

# Penrith Public School Newsletter



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## Important Dates 2017

### TERM 3

#### AUGUST

**9-10** Arms of Australia museum - Year 1 & 2

**DON'T FORGET** – Your Opal Card with money on it

- 11** 1F Assembly
- 14** Ripples Water Safety-In School visit-K-Yr4
- 17** K-6 Handball Competition
- 18** Whole School Assembly- Athletics Carnival Ribbons
- 21** P & C Meeting at 6pm
- 25** Dress like Pirate Day –Gold coin Donation

#### SEPTEMBER

- 14** Paper Plane Competition

### MONEY/NOTES DUE

**\$30** Calmsley Hill City Farm ES1 – Due 24 August

### FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

#### School Banking

8:45 – 9:10am

**Every Tuesday**  
**under the COLA**

#### Clothing Pool

Every Wednesday at  
8.45am - 9.15am

**Please note**  
**NO ONE is to enter the**  
**room unless a P&C**  
**helper is present.**

#### Class Assemblies

Commence at 11.45am  
on selected Fridays and  
run for approx 1 hour.  
Parents and Caregivers  
are welcome to attend  
these assemblies

**All Notes & School Newsletters are accessible on our School Website**

**Limited Paper copies of the newsletter are available outside the office.**

# **PENRITH PUBLIC SCHOOL'S CORE VALUES**

***Learning Environment Cooperation Respect***

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great fortnight at PPS!

I would like to acknowledge and thank our dedicated staff and generous parent/community helpers who give up their time to ensure our students have access to a varied and diverse range of extra-curricular opportunities.

Pedlars' Fair – Thanks to our supportive parents and friends for making our annual fair a huge success! Students had an absolute blast and staff were thoroughly spoilt with the range of foods from around the world. A big thank you to MSP Photography for donating their services on the day to run an additional fundraiser through their photo booth stall. We would also like to thank Mrs Fogg for coordinating the event – this is a huge task and could not have happened without the huge amount of time and efforts Mrs Fogg invested in planning the day.

Staff Development Days – As you are aware, school staff are required to participate in professional learning sessions throughout the year. The first day of the school term in terms 1, 2 and 3 is also set aside for staff development days, as well as the final two days of term 4. This year, staff at Penrith PS will be completing additional professional learning after school hours, which will replace the staff development days on Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December. The last day of school for STUDENTS AND STAFF for 2017 will be Friday 15 December. The school will be closed for the summer holidays after that time.

Chaplaincy Program – We are delighted to welcome Mrs Megan Harris to PPS! Mrs Harris will be running a Social Skills group for some of our students in stage two, as well as a Girl Power group for some of our stage three girls. The programs will run on Thursday afternoons and will commence on 24 August. More information will be coming home soon.

First Food Forward – Students in stage three had a fantastic time at the University of Western Sydney last Wednesday. We thank Mrs Wilkes for forging this positive partnership with the university and accessing such wonderful opportunities for our students.

Parent Teacher Interviews – Thanks to all parents who booked in for an interview with your child's teacher last week. We have had positive feedback around the online booking system and will continue to utilise the system for future parent teacher interviews.

Enrolling Now for 2018 – If you have a child commencing kindergarten in 2018, or if you know of anyone commencing school next year, we are taking enrolments now! Our comprehensive Kickstart to Kindy program runs throughout terms three and four.

Warm regards

*Chantal Beltran*  
*Principal*

## **Scholastic Book Club Coordinator Change**

Over the past several years I have been looking after the Scholastic Book Club Resources for Penrith Public School.

At the end of this year I will be handing the reigns over to another parent volunteer!

I have really enjoyed the experience of co-ordinating this fabulous and valuable resource for the staff and students of our school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents that have helped me along the way.

In thanking those parents for their support I would now like to call upon a new parent volunteer to step forward and manage this program. All you need is a computer with internet access as full training will be provided.

If you would like to enquire about this role please contact me directly,

Janelle Lodge

P&C President

0419 422 339

## **School Bus and Pedestrian Safety Promotion**

**“Slow down to 40 when bus lights flash – see a new video clip:**

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/be-bus-aware/index.html>

School buses pick up and drop off children on roads all across NSW. Buses use signs and flashing lights to warn drivers that they are picking up and dropping off children. You must slow down to 40km/hr when bus lights flash and look out for children crossing the road. Be Bus Aware and help keep our kids safe.”



# Dance Festivals

## Rehearsals

\*Monday 14th August - PVPA Festival for Stage 2 and Stage 3 only (during school hours) to perform at at 7pm that night.

\*Wednesday 30th August - BMN Dance Festival rehearsal for all dancers (during school hours).

\* Monday 21st August 9am - Tickets go on sale for the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival (N.B. this date was recently changed by the organisers)

- Tickets cost \$25 for the evening performance and \$10 for the matinee

- Tickets can be purchased in person at The Joan Sutherland Centre box office, by telephone on 4723 7600 or online at <http://www.jspac.com.au/> and they tend to sell out very quickly!

## All dancers are performing at the Blue Mountains Nepean Dance Festival

Tuesday 5th September at 12.30pm (matinee) and Thursday 7th September at 7pm (evening)

The Stage 1 dance is called "Just Imagine"

The Stage 2 dance is called "Waka Waka"

The Stage 3 dance is called "Jai Ho".

Stage 2 and Stage 3 are also performing at Penrith Valley Performing Arts Festival at 7pm on Monday 14th August.

Notes will be going home regarding the tickets sales, rehearsals and dates this week. Please return permission slips for the rehearsals and matinee to Dance teachers or the Office ASAP.

We are so excited to be performing at the Joan Sutherland and hope to see your smiling faces there!

*Abby McManus*

*Dance Co-ordinator*



## Visit by Mr Bruce Pickworth

Some families in our school community may remember a teacher, Bruce Pickworth, who once taught at Penrith Public School as the Assistant Principal on the support classes.

These days, Mr Pickworth is an author and he will be visiting students in Stage 2 and Stage 3 in Book Week, as a part of their studies in History and Geography, to discuss his new picture book, ***The godwits***.

This beautifully illustrated information book concerns the amazing journey of a migrating bird species, which spends only part of its life each year in Australia.

We look forward to catching up with Mr Pickworth on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**.

No permission notes or money are needed for this in-school experience.

### **Book Week 2017: *Escape to Everywhere***

In Week 6, our school is again celebrating the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)'s annual **Book Week**, a time to celebrate Australian books.

The theme this year is ***Escape to Everywhere***.

Many of our classes are preparing displays for the school library, and all students K-6 are becoming familiar with the short listed books, trying to guess which books will win gold, silver and bronze awards in the Book of the Year contest.

Parents and community members, please feel free to drop by the library later this term, to see the displays.

Note that the **2017 Premier's Reading Challenge** closes at the end of Book Week: **Friday 25 August** (midnight), this is the deadline for Years 3-6 students entering their titles read.

Students in K-2 have had their books entered by school library staff.

*Mr Ian McLean,  
Teacher-Librarian.*

# NAPLAN ONLINE – Readiness Test

During the 21st and the 25th August, students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the NAPLAN Readiness Test.

**This test is only to test the technical requirements and software that support NAPLAN online.**

The academic results will not be saved or sent out to schools.

Over the next 3 years, all schools will be completing the NAPLAN test online.

If you would like to find out more information,

Please click on the link below:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-online-2017-information-for-parents-and-carers.pdf?sfvrsn=2>



## 2017 information for parents and carers

### What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Federal, state and territory education ministers agreed that NAPLAN will move online from 2017, over a three-year period. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

### Why do students do NAPLAN tests?

NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not students are meeting important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas could be improved. All government and non-government education authorities have contributed to the development of NAPLAN Online tests.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.

### What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Assessments will use an adaptive 'tailored test design', which gives students questions better suited to their achievement level. This form of testing will help teachers customise their teaching more specifically to student needs.

### Will all schools start doing NAPLAN Online at the same time?

No. States and territories will each determine when their schools will move to NAPLAN Online. Some schools will continue to administer paper-based NAPLAN assessments until then.

### What will be tested as part of NAPLAN?

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. NAPLAN content is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. To become more familiar with NAPLAN Online, please visit the public demonstration site at the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

### Who will run the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or principals. State and territory education authorities are responsible for implementation in their state/territory.

### How can I help my child prepare for the tests?

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the online test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. Parents can also familiarise themselves with the testing experience by using the public demonstration site available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Help your child prepare for NAPLAN by reassuring them that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and reminding them on the day to simply try their best. If you have any questions about your child's preparation for NAPLAN Online, you should make a time to speak with their teacher. The use of services by coaching providers is not recommended.

### What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN Online will meet the needs of all students, including those with a disability. As students with an identified need progress through the online tests, as appropriate, they will be given an alternative question that is more accessible but still assesses the same content. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom. Students who have a temporary injury may also be reasonably accommodated.

A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background.

Your school principal and your state testing authority can give you more information on special provisions or the process required to gain a formal exemption.

### How is NAPLAN performance measured?

NAPLAN is not a pass-or-fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test scale has 10 bands and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands represents the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia. The results for students sitting NAPLAN online are comparable to those from the paper-based assessment.

### What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Where possible, schools will organise for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests at another time during the NAPLAN Online test window.

### Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

Schools that administer NAPLAN Online will receive a student summary report commencing the week of 19 June. A final Individual Student Report (ISR) will also be issued later in the year, at the same time as the reports are issued to students who completed the test on paper. The same final ISR report format is used for every student in Australia.

The school will notify you when the reports are being sent to you. If you do not receive the reports, you should contact the school. Individual student results are strictly confidential.

### How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to improve teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.

- Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- NAPLAN current and trend results are available on the My School website: [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)

### Where can I get more information?

For more information about NAPLAN Online:

- visit the NAP website: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)
- contact your child's school
- contact your state or territory's education authority (details available on the NAP website).

For ACARA's privacy policy, go to: [www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy)

### NAPLAN Online 2017 tests

In 2017, NAPLAN Online has a longer test window than the paper test to ensure each school participating in online testing can plan for the use of their in-school computer resources.

The NAPLAN Online test window starts on 9 May and finishes on 19 May. The online tests need to be taken in a specific order, as shown below.

Writing	To be completed in the first two days.
Reading	To be completed before the conventions of language test.
Conventions of language	To be completed any time after the reading test. This test includes spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test. The numeracy test includes number and algebra; measurement and geometry; and statistics and probability. Calculators are not permitted to be used for the online numeracy tests in Years 3 and 5 (just like for the paper test). In Years 7 and 9, there will be a short section at the start of the online test that assesses important mental calculation skills. For all questions after this section, a calculator will be provided by the online test, which will be available for use if needed.

In 2017, Year 3 students will undertake online assessments for numeracy, reading and conventions of language. However, they will do a paper-based writing test. Students in Years 5, 7 and 9 will complete all NAPLAN assessments online.

## This Week in 5/6M

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August Stage 3 visited the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury campus as part of their First Foot Forward Program. The students participated in lessons on medical science, languages and computer coding. This is what 5/6M thought of the day.

Jason – I learnt about Spanish, coding, curing a person and controlling robots. I had a lot of fun and would like to go back next year.

Caitlyn – I learnt Spanish which was really fun. We sang a song in Spanish and played games.

Hazal – I learnt what to do when someone is in danger and after I finish high school I want to go to university.

Drake – I enjoyed doing medical sciences because I learnt CPR and how to use medical stuff. Probably I hope to use it someday.



Olivet – I want to go to a teaching course when I am older.

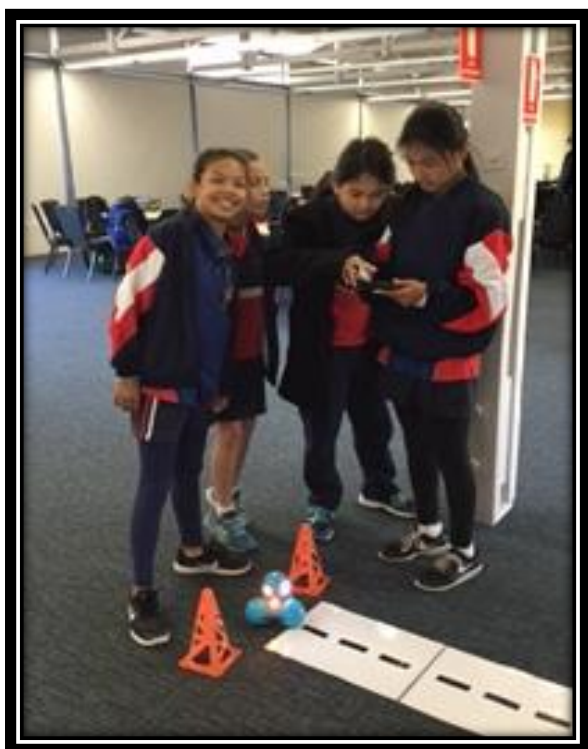
Kyten – I learnt lots about medical science, how to speak Spanish and robotic coding.

Wyatt – I learnt some Spanish. When I grow up I would like to be a doctor or a teacher.

Jacinta – I learnt how to program robots. It was so much fun and I also learnt how to speak Spanish.

McKyla – I very much enjoyed the medical lesson and learning Spanish.

Justin – I learnt to speak Spanish. Despasito!



Shaun – I learnt many new things. I enjoyed programming the robots the most.

Shakira – I liked the robot and coding stuff the most.

Madison – I learnt how to speak Spanish. It was fun learning a new language.

Tenari – I learnt how to speak a little bit of Spanish.



Declan – I learnt to speak Spanish which improves your brain in multi-tasking and I know that I will continue education after high school.

Taya – My favourite thing was when we learnt Spanish because when I go to university I want to learn more languages. Speaking another language was fun!

Jorja – I had tonnes of fun using the robots. My group had the fastest time completing the course. We got a notebook from it.

Pim – I learnt lots about first aide at the medical science workshop.

Jessica – I learnt a bit more about robotics, medical science and language. It was an amazing experience. I would definitely go back if I had a chance.

Atem – I learnt something about coding and when I went to university I will do coding. I also learnt about science.

Andrew – I like how they show you Spanish language. They gave us the best hats and have the best technology. I would love to go back.

Anoon – At the university I learnt new things that I enjoyed. I loved everything I did there.

Maral – At uni I enjoyed learning Spanish and saving people and it was so much fun!

Sofya – I had a great time at the workshops and they inspired me to get into code a bit more. My favourite code is Javascript.

Vanessa – I thought the uni was very big and the people were nice.

Ethan – I thought is was really fun and I loved the coding.

Imogene – I'm so sad that I could not go this year. It was great last year.

Apologies from Samuel, Andy & Jay-de who were unavailable for comment at the time of going to press.



## **SRC events during Term Three**



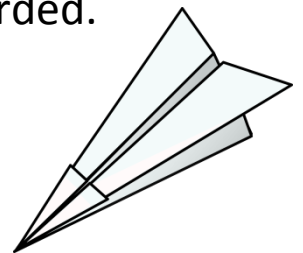
### **Whole school handball competition**

During week five, a representative from each class will be chosen to take part in a handball competition. The winning class from infants (Kindergarten, year one and year two) and primary (years three through to six) will win pizza for their whole class to share at lunch!

### **Dress & Talk like a Pirate Day . . aarrgh!**



On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of August, students and staff will be asked to dress and talk like a pirate. Students will also be asked to bring a gold coin donation which will be donated to *Childhood Cancer Support*. If you have pirate dress up clothes, we would love to see them, otherwise students may choose to wear red, black or stripy clothes . . . and maybe even boots or an eye patch. A prize for the best dressed pirate from each class will be awarded.



### **Paper plane flying competition**

On Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup>, students will be given the chance to fly their paper plane through the playground. A prize will be given to the owner of the plane which travels the furthest. Each class will have a winner. You need to bring along a gold coin to participate, and of course, you will need to bring along your own paper plane made from an A4 piece of paper.

*From Mrs Reynolds & Mrs Broadbridge.*

## Debating Team

On Wednesday 26th July, the debating team travelled to Kingswood South Public School with Mrs McGrouther to participate in our third debate for 2017. The topic of the debate was that "Today's children are spoilt" and we were the affirmative team versing against students from Henry Fulton Public School. The team worked together really well to come up with rebuttals to support their case however, Henry Fulton presented a stronger case on the day. Apologies for the quality of the photo but the photographer may have been experiencing fatigue after the Sunrise shoot.



## Message from the Office

- Stage One Clubs begin this term. Students who have not paid the \$20 equipment fee will not be participating
- When making payments, please ensure your child's name, class and activity are written on payment envelopes. It would be greatly appreciated if paying by cash that the correct money be placed in envelopes. Online payment via the school website is the preferred payment method.
- A friendly reminder, if your child has been loaned clothing from the office, we would appreciate it if you could wash and return the items to the office as soon as possible, as we have limited clothing. Packing a spare set of clothing for your child, especially in years Kindergarten and Year one, would be greatly appreciated.
- Parents please check jackets & hats to ensure that they belong to your child. Please ensure you label your child's items such as hats, jackets and other belongings.
- When payments are processed online, if you make a payment twice for the same activity, the second payment will be processed as a payment in advance to be used for any future events. **Refunds cannot be processed.**

## STUDENT SAFETY

For the safety of all children, please **shut all school gates** upon entry and leaving the school premises.

**The staff car park** is strictly for staff and transport approved by the Department of Education only.

**DO NOT** park or walk through the car park. This is unsafe for our students - many of whom cannot be seen when vehicles are reversing.

We appreciate your understanding and support in this matter. Let's keep our children safe!

## Canteen News

Breakfast club closes at 9.05am everyday. **NO ONE** will be served after this time. There is No EFTPOS or CREDIT card facilities. NO credit, weekly prepaid orders, or promise to pay the next day will be accepted. No phone orders.



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# CANTEEN MENU



Lunch and recess orders can be placed at the canteen between 8.45am and 9.15am (late orders may be rejected or amended to suit food/help availability)

## Cold lunches

Sandwiches	
Vegemite	\$2.00
Cheese	\$2.00
Tomato	\$2.00
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Egg & Mayo	\$3.00
Ham, Chicken or Tuna	\$3.00
Salad - lettuce, tomato, cucumber, carrot & beetroot	\$3.50
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	\$3.50
Ham, Tomato & Cheese	\$3.50
Ham & Salad	\$4.00
Chicken & Salad	\$4.00
Tuna & Salad	\$4.00
Plain Wrap	\$0.50
Bread Rolls	\$0.50
Extra Fillings	\$0.50
Sandwiches/banana bread toasted	\$0.20

## Salad Boxes

One Size (GF)	
Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Corn, Beetroot, Cheese, Pineapple, Cucumber & Egg	\$4.50
Add Ham or Chicken	\$5.00

## Hot Lunches

Party Pies	\$0.70
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Chicken Nuggets (H) - 5 per serve	\$3.00
Oriental or Vegetarian (GF) Fried Rice	\$4.00
Spaghetti Bolognese (H)	\$4.00
Beef Lasagne (H)	\$4.00
Macaroni Cheese (H)	\$4.00
Pizza Varieties - Ham & Pineapple/Meatlovers/Cheese	\$4.00
Sweet&Sour Chicken with fried rice (GF)	\$4.00
Nacho Dippers (GF) (H)	\$4.00
Pototo Bake (GF)	\$4.00
Chicken (H) or Beef Burger	\$4.00

## Frozen Snacks

Juicie Treats	\$1.00
Juicie Tubes	\$1.20
Gelato Cups - (GF) (H)	\$1.80
Slushy - fruit juice (summer only)	\$2.00

GF - Gluten Free

H - Halal



## Daily Snacks/Recess

Sao - Vegemite or Cheese - 2 per serve	\$1.50
Sao - Vegemite & Cheese - 2 per serve	\$1.70
Assorted Chips	\$1.70
Mamee Rice Snacks - Cheese (GF) (H)	\$1.50
Mamee Cornitos - Spicy	\$1.50
Popcorn	\$1.50
Crackers - Savory or Sweet (GF)	\$0.50
Vege Stick Cup - mix of Carrots, Cucumbers and Celery Sticks	\$1.50
Vege Stick Cup with Homus Dip	\$2.00
Cheese & Crackers - 6 per serve	\$1.50
Fresh Assorted Seasonal Fruit - Check basket	\$1.00
Slinky Apples	\$1.20
Fruit Salad Cups - Seasonal Fruits	\$2.00
Banana Bread - per slice	\$1.00

## Drinks

Flavoured Milk - Choc, Strawberry & Banana (GF)	\$2.00
Bottled Water - 350ml (GF)	\$1.20
Bottled Water - 600ml (GF)	\$1.40
Focus Flavoured Water - Various (GF)	\$2.00
Quench Spring Water (GF) - Orange, Apple, Raspberry	\$2.00
Juice Poppers (GF) - Apple, Orange, Tropical	\$1.20
Sauce portions BBQ or Tomato	\$0.30

## General Information

Lunch and recess orders can be placed at the canteen from 8.45am - 9.15pm

Recess orders are to be collected from the canteen

No plastic Zip lock bags

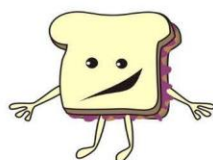
No \$50 notes

No hot food will be available for recess

The following should be listed on your bag



Name  
L/L is for little lunch/recess  
B/L is for big lunch  
And your order



As a free breakfast club is operating only milk will be available for purchase before school.

Lunch orders are collected from the canteen in class baskets and are to be handed out by the class teacher.

Any late orders for hot food will be offered a sandwich instead.

Foods that are not purchased from the canteen will not be opened, heated or cooked.

## Children with no lunch!

1. Need to go to the office or teacher and get a note
2. Students give this note to the canteen staff
3. They will be offered a Vegemite or Cheese Sandwich and a piece of fruit only!
4. This will be billed to the parent for payment the next day.

## Please note:

\*These new menu changes are a start in putting us in line with The NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy which came into effect from 1st July 2017.

\* Changes will be ongoing as we trial the new menu items on offer

## Zero Credit

- No credit, weekly prepaid orders, or the promise to pay the next day will be accepted
- No money means no purchase/order
- Absolutely no phone orders



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