LIGHTNING RIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL



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Term 3 Week 2 2023



Principal's Report

School: just about the best place a young person can rehearse for adult life. Previously I have written in these pages about the healthy sense of belonging and feelings of connectedness that relate to being part of something bigger. Such feelings are

protective factors for mental health and wellbeing.

School is easily the biggest thing to which anyone aged 6 to 17 will belong. School is a safe place, easily the safest place kids can be. The expectations the school has of it's students are like the Rock of Gibraltar; steadfast.

What was expected of them yesterday is expected today and will be expected tomorrow. Be respectful. Be responsible. Work with Pride. All attributes valued in the wider community. School offers so much more than lessons in specific academic disciplines.

School offers a range of cultural and sporting opportunities too, many of which I have previously referred to in these pages.

All our staff look to build connections between the young people in our care, knowing that positive relationships foster school and broader community engagement.

The powerful benefits of connecting with friends in a shared space for a shared purpose, and the sense of belonging that such connection fosters, should never be underestimated.

Lessons are the core business of school. As a result, it is hard for any young person to do well academically if their attendance is patchy or worse, they simply do not turn up. Some young people, only a small but unfortunately not insignificant number – are "school refusers."

School refusal is a great short-term plan; sleep in, maybe eat a late breakfast then later still kick back with a little Xbox or PlayStation time... The real downside is that it is a plan that can have devastating consequences on life choices.

Studies have shown that students who refuse school, especially those who do not return to school, almost invariably experience poor life outcomes. These poor life outcomes include reduced employment prospects, issues maintaining social relationships, mental health challenges and homelessness.

At Lightning Ridge Central School, we are mindful of the need to put in place supports for disengaged students, including a number of return to school strategies and mentoring. The need for support begins with identification at our attendance team meetings.

A dedicated attendance officer is tasked with the initial contact once an issue of problematic attendance has been noted.

2023 School Newsletter now available online via our Skoolbag App and website on www.lightningr-c.schools.nsw.edu.au



Secondary Regional Athletics

Fri 28th July

Walgett Shire Careers Day

Tues 1st Aug

Parent Teacher Meetings

Tue 1st Aug

3:30pm - 6:00pm

Goodooga Indigenous

Games

Thurs 3rd Aug

Education Week Display

Fri 4th Aug

Healthy Harold

Mon 7th - Wed 9th Aug

Stage 3

Aussie Bush Camp

Mon 7th - Fri 11th Aug

School Photos

Tues 15th - Wed 16th Aug

Pupil Free Days

Fri 18th - Mon 21st Aug

Science Fair

Thurs 24th Aug

Join us on



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At times, the task of contacting home goes directly to our Learning Support or Attendance Teams, Student Support officers and Aboriginal Education Officers, as the issues may be more complex than just attendance. We work as a team.

When issues persist, the school will enlist the support of the Home School Liaison Program, based in Coonamble, or the Child Wellbeing Unit or the Department of Community Services.

On occasion, a request that local police conduct a welfare check is made where no home contact has been possible. We all demonstrate personal responsibility by meeting our commitments.

For the young people in our lives, this is often as simple as making their beds, assisting with chores at home, packing their school bags before heading off to school and, of course, attending school every day it is open and they are fit enough to do so. These are all reasonable expectations and when met, demonstrate an acceptance of personal responsibility.

School is just about the best place a young person can rehearse the social and emotional skills they will need to be well functioning adults.

At Lightning Ridge Central School, the environment is well controlled, and a variety of support measures are in place to foster this development; measures that permit the development of social competence, as well as bouncing back from friendship difficulties. The important thing is that students attend as often as possible because, as was indicated above, it is hard to do well at school if you don't turn up.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do to ensure they don't fall too far behind. You can:

- Speak with your child's teachers and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your child and ensure your child completes the plan. If your child must miss school for an extended period, let us know as early as possible.

Legally, absences explained more than seven school days after the first day of absence are recorded as unexplained. The software employed by the NSW Department of Education does not allow for any school discretion in this situation. A message via an email or a quick phone call are two ways in which parents and carers can explain absences. As always, thanks for your continuing support.



Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 3!

Staff commenced this Term with training regarding the Aquaponics system, staff are excited to get more involved in this project and teach students about the world of Aquaponics. Ask your child if they have visited the Aquaponics unit recently and get them to explain to you how it operates.

In week 2, students in Year 10 will be presented with information about SBAT's – School Based traineeships, students will learn how traineeships operate and the range of traineeships available. This will be followed by subject selections for 2024 Year 11 students. Year 10 students will be provided with information to guide them in their selection of subjects for senior school.

Students in Year 12 have only a few weeks left before they will sit their trial examinations. Final class assessments are now being completed then students MUST focus on their examinations, which will be held in Week 6. This examination is very important for the students as it will impact on their HSC and it

gives students an indication as to their anticipated HSC result. Please discuss with your child their study timetable. At this time of the year students tend to loose motivation, and yet they are so close to completing their secondary education.

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The theme for Education Week (31st July to 4th August 2023) is 'Proud and Public' celebrating 175 years of public education in NSW. At LRCS we are planning an exciting event, stay tuned for further information.

The annual Parent teacher interviews will be occurring during Week 3 on Tuesday 1st August. Please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Primary Assistant Principal's Report

Welcome back to school for Term 3!

We hope you all had a fantastic break filled with relaxation and exciting adventures. As we kick off this new semester, we are thrilled to have our students and families return to the vibrant atmosphere of learning and growth.

In Week 3, our students will be treated to the captivating 'Books to Life Performance' on Jorn's Magnificent Imagination, where they can embark on a magical journey through the world of literature. Additionally, the Goodooga Games will bring a spirit of culture and friendly competition and teamwork to our school community. We are also celebrating Education Week, highlighting the importance of learning and the achievements of our students. Additionally, our much-loved Healthy Harold is visiting our school to share valuable lessons on health and well-being.

Stage 3 students will embark on a thrilling adventure at the Great Aussie Bush Camp in Lake Macquarie in Week 4, fostering resilience and teamwork in the great outdoors. Please ensure payments for this camp are up to date.

Get ready to say cheese! School photo day is scheduled for Week 5 and we are eagerly looking forward to the Public Speaking finals in Week 7.

In Week 9, our Stage 2 students will experience the fascinating ZooSnooz Camp at Dubbo Zoo, where they will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with incredible wildlife.

Please keep a keen eye on your child's school bag as we will be sending out important notes regarding our upcoming events.

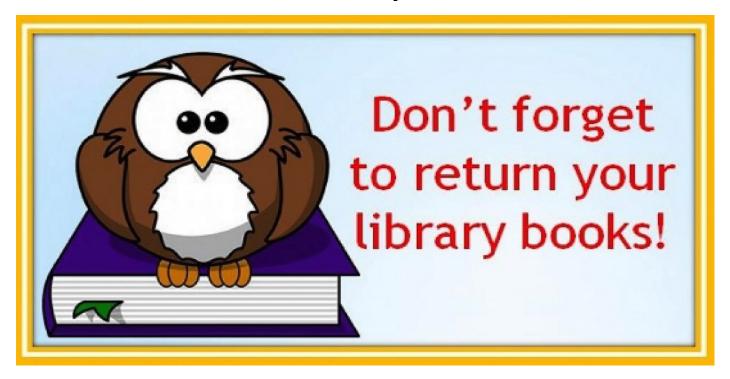
Get ready for a busy and exciting term ahead!



LAKE MACQUARIE

Final payment due Friday 28th July

Library



Library Days

Tuesday – S1D (Clark), S2H (Russo)

Wednesday – S3C (Molyneux), 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)

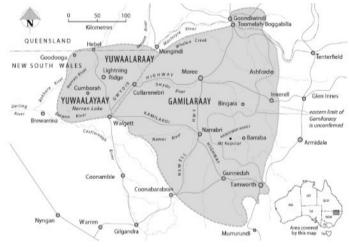
Tuesday/Wednesday lunch time – Primary students (Years K-6)

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

Gumawuma = Dragon Lizard







Worth your Weight in Opal Lucy Barwick ES1P

Lucy was nominated by Ms Bird for blending sounds to read consonant - vowel consonant words.

Well done Lucy!



Worth your Weight in Opal John Brown MC1P

John was nominated by Mrs Signorotto for being an enthusiastic student when attending maths.

Awesome work, John!



Worth your Weight in Opal Ryder Fernando S1B

Ryder was nominated by Ms Loder for contributing thoughtful and insightful feedback at the MC classes video presentation.

Well done Ryder!



Worth your Weight in Opal Jack Warhurst S20

Jack was nominated by Mr Ellery for consistently working hard in class time and creating exceptionally high pieces of quality work.

Keep up the great work Jack!

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 1 & 2 winners.

Primary: Allirea Walford, Clay Barry & Paige Spicer

Secondary: Wah Tandavanitj & Travis Smith







UNIFORM DONATIONS

HAS YOUR CHILD OUTGROWN THEIR UNIFORM?

The Secondhand Clothing Pool will gladly accept the donation of all clean and wearable uniform items





Donations can be dropped to the School Office



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



Primary PBL Awards







PRIDE AWARD

PRESENTED FOR SHOWING PRIDE BY CONSISTENTLY DOING QUALITY WORK!





RESPONSIBILTY AWARD

PRESENTED FOR MAKING RESPONSIBLE CHOICES WITH THEIR LEARNING AND BEHAVIOUR!







RESPECT AWARD

PRESENTED FOR CONTINUALLY SHOWING RESPECT AND FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS!







Stage 1

Students in S1B have started our geography unit which currently focuses on weather and seasons. Students have enjoyed learning about Lightning Ridge's unique weather patterns compared to other areas in Australia and worldwide. Students have also been learning about the different types of activities they can do depending on the weather and the appropriate clothing that should be utilised.



S1D, S1B and S1Y have had a busy and exciting first week of Term 3!

On Tuesday, Stage 1 participated in the Aquaponic Information Session. Captain Crackers showed the students a starfish, seaweed, a Captain's watch and scuba diving packs. Stage 1 loved the hands-on learning opportunity! Captain Crackers also taught the students about the importance of keeping the ocean clean, and ensuring our rubbish goes in the bin.

Students have settled back into school routines beautifully. Our first lesson on Tuesday was InitiaLit, check out these hard-working students!

The teachers cannot wait to see what else Stage 1 can achieve as the year progresses.



Visual Arts

Year 11 have been busy working on hyper-realism portrait drawings using graphite pencils. The portraits are mostly of the students' family members - as they were assigned to draw someone they most admire in their life.









The incredible animal eye drawings are drawn by year 8 students. At Lightning Ridge Central School, students start visual art class from year 8. This is their very first art project. They use a 'grid drawing' method to learn fundamental drawing skills.



NAIDOC Cake Competition

Thank you to all the students who entered the cake competition. The judges had a hard time picking the winner you have all done a wonderful job! Well done guys!

Congratulations to our winners:

Years K - 2

1st - Willow EI - Sheikh

2nd - Lucas Kent

3rd - Harrison Kent

Years 3-6

1st - Mary Boehm

2nd - Milli McCabe

3rd - Aiyanah Fusitua

Years 7 -12

1st - Miss Poli & Lukas Mahoney

2nd - Lily Kaluski & Sara - Jayne Smith

3rd - Ellie Gough & Mia Nagy

Judge's Choice

1st - Taylor Roberts

2nd - Zane Gough

3rd - Lily Kaluski & Sara - Jayne Smith

Peoples choice

Willow EI - Sheikh





















Celebrating NAIDOC Week

One of the highlights of NAIDOC Week for students is the opportunity to participate in cultural workshops and demonstrations.

LRCS invited local Indigenous elders and community members to share their knowledge and traditions. From storytelling and traditional dance to weaving and didgeridoo playing, students immersed themselves in the beauty and significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art forms. The interactions with these esteemed individuals not only deepen their understanding but also foster a strong sense of respect and appreciation for Indigenous cultures.



New Senior School Uniform

Parents of Secondary Students, you asked and we listened!

Following the feedback we've received from parents to remove the white and red/black/white polo t-shirts from our uniform, Lightning Ridge Central School have taken this on board and along with the P&C Committee, SRC and numerous student surveys we are changing our secondary school uniform. It was noted in the feedback that the white polo's were impractical, hot and hard to keep clean and that the white polo's didn't align with the traditional school colours. After many months of back-and-forth, the design team have come up with a fresh new secondary polo that was voted upon by the P&C Committee, Secondary SRC and Secondary Students.

What this means for you..

This is an exciting time for Lightning Ridge Central School and respectfully we recognise that purchasing a new uniform is a cost that some families are not prepared for, so to ease the financial burden we will provide a one-off allocation of 2 free polo's per secondary student.

Year 11 & 12 Seniors

Red and black cotton/polyester blend polo with white school emblem, Lightning Ridge CS print around the collar and features bold white seniors print.

As we begin the roll out of our new polo's, our seniors have received their new polo's this week and are excitedly wearing them to school each day with pride. (Pictured Parker, Nick, Torin, Chanel and Emily)

Year 7-10

Red and black cotton/polyester blend polo with white school emblem and Lightning Ridge CS print around the collar.

Year 7-10 students will receive their new polo's at the beginning 2024.

Along with this new exciting uniform, comes a uniform policy where the expectation is that our students will wear their full school uniform to school every day. Students will continue to wear a black Jumper and black pants, shorts or skirt (please no leggings or tights) and can continue to wear their white and red/black and white polo's.

As an extra incentive for students to wear their uniform daily and once the uniform rollout is complete, staff will record students who are wearing school uniform and those students will go into the draw for prizes such as reward days, tickets into a major prize draw or even a monetary percentage off your child's school excursion!

We welcome your feedback! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come along to the next P&C Meeting held on Tuesday 1st August.



Industry Pathway Project

Last Term 12 students from Walgett and Lightning Ridge completed a shearing and crutching school

instructed by Tafe NSW with the generous land owners providing a shearing shed and 300 sheep.

The shearing and wool industry has a labour shortage due to the pandemic and older shearer's leaving the industry. This has caused major financial losses to the producers who are unable to source reliable and qualified contractors in required time frames.

From this school, students are now working with local contractors and Australian Wool Innovation (AWL) to complete work experience in shearing and wool handling.

Locally shearing and wool handling is a viable employment pathway with many students wanting to maintain their cultural identify on country.







Kinder - Year 1

Big Book reading and lots of fun activity stations.

Creative Arts

Puppet Show - what's not to love? Watch our Primary kids or join in the Lightning Ridge Puppet Theatre.

Years 2 - 6

Stanley the Emu Silhouette Art -Join in the fun and create a Stanley the Emu Silhouette.



Primary MC

Best double feature ever. Our MC class presents "Spoonie" a digital narrative with "Kindness" the video. Plus a chance to flick through some of our classes highlights in our class scrapbook.

English

Dramatic Poetry Reading - Come and listen to our student's own poems about Lightning Ridge. Maybe you will be own poems about Lightning Ridge. They be your own poems about Lightning Ridge. They be your own syrupy sonnet or lyrical limerick. Scientific Models - inspired to create your own syrupy sonnet or lyrical limerick. Admire Just remember Nantucket is nowhere near the Ridge.

Science

Admire the work of our senior science students.

FRIDAY 4th **AUGUST**

9:30am - 12:30pm

History

Archeological Dig - Sick of digging for opal?! Come and try your luck at finding a rare ancient artifact in our simulated archeological dig site.

Mathematics

Community Challenges - Fancy your maths skills, use our school iPads to play quiz games we use to challenge our students. Are you smarter than a year 8 student?

Agriculture

Pat a goat, smell a sheep or smile at a chicken. Admire the wonderful produce grown at our school.

Think your fit? Come and watch or participate using some of our school fitness equipment. Need some first aid? Or maybe learn some CPR.

SCHOOL ON THE BLOCK

Corner of Opal & Morilla Street

This year Lightning Ridge **Central School is bringing** our classrooms into the community and onto the BLOCK.

Celebrating Education Week 'Proud & Public'

LOTE

Yuwaalaraay - Yaama (hello)- Learn some of the local lingo. All the kids at Lightning Ridge Central School learn Yuwaalaraay, the language of the first nations people of this land. Yaluu (see you later)

Wellbeing

Check out some Indigenous bush cooking -Kangaroo Stew and kangaroo tail broiled on hot coals. Talk about bush tucker! All will be lovingly prepared and tended to by our Hands-on Learning crew.

Technolog

High Tech is the name of the game at Lightning Ridge Central School. Put away the scroll saw and watch our CO 2 laser cut through some timber to produce a bespoke key chain tag.

Visual Arts

Feeling Creative? Participate in painting a collaborative mural with our art students. Too much fun is never enough. Do you think it needs a little glitter?

Secondary MC & Hospitality

Hungry? This is the place to come - feast on a selection of fine BBQ fair. Fancy a sausage sanger better than Bunnings? Our hospitality class will make you a lovely frothy cap, or perhaps a lovely latte. Make sure you pair it with a scruptious sweet treat.

Music

Listen to a range of fantastic beats, tunes and composition from our deep talent pool here in the Ridge.



Wednesday's

7:30am

Senior Cola

Stages 3-6 Welcome







Lightning Ridge Central School P&C Uniform Shop



Uniform Shop Opening hours

Tuesday's

3:00 - 3:30pm





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CONTACTS: Naomi Coghill (0417 682 715)
Ashleigh Norris-Kelly (0417 410 716)

NOTICE TO PARENTS

BUS SEATBELT RULES.

All children must wear a seatbelt whilst on our buses.

It is your child's responsibility to wear their seatbelt.

Your children are notified that it is necessary to wear seatbelt when they enter the bus.

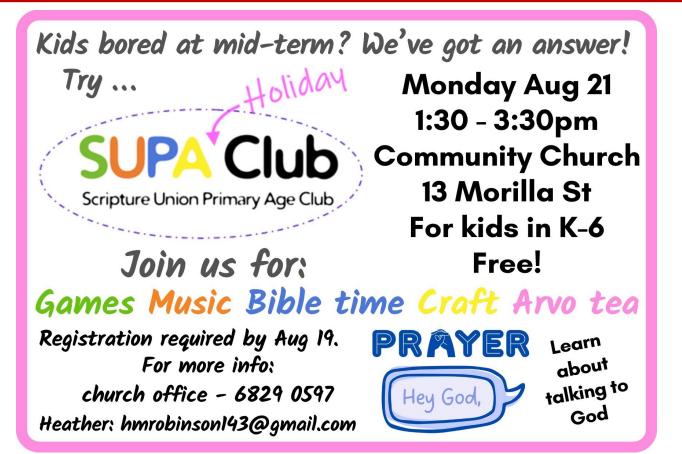
After that our driver cannot continuously check behind them to see if your children have seatbelt on while watching the road at the same time.

Please ensure you emphasise to your children the importance of wearing a seatbelt whilst on a bus.

Should the police do a spot check on a bus, it is the passengers that will be fined. The driver or the bus company do not get fined in this instance.

If we do see that a child is not wearing a seatbelt on the bus, we are obligated to report the incident to transport NSW

Sincerely NRC Buses





Parent Teacher MEETINGS

Tuesday 1st August, 2023

3:30pm - 6:00pm

STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Contact the school to make an appointment 0268 290 511

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

OPAL QUEEN
BALL

SATURDAY JULY 29TH, 2023
At 6:30 in the evening

THE LIGHTNING RIDGE BOWLING CLUB

Theme: Red on Black Dress Code: Coat and Tie/ Cocktail

TICKETS: \$30.
PURCHASE VIA THE QR CODE
OR
WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM/E/OPALQUEEN-BALLTICKETS-645683876857







&OTHER ROWENA CWA BRANCH PROJECTS.

Lunch will be available from the pub, bring Dad along and have a great day out!!

Contact Jo Taylor re any questions- jo_bird95@hotmail.com





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:	

Name:....

CONTACT DETAILS:

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.



SNACKS – (RECESS & LUN	ICH)	SANDWICHES		HOT FOODS		
Crunch Cups (carrot, celery,		(Gluten Free Bread Available)		Travellers Beef Pie	\$5.00	
cucumber & cheese w/ aioli sauce)	\$3.50	Vegemite	\$3.00	Party Pies village 60gm	\$2.00	
Yoplait Yoghurt 160gm (vanilla, strawberry or mango)	\$2.50	Strawberry Jam	\$3.00	Village Sausage Roll	\$4.00	
Cheese Sticks	\$1.50	Cheese & Salad	\$4.50	Chicken Strips per bag (6)	\$4.00	
Muffins (banana or blueberry)	\$2.00	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tender	\$2.00	
,	Ψ2.00	Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50	Garlic Bread 75gm	\$2.50	
Fresh Fruit (apple, banana, orange or mandarin) \$1.50		Ham & Salad	\$5.00	McCains Pizza (ham & cheese		
Fruit Salad Cups	\$1.50	Egg, lettuce & mayo	\$4.00	or ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$3.50	
Popcorn (sea salt or butterscotch)	\$1.50	Egg & Salad	\$5.00	Chicken & Gravy Roll	\$5.50	
Red rock deli chips (honey soy or sea salt)		Chicken & mayo	\$4.00	Beef Burger) \$6.00	
	\$1.50	Chicken & Salad	\$5.00	(lettuce, tomato, beetroot, cheese)		
Grain Waves (sour crème)	\$1.50	Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$4.50	Chicken Burger (lettuce, cheese & mayo)	\$6.00	
DRINKS		TOASTED SANDWICHES (PLS ORDER)		Chicken or Beef Noodles	\$2.50	
Spring Water 600ml	\$2.00	Cheese	\$3.50	UFO ½ Roll (tomato sauce & cheese)	\$2.00	
Spring Water 1.5L	\$3.00	Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	(tornate sauce a enecese)	Ψ2.00	
Just Juice Poppers 200ml (apple, orange, apple/blackcurrant or paradise punch)		Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50			
	\$2.00	Chicken, mayo & Cheese	\$4.50	ICE-CREAMS (LUNCH ON	LY)	
Juice Bombs 250ml		WRAPS		Ice Cream Cup	\$2.00	
(grape, apple/raspberry, watermelon, orange/passion, lemonade) \$2.50			00.50	w/ mini milo packet	\$0.50	
M2Go Milk 250ml carton	Ψ2.00	Salad Wrap	\$6.50	Snap Stix (blue raspberry,	04.00	
(strawberry or chocolate) \$2.00		Chicken, lettuce & mayo	\$6.50	raspberry or strawberry	\$1.00	
Classic Milk 300ml		Chicken or Ham Salad	\$7.00	Ice Mony (blue raspberry, lemon or sour watermelon)	\$1.00	
(strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.00	Chicken chilli tender, lettuce & mayo \$7.00		Paddle Pops (Chocolate or		
Nippy's 375ml (banana, strawberry or chocolate)	\$3.50	SMALL SALAD BOWLS		Rainbow)	\$2.00	
Classic Milk 500ml		Salad Only	\$6.50			
(strawberry or chocolate) \$4.	\$4.50	Ham	\$6.50	MISCELLANEOUS		
Nippy's 500ml (honeycomb, chocolate or strawbern	rv)\$4.50	Egg	\$6.50	Tomato or BBQ Sauce	\$0.50	
Daily Juice 500ml	,,.	Chicken	\$6.50	Bundle of Bags	\$3.00	
Orange or cloudy apple) \$4.50 (All salads include lettuce, tomato, carrot, cheese, cucumber, red onion, beetroot, pineapple & your choice of either mayo, aioli sauce or French/Italian dressing)		PLEASE WRITE RECESS AND				
CANTEEN CLOSES AT 9AM FOR ORDERS.		ALL PROFIT MADE BY THE CANTEEN GOES TO THE P&C FOR		LUNCH ON SEPARATE BAGS AND DON'T FORGET NAME AND CLASS.		
NO EXCEPTIONS!	THE STUDENTS.		THANK YOU!			