

# LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Term 4 Week 4 2023



## Principal's Report

I don't watch much television, ABC news, 7.30 Report, Australian Story. Yes! I'm old and some would say boring. However, during the recent school holidays I binge watched a series called Ted Lasso. The central character, funnily enough called Ted Lasso was a good natured, kind and

compassionate American Football coach who was thrust into coaching a fictional English soccer team.

Ted faced many challenges but eventually his good nature, kindness and compassion won his team and their supporters over.

Ted saw the good in others and I suppose that brings me to my role as principal. In between recruitment, finances, discipline, curriculum and ensuring the school site is maintained, I do get time to see students on a daily basis "doing good." There is much good and much to be proud of in our students.

"Doing good" is a broad definition of showing respect, being in the right place, right time, working hard, caring for others, overall, contributing to a positive school culture.

Young people doing good things is a regular occurrence in our school. I am not going to name names in this report as it would take way too long, but I am going to provide a few examples.

Our recently elected school leaders are fine ambassadors for our school as are all the students who stood for election for leadership positions. They all accepted their election or non-election with, grace and goodwill towards each other and their peers.

Our Aboriginal Dance group have been fine ambassadors for our school in recent times and together with our primary Choir will be performing with numerous other schools at the Tamworth Entertainment Centre as part of the CAPERS Festival next weekend.

At school on the referendum day we had students doing good by running sausage sizzles and a car wash to raise money. They were ably assisted by teaching staff and members of the community and raised considerable amounts of money

Whenever our students go on excursions, inevitably I receive highly positive feedback from members of the community about the way they have conducted themselves.

The vast majority of our students are seeing good in others and "doing good". They are being Ted Lassos. Some, and they are very much in the minority, need to follow the lead of the majority of their peers and "do good. Be more like Ted.

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### Year 12 Formal

Sat 4th Nov  
6pm

### Yr 7 - 10 Yearly Exams

Mon 6th - Fri 10th Nov

### CAPERS Excursion

Tues 7th - Sun 12th Nov

### Pupil Free Days

Fri 10th - Mon 13th Nov

### Kindy Start

Fri 17th Nov

### Primary Assembly

Mon 20th Nov  
2pm

### P & C Meeting

Tue 21st Nov  
5pm

### Parent Information Evening

Year 6 - 7 Transition  
Thurs 30th Nov

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# Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, during week 5 students in Years 7 to 10 will be sitting their Yearly Examinations. The information gathered from the Yearly Examinations will then be combined with class work and assessment tasks to inform our teachers regarding students achievements, this information will then be included in their reports. It is imperative that all students put in 100% effort to their exams.

Students have been working towards completing their VALID 8 online exam. This test is mandatory for NSW Government schools and tests are marked externally, results will be sent to parents and the school. This is a diagnostic tool to assist in improving student outcomes in science and as a tool for program evaluation. The test is linked to the science syllabus and assesses what students know and can do in science. It also provides useful information about student attitudes towards science.

Check-in assessment testing has been completed, it is pleasing that most students put in 100% effort into these tests in reading and numeracy for students in Years 7,8 & 9. The assessment can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing in literacy and numeracy and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Most students follow our PBL values of Respect, Responsibility & Pride. Students follow instructions and attend all classes, they speak in a polite manner to their peers and staff, they apply themselves towards their classwork. Unfortunately, we have a small group of students who are struggling to follow these values, they have been counselled about their inappropriate behaviour. This kind of behaviour is unacceptable at LRCS.

Currently staff are trialling a system to record the number of students wearing uniform, so that we can reward them for showing pride in our school. Students are required to wear plain black shorts, a red, black & white shirt or a plain white collared shirt or the new senior red & black shirts. Tights are not part of our uniform and should be used after school or on weekends.

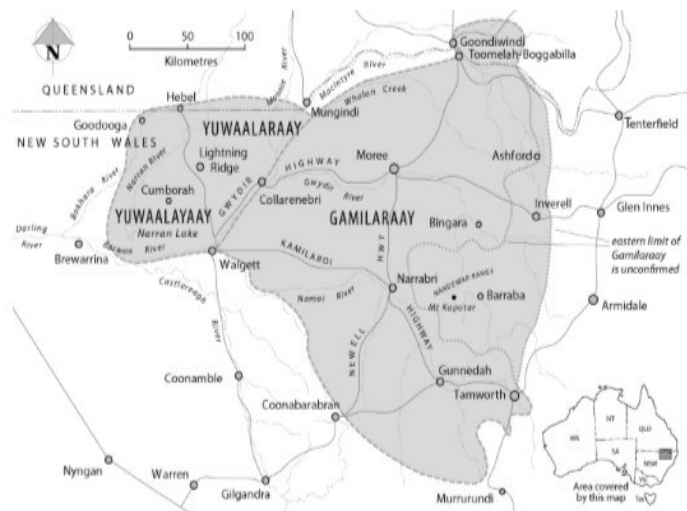


Yuwaalaraay is the dialect of the Lightning Ridge area. The name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Balonne River Region.

## Yuwaalaraay

### Word of the Week

Bulunbulun = green parrot





## Primary Assistant Principal's Report

Yaama ngindaay (Hello everyone),

Well, we're nearly halfway through Term 4 and close to the final countdown of the 2024 school year. As always at LRCS, we have many exciting activities to pack into the remaining school weeks of Term 4. Our Primary students deserve their well-earned mid-term break next week with all that they've accomplished so far this term.

Musica Viva Australia visited and presented a range of culturally and musically diverse performances for our K-6 students. The group "Colours of Home" took the audience on a musical journey inspired by landscapes and personal connections to place, giving students the tools to create music based on their unique worldview. Thank you to Ms Jarvis for organising such a memorable event.

We would like to congratulate our Year 3, 4 and 5 students on recently completing their Numeracy and Reading Check-in assessments. It's their final major academic achievement ticked off for the year.

With the heat arriving, the School Swim scheme has been taking place over the last two school weeks. This program allows targeted students the opportunity to improve their swimming strokes and increase water safety awareness so they could enjoy the pool facilities this summer. All participating students represented our school respectfully and responsibly.

This week, our primary school leaders (2023 and 2024) participated in a Leadership camp at the Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre. The event focussed on enhancing the goal setting, motivation, resilience and leadership skills of our pupils. It was a fantastic opportunity, and all students must be commended for their excellence in representing LRCS with pride.

Finally, Ms Jarvis is taking a small group of primary students to Tamworth next week to perform in the CAPERS production. They will be part of the music, dance and drama performances by students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in our region. Thank you to all students and parents who assisted in the fund-raising activities that enabled them such an exciting experience.

Yaalu (See you again)



Some great shots from our 2023 Leadership Camp held at Warrumbungle National Park Environmental Education Centre.

This program assists our student leaders to become aware of their role and understand the importance of developing character traits for better leadership.

It aims to develop resilience and shift student dependency to empowering attitudes and initiative.

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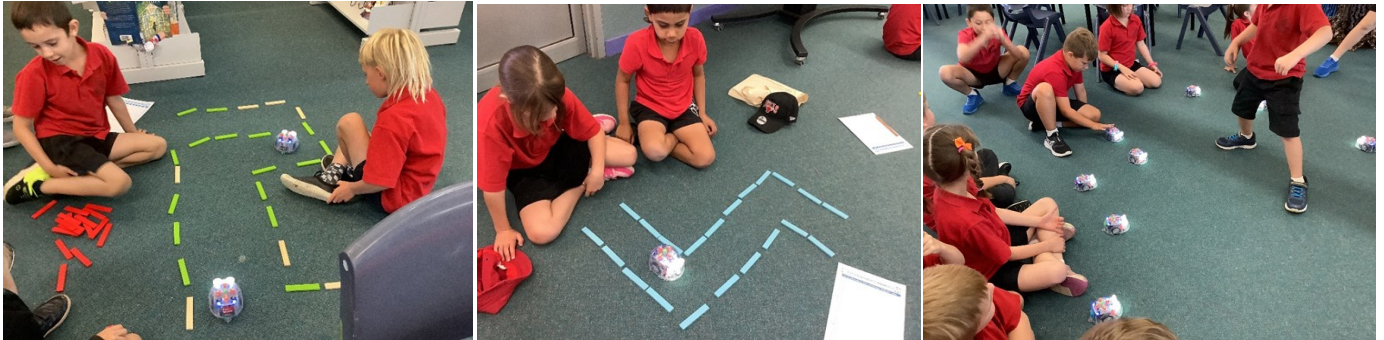
# Library



During the past four weeks Blue Bots have been happily invading LRCS Library! Students in Kindergarten and Stage 1 have been learning how to follow and create algorithms to code Blue Bot to move in directions and to positions that they require to solve set challenges.

Students have programmed Blue Bots to follow a path from a starting point to a finishing point; create different shapes; find a way through a self-made maze; play connect four; and even to dance the Nutbush!

Coding Blue Bot has provided students with the opportunity to increase and reinforce knowledge of positional language while gaining computational thinking and language skills.



## Library Days

Tuesday – S1D (Clark), S2H (Russo)

Wednesday – S3C (Moly), S3B (Signorotto), S1B (Britts), S1Y (Duncan)

Thursday – S23N (Richardson), S2O (Ellery), ES1P (Bird), MC1 (Loder)

## Library Opening Times

Monday/Friday lunch time – Highschool students (Years 7-12)

Tuesday/Wednesday lunch time – Primary students (Years K-6)



# Tuesday Mornings!



8:00am – 8:30am

## Singing Lessons with Mrs Jarvis



No lessons in Week 10, Term 3 OR Week 1, Term 4.



\*No more Beginner Keyboard lessons

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## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Ellie Turnbull S1B**

Ellie was nominated by Miss Loder for patiently teaching me a skipping song.  
Awesome work Ellie!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Jaxon Signorotto S20**

Jaxon was nominated by Miss Loder for exceptional effort and remarkable progress in swimming.  
Keep up the great work Jaxon!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Zane Gough S23N**

Zane was nominated by Miss Richardson for giving 100% effort in CAPA dance practice.  
Well done Zane!



## **Worth your Weight in Opal**

### **Leala Duncan Year 8**

Leala was nominated by Ms Ravot for consistent application and commitment to learning in Maths  
Top Effort Leala!

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## School Leaders

On Friday 20th October a morning tea was held for the 2024 School Leaders. The morning tea was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together and show their support for the new leaders, as well as recognize the hard work and dedication that goes into being selected as a school leader. The school leaders are sure to make a positive impact on their fellow students, the school community, and beyond. Congratulations to the 2024 school leaders!



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## Music Awards

Each week all students who have been following our Turtle Goals and displaying positive behaviour are put into a draw. Two students from primary and two from secondary are drawn out. These students then get to choose a song which will be played for our new bell music. Congratulations to our Week 9 & 10 winners.

**Secondary:** Soloman Seabrook & Dannielle McFadden

**Primary:** Lucy Barwick, Lilah Dean & Levi Benjamin

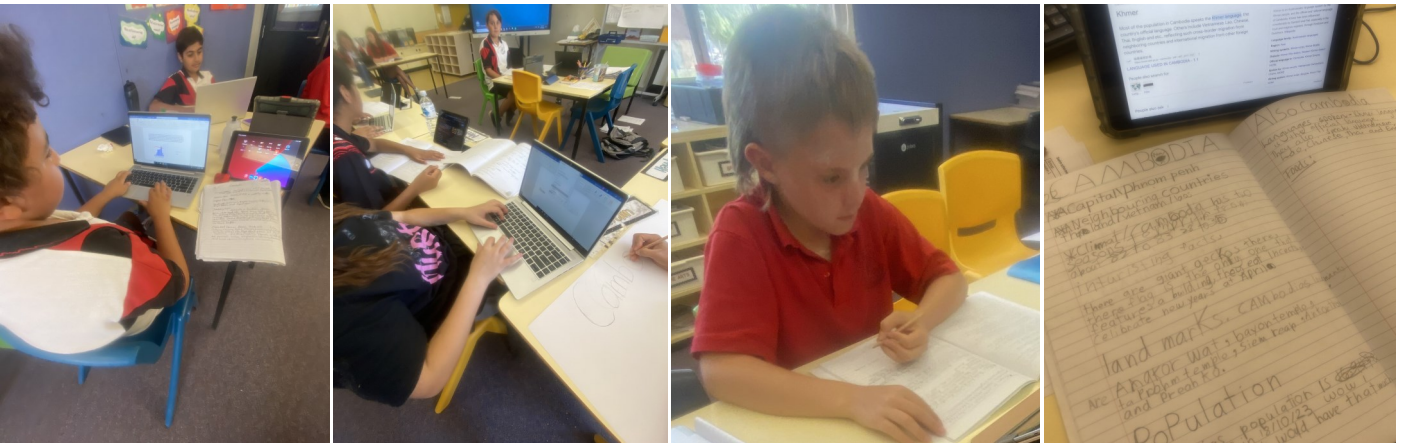


## Stage 3

S3C finished off a busy Term 3 with a fun visit to Spider Brown Oval for the GROW Community Health Day. We also had a pizza party to celebrate our recent win at the Science Fair! This term we have dived back into our novel study on the book 'Little Brother' and are looking forward to CAPA, transition and the Year 6 Farewell.



S3B have had a busy start to the term. We are currently reading a novel called 'Little Brother' which is set in Cambodia. In Writing, we are researching Cambodia and creating travel brochures full of information.



**If you need to get a message to your child please contact the school office by 2:30pm.**

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## History

Year 8 History students have been studying Polynesia. As part of their studies, we have been exploring the symbolism behind various Polynesian designs. Did you know that even just a swirl in Polynesian Art can be a symbol for a fishhook or even a wave, depending on what Pacific Island it is from? Students have created their own animal designs, and these have turned out to be amazing!



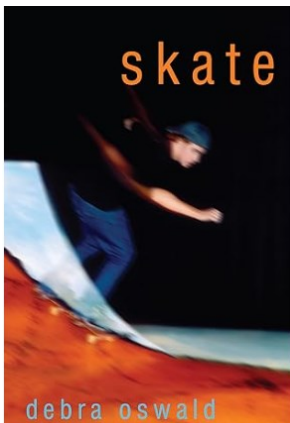
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## English

Over these past weeks, Stage 4 English have we've been on a captivating journey through the world of Australian dramatic plays. From the timeless works of Jack Davis to the fresh and insightful pieces crafted by 21st-century playwrights, we've delved into the heart of these narratives, exploring unique Australian perspectives and societal commentary. Our discussions have been engaging, and our insights have deepened our understanding of the distinctive storytelling techniques in Australian drama. Plus, we've had a blast playing drama games, bringing our studies to life in creative and interactive ways.



Jack Davis (1917 - 2000)



In 10M English, we have been immersing ourselves in Debra Oswald's 2003 play, *Skate*. The play is set in a small, remote town in NSW very similar to Lightning Ridge, and it deals with issues and challenges that our students can relate to. As it is a play, we are also studying concepts and techniques used by playwrights, directors, and actors to engage the audience and help them connect with the characters and storyline.

Our new Year 12 cohort has begun their studies in English Standard by looking at representations of human experiences in texts. Specifically, we have studied Christopher Kezelos's short film *Zero*, a tale of discrimination and resilience. The central character, Zero, faces unjust societal treatment due to arbitrary labels, however, his unwavering determination in the face of adversity showcases the strength of the human spirit. Be sure to have a conversation with your children about the power of this short text!





# Love singing Christmas carols?



You are invited to join the community carols group as a singer!

The carols are presented by Lightning Ridge Community Church but are open to the whole community.

We perform mostly traditional, Christian faith-based carols.

It will hopefully be lots of fun!

You need to be available for the night of the carols – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ Spider Brown Oval, as well as practice:

- When are the practice sessions? Mondays 7:00-8:30pm (Starting 6<sup>th</sup> Nov until 11<sup>th</sup> Dec)
- Where? Community Church hall, 13 Morilla St L.R.

Call Kurt Langmead (LRCC Minister – 6829 0597) for more info, or let me (Kurt) or Rata Jackson know personally if you're coming.

[communitychurch@lightningridge.com.au](mailto:communitychurch@lightningridge.com.au)



**★ Canteen Specials ★**  
**Term 4**

Chicken Seasoning Popcorn  
~ **\$1.00 each**  
(Until sold out)

Nippy's 375ml ~ **\$3.00 each**  
(Vanilla, Strawberry, Banana &  
Honeycomb)  
(Until sold out)

**\*Chocolate not included**

Nippy's 500ml ~ **\$4.00 each**  
(Strawberry, Chocolate & Honeycomb)  
(Until sold out)

**(Lunch Only)**

ALL Snap-Stix & Ice Mony  
**2 for \$2**  
(Until sold out)

**★ Canteen ★**

**★ Meal Deal ★**

(Available until the 13<sup>th</sup> of November  
or until yoghurt sells out)

Includes:

Popper

½ Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Yoghurt Pouch

(strawberry or blueberry)

Piece of fruit

**\$6**



**Pupil**  
**Free days**  
Friday 10th November &  
Monday 13th November

A chalkboard background with various school supplies like a ruler, compass, pencil, and books. The text "Pupil Free days" is written in large, stylized letters. Below the text, there are illustrations of a stack of books, a globe, and a pencil holder.

LIGHTNING RIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

PROUDLY PRESENTS

\*\* A STRICTLY DRUG AND ALCOHOL-FREE EVENT \*\*

2023 LIGHTNING RIDGE

# Community Christmas Carols

THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER,  
7:30PM, SPIDER BROWN OVAL

(PRE-SERVICE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 5PM,

ENDS W/ FIREWORKS! FROM 9:15PM)

FREE ENTRY!

(GLOWSTICKS AT GATE BY GOLD COIN DONATION)

WITH THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF WALGETT SHIRE COUNCIL  
AND LOTS OF OTHER LOCAL GROUPS AND SERVICES

Enquiries: Kurt (LRCC Minister) - 6829 0597 | [communitychurch@lightningridge.com.au](mailto:communitychurch@lightningridge.com.au) | [lrccweb.site](http://lrccweb.site)

LOCAL PERFORMERS

COURTESY BUS  
(CONTACT RATA  
- 0481 313 207)

KIDS' ITEMS

SANTA

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

SAUSAGE SIZZLE  
(+ OTHER FOOD & DRINKS  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE)

FUN FOR ALL AGES!



Lightning Ridge Central School  
P&C Uniform Shop



# Uniform Shop Opening hours

Tuesday's • 3:00 - 3:30pm

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## Lightning Ridge Central School

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 are now open.  
Sign up for **Kindy Start** to help with transition to  
school.

Kindy Start will run on Fridays beginning on

**November 17<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

More information is available at the school office.  
Please contact Miss Olivia Clark at the school with  
any questions.



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



#schooleveryday

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# CAPERERS

Looking Forward, Looking Back



Tamworth Regional Entertainment  
and Conference Centre (TRECC)



**Fri 10 Nov 2023**

**7 pm**

**Sat 11 Nov 2023**

**7 pm**



**Tickets through**

**EV Box Office**

[evtam.sales.ticketsearch.com](http://evtam.sales.ticketsearch.com)



# Please KEEP your child at HOME if...



## They have a Fever

A temperature of over 37.5C (99.5F) is a fever

Also check for:  
Persistent cough,  
Shortness of breath,  
Sore throat, swollen  
glands, earache



Remember to keep your provider informed when your child is unwell, even when they are being kept at home.



## They have a Rash

Especially with a fever or itching

Check for:  
Chickenpox, Impetigo  
or Hand, foot and  
mouth



## They have an Upset Stomach

If your child has been vomiting or had diarrhoea within the last 48 hours they must **STAY at HOME**



## They have an Eye Infection

Thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or swollen face



## They have Headlice or nits

Please check your child's hair regularly and treat immediately



## They are Feeling Unwell

If your child is unusually tired, pale, cranky or lost their appetite, they will be more comfortable at home.



Ensure your provider has up to date emergency contact details, allergen and medical information for your child.



If you or your child are displaying symptoms or have a confirmed diagnosis of **coronavirus**, please **STAY AT HOME!**



If your child has a mild cold, infrequent cough or clear, runny nose and is active, playful and rested, They can **Stay and Play!**

Please help to keep our Setting **SAFE** for **EVERYONE**



## SWIMVAC 2024 Enrol your kids for summer!



SwimVac is targeted at children from 6 months to 14 years of the age with the aim of getting as many children as possible to the 6 to 12 year-old national benchmark for swimming and water safety.

Program Dates

8 January to 19 January

Bookings Open

1 October 2023

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NEW SOUTH WALES

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and  
SURVIVE



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Communities & Justice

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE.

We're looking for people who can provide emergency care, short-term care, care for siblings, or care for children with a disability.

You can be a couple, single or a family, rent or own your home. Carers receive specialist training, financial assistance and support.

Do you have room in your heart and home for a child?

Email [WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:WesternNSWcarerenquires@facs.nsw.gov.au) directly or visit [www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers](http://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/families/carers) and click on 'enquire about fostering' to learn more.



# Lightning Ridge Central School

## P&C Uniform Shop Order Form 2023

Uniform shop is open 3-3:30pm every Tuesday.

WHOLE SCHOOL ITEMS	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Caps – Black	\$7.00			
Hats – Bucket	\$5.00			
Hats – Red wide brim	\$7.00			
Library Bags	\$7.00			
Sports Shirts – House colours	\$7.00			
PRIMARY K-6	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts K-5 – Red	\$20.00			
Shirts Years 6 – Red/ White/ Black	\$25.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Sloppy Joe – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$20.00			
Hoodie – Red	\$30.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
SECONDARY 7-12	PRICE	SIZE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Shirts Years 7 – 10 Red/ White/ Black	\$25.00			
Senior Shirts Years 11-12	\$25.00			
Shorts – Black	\$15.00			
Skorts – Black	\$15.00			
Jacket – Red (limited stock and sizes)	\$35.00			
Hoodie – Black	\$30.00			
Canterbury Jersey	\$65.00			
Trackpants – Black Microfibre	\$25.00			
Trackpants – Black Fleecy	\$20.00			
			TOTAL:	

### CONTACT DETAILS:

Name:.....

Contact Number: .....

Sport house (if required): .....

Please note: If order is placed through the office **money MUST be paid in advance**. Orders will not be processed without payment.



# LRCS – CANTEEN MENU

## SNACKS

Fresh Fruit (apple, banana or mandarin)	\$1.50
Fruit Salad Cup	\$1.50
Cheese Stick	\$1.50
Muffin (banana or blueberry)	\$2.00
Popcorn (sea salt, sweet & salty or butterscotch)	\$2.00
Grain Waves (sour crème)	\$2.00
Yoplait Yoghurt 160grams (vanilla, strawberry or mango)	\$2.50
Crunch Cup (carrot, celery, cucumber & cheese w/ garlic aioli)	\$3.50

## DRINKS

Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00
Spring Water 1.5L	\$3.00
Just Juice Poppers 200ml (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant or paradise punch)	\$2.00
M2Go Milk 250ml carton (strawberry or chocolate)	\$2.00
Juice Bombs 250ml (grape, apple/raspberry, watermelon, orange/passion or lemonade)	\$3.00
Classic Milk 300ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.00
Nippy's 375ml (banana, strawberry, honeycomb, vanilla or chocolate)	\$3.50
Classic Milk 500ml (strawberry or chocolate)	\$4.50
Nippy's 500ml (honeycomb, strawberry or chocolate)	\$4.50

**CANTEEN CLOSSES AT 9:00AM  
FOR ORDERS.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**ALL PROFIT MADE BY THE  
CANTEEN GOES TO THE P&C FOR  
THE STUDENTS.**

## SANDWICHES (Gluten Free available add 50c)

Vegetemite	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Egg, Mayo & Lettuce	\$4.50
Chicken, Mayo & Lettuce	\$5.00
Egg, Mayo & Salad	\$5.50
Chicken, Mayo & Salad	\$6.00
Ham & Salad	\$6.00
Cheese & Salad	\$6.00

## TOASTED SANDWICHES (Gluten Free available add 50c)

Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Chicken, Mayo & Cheese	\$5.00

## WRAPS (VIA ORDER)

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$6.00
Salad Only	\$7.00
Ham & Salad	\$7.00
Chicken & Salad	\$7.00
Flame Grilled Chicken, mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce	\$7.00

## SMALL SALADS (VIA ORDER)

Salad Only	\$6.50
Egg & Salad	\$6.50
Ham & Salad	\$6.50
Chicken & Salad	\$6.50
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$6.50

All salads include lettuce, tomato, carrot,  
cheese, beetroot, cucumber, onion & your  
choice of either mayo or aioli sauce)

## HOT FOODS

Party Pies	\$2.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2.00
Garlic Bread	\$2.50
Chicken or Beef Noodles	\$2.50
6 Chicken Strips	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese Pizza	\$4.00
Sausage Roll	\$4.50
Travellers Beef Pie	\$5.00
Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$6.00
Cheese Burger (beef pattie & cheese)	\$6.00
Beef Burger (lettuce, tomato, beef pattie & cheese)	\$7.00
Chicken Burger (lettuce, flame grilled chicken, cheese & mayo)	\$7.50

## ICE-CREAMS (LUNCH ONLY)

Snap-Stix (pineapple, sour blackcurrant, sour grape, sour blueberry, sour raspberry, sour watermelon or sour strawberry)	\$1.50
Ice Mony (sour red Berry, lemon ice or sour watermelon)	\$1.50
Vanilla Dixie Cup 100ml	\$2.00
Paddle Pop (Chocolate or Rainbow)	\$2.50

## MISCELLANEOUS

Tomato or BBQ Sauce	\$0.50
Bundle of Bags	\$3.00

**PLEASE WRITE RECESS AND  
LUNCH ON SEPARATE BAGS  
AND DON'T FORGET NAME AND  
CLASS.**

**THANK YOU!**