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Week 11  
Term 4



### TERM 4, 2021 - FROM THE PRINCIPAL



2021 has been a challenging year for all, including Nimbin Central School. It has been a year where we have needed to pull together, to work as a team and truly understand what the word 'community' means.

As a school, our focus has been and always will be the well-being and education of the children and young people in our care. We take this responsibility very seriously.

2021 was a year that forced us to think outside the box, to react to situations and attempt to predict the unknown. I think you'll agree that our dedicated staff at Nimbin Central did an amazing job in ensuring our students received every support possible to continue their learning in difficult circumstances.

I would like to publicly acknowledge their dedication, determination and passion throughout this turbulent year. Thank you!

It is also important to note the support of the community, and the role of parents and carers in this year of learning from home and sudden lockdowns. It was your support and goodwill, in times of challenge, that allowed us to deliver the best education possible for every child in our school. We appreciate you!

And of course, the wonderful way our students conducted themselves during these times of change is also to be recognised and congratulated. They made the best of circumstances which were beyond their control and worked hard to keep up with their learning.

When they returned to school, they arrived with smiles and a renewed determination. They have displayed great grit, empathy and all the critical and creative thinking skills. This is the real measure of success. We are collectively raising wonderful human beings with the ability to use a range of learning dispositions. These will stand them in good stead throughout life and are exactly what the world needs right now.

I am hoping that 2022 delivers more opportunities for us to be together to support and celebrate our children and young people. We have exciting plans to continue and expand on the innovative teaching and learning taking place at Nimbin Central School and I am looking forward to sharing these with you.

Have a wonderful break and thank you for your support.

**Cath Marshall**

### Term 1, 2022—Return to School Dates

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS— FRIDAY 28.01.22 & MONDAY 31.01.22**

**NO STUDENTS**

**TUESDAY 1 FEBRUARY '22: Years 1—6 + 7, 11 & 12**

**WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY '22: Years 8, 9 & 10**

**Kindergarten commences Thursday 3 February '22**



## WELCOME

We have several new staff members joining our Nimbin Central School community in the 2021 – 2022 academic year and I know you join us in welcoming these new staff. We look forward to new faces, ideas and input.



Laura Rich  
School Administration Officer  
Front Office



Tahnee Arnold  
Secondary English  
Humanities



Bronwyn White  
Secondary Mathematics



Darren McMahon  
General Assistant &  
Farm Assistant



Nadine Ebb  
Food Technology  
Technology Mandatory

**We will also be welcoming:**

**Deb Gale—HSIE, Secondary Generalist**

**Lauren Ambrose—Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction**



*From the Deputy 's Desk - Simon Graham*

**What** a challenging year it has been, with many disruptions, lockdowns, learning from home, limited school experiences (no excursions/ assemblies/celebrations etc) and vaccination! Wow - let's all take a breath!

I am enormously proud of our school community and how this year has demonstrated the grit, empathy and compassion of our lovely school. Thank you to all our school community (staff, students, parents & carers) for your support this year.

We are heading for a much better 2022, I hope. After all of my time at NCS being under a pandemic cloud, I am really looking forward to experiencing all these exciting and engaging activities like Bundjalung Day/Bahzooley/carnivals and celebration assemblies where we get to celebrate success and talent together.

We have made some changes to our secondary structure this year (for 2022) which is taking some adjustment for our students and teachers. We will continue to monitor the success of the longer periods and more breaks to the academic/ social and emotional benefits of our students.

Next year, particularly early, will be a strong focus on attendance. Studies show that attendance at school is the biggest contributing factor to students' academic success. Students need to be at school every day they are able to attend.

We will also be continuing our engagement with the 4C transformative learning team, working towards deeper learning, reimagining learning, pedagogy and curriculum. I see and hear about wonderful learning activities happening in the classrooms around the school, right through from Kindergarten to Year 12.

You will notice a more visible disposition wheel as we develop our learning communities' understanding of the dispositions around Cognitive/ Interpersonal and Intrapersonal. We will be focused on continuous improvement and using our driving question to guide our decision making and prioritising professional learning. Our driving question is - How can we create experiences that enhance and sustain valued and authentic collaboration and communication for deeper learning?

I would love for the Sentral parent and student portal to become our main form of communication in 2022. Through this platform you can monitor your child's progress, see attendance, positive and negative incidents of behaviour, receive excursion notes and information and receive reports. Hopefully we can get together next year and guide you through the process of initial set-up because it is a very useful and user friendly platform that we already pay for that could replace SMS, email, school stream and Facebook.

I would like to congratulate the wonderful Year 12 cohort that has left us this year. There has not been a cohort (group of students) that has endured more than this. And what an amazing mob of humans they are. They are resilient and determined but so very caring and compassionate - the school is proud, but the town should also be proud of these learners.

I would also like to mention some very special staff that really make a difference to our school but often go unnoticed and that's Julie Riley/ Marc Le Bars/ Simone Barnes. These special individuals bring joy/ laughter and love to our school on a daily basis and the place would not be the same without them.

Finally, I wish you all a great break. Let's really have a refreshing break where we reconnect with family, friends and ourselves and make 2022 the best year yet.

## NEWS FROM THE KINDY ROOM

The kindergarten classroom has been a hive of learning this Semester. The Science and Technology Units provided students hands-on learning through cooking delicious Vegan Gluten-free cakes which incorporated fruit, vegetables, and hygiene practices that link to Personal Development & Health.



Sensory play-based experiences promoted students' self-regulation and resilience through body awareness and recognising how to control the urge to crush the Water Orbeis.

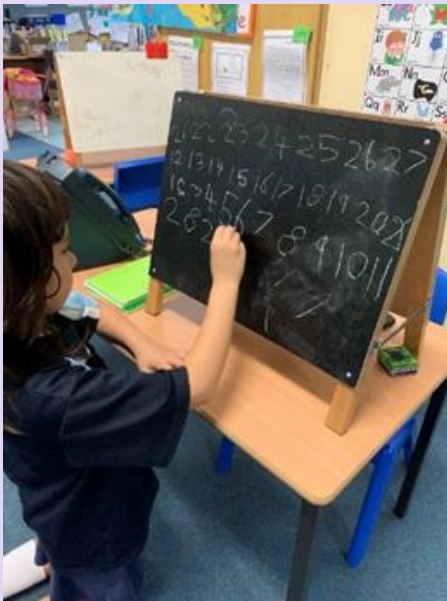
Academically focused play-based learning activities are critical in providing engaging and collaborative learning opportunities.

This approach transforms the educational experiences of children in the early primary grades and strengthens learning motivation and outcomes.





## MORE NEWS FROM THE KINDY ROOM



Researchers and theorists agree on the key characteristics of playful experiences, as seen in our Kindergarten photos.

An important aspect of play is children's agency and control over the experience.

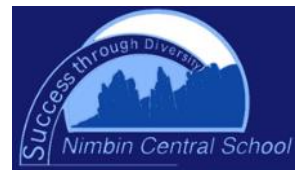
Agency refers to children's initiative, decision-making, and self-choice in play.

Ultimately, play should involve some degree of agency, enabling children to take on an active role and ownership in their experiences, as well as recognising and trusting children to be capable, autonomous, and agents of their own learning.

**Val Scarrabelotti & TEAM**



## Getting On Track In Time (Got It!)



We would like to thank all of the parents and carers who took the time to complete and return the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire that was distributed to all Kindergarten-Year 2 students early in Term 3.

The results of the questionnaires have helped identify children who would benefit from being included in the Exploring Together program (part of *Got It!*), running in our school next term, Term 1, 2022.

We would especially like to thank the school community for their patience with the delays in running the program at school.

By completing the questionnaire, you have helped us gain a better understanding of the needs of the children and their families at Nimbin Central School.

Those families selected for involvement in the group program will be contacted this week.

If you have not been contacted for the group and have ongoing concerns about your child's behaviour or social emotional wellbeing, please contact Catherine Marshall (Principal).

You may also wish to contact your child's GP for support and referral options.

Alternatively, the Family Connect and Support Service can provide access to a broad range of support services to help your family cope better. You may wish to contact them on 1800 327 679.

## YEAR 1/2 NEWS

Class 1/2 were so busy enjoying their learning and having fun that we didn't realise that the end of the year is nigh!

2021 has spun by so fast and we have enjoyed every twist and turn. From speech mark writing, lucky dip story writing, multiplication learning sprints, repeated addition fishing, balloon sports relays, measuring capacity and mass, Halloween paintings, building the tallest Lego tower, bee bot mazes, hungry hippo mazes to Olympic races to just mention a few.

Every day brought on great challenges and activities.

Thank you to the beautiful students for their zest for learning and positive friendships. It was a different year, but a great one.

***Dian Plesko & staff***





## YEAR 3/4 NEWS - Toni Steel

What a year 2021 has been! A huge thank you to all of Year 3/4 for the hard work, focus, and grit every student has shown during this year.

In English, we explored poetry and how authors use common poetic devices such as sound play, word play, and imagery to create narrative poetry. In Mathematics, we focused on mathematical inquiries and investigations using hands-on, real-life learning activities to explore a variety of concepts.

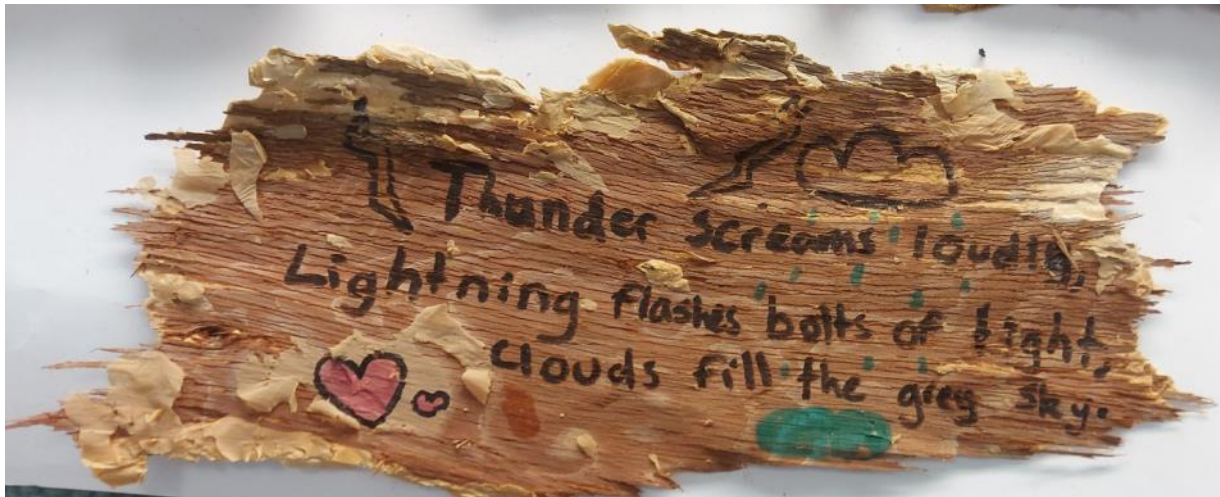
As always, visual art has been an important and rewarding aspect of our classroom. Students experimented with various drawing media to show qualities of line, surface texture, and shape. As you can see from the images below students did an amazing job.

*I am looking forward to seeing what 2022 has in store for us!*

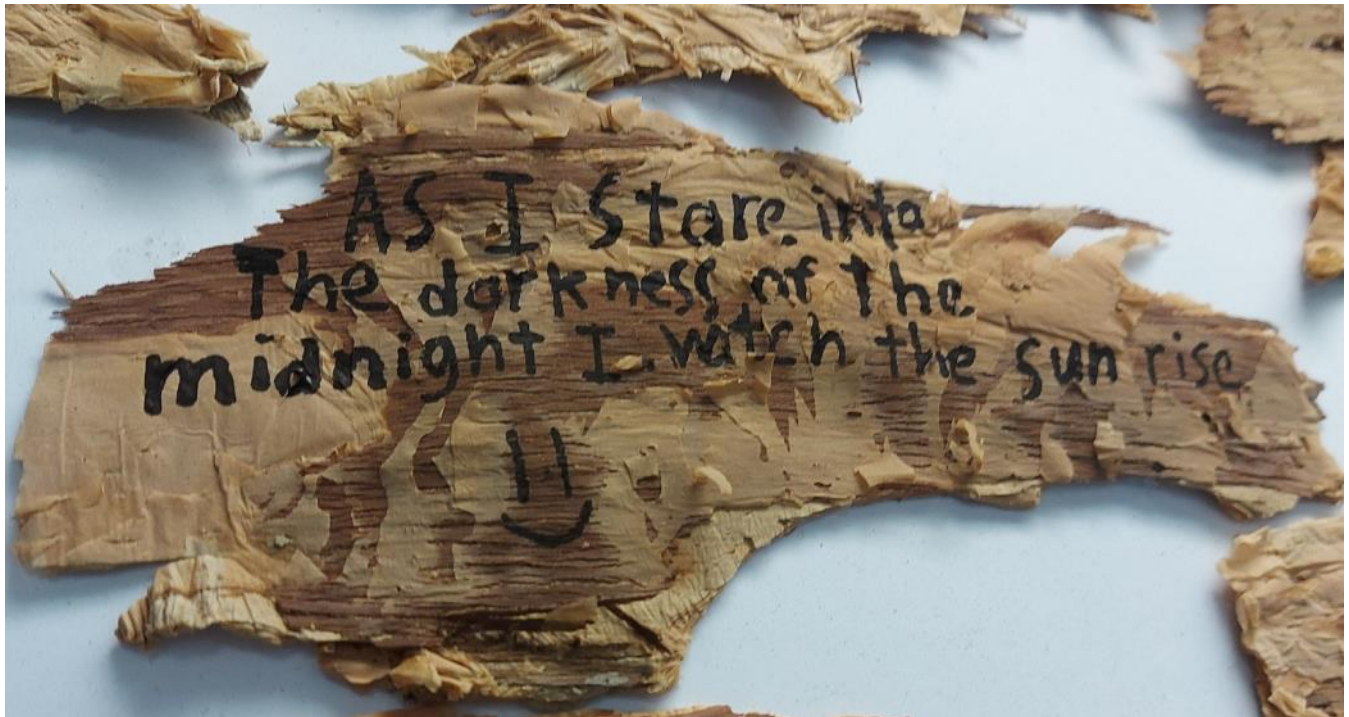




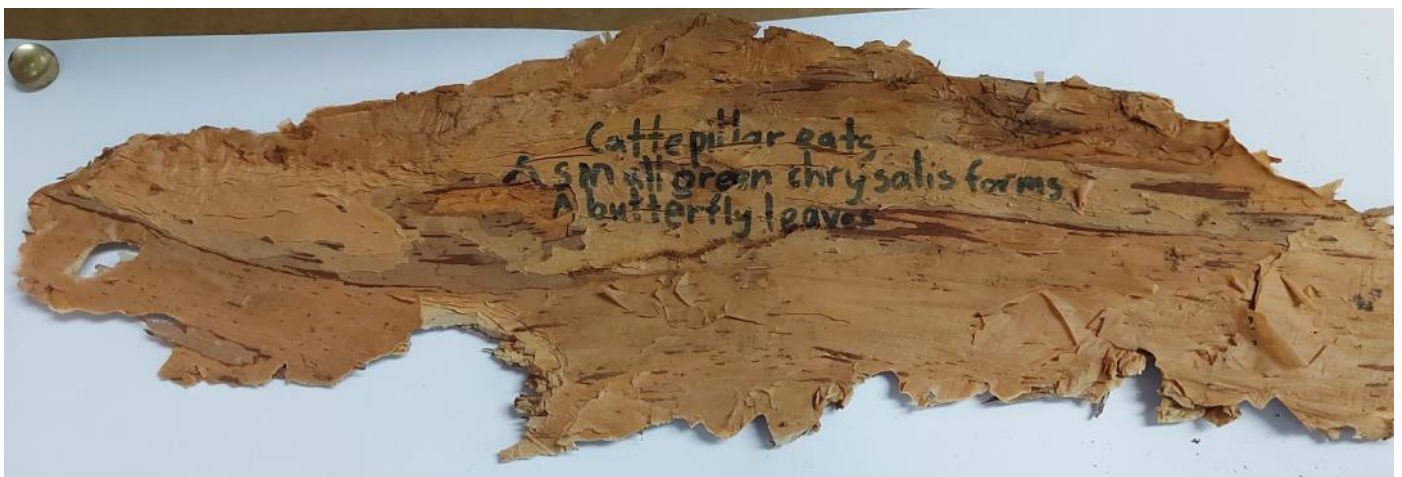
## YEAR 5/6 - Jo Mackney



The students of 5/6 have been experimenting with Poetry. This term we chose to create a Haiku. The structure of a Haiku follows a pattern of seventeen syllables in three lines, and the general theme is Nature.



*To continue with our experimentation, we chose to write our Haikus on paperbark.*





## Library news

Hi Everyone,

I'm the new Teacher Librarian, Miss Sara. I'm a Nimbin local and passionate about empowering young people through stories and creativity!

This Term Year 5 - 12 students have been helping to imagine and design a new high school library area. We will be using some of their wonderful ideas when revamping the library soon.



A big thank you to the P&C Committee, who have generously provided funding so we can provide all primary students with a library bag next year, which they will get to personalise with fabric paint.

Students are welcome to borrow books over the Christmas holidays. Reading for pleasure not only helps students develop strong literacy skills, but is a great way to relax. In a hammock, by a river, in a tree, wherever you fancy!

...and remember, it's never too late to return your Library books: so scour the cupboards, look under couches and beds, check for barcodes on the bookshelf and remember that we are

always happy to see our books come back, so don't be nervous about having taken years to return them.

### Top 5 library borrowers in 2021



- 1 Amelie Sledge, Year 6
- 2 Charlize Grono, Year 3
- 3 Daniel Miller, Year 2
- 4 Maleiah Penrith, Year 3
- 5 Lilah Sledge, Kindy



### Top 5 books borrowed in 2021

- 1 *The Bad Guys* by A. Blabey
- 2 *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by J. Kinney
- 3 *The Dragonet Prophecy* graphic novel by B. Deutsch, M. Holmes, M. Laiho
- 4 *Attack of the Zittens* by A. Blabey
- 5 *The Dragonet Prophecy* by T. Sutherland



## Technology Mandatory - Food and Food Technology News 2021

Thankyou to all of the staff and students who have made me feel so welcome and supported at Nimbin Central School.

I am pleased that we have recently purchased a variety of new resources including a set of six colour-coded chopping boards (a set for each bay + a teacher set), non slip trays and text books to assist students with work ready skills and experience.

Since I joined the team at NCS on the 15 November 2021 students have been engaged in a variety of practical activities. These include:

**Transition Day** whereby three senior students volunteered to mentor eighteen Year 6 students, helping them to make pikelets. These were devoured by the group with cream and jam and everyone agreed that "Food Tech is awesome!"

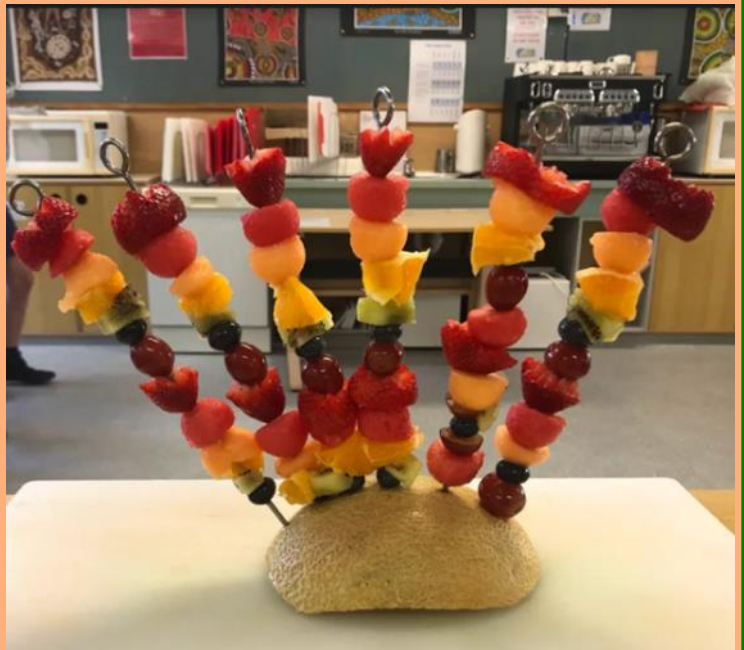
**Stage 4** Technology Mandatory students have made Rainbow Fruit Skewers (as pictured), Cheesy Gozleme and Mexican Nacho Bowls.

**Stage 5** students have also made a variety of dishes including Chocky Rocks, Impossible Pie and Chicken Hokkien Noodle Stir Fry.

**Stage 6** students are currently working on their first assessment task which they are delivering in Week 1, 2022. The task consists of a report and a practical lesson based around "a Family Favourite Recipe" of their choice. They have also made Scones with jam and cream, Thai Fish Cakes and Lamb Pilaf.

The TAS Department Team wish everyone at NCS a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I look forward to creating more delicious food with you in 2022.

Best Wishes,  
Nadine Ebb





## AGRICULTURE FACULTY NEWS



**O**ur School Agriculture Department was grateful to receive an amazing donation of a new beehive from the good folks at Flow Hive.

The students loved hearing the good-news story of the local Flow Hive inventors, Stuart and Cedar Anderson and enjoyed the process of building the hive.

This addition will complement our existing hive and expand our bee-keeping program at school.

Pictured are our Year 9/10 Agriculture class modelling the hive before the nucleus colony is housed.





## TAS DEPARTMENT

Benson is one of our high-achieving Stage 6 Design & Technology students (TAS Department).

These photos show him completing Project 1 Preliminary Course Requirements—  
Wood-turned pen and Folio



## SPORTS NEWS

2021 has been another interrupted sporting year, not only for Nimbin Central School but the North Coast Region. Despite this, we did achieve some outstanding results at the Northern Rivers School Sport level with four age champions across three sports.

*These student achievements demonstrate Nimbin Central Schools' ability to compete on the Northern Rivers stage and out-compete much larger schools.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following students for representing our school and their personal achievements:

**12 Year Female Athletics Champion** – Mikayla Frey

**14 Year Male Athletics Champion** – Daniel Frey

**12 Year Female Cross Country Champion** – Mikayla Frey

**MC 12/15 Years Male Swimming Champion** – Hunter Roadley

*Josh Gollan*



# 2021 YEAR 12 FORMAL



On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we farewelled our 2021 Year 12 students by holding both our formal school assembly and school formal.

With Covid restrictions in place, there were many times we thought we wouldn't get to celebrate the success of these wonderful young adults, but with some extra planning and a whole lot of school community assistance we made it happen, giving them a send-off in style.

We enjoyed a wonderful night here at school and soon realised that with some beautiful decorations, a red carpet of our own, some great food and music, a photo-booth and some amazing company it would prove to be just as special as any other venue.

We would like to wish all the graduating students of 2021 the very best of luck and we will miss them all dearly. Congratulations!

*Tiffany Wiblen*



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**Enrolment  
Open!**

**Art classes for children 5-12 years old**  
check Summer holidays program and schedules:  
**Pompon Art studio Telephone 0401756058**



**Facebook:**  
**Pompon Arts & Crafts**

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# NIMBIN CENTRAL SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU Term 1, 2022

HOT FOODS		COST	SNACKS		COST
Garlic Bread <b>Plain \$1.00</b>	<b>OR</b> Cheesy garlic bread	\$1.50	Piece of Fruit - seasonal		\$1.00
Hash Browns x 3		\$1.50	Cheese n crackers/crackers n Hommus		\$1.50
Dim Sims Beef	each	\$1.00	Custard Cup / Yogurt cup		\$1.00
Potato Wedges *		\$2.00	Tinned Fruit Cup <b>Plain \$1.00</b>	With Custard	\$1.50
Bakery Spinach & Cheese Roll	HALF only	\$2.20	Chips – sea salt or grain waves s/c chives		\$1.20
Bakery Sausage Roll		\$4.00	Pikelets x 3 with maple syrup		\$2.00
Spicy Chicken (3 oven baked crumbed spicy chicken pieces)		\$4.00	Bags of popcorn GF/vegan	2 Flavours	\$2.00
Stir Fried Rice	Chicken/Veg	\$4.00	Muffins Chocolate	<b>FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> BREAK ONLY</b>	\$1.00
Pasta Bolognese *	Meat/Veg	\$4.50	COLD MEALS		
Mexi Mince & Rice *	<b>OR</b> Mexi Beans & Rice *	\$4.50	Pesto Pasta <b>Plain \$3.00</b>	<b>OR</b> with cheese	\$3.50
Mac Cheese		\$4.50	With lettuce, tomato, red onion		\$4.00
Nachos *	Bean/ Meat	\$4.50	With lettuce, tom, red onion, flame grilled chicken		\$5.00
Oven Baked Chicken Wings x 3	2 <sup>ND</sup> BREAK ONLY	\$4.50	<b>WARM</b> versions also available by request		
Butter Chicken & Rice	<b>OR</b> Rogan Josh Chicken & Rice	\$5.00	<b>GLUTEN FREE PASTA AVAILABLE BY ORDER FOR EXTRA</b>		0.50
<b>WANT CHEESE WITH YOUR MEAL?</b>		0.50	<b>Basic Salad Box</b> lettuce, cucumber, tom, carrot, sprouts		\$4.00
<b>THEN PLEASE ADD AN EXTRA 50C TO THE PRICE</b>			With Ham <b>OR</b> Cheese <b>OR</b> Egg <b>OR</b> Flame grilled chicken		\$5.00
<b>Don't forget that ALL hot foods need to be ORDERED</b>			<b>THURSDAY IS SUSHI DAY. ORDERING IS RECOMMENDED</b>		
			Tofu Pockets – Tuna/Veg		\$2.50
			Nori Roll Bites – Tuna/Veg \$1.50 ea <b>OR</b> 3 for		\$4.00
TOASTIES			SNACK PACKS		
Just Cheese		\$2.50	½ sandwich of choice + mini popcorn + juice or milk		<b>\$5.00</b>
Ham Cheese / Salami Cheese / Tomato Cheese		\$3.00	popper + custard cup		<b>EACH</b>
Ham Cheese Tomato		\$3.50	Or switch the custard to cup of tinned fruit		
Chicken & Cheese		\$4.00	<b>SALAD BOXES &amp; SNACK PACKS MUST BE ORDERED</b>		
½ Round Roll Toasted with Tomato Cheese / Ham Cheese		\$2.50	And are both now served in COMPOSTABLE Boxes		

Tomato/BBQ/Sweet Chilli Sauce 20c Small tub of Salad Dressing/hommus 50c extra Forks/Spoons 10c

SANDWICHES		COST	DRINKS		COST
Jam	<b>OR</b> Vegemite	\$2.00	100% Juice cups	Apple	\$1.00
Cheese	<b>OR</b> Tomato	\$2.50	Bluey milk poptop 250ml	choc/strawberry	\$2.50
Tomato & cheese	<b>OR</b> Cheese & cucumber	\$3.00	Breaka 500ml milk	choc/s'berry/banana <b>H/S</b>	\$4.00
Ham & Cheese		\$3.00	100% Just Juice Poppers	4 flavours	\$1.50
Salami Cheese Lettuce	<b>OR</b> Ham Cheese Tomato	\$3.50	Water	<b>600ml = \$1.50</b> 1 litre	\$2.50
Salad (lettuce, cuc, tom, carrot, sprouts)		\$3.50	Juice bomb can	8 flavours	\$2.50
Egg Mayo Lettuce	<b>OR</b> Curried Egg Mayo Lettuce	\$4.00	Cups of chocolate milk		\$2.00
Tuna Mayo Lettuce with Red Onion & Tomato		\$4.00	Up n Go Poppers	2 flavours	\$2.60
Chicken Lettuce Mayo/Chicken Avo/Chicken Cheese Sprouts		\$4.00	Nippys Poppers Choc/S'Berry	<b>H/S ONLY</b>	\$3.30
Salad with Cheese		\$4.00	Nippys Iced Coffee Popper	<b>YR 10/11/12 ONLY</b>	\$3.30
Ham Cheese Salad	<b>OR</b> Chicken Salad	\$4.50	Chill iced Tea	2 flavours <b>H/S ONLY</b>	\$2.50
<b>ALL SANDWICHES ARE MADE ON JUMBO WHOLEMEAL BREAD FROM LOCAL BAKERY USING DAIRY FREE SPREAD</b>			FROZEN		
WRAPS			Juice Cups	Apple	\$1.00
Salad with Dairy Free Mayo or Vegan Mayo		\$4.00	Sips	4 flavours	Half/Whole 40/80
Chicken lettuce mayo		\$4.50	Ice Mony	choc/sour tnt/lemon	\$1.00
Egg, lettuce n mayo/curried egg lettuce n mayo		\$4.50	Choc Moosie	<b>OR</b> Juicies (2 flavours)	\$1.50
Falafel, Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Hommus		\$4.50	Snap juice ice blocks	6 flavours	Half/Whole 50/100
Flame Grilled Chicken, with mayo, lettuce & sweet chilli sauce		\$4.50	Twisted Frozen Yogurt	choc vanilla	\$2.50
BURGERS			<b>CANTEEN MADE</b> custard cubes/yogurt cubes		\$1.00 EACH
<b>CHICKEN OR FALAFEL OR FISH</b>			<b>ICE CREAM CUPS</b>		\$2.00 EACH
*Flame Grilled Chicken, burger sauce, cucumber, tom & lettuce		<b>\$5.00</b>	Vegan or Dairy		Only available at 2 <sup>nd</sup> break
*Falafel, hommus, tzatziki, cucumber, tom, lettuce		<b>EACH</b>			
*Fish Bites, tartare sauce, cuc, tom, lettuce	<b>(Fish = Fri Only)</b>				

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL HOT FOOD, SNACK PACKS, WRAPS, BURGERS & SALAD BOXES REQUIRED FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> OR 2<sup>ND</sup> BREAK MUST BE ORDERED**

**1<sup>ST</sup> BREAK ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY 9:30AM**

**2<sup>ND</sup> BREAK ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY 11:30AM**