

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week the school held Parent/Teacher Information nights for 2020. Thank you to all the parents who attended them and to the teachers who prepared for these nights so well. It is hoped that parents who attended have found them both informative and educationally interesting. I was particularly impressed with the level of attendance and thank all the parents for their efforts.

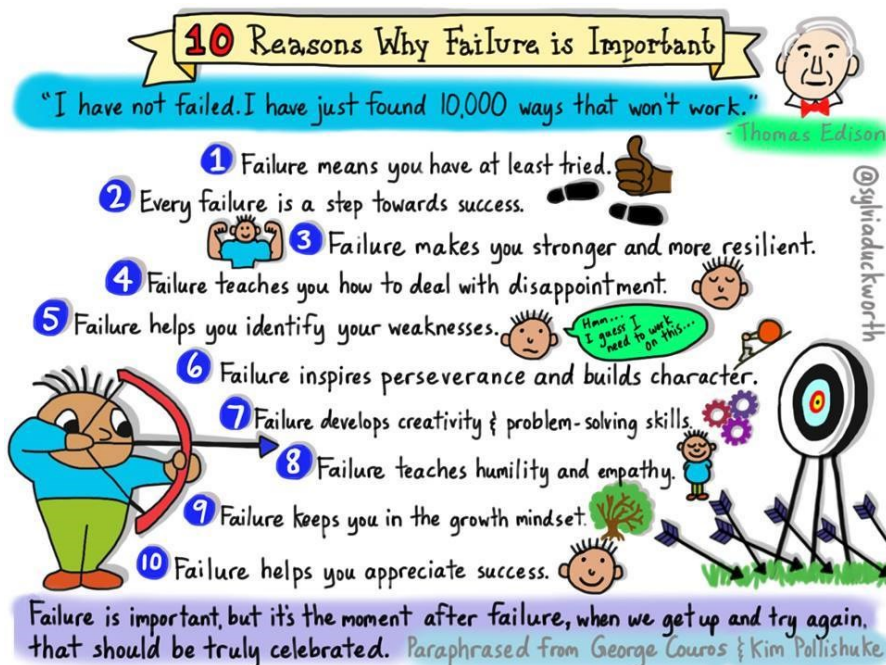
The teachers outlined a summary of the educational goals and outcomes for the year and presented information regarding the seven key learning areas. This included the methodologies associated with each subject. The ideas of a Growth Mindset (Carol Dweck 2012) and the Learning Pit (James Nottingham 2015) were also discussed in relation to how these concepts can assist the children to learn.

Parents had an opportunity to ask questions and to see where their children learn every day as well as meeting their child(ren)s teachers. It was also an opportunity for the school to hear some of the aspects parents feel are important and to give feedback. For those parents who were unable to attend the evening the presentation slides will be available shortly.

God Bless you and your family

Bernadette Fabri

Principal



Dear Parents and Carers

There will be a Staff Development Day on **Friday 21st February, 2020**. Staff will be undertaking professional learning from Dr Michael McDowell, Superintendent of the Ross School District, California who has been doing some marvellous work with most schools in the diocese. St Patrick's will be partnering with the staff from Christ the King North Rocks and the full day session will be held at Christ the King.

Thanking you for your understanding.

Bernadette Fabri



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2020 Dates to Remember

Parent Teacher Information Nights

Kindy—Thursday 13th Feb

7pm

Week 3

Friday 14th February

Whole School Assembly—Presentation of Semester 1 SRC and Year
6 House Captains badges

Week 4

Monday 17th February

Triskills Commences

Tuesday 18th February

Triskills continues

Thursday 20th February

Bushfire Fundraiser

Friday 21st February

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY—NO CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL

Week 5

Monday 24th February

Triskills Commences

Tuesday 25th February

Triskills continues

Palm Burning Liturgy—9.00 am—Playground

Shrove Tuesday—Pikelets at recess

Wednesday 26th February

Ash Wednesday Mass—St Patricks Cathedral 9.15am

Thursday 27th February

Moran Photography Workshop for selected Yr 6 students

Friday 28th February

Infants Assembly—Year 1—2.15pm School Hall

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

St Patrick's Parramatta recognises that email is a fast and convenient way to communicate with your child's teacher.

We wish to remind you that teachers read their emails at various times throughout the day. Further, teachers are generally not expected to respond to emails from parents and students outside of normal working hours. In the case of a genuine emergency please contact the school office during business hours on:
StPatricksParra@parra.catholic.edu.au or phone 8832 4600

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please continue to direct your emails to:
StPatricksParra@parra.catholic.edu.au which will then be triaged, as per usual practice. If you have made other arrangements with your child's classroom teacher regarding communication please confirm this with them.

We appreciate your assistance and understanding.

If you have any questions about the above please feel free to contact Miss Fabri through the school office.

ISSUE REGARDING CAR PICK UP DRIVE THRU

Thank you parents for your cooperation with regard to the request from the council rangers regarding parking and drive thru. I know that they are trying to assist with regard to maintaining a safe school environment but I will continue to lobby the council to support us to have an efficient pick up system for our children. My best advice is to always follow the road rules and school signage.

Thanking you as always for your cooperation.

Bernadette Fabri

SRC and House Captain Assembly

Tomorrow our Semester One SRC's and House Captains Assembly will commence at 2pm.

We will be congratulating all of our Semester One SRC students and Year Six House Captains. You are welcome to come and support these students as they receive their badges of leadership. The students that had 100% attendance for 2019 will also be receiving their medallions.

SRC - Semester 1, 2020

Class	SRC Names	Class	SRC Names
KA	Boy: Louis Wehbe Girl: Cienna Joachim	3L	Boy: Nicholas Reyes-Mangabat Girl: Olivia Fayad
KM	Boy: George Nassif Girl: Rosalia Daher	3T	Boy: Joseph Norman Girl: Sara Lorenzo
1C	Boy: Maximillian Markovic Girl: Daniella Fayad	4B	Boy: Isaiah Johnston Girl: Jazmyne Drosos
1S	Boy: Oliver Jakopovic Girl: Olivia Pijaca	4G	Boy: Lachlan Moore Girl: Maryam Thomas
2M	Boy: Daniel Jurisic Girl: Sophia Bousimon	5C	Boy: Noah Reyes-Managbat Girl: Fidelle Youssef
2Y	Boy: Anton Bayssari Girl: Mary Gilchrist	5T	Boy: Alexander Markovich Girl: Jo Harb

House Captains - Semester 1, 2020

Wattle: Madison Younes and Josh Pangan

Melaleuca: Jake Buxton & Talia Lahoud

Waratah: Christian Barakat & Sienna Golossian

Boronia: Catherine Said & Michael Aboumelhem

These children form the Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Committee (PDHPE) under the direction of the PDHPE leaders. The children were selected by a panel of staff members for showing leadership qualities and aptitude in the area of PE. Next semester another 8 children will be selected for this committee, to lead with Colour Houses.

2019 100% Yearly Attendance

Congratulations to: Phillip Ayoub, Rafaella Bautista, Melissa Black, Angelina Bounassif, Isabella Bousimon, Sofia Bousimon, Jake Buxton, Sienna Golossian, Esperanza Thompson.

Kind Regards

Chantal Tuetue
Religious Education Coordinator

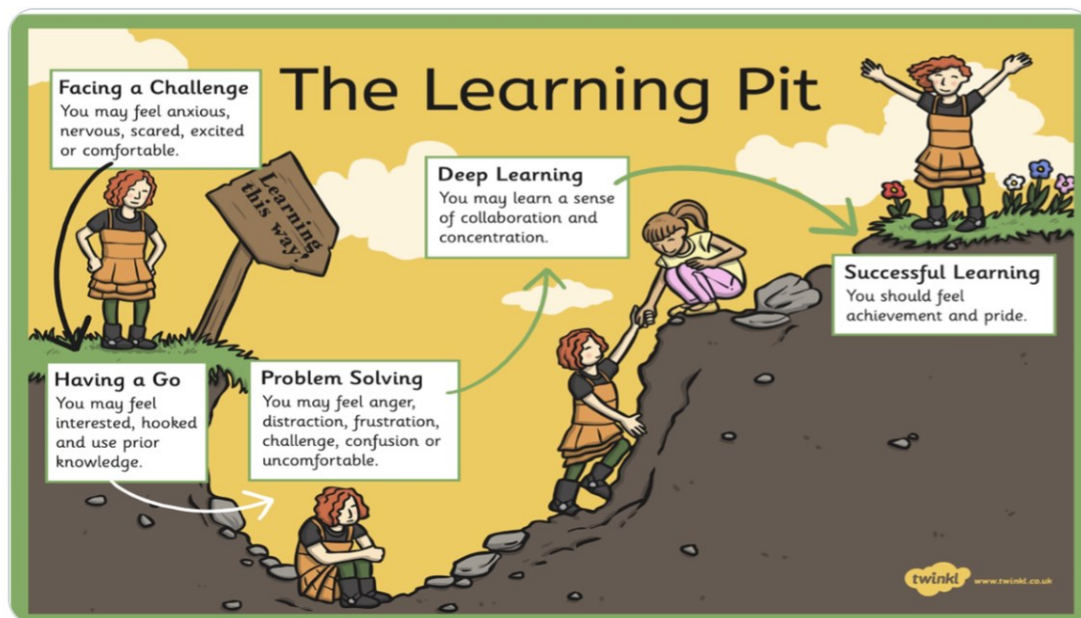
Condolences



We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the Maroon family (Benjamin 4B & Nadia 1S) on the passing of their grandfather and grandmother (6/12/2019).

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy on the passing of Mr Ray Wehbe. Mr Wehbe was a highly involved member of the parish and school and is a very well respected member of the St Patrick's and Our Lady of Lebanon community. Our condolences to his family.

Please keep the families in your prayers.



What does it mean to be a learner in today's world?

Children of today have grown up with access to computers and other electronic devices, in their homes and at school. They are a good tool to help us all access information in this ever changing world. It is important however to realise that just because children seem to have a great understanding of the latest video game or smart device it does not mean they understand the responsibilities needed when using these devices. Recently I found an interesting article which outlined for parents [21 Century Learning](#). I have included the article later in the newsletter.

Leanda Standing
(Assistant Principal)

Understanding School Talk ???

SDD

Staff Development Day

Children do not attend school on
these days

SCHOOL WELL-BEING COUNSELLING SERVICE

The wellbeing of children and young people in Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta schools is of paramount importance. A sense of well-being and connectedness in schools promotes optimal development of the person and contributes to academic success.

Access to counselling services can be made by contacting your child's classroom teacher or Ms Fabri, who will then put forward a referral. Mrs Ricketts will then contact you for further information.

Opening School Mass

Thank you to all those who attended the Opening School Mass in the school hall on Friday and to those who made seating available for the parents of the leaders and children participating in a special way.

Congratulations once again to the School Leaders for 2020 and to all the Year 6 students who received a special blessing from Father Bob, in this their final year at St Patrick's Parramatta.



Spotlight

Today we are focusing our Spotlight on.... Our Year 3 teacher Miss Chan

Miss Chan

Least favourite dish?

Anything spicy.

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is cockroaches.

If you were to have a superpower, what would it be?

I would like to have the power to be able to fly so that I can travel anywhere in the world.

If there was an emergency, apart from being with your family what would be the thing you grab first?

I would grab my dog because he wouldn't be able to survive by himself.

If you were a animal would it be?

A racoon because they eat a lot of food.



Happy Birthday to all the children who will celebrate their birthday in the coming week

— Paul Khouri, Jonah Shehadie, Mika Liu, Adrian Sicurella, Victoria Adaymy, Jazmyne Drosos, Olivia Pijaca, Anastasia Naudi, Christian Sta Rosa, Erika Talbot

FEEDBACK and COMPLAINTS

St Patrick's Parramatta staff always welcome feedback and ideas from the parent community. If you have any feedback, concerns or complaints please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher, Mrs Standring (behaviour) or Miss Fabri through the school office (8832 4600), school email address stpatsricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au, or through Skoolbag App. The school follows the CEDP Complaints Handling Policy.

<https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/About-Us/Policy-Central>



Bushfire Appeal

The Diocese of Parramatta has nominated Week 4 of Term 1 2020 (17 to 21 February) as a week where schools are encouraged to focus on fundraising activities to support victims. Although we have received some rain over the last few weeks, it is important to remember that the victims of the devastating bushfires still need our support, so the students at St Patrick's are invited to wear 'mufti with a touch of blue' with a gold coin donation on [Thursday 20 February](#).

The touch of blue will be used to symbolise the water needed to extinguish the bushfires and quench our thirsty earth. On the day the student will also be given the opportunity to interact with a symbolic extinguishing of fire, where each child will be given three blue sticky dots which they will stick over a flame. This is a great opportunity for our students to participate in a fundraising event that will have a positive impact on our fellow Australians.



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<https://www.numeracyathome.com/>

The following is taken from guidelines published by the NSW government:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/>

How do kids learn to count and use numbers?

Kids learn the pattern of counting by repeating the numbers. At the beginning, this pattern may have gaps where your child may leave out a number in the sequence, or they may invent numbers. It's common to hear kids say '20-10' after counting to 29.

Remembering the words for each number in the correct order such as '1, 2, 3' is only part of counting. To count, kids need to match saying the number words with the correct number of things ie, saying the number "three" for three cars. Kids should be given lots of opportunities to practise and explore counting groups of things as well as making groups. Children also need to recognise and name numbers.

Counting with your child at home:

- Count with your child the number of buttons as you do up a cardigan or shirt.
- Encourage your child to count the number of pegs used to hang out the washing.
- Count the number of steps from the front door to the letterbox.
- Count the number of eggs in a carton, and again after some have been removed.
- Count the number of times you and your child can throw a ball to each other without dropping it.
- Read and talk about stories and rhymes that use numbers.
- Sing songs and nursery rhymes that include numbers such as *Five Little Ducks* and *Baa Baa Black Sheep*.
- Have your child count as far as they are able to go and then encourage them to join you while you continue counting.

Fact Sheet for Parents and Caregivers - Explanation of Absences

CEDP promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education.

If your child is sick or absent you are required to notify their school on the first day of absence if at all possible. **All explanations to the school must be provided within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence.**

Absences can be explained using one of the following methods:

- Online: log the absence directly using *Skool Bag App* (**preferred option completed daily**)
- Email: the school at **stpatricksparra@parra.catholic.edu.au**
- Telephone: the school office **8832 4600**
- Note sent with your child

Where an explanation has not been received within the 7 day timeframe or the explanation has not been accepted, the school will record the absence as unexplained or unjustified on the student's record. The school will not be able to accept explanations which are not received within the 7 day timeframe.

Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Why do I need to notify the school if my child is absent?

Parents of children aged 6 to 17 years are legally required to ensure their children attend school every day or provide an explanation if they are absent. Notifying the school and providing an explanation for your child's absence will fulfil this legal responsibility.

The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for schools. Parents need to know if their child isn't at school, and schools need to know when and why a child is absent. Notifying the school of your child's absence helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children in school.

What is your responsibility?

- Ensure your child attends school every day
- Notify the school immediately if your child is absent
- Provide an explanation for any absences within 7 days
- Make sure the school has your correct contact details so that you can receive attendance information about your child

every learner every day 

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Dear Parent,

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

Our School is participating in **Scholastic Book Club** this year. Up to twice a term, during the school year, I will send home a Club catalogue with a different selection of books offered for all ages.

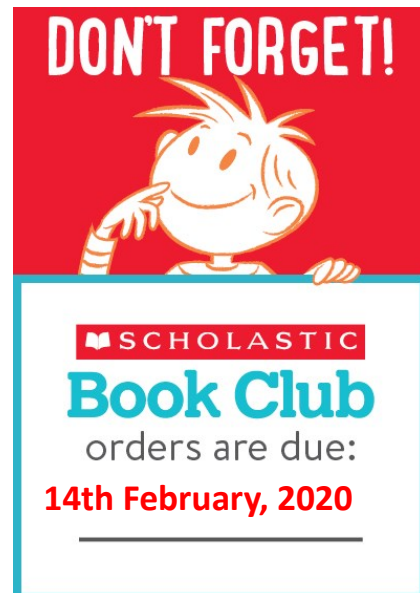
You'll find award-winning books and bestsellers, as well as old and new favourites. I recommend them because the books span a wide range of children's reading levels and interests and because they are inexpensive (some books cost as little as \$2).

It is easy to order. The **Book Club LOOP** platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. Your child's order is submitted directly to school safe and sound and the books will be delivered to class. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/LOOP or using the **LOOP** app, which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.

Owning your own books is something special! I hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our classroom, however there is never any obligation to order. I know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

Sincerely,

Mrs Jones



We do not accept any cash and all orders must be placed through the LOOP platform. If you need help ordering books please come into the office and see Mrs Jones



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praesidium*

Our **VISION** is to be a child centred faith community within an innovative, interactive learning environment.

Our **MISSION** is to –

Live out the Gospel Values in a visibly Catholic tradition

Nurture students for Christian Leadership

Create a range of learning experiences which allow children to progress at their own level

Assist our students to develop into independent thinkers with a deep sense of responsibility and justice

Lead each individual towards reaching his/her potential

Generate a sense of community and compassion in which all Experience belonging.

Opportunity for all

MASS TIMETABLE FOR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA

Weekend Masses

Saturday	8.00am, 6.00pm (Vigil)
Sunday	8.00am, 9.30am (Family) 11.00am (Solemn), 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Mon to Fri	6.30am, 12.30pm
Public Hol	8.00am

Pastoral Team

Bishop of Parramatta Most Rev.

Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM CONV

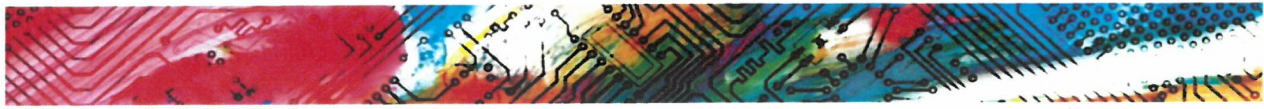
Very Rev Fr Robert Bossini

Fr Christopher Del Rosario Rev Deacon Willy Limjap

Meg Gale (Sacramental Coord)

Milli Lee (Parish Admin Asst) Mindy Mercado (Youth Co-ord)

Patricia Preca (Parish Secretary) Donna Missio (Receptionist)



21st Century Learning – What parents and caregivers need to know

"Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is most important."

- Bill Gates

WHAT IS DIGITAL LITERACY?



Digital literacy means students have the knowledge and skills to safely access, question, evaluate and create using technology. Digital literacy is one part of being a digital citizen; a person who is responsible for how they use technology to interact with the world.

WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?



Being a digital citizen means being a responsible user of technology, especially online.

For students and their families this involves:

- using sites and devices correctly and being safe online
- managing their 'digital footprint', that is how a person's information is seen online
- questioning the trustworthiness of what they view online
- avoiding and reporting incidences of online bullying

WHY IS 21ST CENTURY LEARNING SO IMPORTANT?



It is often thought that students are digital experts by the time they reach high school, due to having devices from a young age. However, while young people seem to have an endless knowledge of video games and social media, research shows that the skills they need as they start work is ever growing. There is a big difference between understanding how to use apps and social media to



knowing the ethical responsibilities that come with technology use.



Along with emailing, word processing and spreadsheets, a 21st century employer could expect employees to have a knowledge of software, website design, managing social media accounts, developing apps, and coding. Therefore, we need to focus on teaching students about the technology that will be important in the workplace in the future.

WHAT CAN WE DO IN THE HOME TO SUPPORT STUDENTS LEARNING?



As parents and carers, you play an important role in the use of technology in the home, both for education and for fun. It is important for families to set guidelines for technology use, such as managing screen time, and monitoring your child's online use, privacy and searches.



You do not have to be an expert to share your knowledge of technology with your child. Simple skills, such as what you know about formatting documents or searching online can be very useful. A great way to share technology time with your child is to make connections with your child's interests. For example, ask them to complete creative activities on the computer such as making a slideshow of photos, designing party invitations, and emailing friends and family.



Families and schools need to build upon basic technology skills rather than expect that students know them already. Research shows that the top 3 digital literacy skills universities require of students are working with spreadsheets, online researching and referencing sources of information.

A program developed by



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LIST OF REFERENCES & RESOURCES FOR PARENTS / CAREGIVERS:

Here are a number of websites that parents can visit to assist them comprehend the ins and outs of digital technology. Some sites offer a number of guidelines and suggestions for managing devices and technology in the home and ways to safely monitor and keep track of your child's digital usage. You will also find links to help parents understand a common high school ICT program – Bring Your Own Device.

1. NSW Department of Education BYOD policy and guidelines
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/student-bring-your-own-device-policy-byod>
2. A digital literacy guide for parents
www.fundamentallychildren.com/tablet-tips-esafety/what-is-digital-literacy/
3. Cyber and digital literacy resources for the whole community
<https://www.esmart.org.au/esmart-libraries/cyber-and-digital-literacy-resources>
4. iParent – an interactive guide for parents on using devices
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>
5. A Parent information pack on Bring Your Own Device policies
http://www.carltongardens.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/byod_parent_information_pack_2017.pdf
6. Effective parenting tips for a digital world
https://youcandoitparents.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/TBG15339-YCDI_16_Digital-World-Web.pdf
7. Australian Parents Council site to support parents and technology
<https://austparents.edu.au/parentech>

LIST OF REFERENCES & RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS:

Visit these sites to see what other schools are doing to prepare and set up students for BYOD programs. See samples of student agreements and acceptable usage guidelines. Many schools have their own blog or wiki for students and families about technology and devices. You will find some links below

1. Samples of Consent and Acceptable Use Agreement statements
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/lolconsent.aspx>
2. Essential information for students, parents and teachers about digital citizenship
<http://www.digitalcitizenship.nsw.edu.au/>
3. Jamison High School BYOD site with links to their student agreement statement
<http://jamisonhsbyod.weebly.com/for-parents.html>
4. Ulladulla High School BYOD Information with links to their student agreement statement
<http://www.ulladulla-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/our-technology/bring-your-own-device-byod>
5. Smiths Hills High School BYOD website for students and parents
<http://smithshill-hschool.wixsite.com/byod>
6. Warilla High School's weebly site on Bring Your Own Device
<http://warillahighbyod.weebly.com/>





COLD Specials R: \$10.00 (L: +\$2)



Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

WED ONLY

Seared Salmon Nigiri (GF)

Freshly cut salmon topped with teriyaki sauce and mayonnaise seared to a lightly charred finish. Served (R) 4 pieces and (L) 6 pieces.
Hurry - Limited availability!



THURS ONLY

Salmon & Avo Roll (GF)

Freshly cut salmon with avocado rolled inside out. Served (R) 6 pieces and (L) 9 pieces.
Hurry - Limited availability!



HOT Specials R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)



Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

MON & TUES ONLY

Gourmet Pastries

Made fresh with goodness specially for the little ones

- Beef or Chicken Vege Pie
- Sausage or Spinach Ricotta Roll

Served (R) 2 pieces (L) 3 pieces.



Chickee Bites (GF)

Fried fresh chicken marinated in our secret soy and honey sauce with crunchy coating, served with rice.

Add Sauce: Tomato (GF), BBQ or Mayo (GF) (+\$0.50)



THURS & FRI ONLY

Welcomeasy (.we.) are a family owned and operated business specialising in healthy (nut free) children's meals. **.we.** are passionate about a healthy lifestyle for children and are committed to working together with you to benefit your school community.

.we. acknowledge the important role that nutritious food plays in the growth and development of children and are therefore committed to providing students with a variety of fun & healthy menu options every day. All ingredients are carefully selected for high sources of nutrients whilst limiting saturated fat, sugar and salt intake and ensuring that it's delicious to eat!

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SUMMER Menu



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Sandwiches & Salad Meal Pack

- Sandwiches (GF) \$4.00 (+\$1.50)
Wraps (GF) \$6.00 (+\$1.50)
Garden Salad (GF) \$5.50
Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Basic Sandwiches (*Smooth Wholemeal or GF*)

- Vegemite, Ham, Cheese, Jam or Egg Mayo *NEW*

Wraps

(*White, Wholegrain or GF*)

- Ham, Cheese & Tomato
- Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo
- Egg Mayo & Salad *NEW*
- Tuna Mayo & Salad
- Cheese & Salad



Kids Garden Salad (GF)

(*Lettuce, carrot, tomato and corn*)

- Add: Pasta or Cheese (+\$1.00)
- Add: Chicken or Tuna (+\$1.50)



Sushi Variety Packs

- Mini Rolls 8pcs (GF) \$7.00 (+\$1.50)
Sushi Wrap (GF) \$5.00 (+\$1.50)
Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Mini Sushi Roll

Healthily balanced sushi pack with teriyaki chicken, tuna mayo, avocado and cucumber rolls (2 of each kind).
Perfect finger-sized meal. (GF Available)



Sushi Wrap *NEW*

- Tuna & Avocado
- Teri Chicken & Avo
- Schnitzel & Avo
- Avo & Cucumber
- California



Seasonal Special R: \$7.00 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

WED ONLY

Classic Mini Burger

Toasted Soft buns topped with lettuce and choice of sauce. (GF Available)

- Angus beef w Tomato
- Chicken Schnitzel w Mayo
- Vegetable Pattie w Tomato



HOT Favourites From \$5.50 (L: +\$2)

Includes fresh seasonal fruits!

Penne Pasta with:

- House-made Bolognese Sauce
- Vegetarian Bolognese
- Meatball Bolognese (Kids fav!)



Fried Rice (Chicken or Vegetarian)

Mild Butter Chicken w Rice *POPULAR*

Fried Noodles (Chicken or Vegetarian)



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A treat for the kids without the GUILT!

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\$4.00



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Crunchy Vege Mix (GF)

Welcomeasy Mixed Berry Yoghurt Cup (GF)



Edamame or Corn Cob (GF)

Baked Mini Pretzels Or Crunchy Rice Bites

NEW Home-made Mango Pudding



Fresh Muffins - Cocoa or Banana Bread (GF)



Creation*Fresh Organic Popcorn (GF)

Drinks (Served chilled)

Pure Spring Mini Bottled Water \$1.90

Milk

Full Cream, Chocolate, Strawberry \$1.90

Soy Drink

Original, Chocolate \$2.50

Organic 100% Juice

Apple, Orange, Apple & B'currant, Tropical \$2.50

Coconut Water \$2.50



Healthy communities through meals

SAVE up to 30% with a 3-day or 5-day meal, drink & snack plan subscription

Please check our website for allergens and dietary details of what's inside all meals.



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