



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Principal: Mr. G Walker
Phone: 9631 3650

9 Bando Road
GIRRAWEEEN NSW 2145

24th October 2013

Bushfire Fundraiser Mufti Day Tuesday 29th October—Gold coin donation

School Website:

<http://www.girraween-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>

Principal's Message

This week we have all seen the devastation caused by bushfires in communities across NSW, especially those in the Blue Mountains, so close to us. Many schools have been affected. HSC exams have been interrupted, schools closed and some evacuated. This has been a very difficult time for many families. Even our school sport has been cancelled due to the poor air quality this week.

To help those families and schools affected by bushfires our school will hold a mufti day next Tuesday. To raise funds for the bushfire relief we ask students to bring a gold coin or notes if they are not wearing school uniform to school. All money raised will be combined with money raised from other Western Sydney schools to show our support for everyone affected by these terrible bushfires.

Tomorrow is World Teachers Day. It is an opportunity for us to recognise the difference our teachers make to the lives of our students. There is excellent work done each day in classrooms and in dance and music groups, sports teams and artistic sessions. The high quality programs and the high standards of achievement across all areas is the result of the work done by our teachers in partnership with parents and the wider community. Take time to acknowledge our teachers on Friday, World Teachers Day.

Everyone is looking forward to the school disco next week. Don't forget students dress in Halloween costumes!!!

Have a great weekend everyone.

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

30 October	Kindy & Yr 3/4 Disco
31 October	Yr 1/2 & Yr 5/6 Disco
12 & 13 November	2014 Kindergarten Orientation
2 December	Presentation Day assembly
4 December	Presentation Night
11 December	Carols Night
13 December	Picnic Day
16 December	Year 6 Graduation & Farewell
17 December	Semester 2 reports go home. Joanfest film night
18 December	End of Term 4

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL APP.

Dear families

Just checking you have our school app on your Phone or iPad. It is a great way to stay updated with what is happening at our school.

The app is free and it is easy to download through the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It can be found by searching "Girraween Public".

Remember the **username**: community and the **password**: girraweenps.

Have fun exploring and enjoy using our school app.



Life Education

Thank you to all those families who purchased Healthy Harold Products.

It is greatly appreciated. This money will go to help Life Education Australia continue their programs. Placement for orders is now closed!

Follow up lessons using the workbooks are being taught in class.

Thank you
Miss Khoury



UNSW Mathematics Competition

Recently we had students from Years 3-6 sit the ICAS Mathematics Competition.

Congratulations to all the students who participated. Special mention to those students as shown below for receiving High Distinctions and Distinctions.

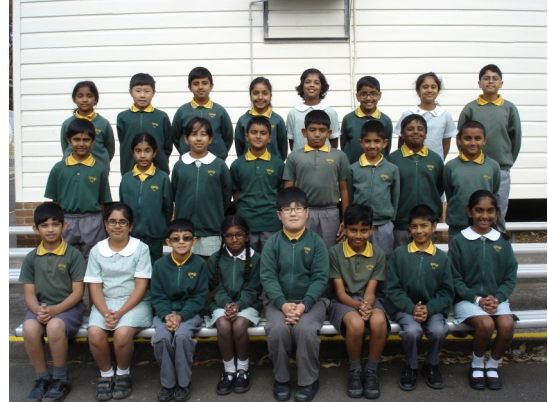
Well done.

Stage 2 High Distinctions



Abinesh Ravichandran, Dericka Hong,
Nidhiban Sivakanthan, Rishanthi Sribaskaran,
Gajan Suntherachelvan

Stage 2 Distinctions



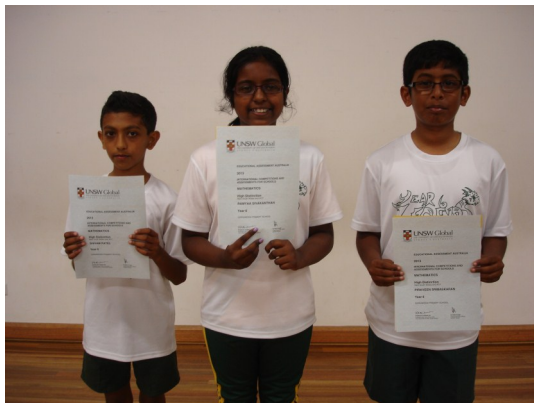
Front: Jeremy Angelo Mathialagan, Mahika Arora, Pratham Bhatt,
Gobiramya Jayakanth, Justin Kim, Krishna Ragavan, Barathkumar
Saravanan, Vedika Sathi

Middle: Dhruv Shah, Pavitra Sivanesan, Amrutha Sivarankan,
Askshanth Suresh, Piraveen Sutharsanan, Ashvin Gajendra, Arroon
Ilango, Tharshan Indrakumar

Back: Dinara Jayarathna, Dylan Lieu, A Nadadur Rangarajan, Maya
Nair, Harini Palanivel, Smaran Pillai, Siya Pujari

Absent for photo: Sai Manasa Achanta

Stage 3 High Distinctions



Shivam Patel, Ramyaa Sivakanthan, Piraveen
Sribaskaran

Stage 3 Distinctions



Front: Dylan Pakkiam, Sajith Puvanendran, Pathmesh
Rajeswaran, Madhuvan Senthilkumar, Yathavan Sivagurunathan

Middle: Paridhi Mittal, Aarini Puvichandran, Kaeshikan Ravi Raj,
Aishani Ravichandran, Xinyuan Chen, Ovia Gajendra, Dominic Hu

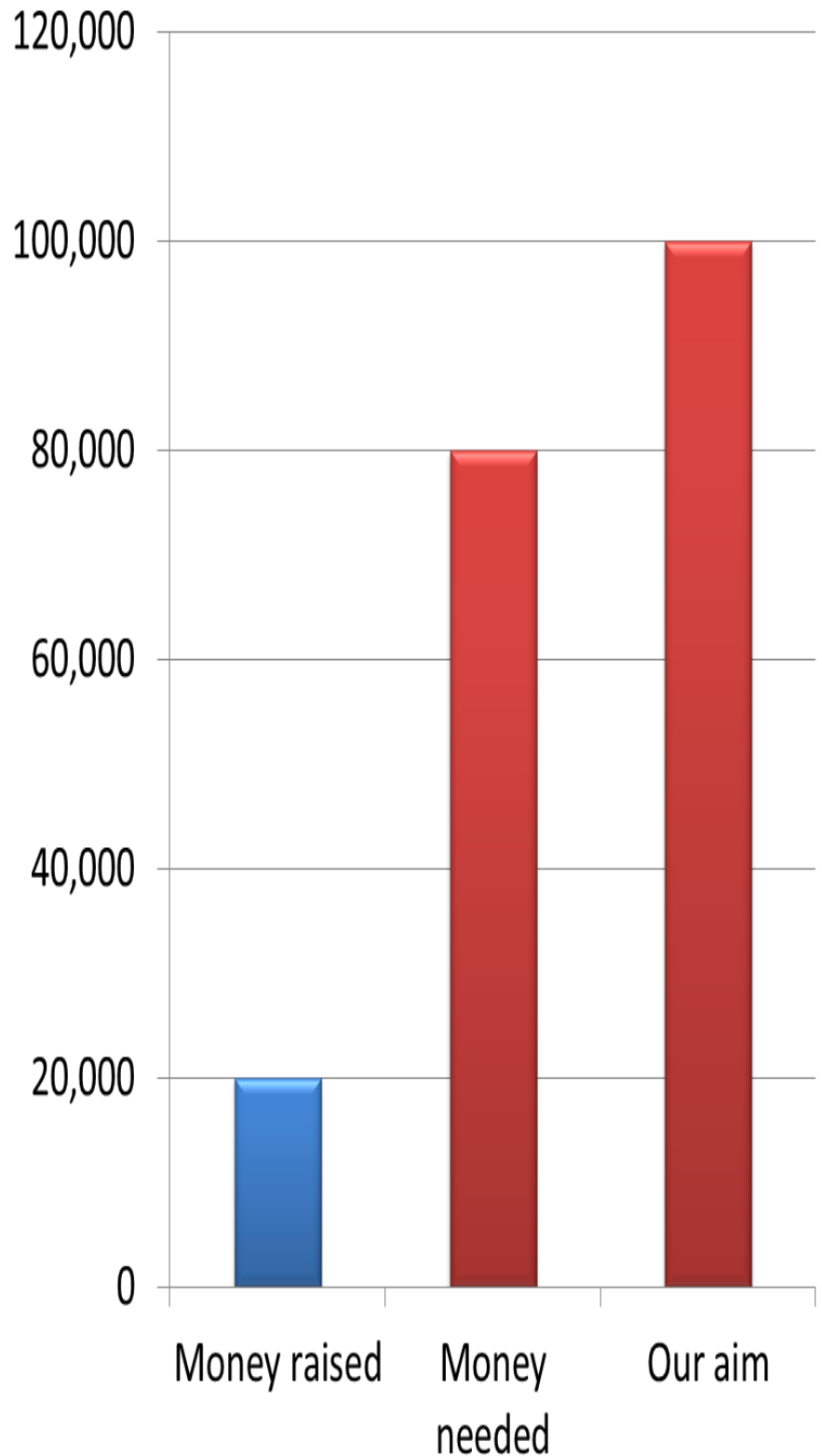
Back: Riya Thakur, Melanie Liyanage, Abishek Monanaraj, Harie
Vijendra, Sahithyah Baskaran, Praveen Premkumar, Vicky Xiao,
Sahithyan Baskaran, Shruti Mohite



PLAYGROUND RESURFACE 2014

Playground resurface 2014

- Our aim is to raise \$100,000.00 to resurface the playground with artificial grass.
- We need the support of everyone in our school community to reach this goal.
- Our P&C Building Fund is collecting tax deductible donations.
- Donations can be made at the school office.
- Our P&C will be committing fundraising money from 2013.
- The school has allocated \$20,000.00 towards the project.
- **How can you help???????**



Girraween Public School Building Fund (Tax Deductible)

Please note, contributions to the building fund are tax deductible. Make your contributions by 30 June, so you can claim the deductions in this Financial Year.

How do I contribute?

Cash/cheque – send your contribution to our school office. Cheque in favour of “Girraween Parents and Citizens Association”.

Bank Transfer/direct debt:

BSB: 062224 Account No: 0090 1405

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia

If you are depositing via **Internet Banking** don't forget to include your name as reference to the payees account and send a copy of the transfer receipt for the purpose of issuing receipt and records. You may also **direct deposit** the nominated amount at any **Commonwealth Bank** branch. Send us a copy of the deposit slip.

Resurfacing our playground

- From this
- To this!



Yes, we can do this !!!

Value of the Month: Care

Concern for the wellbeing of yourself and others, demonstrating empathy and acting with compassion.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- providing early notice of students, parents and teachers experiencing difficulties
- volunteering to assist in school activities
- programming to actively counter bullying and harassment
- implementing responsive student support systems being in place.

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- maintaining friendly relationships
- making constructive and encouraging comment about other people's work
- listening to others
- modelling skills for positive and caring relationships.

LIMITED VACANCIES!

Preschool is a necessary stepping-stone to 'big school' and an important stage in a child's development. At First Academy Preschool Childcare, we pride ourselves on providing a safe and nurturing environment in order for your child to reach their full potential.

Our centre caters for children from 0- 6 years of age, operating between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm and offering:

- Quality supervised, learning and development programs integrated with play time
- School readiness and transition programs for preschool children
- Fun and enriching activities
- All meals, including hot lunches, fruit and milk

For enrolments or any enquiries, please call **9863 2361** or visit the centre at 35 Carinya Rd. Girraween and meet our qualified and friendly staff.

First Academy Preschool Childcare
The Kids Paradise.



GIRRAWEE HIGH SCHOOL
Invitation to our Open Night

To Year 5 Students and their Parents

Girraween High School is an Academically Selective High School that offers students a curriculum for those who expect to achieve exceptional HSC results. The school has experienced staff providing students with safe well-disciplined classes and well-equipped facilities.

You are invited to attend our Open Night that will be held at our school

Our school band will perform from 8:30pm and you are welcome to enjoy this performance, as well as classroom tours, displays, presentations & the chance to meet students and teachers. Refreshments will be provided.

Date: Tuesday, 29th October 2013
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Girraween High School
110 Gilba Road
GIRRAWEE NSW 2145
Tel: 9836 7253 or 9836 7303
Fax: 9836 3274
Web: www.girraweenhigh.schools.nsw.edu.au

HSC 2012 Achievements:

- 24 students received an ATAR above 98
- 9 students received the Premier's Award for All Round Excellence (Over 90% in all their subjects)
- 227 Mentions on the Distinguished Achievers List (Band 6 Results)
- 100% of the students achieved the top two bands in English Extension 2, History Extension, Senior Science and Visual Arts
- 98% of the students achieved the top two bands in Mathematics Extension 2 and 97% in Mathematics Extension 1.

St John Ambulance Cadets NOW RECRUITING



The program of the Holroyd Cadet Division consists of:

- Weekly meetings on Monday nights
- First aid training
- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Community service activities
- Camps, courses & social activities
- A range of interest courses & badge work
- Leadership & radio communications training
- Drill and ceremonial training
- First aid competitions, and lots more...



St John Cadets is recruiting locally for our October 2013 intake. We meet in Toongabbie between 6.30-8.30pm during school terms.

If you would like more information please contact us by emailing : holroyd_cadet@stjohnnsw.com.au or calling: 0414 881 808

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17 October 2013

GPS Recipe Book

Dear families and friends,

Our very first Girraween Public School Recipe Book is ready to make its way into your homes.

Included in the Recipe Book are the favourite recipes of over 60 students and staff. There are tasty appetisers, breakfasts, main meals, desserts and snacks.

The Recipe Book is printed in full colour and includes the names and photographs of students who have contributed these tasty treats.

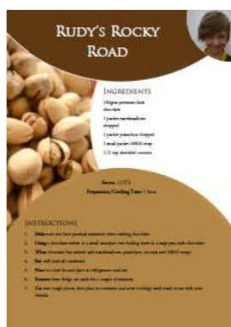
The Recipe Book can be ordered by filling out the order slip below. Each copy of the book costs \$20. Recipe Books will be produced once orders have been received. Recipe Books will be delivered to students between Monday 28 October and Friday 29 November.

To place an order, fill out the order slip below. Put this order with the money into an envelope with your child's name, class and 'Recipe Book' written on the front

Thank you to all of the families that contributed to our very first Recipe Book. We hope you and your taste buds enjoy every bite!

Miss Webster

Some examples of GPS delights



GPS Recipe Book

Student's name: _____ Student's class: _____

How many Recipe Books would you like to order? _____ Each Recipe Book costs \$20.

Total amount of money enclosed: _____

Parent / carer signature: _____ Date: _____

Selective High Schools Application

Online applications open

Entry to Government Selective High Schools for Year 7 in 2015

Application is required by mid November 2013 for parents or carers of Year 5 students who wish their children to be considered for placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2015.

Parents with internet access are requested to apply online. Online applications will be available from 15 October to 18 November 2013.

Application information is available on the Department's internet at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement

For parents without internet access a limited number of paper application forms will be available in government primary schools, selective high schools, network offices and NSW State Office at Bridge Street from 22 October 2013. Paper applications must be submitted to the student's school principal by 18 November 2013.

All students seeking Year 7 entry to a selective high school in 2015 will be required to take the Selective High School Placement Test on the morning of Thursday 13 March 2014.

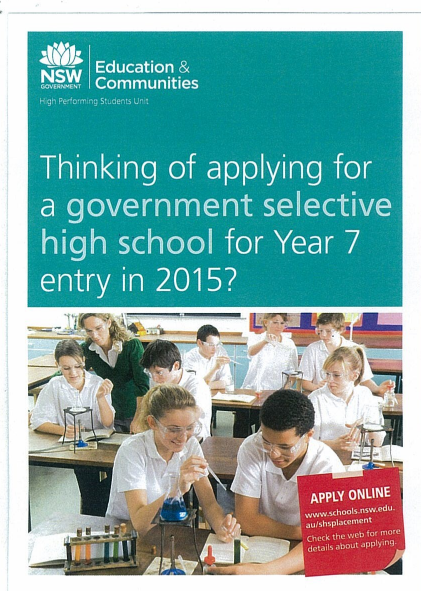
In NSW there are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision, offering selective placement in Year 7.

Boarding places are available at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School (boys only), Hurlstone Agricultural High School (co-educational) and Yanco Agricultural High School (co-educational).

Applicants may apply for a total of any four selective high schools.

A complete list of selective high schools is available at: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/schoolfind/types/shs_ahs_details.php

Enquiries about application procedures should be directed to the High Performing Students Unit, email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au or telephone on 1300 880 367. Enquiries relating to individual school

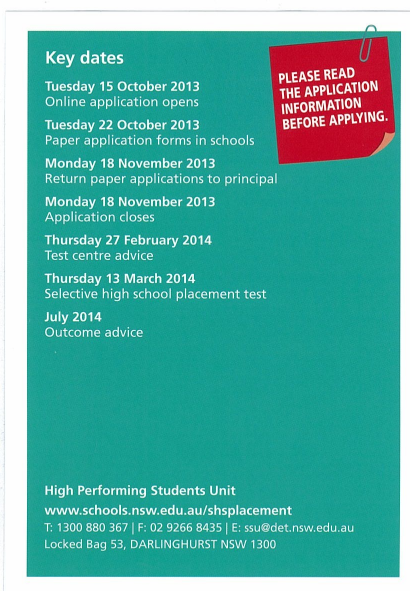


NSW Education & Communities
High Performing Students Unit

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in 2015?

APPLY ONLINE
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
Check the web for more details about applying.

The poster features a photograph of several Year 5 students in a classroom setting, working on a project. The background is a solid teal color.



Key dates

- Tuesday 15 October 2013
Online application opens
- Tuesday 22 October 2013
Paper application forms in schools
- Monday 18 November 2013
Return paper applications to principal
- Monday 18 November 2013
Application closes
- Thursday 27 February 2014
Test centre advice
- Thursday 13 March 2014
Selective high school placement test
- July 2014
Outcome advice

PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING.

High Performing Students Unit
www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
T: 1300 880 367 | F: 02 9266 8435 | E: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

The poster has a teal background with a red sticky note graphic in the top right corner containing the text 'PLEASE READ THE APPLICATION INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING.'.



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Expression of Interest: Community Language Teacher – Tamil. Temporary 2014

Expressions of interest are invited from teachers with accreditation to teach in NSW Department of Education and Communities schools, for a temporary community language – Tamil position in 2014.

Specialist teachers of community languages are appointed to schools additional to normal staffing establishment. Specialist community language teachers have the same status and working conditions as any other teacher. They are required to fulfil the same duties as other teaching personnel, i.e.

- submit a teaching program and daybook when required
- prepare a timetable
- participate in playground duty rosters
- participate in staff and grade meetings
- participate in assemblies and sport activities
- report on student learning outcomes.

The teacher appointed to these positions will be engaged in teaching the community language classes within the organisational patterns appropriate to the school.

Community language teachers seeking permanent status must be approved by the Department of Education and Communities and have successfully undertaken a language fluency test in the community language. These language fluency tests will be arranged by the School Staffing Unit, in conjunction with the University of New South Wales Institute of Languages (UNSWIL).

Suitably qualified and interested applicants should send an application stating qualifications, including the required approval to teacher in NSW Department of Education and Communities, and experience to;

The Principal
Mr G. Walker
Girraween Public School
9 Bando Road
Girraween NSW 2145

Email; [Girraween-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:girraween-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Applications close; 4.00pm 8 November, 2013.

NO SPORT FRIDAY 25TH OCT

Please be advised that due to the fires and the smoke and the poor air quality all PSSA, Tennis and School sport has been cancelled for this Friday, 25th October.

Round 9 1/11/2013

Softball	Newcombe Ball	Cricket	Tee Ball	AFL
Westmead V Toongabbie Parramatta Park	Metella Rd V Westmead Westmead PS	Warriors V Toongabbie Daniel St	Girraween V Warriors Parramatta Park	Westmead V Girraween Binalong Oval
Beresford Rd V Metella Rd Darling St	Darcy Rd V Beresford Rd Darcy Rd PS	Greens V Darcy Rd Girraween Oval	Beresford Rd V Metella Rd Darling St	Beresford Rd V Darcy Rd Binalong Oval
Girraween V Darcy Rd Parramatta Park	Pendle Hill V Toongabbie West Pendle Hill PS	Metella Rd V Westmead Bathurst St	Westmead V Toongabbie Parramatta Park	Blues V Toongabbie Binalong Oval
	Girraween V Warriors Girraween PS			Metella Rd V Reds Binalong Oval
				Toongabbie West V Pendle Hill Binalong Oval
BYE TOONAGGIBE BYE GIRRAWEEEN			BYE	BYE

JoanFest 2013



JoanFest 2013 is coming to Girraween Public School. This is a film festival for and by Girraween Public School students. Some of our students will work in groups to create a short film.

The film festival is called JoanFest in honour of the assembly cat who recently starred in her own short film. Ask your child to tell you more about Joan.

In Term 4, students participating in JoanFest 2013 will be making short films in class.

Some families might have a video recording device at home that they are no longer using or a video recording device that could be kept at school during term 4. If so, we would love to borrow these devices. The devices will be used by students to record their film.

If you are able to lend us your device, please label your device with your child's name and class and send it to Miss Webster in the office.

CANTEEN MENU

HOT FAVOURITES

Hot Dog - 100% Chicken Halal With Sauce	\$ 2.20
Chicken Nuggets	\$ 0.60
Hash Brown	\$ 1.00
Potato Wedges	\$ 1.50
Garlic Bread	\$ 1.50

BURGERS

Chicken Burger - 100% Halal Chicken !	\$ 3.50
Hamburger - Tomato Lettuce, BBQ Sauce	\$ 3.50
Cheeseburger - Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$ 3.50
Vege Burger	\$ 3.50

PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL

Party Pie	\$ 1.00
Meat Pie	\$ 3.20
Potato Pie	\$ 3.80
Sausage Roll	\$ 2.50

PIZZA & PASTA

Pizzas - Bacon & Cheese or Hawaii	\$ 2.50
Pizzas Large Slab - BBQ Chicken or Margharita	\$ 3.50
Lasagna or Spaghetti Bolognaise - Beef	\$ 3.50
Macaroni & Cheese	\$ 3.00

OTHER HOT STUFF

Chicken Crackles	\$ 0.70
Yummy Drumsticks	\$ 1.20
Fish Fingers	\$ 0.60
Corn Cob	\$ 0.80
Cup of Noodles - Chicken, Beef	\$ 2.50
Mini Hot Dog	\$ 1.20
Toasted Cheese Sandwich	\$ 1.60

WRAPS - LARGE

Salad Wrap	\$ 3.50
Chicken Salad Wrap	\$ 4.50
Hawaiian Wrap - Chicken, Lettuce, Pineapple, Mayo	\$ 4.50
Sweet Chilli Wrap - Chicken Tender, Lettuce, Mayo	\$ 4.50

SANDWICH & SALADS

Vegemite, Jam or Honey	\$ 1.50
Devon	\$ 1.60
Cheese	\$ 1.50
Egg	\$ 2.00
Salad	\$ 2.80
Ham or Tuna - Salad add \$1.00	\$ 2.50
Chicken	\$ 3.00
Extras - Mayo 20c, Cheese, Tomato, Beetroot, Cucumber Carrot Pineapple 40c Sauce Portions 30c Lunch Bags 10c	
Salad Bowl - Light Tasty Cheese	\$ 3.50
Salad Bowl - Chicken, Tandoori Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna	\$ 4.80
Caesar Salad	\$ 4.20
Caesar Salad - With Chicken	\$ 4.80



SNACKS

Red Rock Chips - Honey Soy	\$ 1.20
Jumpys	\$ 1.00
Mamee Noodles	\$ 1.00
JJ's Chicken Crackers	\$ 1.20
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Choc Chip Cookies	\$ 1.00
Ovalteenies	\$ 1.20
Eucalyptus Drops	\$ 0.70
Yoghurt - Various Flavours	\$ 2.00

HOMEMADE CAKES

Homemade Muffins - Various	From \$ 1.00
Brownies	\$ 1.00
Banana Bread	\$ 2.00
All Homemade Items are "Light"	

MILK DRINKS

Moove 300ml - Chocolate or Strawberry	\$ 1.80
Moove 500ml - Chocolate or Strawberry	\$ 2.80
Hot Chocolate	\$ 2.00
Up & Go Breakfast Drink	\$ 2.00
Dare Iced Coffee - (Teachers & Parents Only)	\$ 3.60

COLD DRINKS

Poppers 100% Juice	\$ 1.20
Berri Pure Fresh Juice	\$ 2.00
Sprite Zero	\$ 2.00
Diet Coke - Caffeine Free	\$ 2.00
Aroona Mineral Water	\$ 2.00
Water - 355ml	\$ 1.20
Water - 600ml	\$ 1.60
Jelly Cup	\$ 1.00

SLUSHIES

Small Slushie	\$ 1.50
Large Slushie	\$ 2.00

ICE CREAMS

Jelly Joys	\$ 0.20
Fruitee Ice	\$ 0.40
Sour Snap Aparts	\$ 1.00
Sunny Boys	\$ 1.00
Ice Mony	\$ 1.00
Zooper Dooper	\$ 0.70
Mini Calippo	\$ 1.20
Paddle Pops	\$ 1.60
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.20

FRESH FRUITS

Apple, Orange, Banana, Watermelon	\$ 1.00
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Regular \$1.50 OR Large \$2.00

\$4 Lunch Meal Deal

Available Every Day
 1 x Hot Dog (100% chicken)
 1 x Drink of Your Choice*
 1 x Packet of Chips



* Bottle of Water, Popper or Soft Drink Only

