

Winter Chess camp 18 to 20th July

Winter Chess Camp will be held over three days in second week of the winter school holidays (18th to 20th July).

Children will be involved in several different activities including coaching, transfer chess lightning chess and the new teams challenge.

Transfer partners will be selected by the organizer who will randomly pair up children one with a high rating and the other with no or a lower rating. This is to encourage building new friendships. It also provides younger children with a mentor for the first day. Trophies for Transfer will be 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place, Best all girls team, 1st Unrated team and an encouragement award. Transfer chess will be run on the first afternoon after a morning of coaching.

Lightning chess will this year be divided into a girls' competition and a boys' competition. This is in part due to chess chicks not being run in the April school holidays. Prizes for both include 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall, 1st unrated, 1st rating group A, 1st rating group B, and Rising Star and Most improved. Lightning will be run on the second day after a mornings coaching.

A new and exciting event called the teams challenge will be run for a full day. This is similar to school team chess with teams of four competing with other teams of the same number. It replaces the all day rapid event. Prizes for this will be medals for the 1st team Under 5000 to 4001 rating points, Under 4000 to 3001, Under 3000 to 2001, Under 2000 to 1001 and Under 1000. There will also be medals for the Best all girls' team and 1st Unrated team. In addition Best board medals will be awarded for both boys and girls. A team can select its own members but not exceed the 5000 point rating mark. If it does then they won't be able to get a prize. Ratings points for this are based on rapid ratings only. If children can't find a team then the organizers will step in to assist. Teams must be registered with the organizer by the afternoon on the second day and once registered cannot be changed.

Coaching

Coaching will be conducted in groups of approximately six. High rated students will be coached by the most senior coach. Similarly students at the beginning of their chess career will be taught by capable junior coaches. Coaching groups will be selected by the organizers. Coaching sessions will be run on the first two mornings and be comprised of two sessions each of 1.5hours duration.

Coaches will be selected by the organizer and all have had some if not a lot of coaching experience. They have also been chosen because they are good with working with children.

The cost of the programme is \$150 per child which includes lunches each day. This includes the normal pizza lunch on days one and three and a chicken roll and fruit on day two.

Jennie Nicholson is the contact person for this event. If you would like your child or children to participate then please contact her by e-mail at jnhhome@home.netspeed.com.au or phone 0414 864 626.

Payment is requested prior to Winter Camp and deposits can be made at the Commonwealth bank **BSB 062 913 Acc. 1022 2568** Please include your name on the bank reference so we can accredit it to you.

As this has been a popular event in the past, it is wise to get in early.

