

Announcement: How do fish play chess online? They have to surf the net 😊 And, how do you find out how heavy a whale themed chess set is? You have to take it to the whale-weigh station 😊 RNF ends for term 1, but back for yet more chess jokes term 2



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# ROOK NO FURTHER # 110

Remember, if ever you feel tired playing chess on the computer, there's an app for that 😊😊😊😊

## 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?  
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**COACH JOKES:** Q: Why did the lemonade win the chess tournament?  
A: Because it was 'soda terminated' 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

UPDATED EDN

### Tricky Tactics "Chess Desperado"

Do practice the ideas :)

Hi guys. For this RNF, the final one of term 1, I thought I'd preview next term's theme. That is "tricky tactics". The first of these is the very useful idea of the "desperado" defence. A desperado can mean one of two things. The first is, if you're going to lose a piece anyway, let's say it's trapped or if you're trading it off, why not try and get something extra for it if you can? That is, as a bonus. Let's say for example, your Bishop is trapped in by opponent's pawns. The opponent is going to take your bishop next move for free. Why not take a pawn with your Bishop instead, so you at least get one pawn for it that you didn't have before? This is the first type of chess desperado defence. The second type is you're losing, but your King is completely stuck/stalemated

You just have a Queen or Rook that can move. Losing this

## DESKY PUZZLES:

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

### Desperado I

Here, this is a classic desperado idea. Black is going to lose their trapped Bishop. Can they get something for it? 😊



W



White's losing but is there a fork of King + Queen desperado?



Find the way for White to give up Rook + Queen

## Notable notation

### REVISING HOW TO READ CHESS GAMES

A chess notation revision course for RNF 110

Each piece has its own letter  
K = King Q = Queen R = Rook  
B = Bishop N = Knight  
Pawn = (no letter just the square it moved to, ie d6 or f3. Or if 2 pawns, cxd4, hxg2 etc)

Special Moves

Captures = X

Check = +

Checkmate = ++ or #

Castle Kingside = 0-0

Castle Queenside = 0-0-0

Squares = Letter first, then number

Examples, f2, h4, c6 etc.

In action: Rxd6, Qxg2# Nc4+ cxd1 etc.,

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**ROSEVILLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 6TH JULY**

1:40pm- 4:50pm

Online Code: L2KO7A7K7O

**PARAMATTA U/500 JCL CHESS TOURNAMENT 6TH JULY**

12:45pm- 4:00pm

Online Code: RYHL2PBBX4

**BURWOOD SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 7TH JULY**

9:20am- 1:00pm

Online Code: NOY2K2P469

**BURWOOD CHESS CHALLENGE 9TH JULY**

8:45am- 3:15pm

Online Code: I9VRG87WK5

**BURWOOD U/12 CHESS TOURNAMENT 13TH JULY**

9:00am- 12:00pm

Online Code: S0Z7NAZG5L

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