



# NEWSLETTER

## GIRRAWEEEN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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21st August 2014

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**Performing Arts Night, 27 August**

**Father's Day — Mufti Day 26 August, stall 2-3 September**

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Dear Parents,

It is pleasing to report our students' continued high academic achievement in the ICAS Science competition. These high achievements are the result of the continued partnership with our school and families working together to ensure students achieve their potential. Congratulations to all students who participated in the competition.

Last Friday our school captains, Aarini Puvichandran and Girish Ravi attended the Victory in the Pacific commemoration ceremony at Seven Hills RSL. This ceremony marks the end of World War 2 and pays respect to the men and women who gave their lives for our country and those who served in the war.

Our Pulse Choir students performed at the Opera House on Thursday night. Thanks to Mrs Col and Mr Connell who prepared the students for the performance. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to join with others from schools across Western Sydney to experience performing in a high standard venue and perform with other talented musicians and singers. Parents who attended were very impressed with the performances.

Parents will have an opportunity to see students perform next Wednesday evening at our annual Performing Arts Night. Our bands will perform along with choir and dance groups. We will also recognise students, parents and staff who have contributed to our school's success during the year. I look forward to sharing the evening with students and their families.

Our P&C met last week. Discussions included school planning for term 3 and 4, as well as preparations for our annual Father's Day stall. We have a mufti day next week. Information on items to be sold at the Fathers' Day stall on 2-3 September is included in this newsletter. Help on the stall will be appreciated so complete the contact details in this newsletter if you are available.

Good luck to all our representatives at the zone athletics carnival next week.

*G. Walker*

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

26 August	Zone Athletics Carnival
27 August	Performing Arts Night, Dress up as Dad P&C mufti day—gold coin donation
29 August	Last day Winter PSSA
2 September	Father's Day Stall
	7pm Celebrating the Arts @ Riverside Theatre
3 September	Father's Day Stall

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## ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

Recently we had 213 students from Years 3-6 sit the ICAS Science Competition.

Of those students who sat the competition, 1 received a High Distinction, 33 received a Distinction, 75 received a Credit, 10 received a Merit and we had 88 receiving a Participation.

Well done students.



**Year 3 High Distinction**—Naveen Premkumar



**Year 3 Distinctions**—Ragav Arasu, Sussana Charles, Hanush Chettiar, Rudhra Iyer, Riya Jani, Shanmathuran Kumaran, Hetivi Patel, Rohan Raj, Jethro Rajadurai, Arishan Shankar, Vinujan Sivachchelvan, Sivasiny Sivadhasan, Tarunesh Srikrishna, Dharika Sujendran, Varsha Sutherachelvan



**Year 4 Distinctions**—Khushi Bangur, Sharanya Adaikalavan, Ronit Kulkarni, Sidarth Menon, Harini Palanivel, Abinesh Ravichandran



**Year 5 Distinctions**—Sean Kore, Mahika Arora, Nathan Lai, Aarathe Ramraj, Barathkumar Saravanan, Harrish Sasikaran, Dhruv Shah, Akshanth Suresh



**Year 6 Distinctions**—Sahithyah Baskaran, Sahithyan Baskaran, Thanuskan Indrakumar, Hannabeth Marchant, Abishek Mo-hanaraj, Shruti Mohite, Haran Nanthapoopan, Praveen Premku-mar, Aarni Puvichandran, Aishani Ravichandran, Arthiga Vick-neswaran

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## ICAS SCIENCE—CREDITS



← Year 3

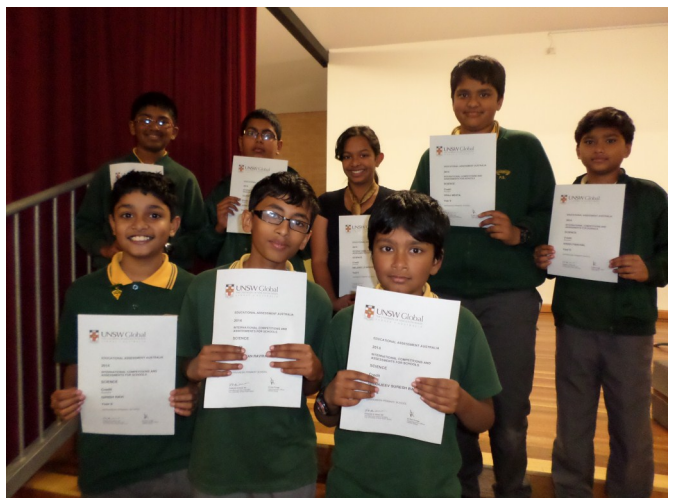


Year 4 →



← Year 5

Year 6 →



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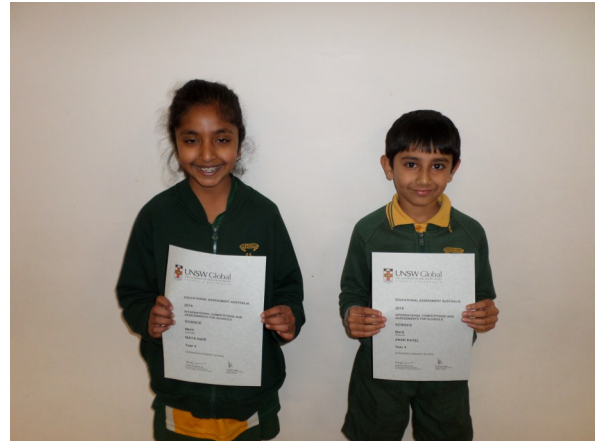
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## ICAS SCIENCE—MERIT



← Year 3

Year 4 →



← Year 5

Year 6 →



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A huge thank you to all of our Girraween PS families! Your fundraising efforts throughout this year have allowed us to provide a stack of resources for our classrooms. All K-2 classrooms have been provided with a container of brand new home reading resources. All K-6 classrooms have been provided with a container of maths resources including dice, counters, calculators, protractors and much more.



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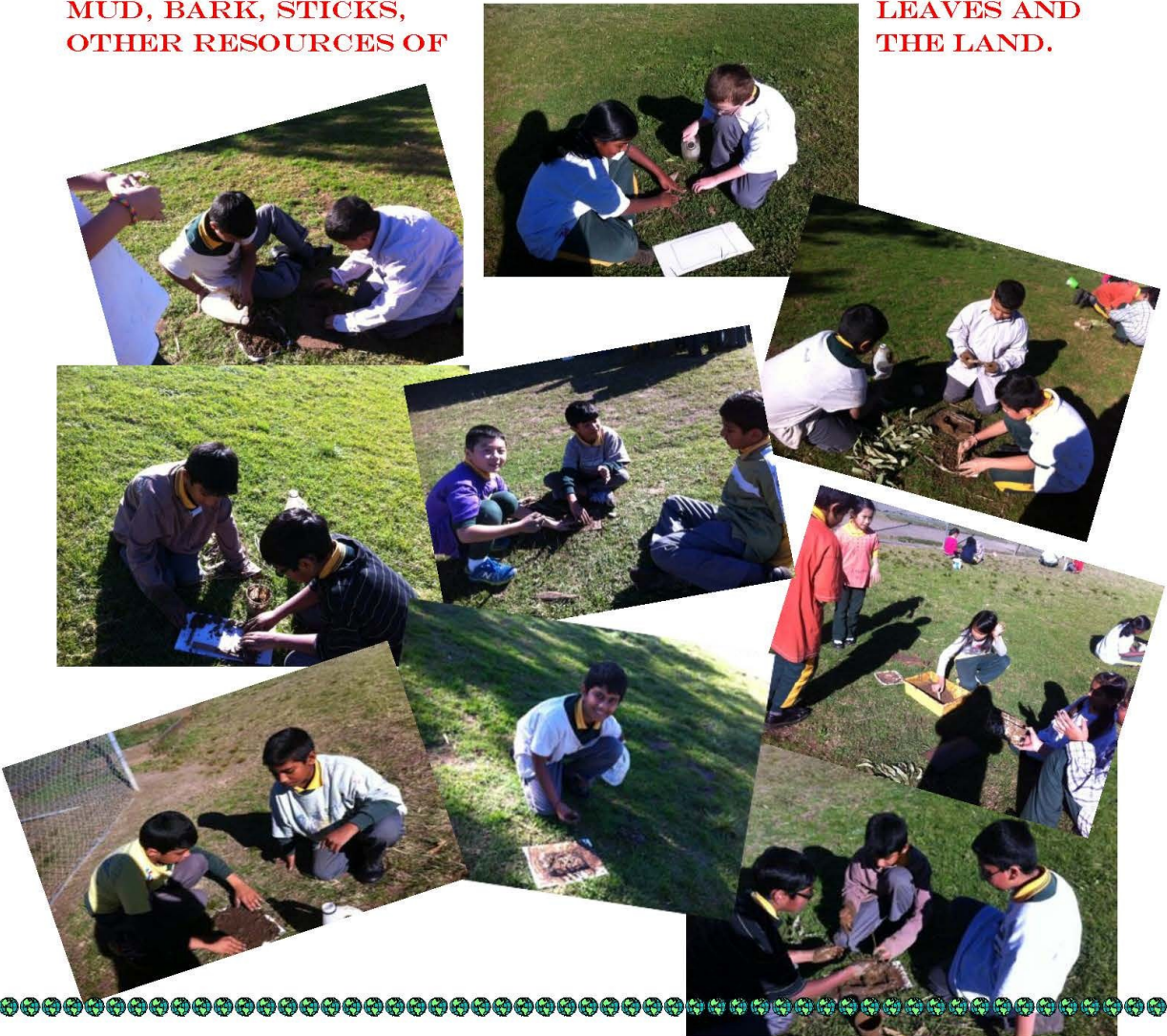


# 4S & BRITISH COLONISATION

*Australia has had a long history of human settlement. Many Aboriginal groups lived in Australia prior to colonisation. Aboriginal people have a rich culture and used the environment to provide themselves with everything they needed.*

**WHILE STUDYING ABOUT BRITISH COLONISATION, 4S LOOKED AT VARIOUS TYPES OF HOMES AND SHELTERS THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE LIVED IN.**

**4S THOUGH ABOUT HOW IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TO MAKE AND LIVE IN A SHELTER MADE OF MUD BRICKS. WE THEN WORKED IN SMALL GROUPS TO DESIGN AND MAKE A SHELTER, USING MUD, BARK, STICKS, LEAVES AND THE LAND.**



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# Athletics Carnival 2014

Our annual athletics carnival was held on Thursday Week 3, Term 3. It was a productive and successful day despite the windy weather. It was a great day for all who attended and students had a great day while increasing their spirit for sport. Congratulations to all age winners within their respective field and track events. Sixty students will be representing our school on Tuesday Week 7 at the Wentworthville District Track & Field Carnival. We wish them all the best.

Final House Point Scores finished at:

<b>Bradman</b> 719	<b>Newcombe</b> 686
<b>Cuthbert</b> 604	<b>Gould</b> 552

Well done Bradman!

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# SPOT ON CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

30 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER

Kim Carpenter's Theatre of Image

## MONKEY... JOURNEY TO THE WEST

Directed by John Bell & Kim Carpenter

Bring the family on an adventure  
with Monkey and his friends...  
live the magic!

Theatre Beating

## THE MAGIC CHICKEN

A hilarious concoction of  
punk-panto physical comedy,  
live music and puppetry!



Featuring  
Parkour  
from Team  
9Lives



Sydney Puppet Theatre

## Z FOR GIRAFFE

An exotic expedition of  
beautiful puppetry and  
storytelling for everyone!

Plus Post-show  
Puppet Making  
Workshop

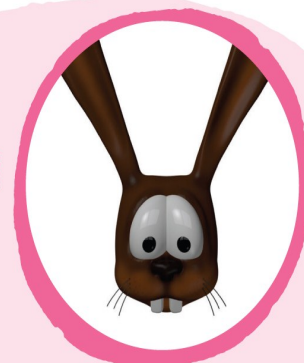


The Story Collective

## SEÑOR RABBIT

With Lillian Rodrigues-Pang

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bilingual storytelling with  
musical accompaniment.



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Parramatta

# RIVERSIDE

## DRESS UP LIKE DAD OR GRANDPA DAY

When: Wednesday 27 August  
Cost: Gold coin donation

All money raised is used to purchase gifts for the Father's Day Stall. Please support our Father's Day Stall by dressing up like Dad or Grandpa and donating a gold coin.

This is a P&C Fundraising Event.



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## Loom for Sanfilippo Helping sick children

Do your children like to loom? Girraween Primary School children are being asked to join the challenge to make a mega-loom long enough to stretch across the Sydney Harbour Bridge and support the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation.

The campaign is called **Loom for Sanfilippo** with a hashtag of #kidshelpingkids and encourages allows children to participate in philanthropic activity that will help fund a potentially life-saving treatment for Australian children battling the deadly disease Sanfilippo.

Children are asked to buy their own loom bands, get looming and then seek sponsorship money for each loom they make from friends and family. Please ask the office for a sponsor form. All money, sponsor forms and looms are to be returned to the office by **Monday 15th September**.

Looming is not only good fun; it can also help improve children's fine motor skills, according to occupational therapist, Rachel Hansen from Kids OT.

"Looming is an excellent activity to facilitate finger isolation and dexterity in children, as well as visual motor control and hand-eye coordination. It helps foster creativity, sequencing skills and visualisation," Ms Hansen said.

Loom for Sanfilippo provides children with the opportunity to be a part of something bigger than themselves. It will give them the experience of helping others, community awareness and team work. All monies raised will go to the Sanfilippo Children's Foundation ([www.sanfilippo.org.au](http://www.sanfilippo.org.au)) to help bring urgent treatment here to Australia, and give a future to these children. A clinical trial is due to start next year if adequate funds are raised.

To make a donation or to learn more, go to: [www.sanfilippo.org.au](http://www.sanfilippo.org.au) or [www.facebook.com/sanfilippochildrensfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/sanfilippochildrensfoundation). Loom for Sanfilippo also has its own dedicated Facebook page at [www.bitly.com/loomforsanfilippo](https://www.bitly.com/loomforsanfilippo)



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Girraween Public School's  
annual



# GPS Performing Arts Night

is almost here!

You are invited to attend a night of entertainment  
and spectacular performances!

Come along and see our talented school bands,  
musicians, choirs and dance groups!

**Date: Wednesday 27th August**

**Time: 6pm**

**Location: GPS School Hall**

**Entry: Gold coin**



A variety of drinks and snacks will be available for  
purchase on the night.



*We look forward to seeing you there!*

Mrs Haworth



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## Keep brains ticking

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment or you want to do a little revision, don't forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework.

For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here's where you'll find the free app to download: <http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G>

### Value of the Month: Respect

Having regard for yourself and others, lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society and accepting the rights of others to hold different or opposing views.

In school communities, evidence of this value includes:

- regarding as important the opinions of parents
- implementing government education policy

In classrooms, evidence of this value includes:

- accepting the rights of other to hold different views to your own
- listening to others without interrupting
- obeying school rules
- acknowledging the strengths and abilities of students
- affirming cultural diversity within the school community.



## HELP REQUIRED

### Father's Day Stall—Wednesday 3rd September

The P&C are organising our annual Father's Day Stall and are asking for volunteers to help with wrapping before the stall and also serving on the day. If you have some spare time, the P&C would appreciate some assistance.

Please complete the slip below and return to the office as soon as possible.

Parent/s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_



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### 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.



## GPS P&C's Father's Day Stall Sale Items




### \$1 Sale Items

Some sale items from last year 's clearance

### \$3 Sale Items

<b>Father's Day Badge</b> 	<b>Torch Bottle Opener Key ring</b> 	<b>Super Dad's Pen</b> 	<b>DAD's Metallic Pen</b> 
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### \$5 Sale Items

<b>Dad's Mug &amp; Coaster Set</b> 	<b>Photo Frame Note paper set</b> 	<b>Dad's Credit Card Wallet</b> 
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### \$7 Sale Items

<b>Dad's Cap</b> 	<b>Super Dad Photo Frame</b> 	<b>Vacuum Flask</b> 
<b>Monster Truck Money Bank</b> 	<b>Car Care Kit</b> 	

\*\*\* Picture of the sale items not to scale and colour of the items in sale may vary.

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## Road safety around your child's school

### Your child's safety depends on you

#### Drop off and pick up by car

Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.

Stick to the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are about.

Look for buses pulling out – watch for flashing wig wag lights.

Always park and turn legally around schools.

Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.

Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.

Drop your children off and pick them up on the school side of the road in your school's designated drop off and pick up area. Calling out to them from across the road is dangerous – they may run to you without checking for traffic.

It's safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

#### Walking together to and from school

Plan your trip to school so you use pedestrian crossings where possible.

Always hold your child's hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Drop off and pick up your child near the school gate and avoid calling them from across the road.

Talk with your children about **Stop, Look, Listen and Think** every time they cross the road.

**STOP!** one step back from the kerb.

**LOOK!** for traffic to your right left and right again.

**LISTEN!** for the sounds of approaching traffic.

**THINK!** whether it is safe to cross.

Young children can learn these **safe pedestrian habits** from you and continue them later on when they are old enough to travel alone.



Did you know your child is learning about road safety at school?  
Join in by visiting [safetytown.com.au](http://safetytown.com.au).



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# Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Here are some helpful tips on how to stay safe when using the pedestrian refuge island on Gilba Road, Girraween.

It is important to remember that a Pedestrian refuge island is not a pedestrian crossing; they are installed on busy or wide roads to help pedestrians cross in two stages, therefore vehicles have right of way.



When using a pedestrian refuge island:

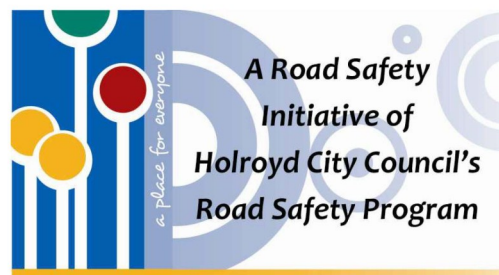
- Always give way to vehicles
- Always Stop, Look, Listen and Think
- If you can't get all the way across, use the island and stop half way
- Always hold hands with your child

*For more information contact*

Holroyd City Councils

Road Safety Officer

Ph: 9840 9880



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# Brand New Before & After School Care at Girraween PS



From Term 3, 2014 there will be a brand new on-site Before and After School Care and Holiday Program at Girraween PS run by OSHClub. OSHClub programs are great fun programs as there is so much to do, heaps of things to play with and they are staffed with wonderful, experienced and trained people. We will be running the program in the hall.

#### Check out our mega toy boxes full of brand new fun stuff.

- > Loads of toys and cars
- > Board games
- > Art and craft materials
- > Dress ups
- > Games
- > Sports gear

#### Join in our exciting activities:

- > Science
- > Drama
- > Cooking
- > Art/Craft
- > Sports

**Both permanent and casual or last minute bookings available.\***  
**Book as much or a little as you need, whenever you need it**

The program will be open as follows:

	Fee **	Opening Hours
Before School Care	\$1.86 to \$10.50	7:00am – 9:00am
After School Care	\$2.67 to \$15.50	3:00pm – 6:00pm
Holiday Program/Pupil Free Days	\$3.86 to \$45.00	7:00am – 6:00pm

\* A late booking fee of \$3.30 applies to all BSC/ASC bookings made within 24 hours of the session. Fees subject to change

**\*\* Families can apply for Child Care Benefit and the 50% Child Care Rebate so the actual fee payable will vary between these amounts depending on individual families' circumstances. The CCR is not means tested which means just about all working or studying parents are eligible to receive it. Call 13 61 50 to register.**

**Please enrol and book at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) to secure your place from Monday March 17th, 2014.**

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# CANTEEN MENU

## Pricelist 2014



### HOT FAVOURITES

Hot Dog With Sauce (Chicken Meat - Not Pork) (H)	\$ 2.50
Chicken Nuggets (H)	\$ 0.60
Hash Brown (H) (V)	\$ 1.00
Potato Wedges (H) (V)	\$ 2.00
Garlic Bread (H) (V)	\$ 1.80
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$ 2.00
Fish Finger (H)	\$ 0.60
Corn Cob (H) (V)	\$ 1.00
Mini Spring Rolls - Vegetarian (H) (V)	\$ 0.60
Nachos	\$ 3.20
Cup of Noodles Chicken OR Beef (H)	\$ 2.50
Popcorn Chicken Cup (H)	\$ 3.00

### BURGERS

Kids Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$ 2.00
Chicken Burger 100% Breast Schnitzel (H)	\$ 3.60
Hamburger Tomato, Lettuce, BBQ Sauce (H)	\$ 3.60
Cheeseburger Cheese, Tomato Sauce (H)	\$ 3.60
Vege Burger (H) (V)	\$ 3.80

### PIZZA & PASTA

Pizzas Bacon & Cheese or Hawaiian	\$ 2.50
Pizzas Slab Margharita (H) (V)	\$ 3.50
Lasagna or Spaghetti Bolognese (H)	\$ 3.50
Macaroni & Cheese (H) (V)	\$ 3.50
Butter Chicken & Rice	\$ 3.50
Fried Rice (H) (V)	\$ 3.50

### WRAPS

Kids Chicken Schnitzel & Lettuce Wrap (H)	\$ 2.80
Pizza Wrap Ham, Cheese & Pizza Sauce	\$ 2.50
Salad Wrap Add Fresh Shredded Chicken \$1 (H) (V)	\$ 3.40
Caesar Wrap With Lettuce & Mayo - Add Chicken \$1	\$ 3.20
Chicken Schnitzel Wrap With Lettuce & Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
Hawaiian Wrap Chicken Schnitzel, Lett, P/apple, Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
Sweet Chilli Wrap 2x Chicken Tenders, Lett, Mayo (H)	\$ 4.00
BBQ Wrap Ham Toasted Chicken, Cheese, Bacon & Sauce	\$ 3.80

### PIE & SAUSAGE ROLL

Party Pie	\$ 1.00
Sausage Roll (H)	\$ 2.50
Meat Pie (H)	\$ 3.40
Potato Pie (H)	\$ 3.60

### SANDWICHES

Vegemite, Jam, Honey, Devon OR Cheese	\$ 1.70
Egg or Egg & Lettuce (V)	\$ 2.00
Ham or Tuna Salad add 80c	\$ 2.70
Salad	\$ 2.80
Chicken	\$ 3.00

### EXTRAS

20c Mayo Cheese Tom Beet Cuc Carrot 40c Pineapple 10c Lunch Bag	
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### SALAD BOWLS

Caesar Salad Add Chicken \$1	\$ 3.50
Salad Bowl Chicken, Ham, Egg, Tuna, Cheese	\$ 4.50

### FRESH FRUITS

Apple, Orange, Banana	\$ 0.80
Watermelon	\$ 1.00
Fruit Salad Cup	\$ 1.50
Grapes in a Cup	\$ 1.50
Fruit Salad Bowl Add Tub Yoghurt \$1	\$ 3.80

### SNACKS

Red Rock Chips Honey Soy	\$ 1.30
Jumpys	\$ 1.10
Mamee Noodles	\$ 1.00
JJ's Chicken Crackers	\$ 1.20
Popcorn	\$ 1.00
Eucalyptus Drops	\$ 0.90
Yoghurt Vanilla	\$ 2.00
Jelly Cup	\$ 1.00

### MILK DRINKS FLAVOURED

300ml Choc / Strwbry / Vanilla	\$ 2.00
600ml Choc / Strwbry / Vanilla / Choc Mint	\$ 3.20
Hot Chocolate	\$ 1.50
Up & Go Breakfast Drink	\$ 2.20

### COLD DRINKS

Poppers 100% Juice 200ml	\$ 1.50
Pop Top Berri Pure Fresh Juice 250ml	\$ 2.00
Aroona Mineral Water 350ml	\$ 2.00
Water 350ml	\$ 1.20
Water 600ml	\$ 1.60
Appletiser 250ml Sparkling Apple Juice 99%	\$ 2.20
LOL 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling 100% Juice	\$ 2.20
Glee 250ml Assorted Flavours Sparkling 60% Juice	\$ 2.20
Lido Diet Lemonade No Artificial Colours / Flavours *	\$ 1.50
Slushie Small	\$ 1.50
Slushie Large	\$ 2.00

### ICE BLOCKS

Jelly Sticks	\$ 0.20
Fruitee Ice	\$ 0.50
Zooper Dooper	\$ 0.80
Sour Snap Apart	\$ 1.00
Ice Mony	\$ 1.00
Mini Calippo	\$ 1.30
Sunny Boys	\$ 1.50
Paddle Pops	\$ 1.60
Fruit Stack	\$ 0.80
Frozen Yoghurt	\$ 2.20

### CRUNCH & SIP SPECIAL ORDER BEFORE SCHOOL

Apple, Orange, Banana + Bottle of Water	\$ 1.50
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