

RED HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Limelight dance group at the Limelight show.

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20th October 2023



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Leadership Team Overview

Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot believe how fast the year has passed.

Over the recent school holidays the installation of new equipment continued in preparation for our switch to electric heating next year. Work also began to replace the ceiling in the year four corridor. This project will be completed by next Monday.

At long last the new artificial field is open for use by students and the local community. Sporting organisations can also hire the space for training by contacting the front office. Students and staff have asked me to give a reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, and that they would particularly appreciate everyone respecting this ACT Government rule on the new fields.

WELLBEING

Term four has started with some extreme weather fluctuations. Monday this week was a great example, with the weather alternating between rain, wind and sunshine all in one day. It's important to ensure that children bring a water bottle to school so they can be well hydrated on the warmer days. It is also far less disruptive to their learning if they have a drink bottle nearby rather than needing to leave class to access the bubblers. Students need a sun smart hat as well (either a broad-brimmed hat or a cap with a legionnaire style flap at the back) but it is equally important that they wear layers of clothing so they can easily add or remove items in response to sudden weather changes.

Something else important is ensuring that children bring plenty of fresh fruit and vegetables to school. Classes stop for short breaks during learning time to "crunch and sip". We have noticed a big change in children's willingness and desire to eat fresh fruit, which is a great thing. Unfortunately, though, some students are regularly forgetting to bring fruit and vegetables to school or relying on the school to provide it. Even with help from the P&C, we cannot keep up the supply. We would greatly appreciate the families who can manage it making sure that their children bring plenty of fruit and vegetables to school so that those of our students who really need our support don't miss out, especially towards the end of the week.

Mental Health Month

Mental Health Month is celebrated annually in October. It is a time when we are encouraged to think about the mental wellbeing of ourselves, our friends, colleagues, children and families. It is also an opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of mental health, reduce the stigma and discrimination associated with mental

health conditions, and promote positive mental health and wellbeing. The theme this year is '**Awareness, Belonging, and Connection**', calling on all of us to continue to build positive relationships with others in our community to boost mental well-being and provide help to those in need.



ACT Education and ACT Health offer information and resources to help students and their families. You can access these by visiting the [Office for Mental Health and Wellbeing](#) and [Wellbeing Support Resources for students and families](#).

There are devastating events happening in our world at present, which may be very distressing for members of our school community. Our thoughts are with those of you who have extended family or friends in Israel and Gaza, or in other parts of the world experiencing significant challenges. Our thoughts are also with the young children in our community who may be exposed to these events through the frequent media and social media coverage. The following resources may be of help to families at the moment.

[Responding constructively to disaster, tragedy or injustice | APS \(psychology.org.au\)](#)

- [MindMap: 1800 862 111](#)
- [headspace: 1800 650 890](#)
- [Kids Helpline: 1800 551 800](#)
- [Lifeline: 13 11 14](#)
- [Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636](#)

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Our school wide Positive Education focus for the next few weeks is on students being ***“in the right place at the right time”***, demonstrating safe behaviour, respect for teachers and peers and a readiness for learning. This is connected to the IB Learner Profile attributes of being caring and principled. At assemblies, in class, in the

corridors and on the playground, we have been reminding students what being in the right place at the right time looks and sounds like. We will be positively reinforcing the students’ demonstration of this behaviour, through the gold token and house point system. The table below sets out the key points that we have mentioned at assemblies and in class.

Before School	During Class Time	At Break Time	After School
<p>We play on the asphalt from 8.50am until the bell goes in our year level area (where the teacher is supervising).</p> <p>We stay on school grounds once we have arrived.</p> <p>When we hear the bell, we go straight to class and get ready for learning.</p>	<p>When going to the bathroom we use the toilet, ‘flush, wash our hands’ and then go straight back to class.</p> <p>We make sure we get to different activities on time (e.g., Band, drumming, RHIPP, SRC meetings).</p> <p>We move from one activity to another quickly and quietly when the teacher asks us to.</p>	<p>We go straight to our play area and wait for the teacher on duty.</p> <p>We play in our area.</p> <p>When the bell goes at the end of the break, we get a drink of water and go to the bathroom if we need to.</p> <p>Then we go straight to class and get ready for learning.</p>	<p>We go straight to the right place after school.</p> <p>At the ‘Kiss and Go’, we stand back safely and wait for the car to stop.</p> <p>At the bus stop we stand back safely and wait for the bus to stop.</p> <p>If we are waiting for parents, we stay near the duty teacher at the bus stop.</p>

YEAR 6 ART AND MUSIC EVENING

We look forward to seeing families at the Year 6 Arts Evening on **Wednesday 1st November (6.30-7.30pm)**. Invitations were sent out by email during the school holidays with an Eventbrite registration link. The evening is an opportunity for our year six students to showcase their talents, passion and commitment to the arts before they move on to high school. The evening will include short dance and singing items as well as performances by Wassa Wassa and the School Band. (Note: The school choir has been invited to accompany the year six singers.) Ticket priority will be given to the families of the students who are performing, however we really hope that other families will come along too. Rather than charging for tickets we will be asking for gold coin donations at the door. The money raised on the evening will go towards our sponsorship of Mohamed Sylla, a child who we support to attend school in Guinea. Every donor will be given a ticket towards a lucky door draw.

I would also like to flag that in week 7 (**Wednesday 22nd November 9.00am-10.30am**) our year five students will invite their parents and carers to an Arts Learning Journey. The students will send home more information about this event shortly.

CLASSES 2024

We will be hosting our annual “get to know you” interviews later this term with students and families who are coming into kindergarten and other year levels in 2024. The meetings are part of our transition process, and we strongly encourage every family to take this opportunity to connect with the school.

Thank you to the families who have already let us know of changing family circumstances in 2024. **If your child will not be attending Red Hill School in 2024, please let us know as soon as possible.** It is very important that we have accurate enrolment projections so that we can plan staffing and the correct number of classes for next year.

When creating classes for the following year, we promise that each student will have at least one nominated friend because we recognise the connection between the power of relationships and student learning. However, sometimes a best friend is a good person to play with but not necessarily an appropriate person to learn with in class. Teachers often speak to the students about this, and it is helpful for parents and carers to reinforce the same message.

At the moment students are completing ‘sociograms’ at school, selecting five peers they believe they would work well with. They will bring these home over the next week so that parents and carers have the opportunity to talk with their children about their choices. We would appreciate the sociograms being returned by **Friday 24th November**. Please do not sign off on your child’s sociogram unless you feel comfortable with his/her choices.

Kind regards

Louise Owens (Principal)

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2024 ATTENDANCE AND CLASSES

Name: _____ Class: _____ Name: _____ Class: _____

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- ☐ Will not be attending Red Hill School in 2024 - we will be leaving the school on _____ as our family is going to _____.
- ☐ We are not sure at this stage but will be able to advise you further on or after _____.

Parents Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Uniform Shop

Ordering Online

The Red Hill School P&C Association uses Flexischools for uniform shop sales.

<https://www.flexischools.com.au/>

It is a cashless online ordering system which streamlines payment, ordering and processing of purchases and events.

Quick and easy, it can be accessed 24/7 on PC, Mac or mobile app.

School Uniform orders for existing students will be delivered to your child's classroom. Otherwise, orders can be collected from the front office.

Ordering in person

Opening hours Wednesday 8.30 to 10:00am and Friday 2.30 to 4.00pm. We prefer payment by credit card, but we can accept cash.

With COVID continuing to present a risk we prefer that orders are made online where possible.

Secondhand requests can be emailed through to the shop manager.

Donations can be placed in the purple bin in the front office foyer.

Lost property collected around the school is placed in the big blue bin outside of the uniform shop.

Due to the amount of lost property and the shortage of staff, labeled items will no longer be returned to classrooms. Instead, the items in the blue bin will be sorted and then placed in the adjoining blue and white cupboards for students to look through and collect any of their property that they find."





Healthy Kids Canteen Menu Red Hill Primary School

Order online at www.flexischools.com.au

Term 3
2022

Sandwiches & wraps *toasted or untoasted*

All served on wholemeal bread unless otherwise requested.

Vegemite (with margarine) V	\$3.00
Cheese V	\$3.50
Cheese & tomato V	\$4.00
Ham	\$4.00
Ham & cheese	\$4.50
Ham, cheese & tomato	\$5.00
Ham & salad	\$5.50
Ham, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Chicken & cheese	\$5.00
Chicken & salad	\$4.80
Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Tuna & cheese	\$4.50
Tuna, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50
Rainbow: Lettuce, carrot, tomato, cucumber, beetroot V	\$4.50
Salad & cheese V	\$4.20
Egg & cheese V	\$4.50
Egg, lettuce & mayo V	\$4.50

Change up your sandwich:

Add ham, chicken, tuna, egg or cheese	\$1.00
Add Lettuce, carrot, cucumber, tomato, beetroot	\$0.60
Change to: wrap	Extra \$0.50
Change to: gluten-free bread GF	\$1.00

Fresh salads

Build your own salad	From \$5.00
Seasonal fruit salad V GF	\$4.00

Hot meals

Pasta Bolognaise: beef H	\$5.80
Pasta Napolitana H V	\$5.00
Lasagne: beef H	\$5.80
Lasagne: veggie	\$5.80
Butter chicken & rice	\$5.80
Stone-baked pizza (cheese or ham & pineapple)	\$5.80
Four N Twenty Lite sausage roll	\$5.00
Four N Twenty traveller pie	\$5.80
Add cheese to pasta	extra \$.30

Snacks

Piece of seasonal fruit V GF	\$1.50
Poppin' corn V GF	\$1.00
Jelly (made with 100% juice)	\$2.00
Fluffy chocolate mousse V GF	\$2.50
Banana bread V	\$2.00
Cheesy garlic bread V	\$2.50
Veggie sticks	\$2.00
Custard cup	\$2.00
Jelly / custard	\$2.00
Milo cookie	\$1.00

Frozen

Quech juicy sticks V GF	\$1.00
Twisted frozen yoghurt (chocolate/vanilla, Strawberry/vanilla, watermelon/mango) V GF	\$3.00
Juice cups	\$2.00

Drinks

Plain milk: 300ml	\$2.50
Sipahh straw	\$0.50

V = Vegetarian

GF = Gluten Free

H = Certified Halal



H denotes products which have been Halal Certified. All chicken used in sandwiches and hot meals is also Halal Certified.

Red Hill School Calendar 2023 – Term 4					Mon 9 Oct – Fri 15 Dec
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 Oct 9 - 13			11 Oct Year 4 camp at Birrigai	12 Oct Year 4 camp at Birrigai	13 Oct Year 4 camp at Birrigai
Week 2 Oct 16 - 20	16 Oct BASE testing begins for Kinder. Narrabundah ECS Transition Afternoon Tea 3.30- 4.30pm			19 Oct Jamie Pearlman YR 5/6 Basketball Finals	
Week 3 Oct 23 - 27					27 Oct Kinder Zoo Excursion 9.30am-2.30pm Junior Assembly YR 3
Week 4 Oct 30 – Nov 3	30 Oct YR 3 Excursion to the National Museum 9.20am-2pm	31 Oct YR 5 Experience Expo (Previously Market Day)	1 Nov YR 6 Arts Evening 6.30pm-8pm		
Week 5 Nov 6 - 10					10 Nov Senior Assembly YR 4
Week 6 Nov 13 - 17		14 Nov 2024 Red Hill Preschool/Kindy Transition Visits		16 Nov 2024 Griffith Preschool/Kindy Transition Visits	
Week 7 Nov 20 - 24		21 Nov 2024 Griffith Preschool/Kindy Transition Visits	22 Nov YR 5 Arts Performance 9.00am- 10.30am	23 Nov 2024 Griffith Preschool/Kindy Transition Visits	
Week 8 Nov 27 – Dec 1			29 Nov Aural Testing YR 4- Band 2024 9.10am-10.30am	30 Nov Exhibition 6pm-9pm	1 Dec Aural Testing YR4- Band 2024 11.10am-12.50pm Junior Assembly Kindergarten
Week 9 Dec 4 - 8			6 Dec Year 6 Fun Day Year 6 Dinner	7 Dec End of Year School Disco YR 6 Transition visit to Telopea	8 Dec Year 6 Achievement Assembly Pool Fun Day
Week 10 Dec 11- 15				14 Dec Year 6 Graduation	15 Dec Whole School Assembly

Community News



SYDNEY
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134
Office: (02) 9745 1170

CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Red Hill Primary School (ACT) is held on Mondays from 3:20pm to 4:20pm, starting on 9 October 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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register for two complementary classes



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If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

We are selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: **\$27.00**

Payment details are:

Red Hill P&C

BSB - 062-902

Account: 0090 0162

Ref: Childs name

Place your order and payment by:

Sunday 29th October

For further information contact:

Lara Jurkiewicz – 0499 231 740 or lara.jurkiewicz@gmail.com

Money raised will be used to:
make some school wish list items become reality

Canberra
& the greater region



NSW residents can use their \$50 Creative Kids Vouchers towards our programs



\$39 per class

Classes: 9am - 1pm / 1pm - 5pm

Thursday night: 6pm - 9pm

Early drop off: 8am - 9am (Free)

Late pick up: 5pm - 6pm (Free)

www.illustrating-man.com.au

EARLY BIRD

Book the 10 classes (Classes 1 & 2 for each day) & we will give your child the Thursday night program for free. Do not select Thursday night. We will manually add your child to the Thursday night class.

VENUE

Greater ACT & Surrounds (Canberra)
Chisholm Community Centre

15-19 Halley Street, Chisholm ACT
Monday December 18th - Friday December 22nd

Enquiries to go to our Sydney office

BOOKINGS

- Go to www.illustrating-man.com.au
- If using a NSW \$50 Creative Kids Voucher - get the Voucher then call our office to book: 9343 0833
- Click Cartoon Workshop Button on our home page
- Select Canberra & complete the form
- Please ensure your email address is correct
- We will email you a confirmation within the week
- Check your junk or spam folders
- If using PayPal - we will write to your PayPal email



We cater for children 4 to 15: (Juniors, Intermediates & Seniors)
In QLD the children need to be 5 & older to attend.
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Cartoon Kingdom has 40 years experience in educational programs & activities in Australia, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Singapore, USA, Malaysia, Denmark, England & Canada.



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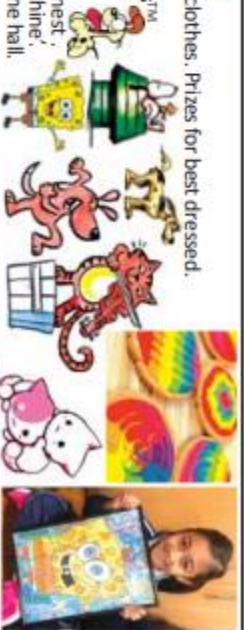
Head office: Suite 2, 29 Newland Street, Bondi Junction NSW 2022 Australia
02 9343 0833 8.30am - 4.30pm (EST)

Monday Dec 18th Class 1: 9am - 1pm

- Theme: **Tropical**. Wear colourful clothes. Prizes for best dressed.
- Draw: A detailed tropical island.
- Draw: Reptiles: A frog, snake & a turtle.
- Play: The exciting game 'Charge'.
- Coral reef: Draw life in the sea.
- Kids in the kitchen: **Decorate doughnuts**.
- Squishies: Play the squishy game.
- Make: A tower with marshmallows & spaghetti.
- Competition: Design a candy packet. Win USA candy!



- ## Class 2: 1pm - 5pm
- Theme: **Tropical**. Wear colourful clothes. Prizes for best dressed.
 - Draw: Famous cartoon dogs.
 - Draw: Spongetop Square Pants™
 - Draw: A landscape with colour.
 - Draw: Cute manga animals.
 - Make: **Rainbow biscuits**.
 - Balloon skirmish: Play rob the nest.
 - Competition: Design a 'time machine'.
 - Explore: The magical forest near the hall.



Tuesday Dec 19th Class 1: 9am - 1pm

- Theme: **Messy clothes & hair**. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
- Kids on wheels: Bring your scooters.
- Draw: Australian animals.
- Enjoy: **Make & enjoy fruit kebabs**.
- Slime: Make fun oozebleck slime!
- Play: The shaving cream battle.
- Draw: A giraffe, meerkat & an elephant.
- Play: Harry Potter™, Pokémon™ & Star Wars™ trivia.
- Pokémon™: Draw Pokémon™ & bring in your cards.



- ## Class 2: 1pm - 5pm
- Theme: **Messy clothes & hair**. Prizes for the 'worst' dressed.
 - Kids on wheels: Bring your scooters.
 - Draw: Cute penguins.
 - Draw: Farm animals.
 - Enjoy: **Make fruit mocktails**.
 - Pokémon™: Swap & trade your cards.
 - Draw: A 3D volcano erupting lava.
 - Flour fight: Join in the fun.
 - Draw: Unusual Pokémon characters.



Wednesday Dec 20th Class 1: 9am - 1pm

- Theme: **PJs**. Prizes for best dressed. Bring in your teddy bears.
- Play: Sock wrestling.
- Draw: Hogwarts™ castle.
- Draw: Mario™, Sonic™ & Yoshi™.
- Play: Capture the flag.
- Draw: Dinosaurus.
- Draw: Teddy bears.
- Enjoy: **Delicious Skittle S'mores & enjoy a teddy bears picnic**.
- Competition: Children perform their own magic tricks for prizes.



- ## Class 2: 1pm - 5pm
- Theme: **PJs**. Prizes for best dressed.
 - Draw: Cartoon monkeys.
 - Find: The hidden gold coins.
 - Build: A tower with match sticks.
 - Treasure hunt: Find the treasure in the park.
 - Draw: Insects - a snail, slug & more.
 - Draw: A Star Wars™ space scene.
 - Meet: The smallest person in the world.
 - Oreo™: **Guess the unusual new flavours (try grape & peach) while blind folded.**



Thursday Dec 21st Class 1: 9am - 1pm

- Theme: **Pirates, Secret Agents & Spies**. Prizes for best dressed.
- Face painting: Get your face painted.
- Competition: Design & win a watch.
- Make: Clay miniature food.
- Draw: A fire breathing dragon.
- Draw: Creatures from Stranger Things™.
- Draw: Wednesday from the Addams Family™.
- Enjoy: **Hit & miss jelly tastings - it's all the craze!**
- Secret code: Work out the message to find the treasure.



- ## Class 2: 1pm - 5pm
- Theme: **Pirates, Secret Agents & Spies**.
 - Draw: Jungle animals.
 - Build: A cubby house.
 - Draw: A 3D Luna landscape.
 - Learn: To fly a boomerang.
 - Make: **A candy monster then eat it.**
 - Science show: With mad Professor!
 - Play: Indiana Jones™ game.
 - Hollywood: Movie makeup.



Friday Dec 22nd Class 1: 9am - 1pm

- Theme: **All things Japanese**. Prizes for best dressed.
- Make: Japanese origami.
- Draw: Kawaii 'cute' pets.
- Draw: Hello Kitty™.
- Draw: Astro Boy™.
- Enjoy: **Japanese fruit drinks**.
- Draw: Animated fruit & veggie.
- Pocky Sticks™: **Guess the flavour while blind folded.**
- Water fight: Bring your waterguns. Join in the fun if you want to.



- ## Class 2: 1pm - 5pm Market Day - BEST class of the week!
- All things Japanese. Prizes for best dressed.
 - Draw: Cartoon friendly monsters.
 - Enjoy: **Japanese Mochi**.
 - Play: The Pinata game.
 - Play: The paper mummy game.
 - Draw: Realistic manga faces.
 - Kingdom Markets: Everyone prepares a shop for Market Day. This is the best class of the week. Children buy & sell using their Kingdom money.
 - Talent show: Singing, dancing, gymnastics, comedy...for prizes.



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](#) 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](#)