Good Shepherd Primary School Newsletter

First Week of Term 4

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2019 Commencement Dates

Wednesday, 30/1/2019
Years 1—6

Thursday, 31/1/2019
New Kinder Families

Friday, 1/2/2019
All Students

Term 4 Week 1 Tuesday, 16th October, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone.

It was lovely to see at assembly on Monday morning how many children said they were glad to be back at school as they missed their friends and enjoyed being at school and doing work.

We are delighted to congratulate Miss Debrincat on her recent marriage. She is now Mrs McKinnon and we wish every blessing on she and her husband Saxon for their future together.

During the holidays Mrs Robinson's baby boy Fletcher was born. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Robinson on the new addition to their lovely family.

Patricia Carr

Tricia Carr
Principal

Term 3 Principal's Morning Tea

Dear Parents, last term we held our Infants and Primary Principal's Morning Tea at school. Teachers were asked to nominate one child from each class to attend morning tea with the Principal and the Assistant Principal. These nominated children have shown a positive attitude to all aspects of schooling for the term.

Congratulations to the parents and teachers of these children who consistently make good choices about their learning:

Dylan Ribeiro De Oliveria, Zooey Davis, Glorianna Ma'asi, Cyan Santos, Byron Forcadilla, Saanvi Shrestha, Winston Milag, Ysabella Mercado, Petaia Leota, Lena Rizeq, Izac Tangimausia and Nathaniel Soans.

Taylor Lees, Cooper Lambert, Nicholas Ribeiro De Oliveria, Acuoth Acuoth, Lucas Lobos, Lanna Cruz, Bianca Pestridge, Ryan Ludwig, Aliyah Torres, Megan Ferreira, Ella Romero, EJ Laulu, Felicity Baluyot, Christoffe Ablaza, Losaline Fihaki and Lorenza Tumata.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 23rd October:	Year 3B & 3R attending Gibberagong National Park
Tuesday, 23rd October:	Reconciliation (11.00 am Good Shepherd Church)
Wednesday, 24th October:	Year 3G & 3W attending Gibberagong National Park
Wednesday, 24th October:	St Clare's Year 7 Orientation Day
Monday, 29th October:	**Parent Group Meeting (7.00 pm Good Shepherd School. All parents welcome)**
Thursday, 30th October:	Kinder & Year 1 attending Mass (9.00 am Good Shepherd Church)

Library Borrowing & Sports Days for Term 4, 2018

Library Borrowing:

Mondays:	KB, KR, Year 4, 6B & 6R
Tuesdays:	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays:	KG, KW, Year 5, 6G & 6W
Thursdays:	Year 3

Sports Days:

Tuesdays:	Kinder
Wednesdays:	1B, 1G, Year 3 and Year 4
Thursdays:	Kinder, 5B, 5G and Year 6
Fridays:	1R, 1W, Year 2, 5R and 5W

Please note that Kindergarten will be required to wear their Sports Uniform on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

During the school holidays, Mitchell Holmes of Year 6 played in the New South Wales Primary Schools Sports Association (NSWPSSA) Rugby Union Team. Mitchell plays mainly as a back line player, but also plays in various other positions within the team. They won all their games which is a fantastic achievement for Mitchell, his family and the team. Well done Mitchell!!

Summer Uniform

Parents, please note that the **official changeover date for summer uniform is Monday, 29th October, 2018 (Week 3 Term 4)**. The correct school uniform should be worn at all times, in order to maintain expectations. If, for any reason, a child is unable to wear any part of the correct uniform, a note should be sent to your child's class teacher. Parents who have difficulty securing uniforms for their children please make an appointment with Mrs Carr, Principal, to discuss options. THE SCHOOL HAT IS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM OF SCHOOL UNIFORM. THE WEARING OF THE SCHOOL HAT IS COMPULSORY. For a full list of the School Uniform requirements, please refer to the following:

GIRLS

Uniform: Regulation School Uniform, Green Hair Ribbons, White turn-down School Socks, Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

BOYS

Uniform: School white short-sleeved shirt with lay-back collar, Black Shorts, Black turn-down socks and Black School Shoes.

Sports: Unisex Sports Shorts with School Crest OR Green School Track Pants, Short sleeved White Polo Shirt with School Crest, Green Sports Jumper, White turn-down School Socks and Joggers predominantly white.

The School Jumper with crest may be worn at any time throughout the year. The School Hat with crest is a compulsory school item to be worn every day. The School's Uniform Supplier is Lowes, Mt Druitt. Please mark all school clothing with your child's name to avoid lost property!!

Sacramental Program

Registration forms for the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation and Eucharist are now available from the Church Office and also from our School Office. There is a meeting regarding the program on 6th November and 9th November (only one needs to be attended). Enrolment is on the 11th November. Remember a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate is required.

Communication between Parents and Staff

Just a reminder that the direct line of communication if you need to discuss concerns/issues etc regarding your child is:

Phone call, email or letter addressed to your child's teacher stating your concerns and requesting an interview if required.

Following this, you can request an interview with your child's Year Group Coordinator. Year Group Coordinators are as follows:

Kinder: Mrs Bianca Cooke
Year 1: Mrs Trish Conner
Year 2: Mrs Yvonne Davies
Year 3: Mrs Debbie Dela Paz
Year 4: Mr Ian Byrne
Year 5: Mrs Beaulah Frankson
Year 6: Ms Elizabeth Dowd

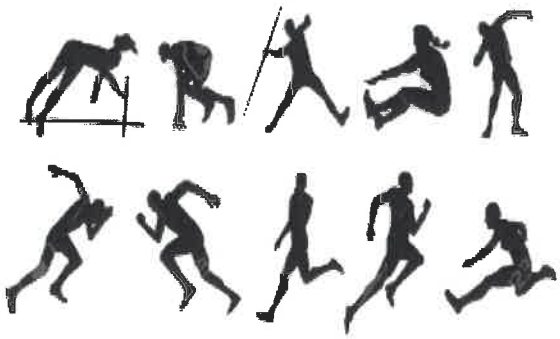
If you need to take further steps, after speaking with the Year Group Co-Ordinator, an email, letter or phone call to our Assistant Principal, then to the Principal.

Social Skill of the Week

"Look at the person, smile and say hello"

Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) Athletics

Please congratulate Mya Schmidt-Tuaimau 6B, Sesilia-Grace Liu-Ngata 5W, and Henry Sene 3R on their wonderful achievement of representing our school in the Athletics MacKillop Team. These students will further compete on 30th October and 1st November at the PSSA Athletics Championships at Homebush. We wish them all the very best!!



Uniform Shop—Opening Days Fridays Only 8.30—9.00 am

Please note only Cash is accepted. If you can assist with helping our Parent Group with the uniform shop, please leave your contact details with the school office.

Captivate Showcase of Photos

Dear Parents, if you would like to view photos from the recent Captivate performances, please click on the following link: http://captivate.parra.catholic.edu.au/Whats-Happening/Gallery

Dear Parents & Carers, please note if someone else will be collecting your child **early or during school hours**, on your behalf, you need to inform the school **in writing or by email to**:(goodshepherd@parra.catholic.edu.au) **PRIOR TO PICKUP**. This policy is effective immediately. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student Opal Cards

Dear Parents & Carers, just a reminder that there are inspectors on all school buses who check that students have their student Opal Card. If your child has misplaced their card or require a new one, please inquire at the Department of Transport, their link as follows: https://www.opal.com.au/ . Also students are reminded that they must tap on and tap off when entering and leaving the bus.

Privacy Consent

Dear Parents & Carers,
If you do not give consent for the use of your child's image and/or works to be published in our School Newsletter or on our website, please notify the school in writing. If you do not want your child to sell raffle tickets, please also inform the school office. Thank you.

Complaints/Grievances Forms

Parents, please note if you would like to make a complaint/grievance in regards to any school matter, you can pick up a form from the school office. All matters will be attended to under strict confidentiality.

Term 4 Dates

Concludes: Wednesday, 19th December

Term 4 School Holidays
Thursday, 20th December 2018 through to Monday, 28th January 2019

Commencement Dates for 2019

Wednesday, 30th January, 2019	Years 1—6
Thursday, 31st January, 2019	New Kinder Families
Friday, 1st February, 2019	All Students

School Commencement and Finishing Times

School commences at 8.30 am and concludes at 2.50 pm. Any child who arrives after this time or leaves school earlier for an appointment etc will need to report to the School Office. It is very important that your child arrive to school on time. Children arriving late to school miss out on valuable learning time and their late entry to the classroom disrupts their fellow students. **If your children are late to school, they are to be escorted to the School Office by a Parent/Carer.**

Medications/Lotions/Creams

In order for staff to administer any kind of medication or lotion, whether prescribed by a doctor or not, parents/carers are required to complete a Medical form which is available from the school office. A note is also to be addressed to the class teacher stating when the medicine should be taken. Thank you.

Good Shepherd Creative Arts Night

On 15th November, Good Shepherd Primary School will celebrate a Creative Arts Night showcasing dance, drama, music and visual arts. We are inviting students from Kindergarten to Year 6 to submit an artwork to be on display for the open gallery. Express your artistic abilities through painting, printmaking, photography, digital art, sculptures, charcoal, clay, paper mache, sculptures, wood or other various crafts. We want to see artworks that demonstrates great effort in planning, creating and refining. **Submit your artwork to Mr Escandor 6R, by 31st October.** If there are any questions, please ask Mr Escandor.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following students who will celebrate their birthday this week: Tanielle Farrell, Zooey Davis, Luke O'Rourke, Keisha Nuval, Sienna Soares, Abigail Lumbre, Taraneh Shiyari, Joseph Stanton, Kevin Cole, Mackenzie Jones, Joelle Soliman, Joanne Soliman, Heina Kiteau and Nathanial Gonzales.

No Nut Policy

Dear parents, just a reminder that a number of our students have severe allergies. **Please do not send peanut butter/Nutella sandwiches or other foods containing whole or crushed nuts or sesame seeds to school. This also includes cup cakes for birthdays, slices, excursions etc!** Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Term 4 2018 Staff Development Days (Pupil Free Days)

Each year Staff participate in professional development to support them in their roles as educators. The focus of these days is aligned to Good Shepherd School's goals. Staff will use information they have gathered about the children to design learning programs for the children that will best meet their needs. Term 4's Staff Development Days are Pupil Free Days and will take place on **Thursday, 20th December and Friday, 21st December**. Our thanks to parents for organising care for their children on this day. COSHC will be able to offer spaces for care on this day. Please phone COSHC on 0409 121 980 for all inquiries and bookings.

Policies and Forms

For all policies and forms, please refer to our School Website—"About Us"—"Policies & Procedures". Please note our Parent Handbook is on our School Website under "Enrol Now" for your convenience.

Contact Details

Parents, it is vital that all contact information including phone/mobile numbers, emergency contacts, home address, email address are kept up to date. **Please contact the School Office if any changes need to be made**. Thank you.

Uniform School Bag

Dear Parents, please note as of **Term 1 2019** all students (except Year 6 2019 students) will be expected to be using the new school bag. The decision to have these bags as a standard part of our school uniform was made in 2015, voted in by the school Leadership Team as well as the Parent Group. If you are replacing your child's bag, please purchase the school bag. **The bag is available from the uniform shop or the school office. The cost is $40.00** and cash only will be accepted. These bags are designed to evenly distribute weight and are made of extremely durable materials making them good value in the long run. Thank you.

Canteen News

Two Meal Deals to choose from at $5.00 each (This deal is available until Friday, 2nd November).

Meal Deal 1
Salad Wrap and Bottle of Water

Meal Deal 2
Chicken Burger and Juice Popper

To view the full menu of Classroom Catering, please visit website: www.classroomcatering.com.au

Information regarding Leave from School

Leave from school for holiday/overseas trips in school time is not encouraged and must be explained in writing to the School Principal.

A leave form ("Application for Extended Leave") must be completed at least 4 weeks in advance for **5 or more school days**. Leave forms can be obtained from the school administration office. **Leave during school terms is strongly discouraged.**

Leave of 4 days and less needs to also be approved by the Principal. Please write a letter to your child's class teacher outlining the details of the leave, including the first and last school day that the child will be absent.

In NSW, school attendance is compulsory for children over the age of six years until the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. Students must complete Year 10, and after Year 10 until they turn 17 years of age, students must be: in school or registered for home schooling, or in approved education or training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship), or in full-time, paid employment (average 25 hours **per week) or in a combination of work, education and/or training.**

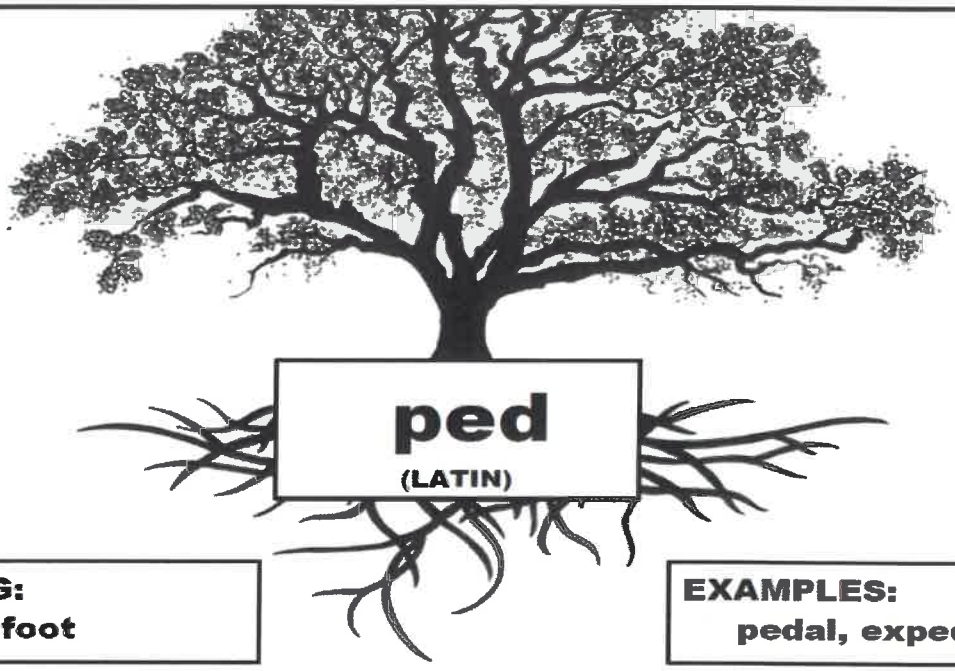
School Shoes & Joggers

At this time of the year we often find that children need their school shoes & joggers replaced. Please remember if you are buying new school shoes, they are to be black. If you need to replace joggers, they should be predominantly white. No fluro or bright colours. For information on uniform and hairstyle requirements, please see website under 'Parent Handbook".

Kindergarten 2018 Enrolments—only a few places left .....

Enrolment Application forms for Kindergarten 2019 are available from the School Office. Parents, if you already have a child at Good Shepherd, you will still need to submit an Enrolment Form for any **new siblings** for 2019.

ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK



MEANING:
foot

EXAMPLES:
pedal, expedition

Numeracy Warmup

Greedy Pig

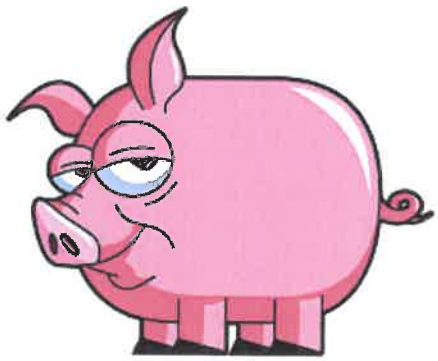
Students stand. Teacher nominates the number 1 as the "Bust" number. Teacher rolls a dice (I often use two dice with stage 3 kids and have two "Bust" numbers). Students add the number rolled to their total. Students sit when they are contented with their total. If the "Bust" number is rolled, all students still standing Bust and their total for the round is zero. Play three rounds. The student with the largest total after three rounds is deemed the winner.

Purpose

Fun way to have students learn addition of single digit numbers, then when adding totals of each round they are adding two digit numbers. It also requires knowledge of Chance and Probability.

Resources

Dice, student workbooks.



Vocabulary/Questions

Which addition strategies can you use?
What is your total so far? (For this round/overall)
What is the likelihood the dice will now roll a 1?
Are you being a greedy pig?
When should you sit?
(After 2nd round) Who can beat (x)?
What is the minimum you need to win?
(When adding two digit numbers) Can you use a split strategy to add the numbers?
Can you use a doubling strategy?
Can you use a compensation strategy? (Friends of 10 and add on)

News from the Bishop's Office

Positions Vacant

- Communications Officer – Diocese of Parramatta

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

- Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair

More details at: holyspiritstclair.com.au

The Archdiocese of Sydney is hiring! Applications are invited for the opportunity to undertake of Parish Support Officer, part of the Parish Support and Development Team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney. For all details visit, www.catholicjobsonline.com.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson 90th Anniversary: 21 October

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Community, Lawson cordially invites you to our "Back to OLN Lawson" 90th Anniversary of the Laying of OLN Foundation Stone, 1928 on Sunday, 21 October. Mass at 8.30am followed by 90th Anniversary photograph to be taken of attending parishioners prior to a "special" morning tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt! 27 October

Celebrate the close of the Year of Youth with Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults in the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 27 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. $5 entry on arrival - https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-live/

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on email lmf@parracatholic.org or phone 02 8838 3460.

Nigerian Mass in Igbo: 28 October

Rev Fr Chukwunonyerem Akamadu, Chaplain to the Nigerian Catholic community, will celebrate Mass at 12.30pm at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes. Contact Fr Akamadu tel 0451 174 438, Stella Nwosu 0405 478 472.

All Souls' Day Mass: 2 November

All Souls' Day Mass will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 2 November at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Celebrated by Bishop Vincent and with the Cathedral Choir the Mass will include hymns, motets and chants in honour of all the deceased. A special tribute to all those who have been buried from the Cathedral in 2018 will also be included. Mass times for 2 Nov: 6.30am, 12.30pm & 7.30pm. Mass will also be held at St Patrick's Cemetery at 6.00pm. For enquiries call 8839 8400 or email secretary@stpatscathedral.com.au

The Permanent Diaconate: 4 November

The discernment program for those who are interested in finding out more about this Vocation will be held at St John 23rd Parish, 160 Perfection Avenue, Stanhope Gardens 2768. Come and learn more about vocations to the Diaconate and have a chat with our team members. We are looking for men aged between 35 to 55 and residing in the Diocese of Parramatta. Our discernment program consists of five sessions, with each session dealing with different aspects of the Diaconate. The meetings will commence at 3.00pm until 6.00pm followed by the Parish Mass and Fellowship.

For further information visit www.parracatholic.org/permanent-diaconate or please contact any of the following deacons: Deacon James – 0425 213 832, Deacon Tan – 0407 270 782, Deacon George – 0408 440 769

Liturgy Conference 2018: 10 November

The Diocese of Parramatta Liturgy Conference will be held on 10 November. Keynote Speaker: Fr Peter Williams Vicar General from the Diocese of Parramatta. Tickets are now on sale. For tickets and a full list of workshops go to parracatholic.org/liturgyconference2018. Cost $30 - includes lunch.

Our Lady of the Nativity Parish, Lawson: 11 November

Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv will preside at our 90th Anniversary Mass at 8.30am on Sunday, 11 November followed by Morning Tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11 November

Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday 11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults $62, Seniors/Students $52, Children (5 – 17 years) $22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

Grief to Grace – Healing the Wounds of Abuse

This is a spiritual retreat for anyone who has suffered degradation or violation through physical, emotional, sexual or spiritual abuse. The retreat will be held May 26 – 31 2019. To request an application contact Anne by emailing info@grieftograceaus.org.au or phone 0478599241. For more information visit www.grieftograce.org

SAVE THE DATE FOR.....

A CELEBRATION OF CREATIVE ARTS AT GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 15th 5- 8pm

ART, DRAMA, DANCE, MUSIC!

More details to come.
All invited to attend!

Greatingsisland.com

Meal Deal $5.00

CLASS ROOM CATERING

Meal Deal 1

- Salad Wrap
- Bottle of Water

Meal Deal 2

- Chicken Burger
- Juice Popper

Available from Monday 15th October, 2018 – Friday 2nd November, 2018

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO BEING GREAT

Healthy School Canteens

GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL

What is happening?

There is a new NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy and our school canteen is working towards supporting and achieving this strategy by the start of 2019.

The NSW Government's strategy aims to promote health and well-being of your child in all government primary and high schools, by providing healthier food and drink choices to encourage healthy growth and development.

What you may notice

- Introducing and removing of menu items during the transition to meet the new School Canteen Strategy.
- Promotion of healthier food and drink choices.
- Changes to portion size.
- Elimination of sugary drinks and confectionary.

Please continue to support your school canteen during this period of change. Volunteers are always welcome and if you are interested please contact our canteen manager.

For more information on the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy please visit the website:

http://healthyschoolcanteens.nsw.gov.au

Good Shepherd Primary School

CANTEEN MENU

TERM 4 2018

CLASS ROOM CATERING

Hot Food

O Chicken Nuggets	4 for $3.00
	6 for $4.20
O Party Pie	$1.20
E Corn on the Cob	$1.20
O Garlic Bread	$2.00
O Sausage Roll - Lite	$3.20
O Filo Spiral	$3.50
O Pizza Slab – BBQ Chicken	$3.50
O Pizza Slab – Margarita	$3.50
O Meat Pie – Lite	$3.80

Burgers

E Chicken Burger	$4.20
E Sweet Chilli Burger	$4.20
E Beef Burger	$4.20
E Vegie Burger	$4.20
E Meatball Sub	$4.20

ALL BURGERS INCLUDE SALAD

All Wrapped Up

E Parmy Toasted Wrap	$4.50
E Chicken Caesar Wrap	$4.50
E Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	$4.50
E Nemo Wrap	$4.50
E Lamb Toasted Wrap	$4.50
E All Meats / Cheese Wrap	$4.50

Pasta & Rice

E Macaroni & Cheese	$4.20
E Butter Chicken & Rice	$4.20
E Pasta Bolognese	$4.20
E Lasagne	$4.20
E Fried Rice & Chicken Wings	$5.00
E Vegetable Lasagne	$4.20

Order your lunch online

flexischools

flexischools.com.au

Sandwiches, Wraps & Rolls

ALL SANDWICHES MADE ON WHOLEMEAL BREAD

E Vegemite, Jam	$2.00
E Tomato, Cheese	$2.50
E Tuna or Egg	$3.00
E Ham, Chicken or Salmon	$3.50
E Salad Sandwich (Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot & Carrot)	$3.50
E Salad with Cheese	$3.90
E Salad with Tuna or Ham	$4.20
E Salad with Chicken or Salmon	$4.50
Extras (Including Toasting)	$0.40

(WRAP OR ROLL – ADD $0.50)

Sushi Rolls

E Chicken & Cucumber	$3.50
E Tuna & Cucumber	$3.50
E Chicken Teriyaki	$3.50

AVAILABLE TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

Bento Box 1

$5.00

- E ½ Sandwich
- Chicken Wing
- Cheese & Crackers
- Fruit Selection
- 2 Mini Muffins

Bento Box 2

$5.00

- O ½ Sandwich
- Party Pie
- Dip & Carrot Sticks
- Fruit Selection
- 2 Mini Muffins

Snacks

E Pizza Muffin	$1.00
E Cheese Stick	$1.00
E Carrot Sticks	$1.00
E Piece of Fruit	$1.00
E Boiled Egg	$1.00
E Popcorn	$1.00
O Jumpy's	$1.00
E Yoghurt Cup - Small	$2.00
- Large	$2.30
E Fruit Salad - Small	$2.00
- Large	$3.50
O Banana Bread Slice	$2.00
E Dip Snack Box	$2.00

HOMEMADE SNACKS AVAILABLE DAILY

Crunch Box

$4.00

E Vegie Sticks, Cherry Tomatoes, Cheese, Dip & Crackers

Salads

E Garden Salad	$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	$5.00
E Chicken Caesar Salad	$5.50
E Add Ons	$0.50

Egg, Cheese, Avocado
Sprouts, Bacon, Croutons

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Healthy School Canteens

Drinks

E Juice – Popper	$1.80
E Plain Milk 300ml	$1.80
With Sippah Straw	$2.30
E Pop Top Juice	$2.00
E Bottled Water 600ml	$2.00
E Juice Bomb Sparkling Juice	$2.20
E Flavoured Milk (3 Flavours)	$2.50
E Up 'n' Go	$2.50
O Homemade Milkshakes	$2.00

Ice Blocks

O Frozen Lite Cordial Cup	$0.50
E Frozen Juice Cup	$1.00
E Quench Stick	$1.00
E Juice Pouch	$1.00
E Moosie Pouch	$1.00
O Slushie Cup	$2.00
O Ice Cream Cup	$2.00
O Frozen Yoghurt	$2.00

Our school canteen aims to comply with the NSW Healthy School Canteen Food & Drink Benchmarks with a focus on everyday healthy food and drink options.

Inquiry-based learning

top of the class with greg whitby

@gregwhitby

WHEN you think about the skills you need to be effective in your workplace, it often comes down to teamwork, problem-solving and communication.

These are the same skills we want to develop in all learners from kindergarten through to Year 12. In many of our primary schools for example, students are encouraged to work in teams on real-life problems. This is what we call an inquiry-approach to learning.

Often, a project will arise out of a question that students have been thinking about. When the problem or inquiry is meaningful, students will be more interested and more committed to finishing the task. In upper primary, teachers often coordinate the groups so that students are able to work across different grades. The focus is not on who a child is working with but on what the problem is and how to address it.

A common misconception about inquiry or project-based learning is that students go off and do their own thing. That's not the case.

Students are provided with a level knowledge about the topic and a vocabulary to talk about it. Teachers are also continually observing what students are doing and providing feedback. If they see a skill is not being developed, they may take a student or group of students out of the group and give them a masterclass.

This means they can then go back and teach their fellow team members. This peer-to-peer learning is powerful because it provides students with a greater voice in their learning.

Feedback is critical in the inquiry model. Parents are invited in to provide feedback on students' final work. Students are asked to give feedback to teachers on aspects of the project they most enjoyed, least enjoyed and what they would like to see included next time around.

Schools need to be able to help students move from superficial knowledge (learning facts and figures) to deep knowledge (applying it in real-world contexts).

The value of inquiry or problem-based learning is that becomes a bridge between the two.