

LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Term 4, Week 4

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From the Principal's Desk

Wow.... That's the only way to describe past few weeks. I've been incredibly fortunate to see some amazing examples of quality work brought to me by some of our primary students. In one case Jessie, in Year 3, has improved 15 reading levels this year. That is amazing progress for anyone! Jessie and his family should be justifiably proud of all the hard work he and his class have put into their reading this year with the amazing help of Mrs Walmsley.

We were fortunate enough to have Mr Graham Kahabka - the executive Director of Education and Mr Paul Loxley the Director of Education in our area visit our school on Wednesday. They were greeted by our school captains Aldrex Condino, Stevan Kotru, and vice captains Amanda Morriss and Matthew Grace. The school captains have a very important role as they represent the school at official functions both within the school and outside of the school. They also greet and work with many visitors to the school. These four students did an exceptional job. They were incredibly well presented as you can see (pictured above) but more importantly they were polite, well spoken, entertaining, knowledgeable and excellent hosts to two important people from outside of our school.

I am very proud that our school has student leaders who are as good as, or better than any others in New South Wales. As this was their first opportunity as Captains to work with visitors to the school, the way they handled themselves was even more impressive. Our guests left the school knowing that this is a fantastic school. We were able to walk through the school and point out examples of excellence wherever we went. Mr Kahabka who is based in Wollongong, was obviously impressed by the things he saw here, which in many cases was equal to or better than he would see on the coast.

This is yet another independent endorsement of what a fantastic school this is and this only comes about because of the hard work of the staff and the support of parents, students and the community.

On Tuesday we had our Parents and Citizens Association meeting. It was fantastic to welcome a number of new members into the increasing band of dedicated parents who come into the school to assist their children and have some input into decisions made by the school and the P&C. The next Parents and Citizens Association meeting is on Tuesday, 18 November at 5 PM and it would be great to see more people there willing to share in leading our school.

The P&C was happy to support the establishment of a kitchen garden as part of our school's involvement in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program. This initiative is to assist and encourage students to grow and cook fresh healthy food and has been running in schools around New South Wales very successfully for some time. Through the enthusiasm of Miss Meek and Mrs Walmsley Lightning Ridge Central School will be part of this program next year.

They will be working with Year 5 and 6 students to develop a kitchen garden, grow plants and harvest them, then use those plants and herbs to cook themselves a meal each week. All these activities will be combined with literacy, numeracy, science, technology and other educational activities. We anticipate that the result will be a group of students whose educational outcomes have improved and have also learnt a lot about gardening, cooking and nutrition that they would not have previously been able to access. It is also hoped that by being involved in this program students will be able to taste a wide variety of new and different foods and will come to choose healthy eating over less healthy options and that this will help our



What's Coming Up!

Term 4

Week 4

31 October

AECG Meeting

Week 5

7-10 November

Mid Term Break

Week 6

15 November

Year 12 Formal

Week 7

18 November

P&C Meeting

Week 9

5 December

Presentation Day

Week 10

8 December

Books In Homes
Presentation

10 December

Year 6 Farewell

11 December

Stage 3 Pool Party

12 December

Carols By
Candle Light

17 December

Last Day of School

2014 School Newsletter now available online,
check out our website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au



From the Principals Desk

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community increase the use of fresh healthy foods as part of a normal diet at home.

There seems to be an increase in the level of "hands on" in the primary playground. Students need to be reminded both at home and at school that "HANDS AND FEET TO SELF" are school rules. There is never a reason for violent behaviour and it will ALWAYS be dealt with. If your child is in trouble at school or suspended for "hands on" you will need to support your child—and us by reinforcing the message that THERE MUST BE NO HANDS ON AT SCHOOL.

Thursday was an incredibly busy day as well. On Thursday evening we again hosted the Boys Night In, in conjunction with a number of community organisations. The night was again a success with the boys having a great time and also learning some facts to improve their lifestyle and health choices. At the same time we had our gold level reward evening which this time was a movie night. The gold level on our welfare and discipline system is the second highest level that can be achieved in the year and students on the gold level and our highest level the Opal were treated to a range of activities including movies and a cooked dinner. It amazed me that there were almost 200 students eligible to participate from primary. There are about 230 students in primary and it's a reflection on the continuous high level of quality work and great behaviour from these kids that almost 200 of them have reached the gold level or opal level this year. Well done, another reflection on just how terrific our school and our students are.

As if all that wasn't enough the school hosted a Grandparents Day, organising a series of activities on Friday. A huge amount of work went into preparing for these activities and organising the day and it's a great reflection on how important our grandparents are in the community. Staff and other community members were happy to volunteer their time to make this day a huge success. Well over 200 grandparents and family friends came along to join our students from Kinder to year 11 in our amazing day of activities. As expected the day went incredibly well. After a busy morning with an assembly, the highlight of which were students reading stories they had written about their grandparents, and participating in a selection of 25 activities for groups to participate in a Barbecue luncheon for all students and visitors was needed in the middle of the day to refuel all those busy exhausted bodies and give them an opportunity for a rest to get ready for the second half of the program. After lunch students and grandparents were able to freely choose from a range of activities to finish off the day.

Grandparents play an increasingly important role in the development of young people today and it is fantastic to be able to acknowledge such an important contribution to the community and the welfare of students. I'd also like to thank the staff of the school particularly Mrs Adamthwaite, the coordinator of the day, who gave up many, many hours in preparation as well as community groups such as the Men's Shed and Medicare local who were able to give up their time to help support this wonderful day.

These are the highlights of the week and, as usual, students and teachers worked consistently on their educational goals for the rest of the time and during this time I was privileged to see a huge amount of quality work being achieved in our school.

Remember school finishes Wednesday 17th December and every student should be at school every day until then.



Lightning Ridge Central School
Parents & Citizens Association



School Uniform

Year groups	Summer Uniform	Winter Uniform
K - 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black shortsBlack skorts (girls only)Red polo shirt with school emblem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black track pantsRed polo shirt with school emblemRed sloppy-joe
5 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black shorts or black full length pantsBlack skorts (girls only)Red/Black/White polo shirt with school emblem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black shorts or black full length pantsBlack skorts (girls only)Red/Black/White polo shirt with school emblemBlack jumper - 5 - 8Black jacketCanterbury jersey - yr9 only
10 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black shorts or black full length pantsWhite polo shirt with school emblem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Black shorts or black full length pantsWhite polo shirt with school emblemBlack jacketCanterbury jersey



Uniform shop is open Monday & Thursday 8:30 am – 9:00am



Library News

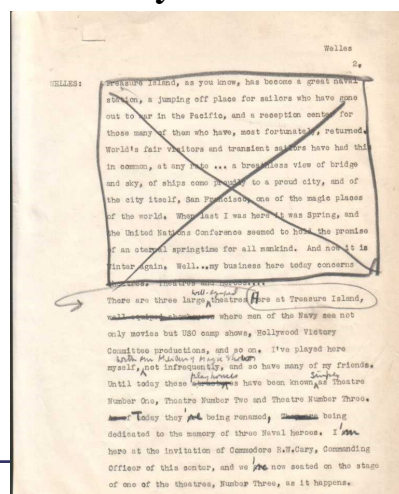
Hello,

We are back into the swing of things. Already the second newsletter for the term!

Kerrieanne has compiled and sent off the Stage 1 Books in Homes orders. Ellie Gough handed in a wonderful entry in the Books in Homes Role model competition and Stage 1 classes did entries also.

We have had Grandparents Day where some of the Stage 1 students brought their Grandparents into the library to read and enjoy the Books in Homes books. We also had a grandparent, Cilka Zagar visit and be part of the Books in Homes reading. Cilka is a friend of mine but also a role model, an inspiration and an interesting person. She is also a fabulous grandmother to her son's children. It is so good to have people in the library who share a connection to our town, school and community. You are always welcome, whether it be for Books in Homes or any other library occasion. Please do come to the Books in Homes presentation on Monday 8th December from 9.30 am—10.30am.

Students are enjoying the lessons in the library and their writing is a pleasure to read. Most kids like to talk, but not write in our lessons but we are improving. The ability and desire to edit our own work is improving. Editing is an important skill and I hope that this is something that students will look back on later in life and think I am so glad I was corrected and learned how to improve.



An example of editing



Library Turtle Draw winners



Week 1

ES1 Kristen Drew ES1T

(Magazine voucher)

Stage 1 Georgia Weidner S1F

(Magazine voucher)

Stage 2 James Saunders S2G

(Book: My Book of Jokes)

Stage 3 Anton Kennedy S3L

(Canteen voucher)

Week 2

ES1 Destiny Seaton ES1T

(canteen voucher)

**Stage 1 Brandon dos Santos Hall S1W
(Canteen voucher)**

Stage 2 Michael Butler S2G

(Book: My Art Book)

Stage 3 Lachlan Johnston S3M

(Book: All you need to know about Snakes)



Primary Report

Penny Lehman - Assistant Principal

In this week's newsletter we are celebrating the things that we are Proud and Positive about in the primary department.

Well done to the students who came to our **Gold Award – Movie Night**. It was a lot of fun and it was great to be able to hold a special event for those kids that have worked hard to achieve their Gold Award.

Students at this level have been recognised for doing the right thing, following our turtle rules and making a strong commitment to their learning.

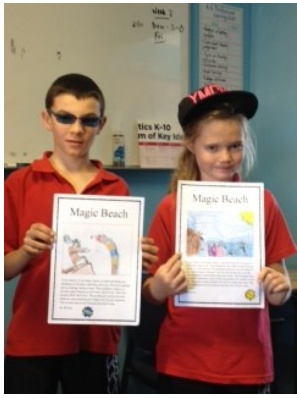


Grandparents Day

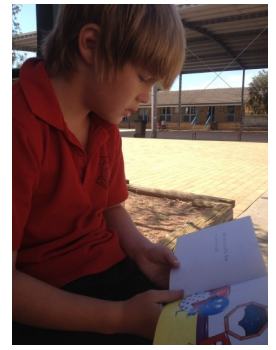
Congratulations to Mrs Adamthwaite and her team of energetic helpers who planned such a fantastic Grandparents Day. Thanks to the teachers and support staff that ensured that the students were able to produce their portraits, writing pieces about their grandparent and run the activities. It was a great day and showed just how amazing our school can be.



Quality work



Over the last couple of weeks I have been very lucky talking to students about their quality work and they have been sharing with me their learning. Today Zara produced a fantastic written piece about her weekend. In her writing she was able to use correctly: paragraphs, capital letters for proper nouns, commas for lists and adjectives to describe her cat.



Mr Adamthwaite spent last Thursday morning listening to students in K-4 reading. Harmonie, Rianna & Brandon read to Mr Adamthwaite and he was impressed with their expression and fluency.

I enjoyed listening to Rory and Amelia read.



Last week Mr Kahabka, who is our Director for Area 4 which takes up almost all of the state geographically, visited our school. During his time here he was able to listen to Lilia Taylor (S2S) & Jesse McBride (S1W) share their work and he was extremely impressed. It is fantastic to see so many students making so much progress with their learning and being able to share their personal growth with others in our school.



Hot weather

Just a quick reminder that with the days getting hotter; all students need to bring drink bottles with **water** & a **hat** for outside play to school everyday.



National Bandanna Day Friday 31st October

Primary SRC have been selling Bandannas to raise money for the

CanTeen Organisation.

Wear your Canteen Bandanna this Friday to show your support!



Primary Student of the Week

Week 3 S2G

Billy Frail



For always trying his absolute hardest. You have made big improvements in all areas and should be very proud of yourself. Keep up the great work!

Primary Student of the Week

Week 4 S1F

Erin Buchanan

Erin Buchanan of S1F is our Primary Student of the week this week for always being polite and respectful towards others.





Secondary Student of the Week

Week 3 MCM

Connor Barton

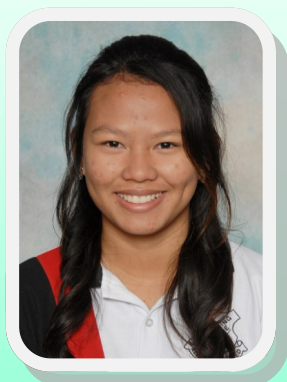
Connor's school work has improved significantly, as well as his enthusiastic participation in activities outside of the classroom. He has also been a great help through his contribution to Food For Families.

Secondary Student of the Week

Week 3 Year 8

Nerina Haywood

Nerina has shown improved commitment to her studies, as she completes her work and shows respect to her teachers and peers. She is a polite and helpful student.



Secondary Student of the Week

Week 4 Year 9

Camille Baber

Camille is a highly dedicated student who consistently produces quality work for all tasks. She displays great interpersonal skills and can always be relied upon by staff, students and the community for enthusiastic assistance.

In Class with S2S

As part of our Literacy unit we are studying the writing **Procedures** in further depth. The students worked together to construct Jackson cubes.



Our Maths **Position** unit has us playing the strategy game of "Battleships" and Barrier games.



"Flat Students" arrived this week from students in California and we are enjoying sharing their letters of introduction and their stories about how they became FLAT.

We are planning to take photos of their flat selves around our school and locations in and around Lightning Ridge and then they will be posted home in 2 to 3 weeks with adventurous stories to tell.

This concept is based on the book "Flat Stanley" by Jeff Brown. This year is the 50th anniversary of Flat Stanley.

AJ with Flat Aristaeus from California USA



Sand art

is one of our favourite reward times.



Every Monday and Wednesday we enjoy **Buddy reading** with the students of S1M.



DATA



stage 5



Stage 4

Stage 4 Working hard at solving problems using their Index Law skills



MATHS

Stage 6



Using Similar triangles to calculate lengths of things they cannot directly measure, such as the height of a flagpole or the width of a 'river'.

Grandparents Day

Friday 24th October saw over 200 Grandparents and surrogate Grandparents join with students from Kindergarten to Year 11 to celebrate the important roles that these wonderful people play in our children's lives.

The day began in the Library with lots of Grandparents reading books to Stage 1 children as part of the Books In Homes initiative.

The assembly after recess treated visitors, staff and students to a very enthusiastic rendition of 'Happy' by the Junior choir. Certificates for the Grandparents Day writing competition were presented to each class winner in Primary and Year winner in Secondary. Stage winners entertained the assembly with their fantastic stories. The sentiments expressed in their stories certainly showed their love and admiration for their Grandparents.

All students were then divided into 25 groups from K-11 that allowed siblings and cousins to be together so that Grandparents could work alongside them on rotational activities. Students from the Pre School also joined in the activities included noodle Jewellery, Paddlepop Stick boxes, Milk bottle bird feeders, Fridge magnets, Bark painting, Biscuit decorating, Patchwork squares, Newspaper plant pots, Roll stars, Paper Weaving, Paper chain dolls, Peg art creations, Stick weaving, Hessian placemats and message chains.

The Men's Shed also mentored a group of our senior students in the construction of a timber log learning circle that will be used for outdoor lessons for K-12.

A delicious morning tea and lunch supplied for all our visitors and a BBQ lunch was available for all students.

Medicare local provided a great service where they took blood pressure readings, talked about healthy lifestyles and had a dietitian work with interested people.

Professional photographer Tina Phipps was kept busy taking family portraits and a huge variety of mixed activities followed lunch. These included Bubble blowing, Elastics, Skipping, Paper aeroplanes, Wish flags, Card games, Tree planting, Chalk art, Fishing and Dancing.

The cookbook is still waiting for more entries and now we are accepting recipes from everyone. Please send in your recipes along with a picture of you and your child so we can publish the cook book for Presentation Day.

Grandparents day was a wonderful opportunity to not only get a huge number of visitors into our school but to show them how much we value their experience, help and love.





15 NOVEMBER 2014

The *Party of the Year!* Another brilliant fundraising event for the AUSTRALIAN OPAL CENTRE, a visionary not-for-profit project for western NSW, the Outback and Australia. ALL WELCOME.

at *Amigo's Castle*
LIGHTNING RIDGE

7pm - Midnight

\$50/ticket

Including a mobile feast of
hors d'oeuvre • Catered by Bruno's

Dress: Cocktail

Fabulous entertainment by
THE SIMMOS

in the STUNNING setting of
Amigo's Castle

SPECTACULAR Auction & Raffle
items (Let down your hair and blow the
moths out of your wallet!)

And other amazing diversions

Licenced bar • Courtesy bus



Go to www.dancingwithdinosaurs.com.au
or the Australian Opal Centre, 3/11 Morilla St, Lightning Ridge,
to secure tickets. Tickets MUST be pre-purchased by 7 November.



NEW SOUTH WALES

AECG

INCORPORATED

Lightning Ridge Local AECG
North West Region 1
Lightning Ridge Central School
Po Box 294
Kaolin St Lightning Ridge
NSW 2834

General Meeting

When: 31/10/2014

Time: 10am

Where: Lightning Ridge Intergrated Aboriginal Child and Family Centre .Walanbaa Dhurruli

Agenda

Open meeting

Minute silence

Apologies

- Norta Norta evaluation
- Identified Administration position at Lightning Ridge Central School
- Memberships
- NSW AECG Rules of Association draft
- General Business

AECG AGM

Agenda

Open meeting

Minute silence

Apologies

Minutes from previous AGM meeting

- Business arising from minutes
- Minutes excepted
- President Report/ excepted
- Treasurer Report / except
- Committee vacate positions
- Nominate interim chair
- Election for new committee
- Correspondence
- General Business

Meeting Closed

Reminder that memberships renewed before meeting \$2.50

Thanking You

President Rhonda Ashby.



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1st September 2014

Dear Community Members,

PRESENTATION DAY 2014

The Lightning Ridge Central School Presentation Day will be held on Friday 5th December at 9:30 am in the school gymnasium.

We would like you to consider making a donation for our students. We have 400 students enrolled; two students in each class/subject receive a book prize to the approximate value of \$30.00. Each Kindergarten child receives a book to commemorate their first year at school.

Cash/cheque donations for Presentation Day would be gratefully received. All donations can be made either anonymously or with full public thanks.

To properly organise the awards in time for Presentation Day, it would be helpful if your donation could be made by 7th November 2014.

Donations may be sent to
Lightning Ridge Central School
PO BOX 294
LIGHTNING RIDGE 2834

Yours faithfully

Kerry Adamthwaite
PRINCIPAL

Please find enclosed cheque/cash for \$_____ being a donation towards the 2014 Lightning Ridge Presentation Day Awards.

I/We do not mind being publicly thanked for our donation

☐

I/We wish my/our donation to be made anonymously

☐

Signed

Name

Organisation

Address

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Introducing Maggie Dent's:

BOYS, BOYS, BOYS

Understanding, nurturing & connecting with our boys.

WHEN: 10th November

WHERE: Lightning Ridge Aboriginal Integrated

Child & Family Centre

TIME: 3.30 – 6pm

CRECHE AVAILABLE & DINNER INCLUDED.

RSVP: Jacinda Barry 0475 807 695



- Exploring gender development differences
- Strengths & challenges.
- Improving communication
- Building a better understanding of the hidden vulnerabilities faced by our boys.
- Growth of emotional & social competencies.



It's Time To Celebrate! You are invited to the Lightning Ridge Preview of *Outback Choir*

For nine outstanding years, Moorambilla Voices has been nurturing and showcasing the artistic talent and creativity that is born and bred in the North West region of NSW. To date, Artistic Director Michelle Leonard has given Skills Development Workshops to over 13,000 children in over 70 schools in the region – over one third of the state of NSW. Moorambilla has grown from a choir of 38 boys in the first year to three choirs with 180 children, including the MAXed OUT youth company. They work with musicians, composers, performers, dancers and visual artists of the highest calibre to create works about their own life experiences and those of the region.

In 2013, the primary choir was filmed as part of an ABC documentary. *Outback Choir* tells story of these wonderful children, their musical achievements and the resilience and capacity of the region. The documentary features the Lightning Ridge town, community and many local children.

***Please join us for a Special Lightning Ridge Preview Screening
Thursday 20 November at 6 pm
Lightning Ridge Bowling Club, Morilla Street.***

Entrance is \$5.00 which goes directly to the Moorambilla Voices Public Fund to support children who need additional financial assistance.

***Outback Choir will broadcast on ABC1 national television on
Sunday November 30 at 7.30pm.***

MEDIA ENQUIRIES: Please contact Lliane Clarke, Moorambilla Communications, on Lliane@moorambilla.com or 0423 853 210.

For all other information contact Dayle Murray on 02 6829 0511 or dayle.murray@det.nsw.edu.au.

www.moorambilla.com

OUTBACK ARTS





SNACKS (RECESS & LUNCH)

Frozen orange ½ or ½ banana	\$0.50c
Frozen moosies (milk) choc,strawb,blue)	\$1.20
JJ'S chick/pizza/burger/s&v pkt	\$1.00
Grain waves sour crème	\$1.20
Go cookies choc chip lite/Anzac bisc	\$0.80
Snack pacs choc /vanilla 140gm	\$1.50
Yoplait yogurts vanilla/strawberry 175gm	\$2.00
Cheese sticks	\$1.00
Lite sara lee muffins choc	\$1.80
Popcorn	\$1.00
Fun buns (plain or cinnamon)	\$1.80
Bacon & cheese rolls	\$1.50
Mamee lone star chicken or Cheese pkt	\$1.00
Mamee noodles chicken or BBQ pke	\$0.80
Fresh fruit banana/apples/oranges (\$1.00 - \$1.20)	
Fruit salad / peaches cups	\$1.30

DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00
Quench 10% juice blue/cola/pine lime/orange	
Apple raspberry	\$2.20
350ml Orange/apple/tropical juice	\$2.30
Poppers apple/orange/tropical	\$1.80
300ml choc/strawberry/banana milks	\$2.50
Big M choc/strawb lite ctn milks 250ml	\$2.00
Nippys reduced fat choc/strawb/honeycomb	
Iced coffee 375ml	\$2.30
LOL's Tropical/blackcurrent/Razzbri	\$2.40
Plain ctn milks 300ml	\$1.80
Classic iced coffee/Choc milks ctn 375ml	\$2.80

ICECREAMS LUNCH ONLY

Icy poles lemonade/raspberry	\$1.20
Fandangles caramel p/corn/choc/fairy floss	\$1.50
Chocolate dixie cups/vanilla	\$1.00
Ka blueys blue/red/lemon fizz/b/gum	\$0.50
Frozen yogurts strawberry/mango	\$1.80
Fruitsicles	\$1.50
Bananarama/choc /real caramel icecream	\$1.50
Fruitzy ice pops	\$0.60

SANDWICHES (ROLLS EXTRA 20C)

Pulled beef or turkey salad	\$3.60
Cheese & tomato	\$2.80
Ham cheese tomato	\$3.40
Ham or chicken salad	\$3.60
Ham	\$3.00
chicken/Turkey or beef	\$3.00
Ham & cheese	\$3.20
Chicken lettuce mayo or salad	\$3.40
Egg lettuce mayo	\$3.20
Egg/curried egg	\$3.00
Tuna lettuce mayo	\$3.40
Vegemite/cheese	\$2.50

WRAPS (WHOLEGRAIN)

Salad wraps	\$4.50
Chicken /Ham/Turkey or beef salad	\$5.00
Chicken/Turkey lettuce mayo	\$4.50
Chilli tender lettuce tom avo cheese	\$5.50
Tuna lettuce mayo	\$4.50
Tuna salad	\$5.00

SALAD BOXES (please pre order salad bowl or box)

Salad box	\$5.50
Chicken/ham/egg/tuna/turkey or beef	\$6.00
salad box	

SMALL SALAD BOWLS

Salad	\$4.00
Chicken/ham/egg/tuna/turkey or beef	\$4.50

TOASTED SANDWICHES WRAPS EXTRA 80C

(all toasties cooking spray used)

Cheese & ham	\$3.20
Ham cheese tomato	\$3.40
Ham cheese pineapple	\$3.40
Cheese	\$2.50
Chicken avo cheese	\$3.50
Chicken & cheese	\$3.40
Cheese & tomato	\$2.80

HOT FOODS

Sausage rolls (lite pastry)	\$2.80
Travellers pies	\$3.20
Party pies lite	\$0.90
Chilli tenders	\$1.40
Garlic bread	\$1.20
UFO ½ roll cheese & tom sauce	\$1.50
Chick. wedges (4)/strips(6) per bag	\$2.80
Lasagne	\$3.80
Macaroni cheese	\$3.80
Pizza pocket	\$2.60
Enrico Pizzas 160gm Ham pine	\$2.80
Enrico Pizzas BBQ meatlovers	\$2.80
Beefburger (lett/tom/cheese)	\$4.00
Chicken burger (lett/tom/mayo)	\$3.80
Potato bake	\$3.80

Beef or chicken noodles	\$1.80
Chicken strips or wedges ea	\$0.60

MISCELLANEOUS

Tomato Sauce or BBQ	\$0.20
Salad dressing	\$0.40
Bundle of lunch bags	\$2.00

**SALAD BOXES INCL. (LETTUCE/TOMATO/CUCUMBER/CARROT/BEET/CHEESE) (please pre order)

***ALL PROFITS MADE BY CANTEEN GO TO THE P&C FOR THE STUDENTS.

***PLEASE NOTE CANTEEN CLOSERS FOR ORDERS AT 9.30AM!