & 6



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) is a whole-school framework that promotes positive behaviour across our school. Every five weeks a team of teachers including the school Principal, executive staff and representatives from each stage analyse our school behavioural data. The result of this analysis leads our whole school implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning. This fortnight teachers have been talking to students about how to 'Be Engaged' in all settings but especially at assemblies. Teachers and students have been discussing the importance of demonstrating active listening skills and applauding appropriately. Next fortnight our PBL focus will be 'Be Responsible' on the playground. Students who demonstrate positive behaviours will be rewarded with Stars on their Star Charts at the end of the week and participate in a PBL Rewards Day at the end of the term.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance at school is essential for students to achieve quality life outcomes. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g., attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.



Zones of Regulation

This fortnight, students at Woy Woy Public School have been adding to their strategies of being aware of our emotions and how to respond to them. In Lesson 6 we explored sensory strategies – ways to keep our body and mind grounded when we feel like we are in the YELLOW, BLUE or RED zones and in Lesson 7 this week, we have begun to sort through the strategies that are the 'best-fit' for us personally.

Lesson 7: My Strategies

Students build a set of strategies that they can use to deal with problems they encounter and regulate their zone. Some of the strategies will help wake you up or get you out of the Blue Zone, while others will calm you down from the Red or Yellow Zone. Other strategies will help keep you feeling just right, so they will be your Green Zone strategies.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- What strategies did your child enjoy? Look through the Zones Menu above to help refresh their memory.
- Talk to your child about the idea that if a strategy doesn't work the first time, or in certain situations, not to discard it. They simply keep it with their strategies and try it again another time or in a different situation.
- Ask your child to teach you the 5 senses 5-4-3-2-1 strategy.
- Have you tried these sensory strategies?
- Wall sits: Secure your back to the wall at the height of a student's chair, or knee-level. Challenge: see how long you can sit against the wall!
- Wall push ups: Secure hands to the wall at chest height for child. How many wall push-ups can they do? Challenge them to push so hard on the handprints that they "push the wall down"!

Try these exercises at home

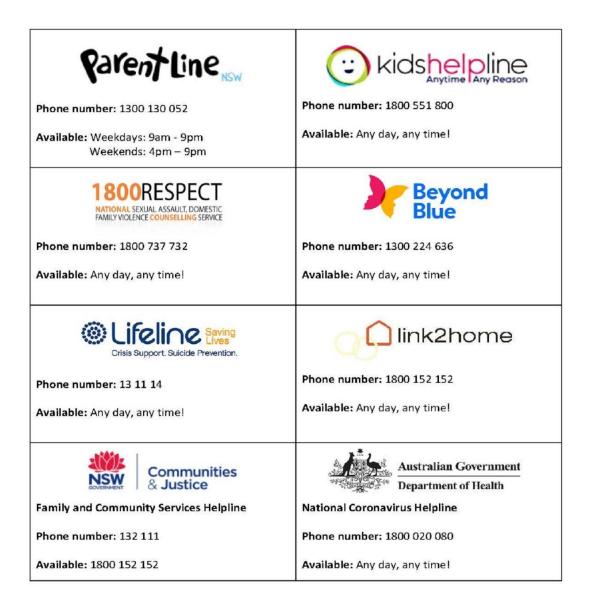




Chaplaincy Program

Mr Gary Cooke, our school Chaplin is at our school every Monday and Tuesday. School chaplains support the wellbeing of students by providing strategies that support the wellbeing of the broader school community and looking after the personal needs of students, not just their academic needs, through the provision of general spiritual and personal advice. Mr Cooke works with small groups of children in Years 3-6 each week to support their emotional and social growth through a range of engaging and targeted activities.

If you would like more information on this program or would like to discuss your child's wellbeing needs, please contact Mrs Williams.



If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or wellbeing, please contact Mrs Williams via the front office to make an appointment.

Michelle Williams Assistant Principal Student Wellbeing



Year 3 Cultural Continuum Excursion

This week our Year 3 Aboriginal students along with Mr Pumpa, had the oportunity to join other students from the Brisbane Water Learning Community for a day of cultural sharing. Students particpated in cultural activities and visited local sites of significance. Thank you to Brisbane Waters High School for transporting our students and to our local Aboriginal AECG for providing rich learning opportunities to our students.







Year 2 Excursion Rumbalara

On Friday 4 November, Year 2 laced up their walking shoes and made their way to the Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre. The students used the geographical inquiry process to examine interconnections between natural and human features. They participated in a range of hands-on experiences and utilised their knowledge and skills to engage with the Rumbalara educators.

The students were extremely respectful and responsible and exemplified the values of students at Woy Woy Public School.



Stage 1 Teachers

Guliyali Preschool News



The poppy seeds the children planted weeks ago, bloomed just in time for Remembrance Day. Our preschoolers also took the time to remember those who have served and protected our beautiful country at our whole school assembly and enjoyed creating poppies with loose parts and painting a field of poppies at the easel.

Although our preschool children have finished their Kindergarten transition sessions, we continue to provide opportunities for the children to ensure a strong and smooth transition into their new setting. This week our pre-schoolers ventured out to visit the WWPS canteen. The children learned the expectations and rules involved when lining up and ordering food from the canteen, including being patient and polite.

















Whitney Williams Preschool Teacher

Kindergarten Transition for 2023

Woy Woy Public School is now taking enrolments for kindergarten 2023. If you have a child who is starting Kindergarten with us next year, please complete the online enrolment form and see the information below regarding some important diary dates. Our new online enrolment process makes it easier and faster to enrol your child at our school.

To apply online, you must:

be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident

live in the local enrolment area of this school.

School Online Enrolment Application





FOR 2023 Parent Information sessions

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

Wednesday 15th June 2:00pm-4:00pm (WWPS Preschool Wednesday 27th July 5:30pm (Zoom)

- Principal's Tours and Open Classrooms
 Tuesday 26th July 9:15-10:15
 Thursday 1st September 9:15-10:15
- Inursday 1st September 8:15
- Transition Dates

Wednesdey 19th October 1:00-2:30pm Wednesday 26th October 1:00-2:30pm Wednesday 2nd November 1:00-2:30pm Wednesday 9th November 1:00-2:30pm



Library News

Book Club

Issue 8 (the last issue for the year) is out now!



Borrowing

Week 6 is the last time students will have the opportunity to borrow from the library this year. Please return any books that are overdue. Notes will come home week 7 with the names of books borrowed under your child's name, so you know what to look for. Thank you so much for you help with this.



Cathy Walker Teacher Librarian



Aspire Home Reading

Congratulations to the following students who have reached their 50, 150 & 250 nights of home reading!

50 Nights Emily Overton K/6PG
150 Nights Kaide Hayter K/6PG
250 Nights George Kassi-Hurley K/6PG



St Vinnies Christmas Gift Collection

We are collecting donations of new unwrapped gifts for disadvantaged families in our community which are collected and distributed by St Vincent de Paul. Please place your donations into the Christmas bin located in the school office.

Your kind donation is very much appreciated.



A very big thank you to those who have already donated. Your kind donation is sure to put a smile on some little faces this coming Christmas.

International Day of People with Disability

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD) is a United Nations day celebrated on 3 December each year to increase public awareness, understanding and acceptance of people with disability.

By acknowledging this important day, we can take action to remove barriers for the 4.4 million Australians with disability and contribute to positive change in our classrooms and our community.

This year Woy Woy Public School will mark the International Day of People with Disability with a concert on Tuesday 6 December. Students from the support classes will perform and we will have a guest speaker.

We encourage all students, their families and carers to join the celebration this IDPwD. Together, we can all take action to challenge perceptions about disability, remove barriers and promote inclusive and respectful attitudes and behaviours in our community.

For more information about IDPwD, including resources, stories, videos and social tiles, visit www.idpwd.com.au or follow @idpwd on Facebook and Twitter, or @idpwd_au on Instagram.

You can also help spread the word and join the conversation online using #IDPwD

Upcoming Events





Online ordering is available <u>www.flexischools.com.au</u> APP: Flexischools

Anyone that would like to volunteer in the canteen, from 9:00am -11:30am, can you please see Anne in the canteen.

| Monday | 21 st November | |
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| Tuesday | 22 nd November | Robyn |
| Wednesday | 23 rd November | Vicki |
| Thursday | 24 th November | Kay |
| Friday | 25 th November | |
| Monday | 28 th November | |
| Tuesday | 29 th November | Robyn |
| Wednesday | 30 th November | Janet/Colette |
| Thursday | 1 st December | |
| Friday | 2 nd December | Katrina |

Anne Wilson Canteen Supervisor

Parents and Community (P & C)



Uniforms Update.

The order cut off is 5pm Wednesday for a Thursday delivery.

Last day to get your uniform orders in for the year will be Wednesday 7th December 5pm for delivery on Thursday 8th December. Any orders after that day will be ready to collect the last week of the holidays. Date to be confirmed later.

In addition, please be aware we have been advised that our supplier no longer stocks size 4 in the sports shirts so unfortunately once they sell out, they will no longer be available.

For Term 4, Flexischools will be the only option for uniform purchases except for some limited circumstances where order forms can be sent to <u>woywoypublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au</u> and we will send you an invoice that you can pay online. Please feel free to get in contact if you have any questions.

AGM

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 9th November. Thank you to everyone who came along and congratulations to our new executive team for the coming financial year:

President – Billie-Jean Higgison Vice President – Emma Sheppard Treasurer – Sarah Greenwood Secretary – Cassandra Bernie Uniform shop Coordinator – Katrina Brannigan Social Media Coordinator – Laura Morrison Fundraising Coordinator – Ann-Maree Hardwick

Congratulations to Gillian Graf who was awarded life membership to the Woy Woy Public School P&C at this meeting. Thank you for the commitment you have shown to the P&C over almost ten years and best of luck with all future endeavours.





2022/2023 Membership

Membership for the next year is now open. Membership runs from the first meeting after the AGM to the close of the Following AGM.

You can join the P&C at any time by filling out a membership form and paying the \$2 membership fee. Forms available on the school website or by request from www.woy.outlicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held Wednesday 7th December at 7:00pm. A hybrid format may be offered with zoom attendance. This will be confirmed on notice of meeting. All members and guests welcome.



Thank you to all the staff and families that have made this year's walkathon such a success. There is still time to support your school by signing up or donating at https://go.rallyup.com/wwpswalk22 Cash donations are now due at the school office. Money raised will go towards the creation of the bike track and outdoor learning space.

what is coming up?

• Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser will be on 10th December. Keep an eye out for further information. Come along and enjoy a sausage or spend some time helping on the BBQ.

The P&C can be contacted by email at woywoypublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to reach out via email or come along to the next meeting. We are always happy to hear from the school community.

Thank you and on behalf of the entire P&C.

Cassandra Bernie WWPS P&C Secretary.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**** Unless your enquiry is a matter of urgency, please restrict entry into our office area ****

Office Hours

School phones are manned from 8:30am until 3:15pm. The office window is opened at 8:30am and closed at 3:00pm however office staff are available until 3:15pm. There is a teacher on duty at the bus lines until 3:20pm.

Changes to Going Home Arrangements

Could you please ensure that your child is aware of how they will be going home in the afternoon. If these arrangements change during the day, it would be appreciated if you could contact the office prior to 2:00pm to ensure that the message is passed on to your child.

Skoolbag APP and Website

You can download the WWPS Skoolbag APP to both iPhone and Android devices. Event updates and important information will be sent out via our Skoolbag APP, and you can record your child's absence from school here as well. You will also find our School website at http://www.woywoy-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/ which is regularly updated with events happening in our school. The School email address for correspondence is woywoy-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Student Mobile Phones

Students who bring their mobile phone to school are asked to leave them at the office on their arrival and collect it at the end of the school day. Students are not permitted to have their phone with them during the day. It is also helpful if their name is on their phone.

Late Arrival / Early Departure

If your child is late arriving to school or needs to leave early for an appointment, a partial absence slip is to be printed at the school office and given to the classroom teacher.

Payment of Money to the School

***** EFTPOS IS AVAILABLE IN OUR OFFICE ******

Understandably, our preferred method of payment for any school costs is contactless.

Payments for any school fees or activities can be made either by credit card via the Woy Woy Public School Website (<u>http://www.woy-</u>.<u>schools.nsw.edu.au</u>) using the 'Make a Payment' tab or for your convenience we have also installed an EFTPOS facility at the front office.



Should it be necessary for payment to be made using cash, monies should be placed in an envelope with your child's name, class and reason clearly noted. If payment is for multiple children, each must have their own envelope.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Linda Goldsmith – School Administrative Manager

Please support our sponsors:





Shop 30 Railway Street Woy Woy NSW 2256 Ph: 4339 4941



YOGA CLASS 9:30am - 10:30am ON MONDAY MORNINGS

Anglican Church Hall 147-149 Blackwall Rd WOY WOY. Air-conditioning available and off-street parking. IYTA registered yoga instructor with teaching experience (Wendy Baylis) To book SMS: 0423 433 781 or email: <u>goodyoga1@westnet.com.au</u> Facebook: GOOD YOGA (Woy Woy) or to contact Wendy for further information. Please bring your own yoga mat.







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Woy Woy Public School Parents and Citizens Association Inc. ABN & ACNC: 15 364 243 614

Email woywoypublicschool-uniform@pandcaffiliate.org.au Request item, size and quantity plus child's name and class

Email the order direct (preferred method for faster delivery)

Option 1

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Invoice is emailed to you with payment options of Credit Card or Direct Deposit

Once money cleared delivery of stock to the classroom weekly

 Invoice is emailed to you with payment options of Credit card or Direct Deposit If paying cash, it must be CORRECT cash (this method may take an extra week)

Fill in an order form and leave at the office

Option 2

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Once money cleared delivery of stock to the classroom weekly

Purchasing from the Woy Woy Public School Uniform Shop

Woy Woy Public School Parents and Citizens Association Inc. ABN & ACNC: 15 364 243 614

WOY WOY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C UNIFORM ORDER FORM

woywoypublicschool-uniform @pandcaffiliate.org.au PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA THE ONLINE SCHOOL PAYMENT SYSTEM

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"Uniform shop opening times are dependent on available volunteers. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the P&C

exec team at woywoypublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

EFTPOS and correct cash accepted

FAQ

Uniform Shop opening times advertised in the newsletter and digital platforms (during school term)
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Buy direct from the shop (when available)

Option 3

Please note this process may take an extra week to process. Correct money with the order in a sealed envelope can be left at the

Yes, there will be reminders in the newsletter, on the SkoolBag App, School Official FB page and "Parents of Woy Woy School"

Will I be reminded about the shop opening times?

Opendcaffiliate.org.au within 14 days for the uniform shop coordinator to advise the

appropriate steps. Return items must be WITH TAGS ON and NOT WORN

What if I order the wrong size?

Email wo

I only have cash how can I order?

office.

Community News

Class: Child's Name:

Phone: Parent/Guardian Name: Email Address for Invoice

PLEASE DO NOT PAY VIA THE SCHOOL ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM PAYMENT OPTIONS

Invoice will be issued when ordered is confirmed. Payment is accepted via online payment or direct deposit

Please refer to the back of this form for ordering and payment options EFTPOS or cash option available in uniform shop.

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This process may take several weeks.

All decisions will be notified to the customer.

The Uniform Shop reserves the right not to offer an exchange, refund or repair on items where the item fault is the result of misuse, neglect or incorrect washing instructions of the item.

The Uniform Shop will not hand out replacement items until the manufacturer has decided on repair, refund or exchange.

Any item to be reviewed by the manufacturer needs to be returned in a clean and freshly laundered condition.

All faulty items need to be reviewed by the manufacturer before a decision is made regarding refund, repair or exchange.

No refund will be given for an incorrect size choice only an exchange and the item must have original tag and have not

The Uniform Shop will accept returns and provide customers with an exchange, refund or repair where the customer can provide

Refund, Exchange & Returns Policy

Uniform online ordering via Flexischools will be available Term 1 2022

Why can't I order via a website?

Facebook page.

adequate proof of purchase by way of receipt and the following terms and conditions are followed:

Exchanges can only be made within 14 days of purchase.

been washed and is in an "as new" condition.

- The Uniform Shop reserves the right to assess the condition and age of returned goods prior to providing a repair, refund or exchange. This may result in repair, refund or exchange being refused.
 - If a refund is granted, the refund will be issued to a nominated bank account

Second Hand Items

There will be NO exchanges or refunds on any items purchased second hand at the Woy Woy Public School P&C Uniform Shop.



| WOY WOY SACC | Tuesdays Tuesdays Melody Music 9.30am - Babies 10.15am - 18m to 5 years | Tuesdays Tuesdays Flaystrong Playgroup - All Ages Young Parents Playgroup 11am-12.30pm 1.00-2.30pm 11am-12.30pm Hosted by Uniting Call 0435 591362 | WednesdaysWednesdaysKids on the Move - Active OutdoorsBaby & Me Time for Birth to 10 months9.30am-10.15am11am-12pmA movement and sports skills program for 3-5 yearsSensory, music, stories and parent chat time | ThursdaysThursdaysLittle LearnersBaby Playgroup9.30-10.30am11am-12pmA one hour phonics pre literacyActive Crawlers and beginner Walkers.program for 4 - 5 yearsSensory, playtime, music and stories | Fridays FEAR - LESS g program for those wi o 2 December - 6 x 2 hr ral Coast Family Support | Woy Woy Schools as Community Centres A Department of Education Project Philippa Skipper, Facilitator m: 0477 317862 e: philippa.skipper@det.nsw.edu.au www.ccsacc.com |
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| For Aboriginal children starting school in | 2013 | Wednesday, | 11:30am - 11:30am | Supported by our local Primary Schools and Aboriginal Community | Morning Tea Provided | Health information on your child starting school Free school pack and parent pack for our new Kindy families and fun activities for the kids! |

Fou further information please contact Beau Jarrett at Woy Woy South Public School on 43 411899

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| le start of the school | Applications for student travel in 2023 open from Monday 10 October 2022. |
| n and tap off in line | Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2023 can <u>apply</u> 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 as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody). |
| | Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should <u>renew or update</u> their details before the end of term 4 . This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and entitlements remain valid for the start of the 2023 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 <u>eligibility criteria</u> , 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. |
| port/school-travel essions-feedback | 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 2023. |
| | 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. |
| | Travel from Term 1 2023 |
| | 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 2023 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2022, 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. |
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School Travel Term 4 2022

Transport for NSW

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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 strongl 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 loc bus operator to discuss their travel needs. Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and wil 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 <u>Student code of conduct</u> and <u>Opal terms of use</u>.



Further information can be found at <u>transportnsw.info/travel-info/using-public-transport/school-travel</u> Enquiries can be submitted at <u>transportnsw.info/contact-us/feedback/passes-concessions-feedback</u>

