

Marrickville West Primary School newsletter



Work as One

NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

TERM 3 · WEEK 6 2017



Konnichi-wa!



...welcome Japanese student teachers

MWPS had a wonderful time with our student teacher visitors from Japan! We were lucky enough to learn some things about their culture, language and interests. Our favourite thing was learning how to make origami swans and stars.



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We acknowledge the original owners of this land, the Cadigal People of the Eora Nation and their elders past and present.







From the Principals' desk...

Every week is "Education Week" at Marrickville West but this year we have acknowledged the event in Week 6 alongside Book Week and Science Week with several special events and an opportunity for families to join classes to help teach or learn something new.




The theme for Education Week 2017 is **I Learn, We Learn**. This idea fits well with our school's philosophy and goals which demonstrate our commitment to ensuring:


 **System-wide improvement**
Every student, every teacher, every leader and every school will improve every year.

 **High expectations for all**
A culture of high expectations for our students and our educators sets high standards, which leads to high achievement.



Everyone gathered around the seniors for warmth when it started raining.

 **Personalised student learning**
By teaching to the strengths and needs of each individual, students will be better able to reach and exceed their potential.

 **Wellbeing**
Every student will be known, cared for and respected.

 **Creating stronger ties with local communities**

Parents and carers are our schools' partners in the education and wellbeing of each student. Additional partnerships with businesses, services and organisations within the wider community create opportunities for our students to learn, contribute and thrive in society.

Ruth Bradfield-Ling
Principal



The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

You may remember that our students also participated in a Tell Them From Me student survey in Term 1 this year. Asking students to complete the survey twice in one year allows us to identify trends in student responses as well as track engagement and motivation across the school year.

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

More information about the survey is available at: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au>

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 21 August and 13 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by 21 August. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from: <http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>.

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· Open the App store, search for "Marrickville"

Android app:

1. Open the Play store, search for "Marrickville"

2. Windows and Windows Phone app:

3. Open Windows Store, search for "School Enews".
Download, open app and search for "Marrickville"

Calendar Dates

Every week students are having drama sessions

Every Friday we have PSSA commencing at 8:30am (weather permitting)

Every Week –K-2 FootSteps Program

School Performance in Week 10

From The Office

New Faces In The Office

Miss Fran and Miss Stav will be on well deserved leave for part of Term 3 and there will be some new faces in the office. Thank you for your patience while at times the queue is very long.

Money at the Front Desk

Please have the correct money when paying for items and activities. We don't always have change.

Uniform Price Increase Term 4 2017

There will be a modest price increase to uniform items commencing Term 4 2017. Please see the office for the new list.

Medicine

Any medicine that needs to be taken at school has to come down to the office. A form has to be filled in by the parent or guardian before we can administer any medication.

by Miss Anne



School banking is
Wednesday 9-9.20am
in the LIBRARY



Out of School Hours Care Important dates:

Siblings of children currently attending OSHC

All siblings have been provided with the same sessions of the current child attending OSHC.

Offers for 2018 have been prepared and families will be advised on 28/8/2017 via email with a link to complete the enrolment record.

Family information updated

23/10/ – current families using OSHC – required to advise via email if they are leaving at the end of 2017 or want to reduce sessions

23/10 and 27/10 – families on the 2017 and 2018 wait list asked to update their details and care requirements for 2018

Administration processes to identify vacancies

6/11 to 9/11 – wait list updated in preparation to make offers.

Advising families

From 13/11 – 17/11 – email offers to families where we have vacancies, families where we cannot make an offer will receive an email with other before and after school care options at the school.

Orientation & enrolment evenings for new enrolments at centres

The new family orientations will be held at the centre after an offer has been made.

NAPLAN Results

Parents from Year 3 and 5 should have received their child's NAPLAN results last week. Whilst this report can give an insight into some general areas of academic strength and relative weakness compared to other students, it is important to remember:

— NAPLAN is not a test of intelligence or academic potential.

— The NAPLAN test occurred in May. Significant learning has occurred in the term and half since then (33% of the academic year).

— The NAPLAN assessment tests only two key learning areas and a very narrow focus in each of those. Many children are excelling in the other 5 subjects taught at school and in areas of Literacy and Numeracy not tested on this occasion.

Please see your child's teacher if you have any concerns or questions about their results.



Celebrating a draw with the top team in PSSA soccer.



The Senior Soccer and Netball teams ready to go to PSSA last Friday. Great sports! Great fun!



MUSIC

update



Last week saw our two Recorder Groups attend their final rehearsal and performance at the Sydney Opera House as part of this year's Festival Of Instrumental Music. The Recorder Group now proudly features both Descant and Treble Recorder players.

Our Treble Recorders were most generously coached all year by Thomasin Litchfield, and as a result, we have had a band of very merry musicians often unable to curb their enthusiasm and regularly seen and heard practicing together in the playground.

Having both Descant and Treble groups has meant that we are able to offer a more challenging roll to students who would like to extend their skills and experience in mastering a Treble instrument.

Having both groups also creates the opportunity for students to play and listen to harmonized parts as both melodic lines blend and complement each other.

Our musicians had a wonderful evening playing in such a professional production.

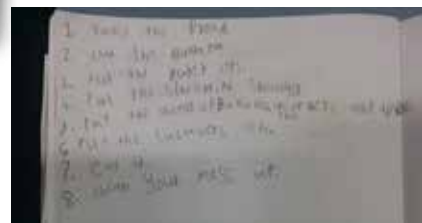
Next year we will do it all again...
Break a Leg!



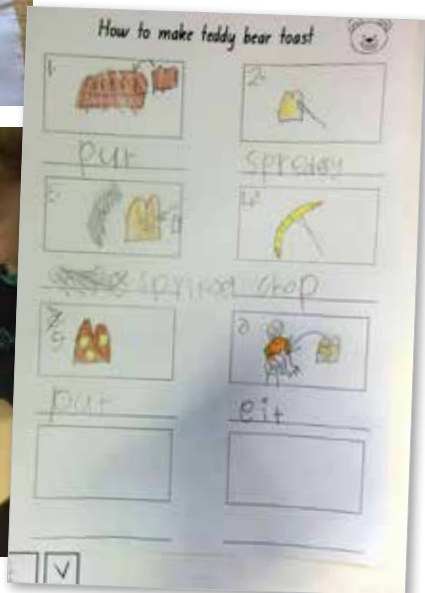
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Kindergarten have been learning all about procedures. The children have been making and writing recipes as well as following instructions to create drawings or artworks.



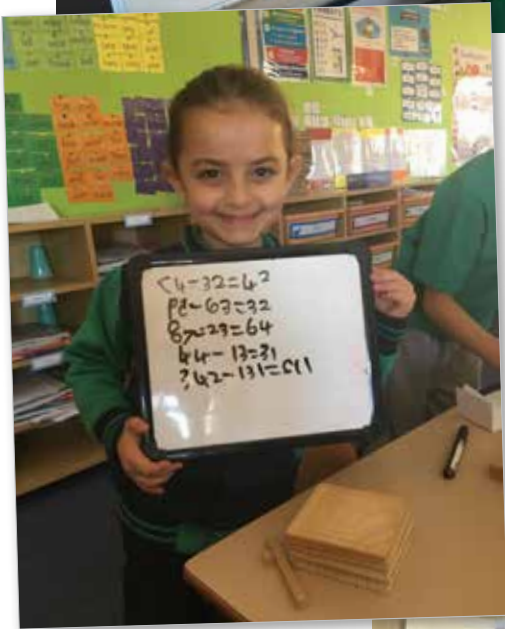
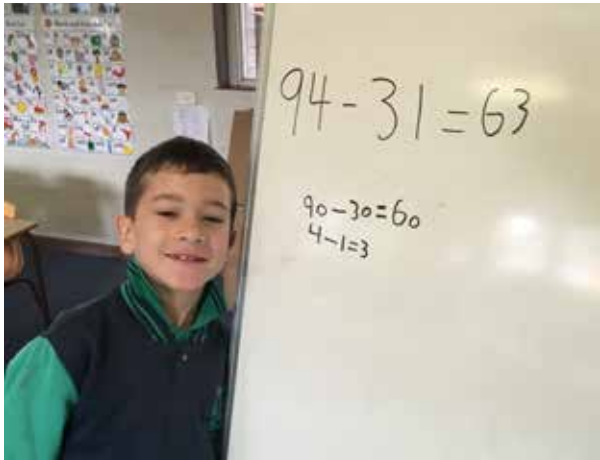
They have also been learning how to verbally give instructions to explain how we do everyday things like getting dressed or brushing our teeth.



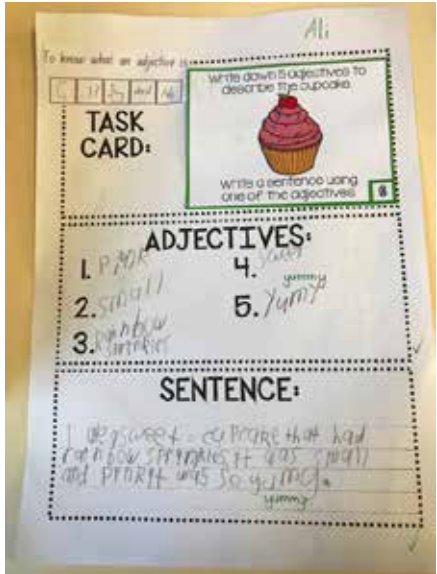
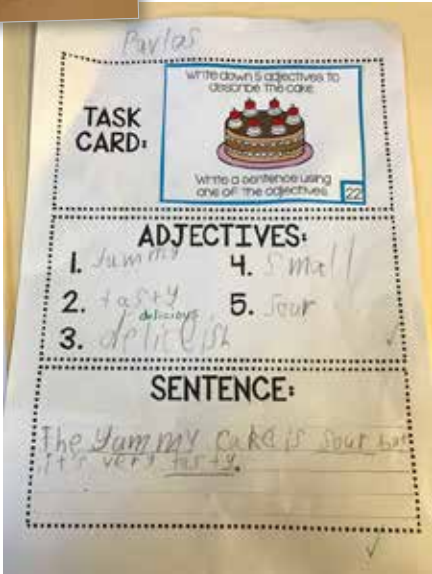
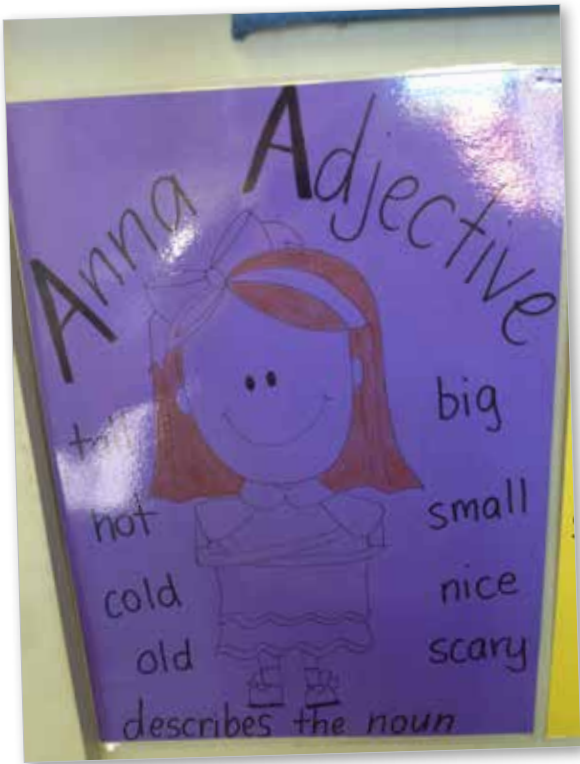
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Over the last few weeks in Year 1 we have been learning to subtract 2 digit numbers using a range of strategies including the ‘jump strategy’ and the ‘split strategy’. Here are some of our wonderful students demonstrating their ability to solve these challenging problems!



Year 2 have been focusing on adjectives in reading groups this term. Adjectives describe the noun! Student’s have been writing simple and compound sentences using adjectives. Check out some of our work samples.

2017 TERM 3 WK6: MWPS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Week 7 27 Aug	28	29	
Week 8 3	4	5	Assembly - 1A 2:4.
	<-----NAPLAN Online----- Practice tests Y3&5		
Week 9 10	11	12	Honour As 2:45p
Week 10 17	18	19	Yr 4 Op House exc Perform Yr3-6 5:3
Holidays1 24	25	26	
Holidays2 1 Oct Daylight savings starts	2 Labour Day Public holiday	3	

CALENDAR

pullout & keep!

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1 Sep	2
	Fathers Day Raffle draw	Fathers Day Stall	
6 y - Item by 2:45pm -----> 5	Yr5&6 Opera House Excursion 7 Y3&4 Vietnamese LOTE Excursion P&C Meeting 7pm	8 Choir performing at Opera House	9 Election Day Stalls
13 r Assembly 45pm	14 Daffodil & Superhero day	15	16
20 Opera excursion rmance 5:30pm	21 Performance YrK-2 5:30pm	22 Last day of term 3	23
27	28	29	30
4	5	6	7

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In Science we investigated the use and strength of plastics and the impact they have on the environment. Do biodegradable plastics have a positive impact on the animals in the oceans?



In stage 2 we discovered that in fact some biodegradable plastics actually cause more harm than first thought. These plastics break down into micro-plastics which are then often consumed by creatures in our ocean that mistake them for food.



The students discussed the “Take 3 for the Sea” initiative where people pick up 3 pieces of rubbish each day to help look after the ocean.



3-4 Kelfie on the new football field.

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In Week 4, Monday 7th August, Stage 3 went on an excursion to the Maritime Museum. This supported our learning in History about immigration and looking at the various immigration stories connected to the British child migrants, post-WII Europeans and the various immigration schemes of the time, and Vietnamese refugees in the 1970s.

We learnt about the hardships and happiness associated with migration stories and view significant vessels from the wharf where we thought about the problems of crowding, distance, perils at sea and the difficulties of preparing for such a journey.



We also looked at the ‘welcome wall’ and read messages from migrants, Chris Lambrou found his grandparents names. We had a fun day and enjoyed going inside the ship, this seemed to be everyone’s favourite part.





KITCHEN GARDEN

update

Composting superstars.

The garden has been a hive of activity this term. We have been busy planting seeds, putting in stakes for the snow peas to grow on, learning to pull weeds out by the roots, tending to the compost and harvesting for the kitchen.



Weeding.



Our newly stakes snow peas.



Pulling weeds by the roots.



Planting wattle seeds.



Green strawberries.

We are excited to see our first green strawberries appear which will soon turn red and be ready for eating. We've also spotted white flowers on the snow peas, which means they'll soon grow fruit.



Alexia mixing the ingredients.

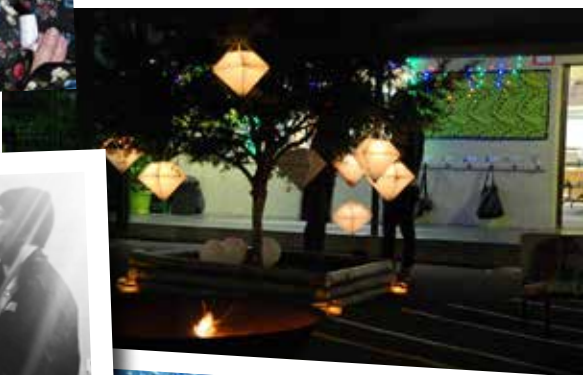


Ingredients.



Jude cutting vegetables.





The winter parent social night hosted by the P&C in the Kindy Triangle was a really fun evening of live music, food and drinks.



Our School Day

- 9:20am: Morning Bell – meet in Hall
- CLASS TIME
- 11:25am: Lunch – Eating time (earlier for Kindergarten)
- 11:35am: Lunch – Play time
- 12:15pm: End of Lunch
- CLASS TIME
- 2:15pm: Recess
- 2:40pm: End of Recess
- CLASS TIME
- 3:25pm: End of School



Stage One boys visit Ms Ling, proud of their independent work in Maths.

SAFETY IN CAR PARKS

All students, parents and visitors need to walk through the pedestrian walkways allocated. No-one should be walking through the carpark.



NO PARENTS ARE TO PARK IN ANY OF THE CARPARKS



P&C UPDATE

 facebook.com/MWPandC

P&C meeting – a catchup on what you missed...

Winter Chill excitement carried through to last Thursday's P&C meeting where leftover cheese, wine and a giant jar of marinated capsicum fuelled another great meeting.

Top take-outs included:

— Social event Winter Chill was a success - 72 people chatted, danced, and met new people. It'll be an annual event...til then put the Halloween Disco in your diary on 27th October.

— Ruth updated us on enrolment which is heading toward full capacity – 2018 with 419 kids we'll be at capacity except years 4 & 6.... growing to 460 kids by 2020 which is full.

— Put away those hearing aids....new lights & sound system for the hall being installed from Monday.... brought to you by P&C and the School.

— Performance update – lock in the dates K-2 Wed Sept 20th, 3-6 Thur Sept 21st.

— MWPS's own vacation care is coming – the selection panel chose a local operator who will provide care for ~40 kids. May not be until Term 4 holidays but look out for updates.

— Summer is coming but melting in the playground heat will be a thing of the past. P&C & the School are funding a mist cooling system to run under the covered walkway from the hall to the library.....coming to cool your kids in Term 4!!

— Playground renos – dirt is on the way for the new garden and garden designs are close to being finalised, so green thumbs get ready to get your buzz on for a working bee.

— Did you know humans are hard-wired to give to others?...the more we give, the happier we feel. So invest in happiness and volunteer on the P&C Facebook

page to help at Father's Day stall, Garage Sail Trail or Election Day.

— At Marrickville West we take pride in our diversity in all its forms and respect for each other is at the heart of our school community. So as a P&C we encourage you to live these principles as the nation enters a potentially divisive marriage equality plebiscite. Should you need support please reach out to the P&C.

And a reminder you're already a P&C member so why not join us at our next P&C meeting Thursday, Sept 7th and help us get through that giant jar of marinated capsicum.

De-clutter and support MWPS at the 2017 Garage Sale Trail!

Have you got lots of spare clothes, toys, books, household goods and even furniture you'd like to sell? This year, we're registering MWPS for the annual Garage Sale Trail on Saturday, October 21.

We'll be renting out space for your tables for the bargain price of \$7 for you to sell your excess goodies, plus we'll also be renting limited spots for a car boot sale for \$14. Simply fill your boot and away you go.

Alternatively, if you only have 1-3 items, you can bring along your goodies on the day for the P&C stall to sell your items, with all proceeds going towards school initiatives. Plus, to make the day even more fun, we'll be selling delicious coffee, food and we're looking at running some fun recycling/war on waste type workshops throughout the day.

Look out for more info coming out soon. In the meantime, if you'd like to help out with planning, please contact Mel Dominguez at melissa.dominguez@gmail.com or Tomomi Akamine at tomomki@gmail.com.

Father's Day Stall

Father's Day is less than 2 weeks away! We are looking for some plant cuttings to sell. If you have herbs, chilies, or succulents you can share please do a few starter plants as they make wonderful gifts. The Stall will be held on Friday 1st Sept in the afternoon. Keep your plants alive and bring them to the office or to Lindy Alwis (mrsalwis@gmail.com) during the last week of August. If plants aren't your thing, maybe you can whip up a delightful treat like fudge for us to add to the table. Thank you in advance for your help! Sign up to help with the stall at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11Jw9-LPaWvADh_i9jclekZen4HAurzlKHKqnLtJxmE4/edit?usp=sharing. We will need volunteers for two shifts on 1st September. The first shift is set up from 9:30-12 and the second one is 12:30-3:30 for selling and wrapping.

Winter Chill: A round of THANK YOUs

We'd like to thank everyone who joined us in the Kindy Triangle for a really fun evening of live music, food and drinks. Fires, lanterns, fairy lights and (much-needed) name-tags made for a pretty special time for all who attended. Big thanks to Craig (dad to Sophie, Yr1) and Tam (Evie, Yr3) who entertained us with some great tunes early on, Miss Laura for organising the Best Babysitting Deal in Town, Softly for organising, and Lindy and Mel for supporting Softly's whacky visions.

The night couldn't have happened without all the fantastic volunteers too. Big thanks to Sophia, Estelle, Mel and Angelique for spoiling us with the top-notch food, and Janine and Peter for setting the tone with a quality bar setup, then SJ following soon after in a similar suit. Thanks to Ben, Liz, Jo, Janine, Vivi who all helped on the door with some crazy-fun name badges and wristband action. Massive thanks to Darren, Mel & Tomomi for early help in the setup and decoration stages.

Thanks also to Liz, Sara, Mel and Tristan for the loan of some key props and gear. And Chris & Kel for guiding us through the licencing issues. Pack up was a tough gig (ouch!) thanks to Lindy, Imala and Darren for taking on that massive task.

Election Day

Local elections will be held on Saturday 9th of September. As a voting location, we will be tempting voters with BBQ, coffee, cakes, and gelato. Sign up to help raise a bit of extra funds for our school at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1eXThHNRoQOIPEq124XZ6DLAT2c3cxi1mvagAkVJKN-4/edit#gid=0>.

Entertainment Books

Get your Entertainment books before Father's day! Both digital and hard copies available at <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/200s433>. No shipping necessary, collect your book immediately from the school office.

Father's Day Raffle

We have also been gifted some incredible prizes for a Fathers Day raffle. Tickets will go home on Monday to win one of two amazing \$500 prizes. Don't forget to buy yours before 30th August. The winners will be drawn at morning assembly on Thursday 31st August. Thanks to Interactive Projects, Jo Haylen, Yeah Hair Baby, Choice, Lazybones Lounge and Cornersmith for their donations of the prizes.

PRIZE 1	OR	PRIZE 2
 <p>Small tipper to remove a load of household waste Valued at \$500</p>  <p>Two bottles of NSW Parliament Wine</p>		 <p>Yeah Hair Baby 5 men's haircuts</p>  <p>Lazybones lounge 2 x free entry + \$50 for food/drink</p>  <p>choice THE PEOPLE'S WATCHDOG CHOICE magazine & online subscription valued at \$119</p>  <p>Cornersmith hamper of pickles, jams & relishes valued at \$72</p>

NEXT P&C MEETING: Thursday 7 Sept 7pm

in the Staff Room. All parents are welcome to come along and learn more about the school and give their ideas on how to make it a better place.



MARRICKVILLE WEST MUNCHIES CANTEEN MENU



(PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

UPDATED FEBRUARY 2017

Before School – Fuel Up!

Cheerios.	50c
Sultanas.	50c
Seasonal Fresh fruit from	70c+

(No snack foods will be sold to students before school)

Super Sandwiches, Toasties & Salad

Buttered.	\$1.30
Vegemite	\$1.60
Baked Beans	\$2.80
Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.00
Egg/Cheese/tuna/chicken slice/ham	\$3.00
Cheese & tomato	\$3.30
Egg & lettuce	\$3.30
Chicken, lettuce & mayo.	\$3.50
Tuna & mayo	\$3.30
Tuna or Ham or Cheese with Salad	\$4.20
Ham & cheese	\$3.30
Ham & tomato	\$3.30
Cheese & tomato	\$3.30
Ham, cheese & tomato.	\$3.70
Salad	\$3.90

extras

Filling (each)	60c
Roll or wrap.	60c
Mayo/tomato sauce	30c
Sweet chilli/BBQ/soy sachets	30c
Salad plate/ box	\$4.50
(lettuce, tomato, cucumber, celery, carrot)	
Add – Tuna/egg/ham	+60c ea
EXTRA Plastic Spoons.	5c

Drinks

Up & Go.	\$2.50
200ml 100% Juice (box)	\$1.50
200ml 100% Juice (bottle)	\$2.20
Plain milk	\$1.50
Yoghurt.	\$1.30
Flavoured Milk (lite)	\$2.20

Frozen Treats Sold after the second lunch bell

Frozen fruit pieces (bag).	20c
99% fruit juice ice sticks.	60c
Juicies Rectangle Treat	\$1.20
Juicies Tube	\$1.20
Moosies.	\$1.20
Gelato cups – 2 flavours.	\$2.00
Frozen Yoghurt.	\$2.20

Available every day!

Steamed Vegetarian Gyoza (V.	80c
Cheese & Spinach Triangle (V)	\$1.30
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (V).	\$2.00
Pizza Wrap (meat or Cheese)	\$4.00
Mini Potato Top Beef Pie.	\$1.50
Fried Rice (gluten free)(V)	\$4.00
Vegetarian Lasagne	\$4.00
Fruit Salad Cup.	\$2.00
Hot Corn Cob.	\$1.00
Hard-boiled egg	\$1.00

Snacks

Popcorn.	\$1.20
Roasted Seaweed	\$1.20
Potato Chips (28g)	\$1.50
Grainwaves	\$1.50
Gingerbread Folk.	\$1.80
Vegetable Sticks (bag)	30c
Sultanas (box)	80c

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY: CHOOK CHOOK

5 Chicken wedges or Chicken Burger (Halal) . . .	\$4.00
Chicken Wedges each	80c

TUESDAY: PASTA & CURRY & PIZZA

Homemade Bolognese Pasta	\$4.00
Lasagne.	\$4.00
Juicy Pizza Slice – Ham & Pineapple	\$3.00
Vegetarian Pizza	\$4.00
Mild Butter Chicken Curry with rice.	\$4.00

WEDNESDAY: SUSHI (pre-order Tuesday)

Tuna or Chicken Roll.	\$3.20
Mini 8 piece pack – Tuna.	\$3.90
Mini 8 piece pack – Cucumber	\$3.60
Large 5 piece pack (Tuna or Chicken)	\$5.20
Large 10 piece pack (Tuna or Chicken).	\$8.50

THURSDAY: CHOOK CHOOK

5 Chicken wedges or Chicken Burger (Halal) . . .	\$4.00
Chicken Wedges each	80c

FRIDAY: PIES

Chicken Pie	\$4.00
Halal Beef Pie.	\$4.00
Traveller Beef Pie.	\$4.00

Foods coloured **GREEN** are approved by The Healthy Kids Association for eating everyday. The other foods are recommended as occasional foods.

Vegetarian (V) & Halal food options available everyday. Gluten free bread also available for all sandwiches. Please ask Wendy in the canteen.