Announcement: Remember, my chess teacher at school was called Mr. Turtle. You could say he 'tortoise' well XD And, when you play in chess tournaments, always try to be like a porcupine. Why, because they always have the most points @ RNF 140 coming soon 😊 😊 😅



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# OK NO FURTHER 1381

Snails never want to play chess with a timer as they always move at a snails pace!!

=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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WHAT

Q: How do trains hear instructions in chess tournaments?

A: Engine ears 😌

### TIPS Rapunzel won the princess chess tournament but it was close. She won by a hair"

"Chess

PIECE **IMBALANCES** x2

See a useful little chess game to practice below

Hi everyone. For this newsletter, I thought it would be good to go back and look at a recent topic covered in a previous newsletter earlier this year. That is, piece imbalances. As again, this useful idea will win you lots of games. An imbalance just means a difference, like the difference between a knight and bishop (even though both are worth 3 points), Queen and pawn (10 points) v 2 rooks (10 points). or Knight and Bishop (6 points) v Rook and pawn (6 points) etc. Note in particular this one, for I've had lots of students in the past when they play against me, trade two pieces for my rook and pawn. The two pieces (knight and bishop or 2 knights or two bishops etc), are nearly always better I would say, as they literally are two pieces. One fun piece imbalance game

Puzzle One

Find the checkmate in 3 moves here for White from one

of my own games 😊 Hint:

Queen moves

### Find the best move/moves.



3) Find the winning idea for

to practice is White starts King + 8 pawns v 2 knights + 2 pawns

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Bishop on e2? Whats the counter?

Black. Hint: One of my own games.

Horsepower'

1:00pm-3:50pm

## APCOMING EVENTS

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

**BURWOOD U/8 TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER** 9:00am-11:50am

Online Code: XSYIXU0JB8 PENRITH SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER 9:40am-12:20pm

Online Code: PONEXSIEKN

**PYMBLE SATURDAY TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER** 12:40pm- 3:50pm Online Code: ND0834EBE0

**BURWOOD U/600 TOURNAMENT 22ND NOVEMBER** 

Online Code: MHPXRWTP94

ASHFIELD U/10 SUN TOURNAMENT 23RD NOVEMBER 10:00am-12:50pm

Online Code: 9XYGRRD5LP

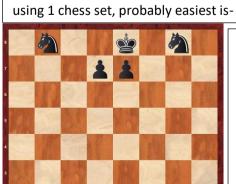
To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at

www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

**BONUS CHESS JOKE** 

Too many aliens at a chess tournament are 'extra' terrestrials 😊

SuperCoach signing off



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'Peasants Revolt' Fun variant game

There's a few ways to start this game. But

Plan for Black

Black's plan should be to try and keep 1 pawn to promote and get their knights in. Knights have

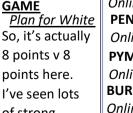
Horse Power

the knights.

I've seen lots of strong players win with both sides. White's pawns need to

POINT OF THE

**GAME** 



points here.

charge down and keep out