



NEWSLETTER

GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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7th November 2013

Fundraising to resurface our playground continues

School Website:

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

Principal's Message

Our major fundraising project to resurface the school playground has begun in earnest. Our playground is very dusty and requires some urgent attention. All school fundraising events will contribute to the amount required. Our P&C will be collecting tax deductible donations to their building fund to include in the fundraising for this project. You will see posters around our school and in the newsletter with details of the money raised and money required to reach our target.

Last week we held very successful 'Halloween' discos. You will see some of the fun everyone had dressing up in this newsletter. As this was such a huge success we will make the 'Halloween' disco part of our annual events. Something many are already looking forward to and preparing their costumes.

Results of the Opportunity Class 'OC' entry assessment are that 18 of our Year 4 students have been offered a placement for 2014. This large number of offers to students in our school is a clear indication of the high quality programs offered at Girraween P.S. and the high standard of achievement in our school in all grades from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Next Thursday, 14 November we will hold an information session for parents of students in Year 2 who will begin Year 3 in 2014. Moving from the infants grades to primary grades involves some changes to classroom expectations. The change also involves social and personal development for students. This information session will give parents of students in Year 2 a clear understanding of the organisation and programs their children will be involved in next year. We will hold the session in our school hall from 2.30pm and finish at 3.00pm so parents can meet their children at the end of the school day.

Our monthly P&C meeting will be next Wednesday at 7.00pm in the library. We will be discussing plans for the school playground as well as activities for the end of the school year. All parents are welcome and I look forward to seeing you then.

Have a great weekend,

G. Walker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11 November	Remembrance Day
12 & 13 November	2014 Kindergarten Orientation
14 November	Year 2 transition to Year 3 information session 2.30-3.00pm
21 November	Y5-6 2014 information session 2.30-3.00pm
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

Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st October we held our Halloween Disco for all students from Kindergarten to Year 6. The students all looked fantastic in their Halloween costumes. It was a great night for both students and teachers.

Here are some great memories of the night.



Irreplaceable

*Sparkling diamonds, watched intensely,
Like the wilderness, only darker,
Studied, listened,
Breathing the cold mist,
Shooting stars as fast as light,
Others so robust,
Innocently glaring at us:*

*Not a single word they speak,
When the time comes,
Their light fades,
When morning arrives,
They're nowhere to be found,
Yet, they can still see us,
But we can't see them:*

*By Melanie Liyanage, Year 5
Girraween Public School*



Sally sews splendidly. She sold simple standard stuff, so she seldom saw sudden surges statistically. She started sewing stunning shirts, skirts, sarongs. Spring seas saw Sally selling strongly. Sally start sign, Sagittarius, served serendipitously.

Surprisingly, Sally saw simple solutions soon. Samantha, Sally's sister, supported Sally. She shifted Sally's "Super Store". Soon sales sprung. Sally started sewing strongly. Spectacular shirts, skirts, shorts, suits, sarongs, sweaters, socks started selling swiftly. Sally's smile spread swiftly.

- maintain high expectations of everyone
- encouraging and participating in open discussions about fairness and justice
- planning to ensure that teaching and learning is meaningful and relevant to everyone
- accepting other people and their backgrounds.

GIRRAWEE 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.



Bushfire Appeal

Congratulations to all the students who donated to our Bushfire Appeal by wearing mufti clothes and giving money.

We raised a huge \$1,918.60 which will be forwarded to The Salvation Army.

Well done everyone!

Apologies to Habib Ullah 3L for his name not being included in the previous newsletter.

Congratulations Habib for achieving a Distinction in Maths for the ICAS competition.

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.



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<http://www.parentingideas.com.au/Home>



INSIGHTS

by Michael Grose – No. 1 parenting educator



Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child's success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.



Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There's no doubt that success in today's world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you'll witness diversity firsthand. You're likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You'll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences. They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are 'different'. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation

of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait. Here's how:

- ✓ **Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued.** When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.
- ✓ **Model acceptance.** Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.
- ✓ **Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views.** Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruellest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.
- ✓ **Answer kids' questions about differences honestly and respectfully.** Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.
- ✓ **Respect individual differences within your own family.** Your ability to accept your children's differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.



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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.

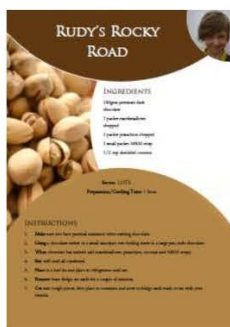
The Recipe Book can be ordered by filling out the order slip below. Each copy of the book costs \$20. Recipe Books will be produced once orders have been received. Recipe Books will be delivered to students between Monday 28 October and Friday 29 November.

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.

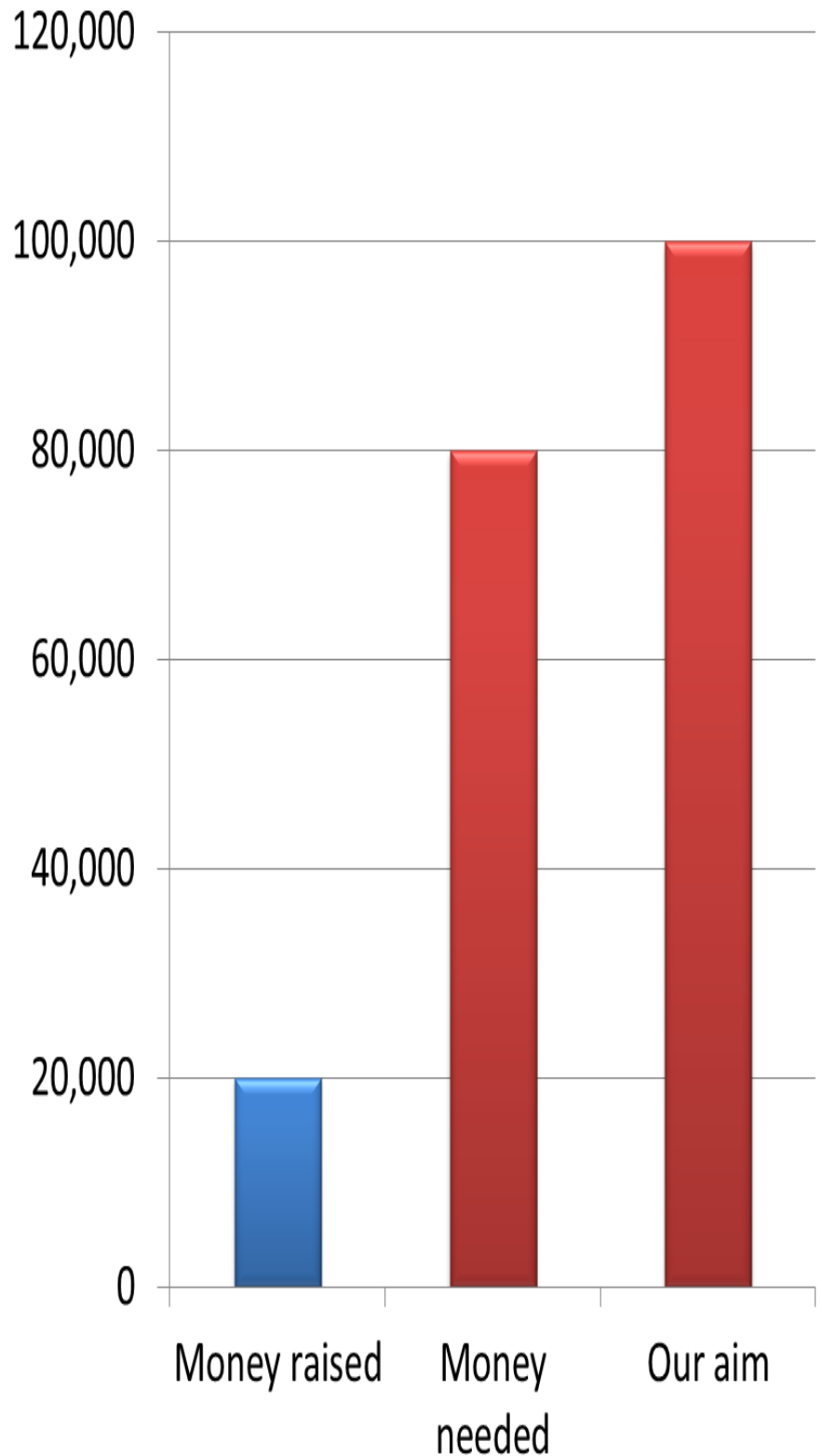
Total amount of money enclosed: _____

Parent / carer signature: _____ Date: _____

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 !!!

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.

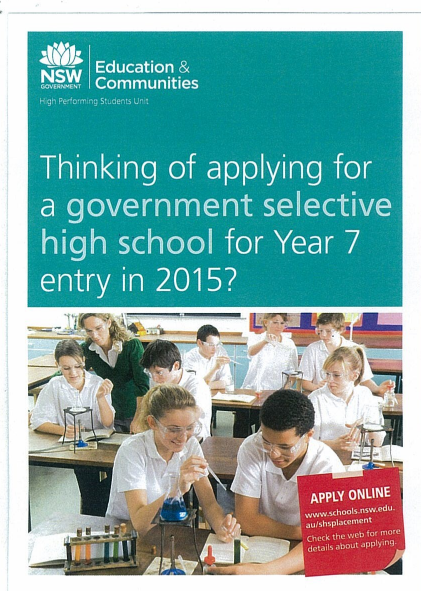
In NSW there are 17 fully selective high schools, 25 partially selective high schools, 4 selective agricultural high schools and a virtual selective class provision, offering selective placement in Year 7.

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

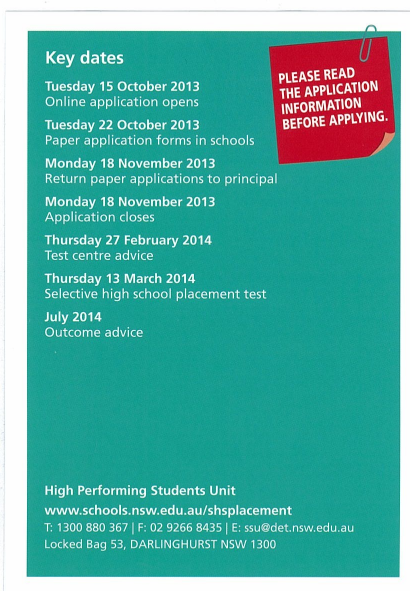


NSW Education & Communities
High Performing Students Unit

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 7 students in a science laboratory, wearing white lab coats and using equipment like beakers and test tubes. 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. A red sticky note with white text is pinned to the top right corner. The text is white and black.

PSSA

Round 10 8/11/2013

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

BYE DARCY RD

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Round 11 15/11/2013

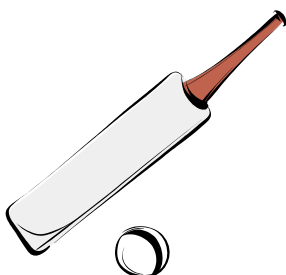
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Beresford Rd V Girraween Darling St	Westmead V Toony West Toony West PS	Greens V Girraween Girraween Oval	Beresford Rd V Girraween Darling St	Beresford Rd V Pendle Hill Binalong Oval
Darcy Rd V Toongabbie Parramatta Park	Darcy Rd V Metella Rd Darcy Rd PS	Metella Rd V Toongabbie Bathurst St	Warriors V Toongabbie Darling St	Westmead V Toongabbie Binalong Oval
	Beresford Rd V Pendle Hill Pendle Hill PS			Girraween V Blues Binalong Oval
				Metella Rd V Darcy Rd Binalong Oval

BYE GIRRAWEEEN

BYE WARRIORS

BYE

BYE



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

