

Announcement: Check back after the school holidays for the next edition (every second Friday during term) on the "Sydney Academy of Chess" Facebook Page, remember to click like! 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 5

## THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY? And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments? Then rook no further!

**COACH JOKES:** Knock, knock? Who's there? Queen. Queen who? Queen your room, it's a mess! 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Remember, chess is 50% you and 50% your opponent. I've seen several players who just focus on what they're doing and don't even look at what their opponent is trying to do. Whenever your opponent makes a move and **before you make your move**, a good idea is just to stop and ask in your mind, "what does their move do?" This approach, simply keeps you more on the look out for your opponent's threats. Are they attacking my knight, or my bishop? Am I about to get checkmated? Many times your opponent won't be threatening such things, but if they are, you now have a better chance of spotting their attacks!

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.  
White to move = W    Black to move = B

W



W



W

## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

1. e4 Nf6
2. d3 d5
3. e5 Nfd7
4. f4 e6
5. c4 c5
6. cxd5 exd5
7. Nc3 d4
8. Ne4 b6
9. Qf3 Bb7
10. Nd6+ Bxd6
11. Qxb7 Bxe5
12. Qxa8 resigns



My opponent needed to "rook further!"

12. Qxa8 resigns  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>

<b>INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH APRIL</b>	<b>9:15am- 1:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: QU8UBRTXUN</i>	
<b>HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH APRIL</b>	<b>1:00pm-4:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: Y3VWWWNRGX</i>	
<b>HURSTVILLE SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 14TH APRIL</b>	<b>10:00am- 1:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: FRYDTVSJQT</i>	
<b>CANBERRA CHESS CHALLENGE 19 14TH APRIL</b>	<b>8:45am- 3:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: 29R40Y40KA</i>	
<b>CENTRAL COAST CHESS CHALLENGE 16 15TH APRIL</b>	<b>9:15am- 2:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: UZ8H2S2DDC</i>	
<b>INNER WEST CHESS CHALLENGE 24 16TH APRIL</b>	<b>8:45am-3:00pm</b>
<i>Online Code: ENB0FCBO3P</i>	

To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at [www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment) enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



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