



WOLLONGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 3, Week 6



Weekly message

Dear Parents,
Well what an incredibly busy week we have had! Items of note this week include:

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Symbio Excursions

On Monday Early Stage One and on Tuesday Stage 1 students travelled to Symbio Wildlife Park for an amazing day amongst the animals there. See a full report on these visits later in our newsletter.

Beginning School Well

Also on Monday we commenced our Beginning School Well orientation sessions for our non-English speaking kindergarten students for 2020. Students and their families are introduced to the exciting changes that they can expect as they enter our school.

Dads Do Drop-Off

On Wednesday morning we invited all our Dads (and Mums too of course) to join us for some breakfast and some fun activities. Once again we had a magnificent turnout with well over 100 Dads and Mums joining us with their children to have breakfast, play some games and have a chat and a coffee. Our thanks go to our community engagement team who all pitched in to make this such a successful event.





Book Week Activities

As well as our Book Fair this week, our K-2 classes all had the opportunity to walk to the Wollongong City Library and join in some storytelling and other activities. This was followed up by our magnificent Book Parade on Thursday afternoon, when hundreds of book characters appeared in our hall and playground, much to the delight of parents and onlookers!



Fathers' Day Stall

Today, our P&C held their Fathers' Day Stall and all students had an opportunity to purchase a gift for Dad for his special day this weekend. There were some wonderful gifts on offer, and I was a little disappointed not to have my own child here to purchase something for me!

Thank you to our SASS

This week was of course the week when we recognise all the magnificent work done by our non-teaching staff across the school. The school could not possibly operate without them, and it was a good opportunity for us all to say thanks for their fabulous work.

Botanical Gardens Excursion

Next Monday Stage 3 students have the opportunity to visit the Botanical Gardens for a Sustainability Excursion, where they will engage in a range of activities around the theme of sustainability and ensuring the continuity of a range of species on our planet.

P&C Meeting

Don't forget that our next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, 3rd September at 6.30pm in the school staffroom.

Have a happy and safe weekend,
Kind regards,

Harold Cosier

Deputy Principal News

K-2 Week of Excursions

On Monday and Tuesday Kindergarten to Year Two students attended Symbio Wildlife Park for an excursion. Although both days were very chilly with showers drifting in throughout the days, it was a fabulous learning experience for the children. The day begun with Rangers talking about animals and giving students the opportunity to pat a crocodile, snake and possum, among others. Children were then guided around the zoo in groups led by rangers who were explaining many interesting facts about the animals. Since returning children have been writing detailed recounts and informative texts sharing their new found knowledge of animals. As you can see from their faces below, this was such an excitable event.





On Wednesday Kindergarten to Year Two students set off on a walking excursion to the Wollongong Library. This opportunity was part of the Book Week celebrations this week and involved learning about the short list of nominated books for this year's book week awards. Students were read several books and acted out different parts of the stories. The drama activities were very engaging and the feedback from the students and teachers was that this activity was well worth it!

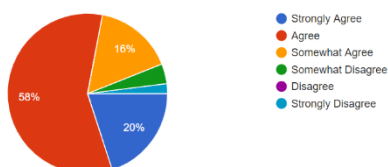
A big thank you to all families who completed the School Administration survey. Below are some key points that we can take away from your feedback.

- We had 52 respondents to our survey which represents 13% of all families at our school. Although not a huge response from our community, anything above 10% provides us with enough data to draw some conclusions;
- Our school website is being accessed regularly for notes and payments;
- As a school, our communication is adequately meeting requirements of the respondents in our survey;
- Families (and our office staff) have made requests to have access to EFTPOS making payments so we are in the process of arranging this. We hope to provide you this opportunity in the coming weeks;
- There were lots of positive comments about how our Administration staff are friendly, welcoming, supportive and quick to contact families when necessary. We appreciate these positive comments; and
- We also received some suggestions to further develop our processes which should help to improve our systems. These were mainly around notes and our calendar to ensure families have access to notes in a timely manner and are aware of upcoming events via our accurate calendar.

Finally, if you are not receiving emails from the school including the newsletter, please send an email to our school address to confirm your details wollongong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au. This will allow us to check your email address in our system to ensure we have this recorded accurately and enhance our communication with you.

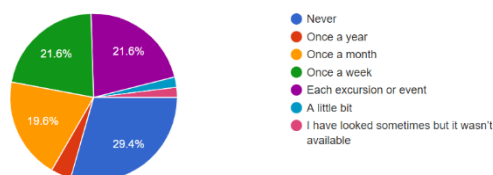
I feel WPS adequately communicates with me.

50 responses



How often do you access our school website for copies of notes?

51 responses



I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Wishing you many happy moments in the week ahead.

Kind regards
Matt Richards



Instructional Leader Update

Kindergarten Home Reading

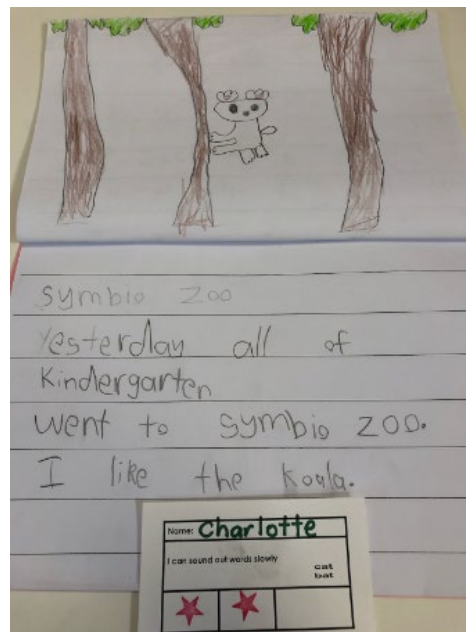
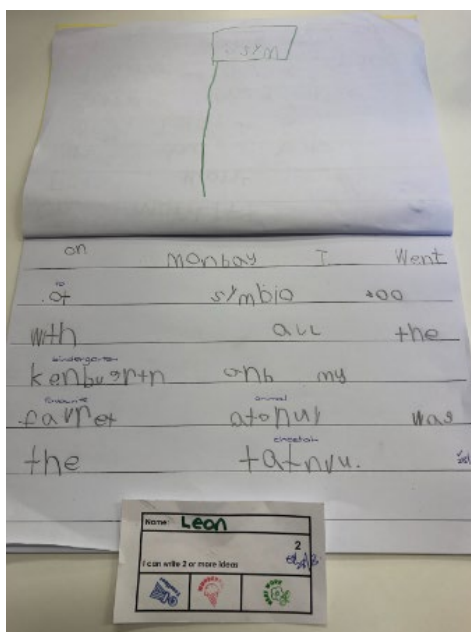
Mrs Neaves and Mrs Critoph are really excited to see our Kindergarten children taking home their Familiar Readers in their lovely new book bags this week. The children are really proud of their new book bags and are excited to be taking home the book that they have learnt at school. Please regularly check your child's school bag and support your child to read at home every day. It is essential for the success of this reading program that the book be returned to school the next day as there will be teachers needing the book for lessons.

Using data to inform teaching

Each Monday afternoon, our staff engage in professional learning aligned with our school plan and priorities. This week, Mrs Neaves and Mrs Critoph led Stage 2 and 3 teachers in using literacy progressions data to inform their teaching and learning programs, to support student achievement. It was wonderful to see teachers celebrating their students' successes and planning for their next five week cycle of teaching.

Symbio

This week the teachers and children in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 enjoyed their excursion to Symbio Wildlife Park. Throughout the day the children were able to experience a variety of Australian animals, the Red Panda, Meerkats and a variety of interesting and fascinating reptiles. Excursions such as Symbio are a valuable teaching and learning experience as they provide access to teaching content and learning experiences that build upon what is being taught at school. Throughout this term all children in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 have been learning how to write informative texts. The trip to Symbio has enabled the students to build their background knowledge to support them when attempting to write. Please enjoy some of the students' work samples from this week.



On Tuesday we caught a bus to Symbio. I sat next to Sophie and it took about 20 minutes. Then we went in and we saw rainbow lorikeets. They were really cute and then we saw a red panda, and then we had fruit break to meet the four rangers. One was Ranger Banana. The second one was Ranger Christie, the third one Ranger Pea and the fourth ranger was Pete. It was fun meeting them. Then we all went to the toilet. When we went to the toilet some of us saw dingos. They were really cute and then the class saw cheetahs.

Then we went to see and pat the kangaroos. We saw someone with food and they gave us the whole bag thing. Then we saw a wombat and a little kangaroo came under the shelter. Everyone touched it because it was really cute. Then we saw cassowaries – they were really tall and they were fast. Then we saw eagles, one of them was hurt so it was in the nest. It had a little branch to help get up and down. Then we saw lambs, llama, goat, sheep, bunnies, chicks, guinea pigs and then we saw a baby emu.

Then we had lunch for about 20 minutes and went for the last walk to see reptiles like snakes, toadfish, and really dangerous snakes. Then we saw koalas but weren't allowed to touch them. Then we collected our bags and went back to school.

By Isabelle L (1/2R)

We went to Symbio on Tuesday. When we arrived it was freezing. First we went inside and then we followed Mr Critcher to this cool sand floored, wooden and metal stadium. You would probably think about a football stadium, but it was actually smaller. Then we met the rangers. So there were three rangers, Ranger Pete, the second ranger, Ranger Banana although you could call her Ranger Havana, and thirdly Ranger Christy.

First Ranger Banana said "we're going to see some awesome animals. "Yay!" the whole stadium said. First we touched a blue-tongue lizard. Secondly a rough-scaled snake! Readers, you might be scared but we touched the tail. Next a very cute ring-tailed possum. Next a tawny frog mouth, then a baby alligator. Then we had recess.

After that we had a tour of Symbio. Firstly we got to touch a kangaroo. That was my second time. Then we saw a wombat, and followed by a cassowary. They were very big and looked like a giant rooster. Fact alert – Did you know that a cassowaries crest inside the skin is actually bone?

And then we went to the farm animals. First we saw roosters, then Japanese quail, guinea pigs, a giant mountain goat and more goats. We also saw a cheetah and pigmy monkeys.

By Anakin E. (1/2R)



Second-hand school uniform shop

The second hand uniform shop is now open on Tuesday and Friday morning from 8.30-9.00 during term 3 at the Community Hub.

All donations of clean clothing welcome, either at the Community Hub or at the main office.

Help raise fund for your school!

For any further information please contact Evoon 0439 898092

Community Hub Leader

Wollongong Public School

School Concert – 18th September 2019

Tickets are selling fast for the **evening** concert, with only the back row inside the hall available (as of Thursday 29th August), there is still under the COLA tickets that are available for the evening and plenty of inside tickets for the **matinee**.

Sorry no tickets will be allocated without the orange note being returned!

FROM THE ADMIN DESK



A new payment box has been installed in the front office foyer so that all payments and permission notes can now be placed here.

Please make sure that all money is placed in a secure envelope or zip lock bag with your child's name, permission note and payment.

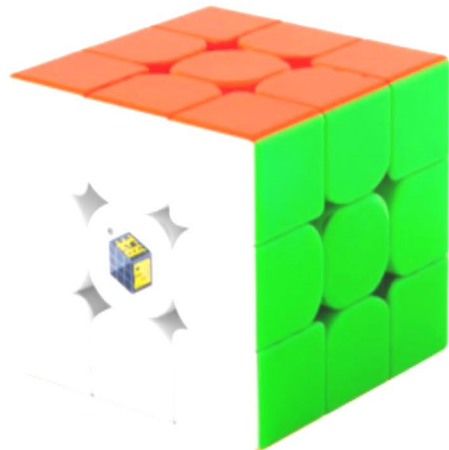


Rubik's Cube

Informal Meet-Up

1:00pm - 4:00pm,

Saturday 9th November



Wollongong Public School Library

Open to Year 5, Year 6 and upwards (including adult enthusiasts).
Parents are responsible for supervision of minors.

Bring your own cubes, plus spares
(if you're prepared to share).



Please RSVP the organiser,
Ms J. Stephenson -
(GAT Coordinator / Year 6 Opportunity Class Teacher)

jacqueline.stephenson@det.nsw.edu.au

If expected numbers are large, we will move the event to the school hall.

Positive Behaviour for Learning at WPS!

PBL News

What is PBL?

PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning. It is a whole school approach for promoting positive behaviour within our school. PBL is about teaching the desired behaviours to students and showing them how they can be successful, allowing for a safe and supportive learning environment.

What are our school values?

Our school values are the expectations the school and community of WPS believe are required to create a positive learning environment. The 3 school values are: **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Safety**. All areas around the school have the school values and expectations displayed on signs to support students in making positive choices on the playground and in classrooms.

PBL Lessons

Each week, teachers engage students in PBL lessons which reinforce the three school values and expectations within different areas of the school. Our teaching focus for this week was about **Uniforms and Hats**. We appreciate your support in ensuring all students are dressed in appropriate school uniform with their name labelled on each item.



**Responsibility
Respect
Safety**



FAST AND FREQUENT PUGGLE

This term, we have launched the 'fast and frequent' reward system. This whole school reward system aims to recognise and encourage positive and appropriate behaviours in all areas at school. A fast and frequent puggle is a small token which all K-6 students can receive when they display the three school values on the playground and in the classroom. When a student receives a puggle, this is kept and placed into their classroom collection box. Every Friday, the SRC will collect and count puggles from each classroom and add them to our 'Puggle Pond' which can be found in the front office! All K-6 students are working towards reaching 5000 achieve a whole school reward!



puggles to

This week at the whole school assembly, the SRC announced the current total of puggles that have been collected so far for this term.

All K-6 students have collectively received:



Congratulations WPS on this outstanding effort! Not long to go before we reach 5000! Keep it up WPS!





Beginning School Well Wollongong Public School

Fun and exciting play activities for non-English speaking background children aged 3-5 years and their parents.

Where: Community Hub at Wollongong Public School

The playgroup will be run by Wollongong Public School teachers and our Community Hub Leader who is an Arabic speaking mentor.

Afternoon tea will be provided.

Sessions:

Monday 26th August at 12:00 to 1:30pm

Monday 2nd September at 12:00 to 1:30pm

Monday 9th September at 12:00 to 1:30pm

Monday 16th September at 12:00 to 1:30pm

Monday 23rd September at 12:00 to 1:30pm





Beginning School Well

البداية الافضل للمدرسة

Wollongong Public School

نشاطات اللعب الشيق و الممتع للأطفال غير الناطقين باللغة الإنجليزية الذين تتراوح أعمارهم بين 3-5 سنوات وأولياء أمورهم .

المكان: مركز المجتمع (Community Hub) في مدرسة Wollongong Public School

سيتم تشغيل مجموعة اللعب من قبل معلمي Wollongong Public School والمسؤوله عن مركز المجتمع التي تتحدث اللغة العربية .
سيتم توفير شاي بعد الظهر.

الدورات:

- الاثنين 26 أغسطس في الساعة 12:00-1:30 بعد الظهر
- الاثنين 2 سبتمبر في الساعة 12:00-1:30 بعد الظهر
- الاثنين 9 سبتمبر في الساعة 12:00-1:30 بعد الظهر
- الاثنين 16 سبتمبر في الساعة 12:00-1:30 بعد الظهر
- الاثنين 23 سبتمبر في الساعة 12:00-1:30 بعد الظهر





开始新学期

Wollongong Public School

此项活动是为 3 至 5 岁的非英语背景儿童及其父母提供的有趣和令人兴奋的游戏活动。

地点：卧龙岗公立学校的社区中心（Community Hub）

该游戏小组将由卧龙岗公立学校的老师和我们的社区中心负责人（阿拉伯语的导师）管理。

活动将提供免费的下午茶。

活动时间：

周一，8 月 26 日 12:00 到下午 1:30

周一，9 月 9 日 12:00 到下午 1:30

周一，9 月 16 日 12:00 到下午 1:30

周一，9 月 23 日 12:00 到下午 1:30



~ August 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26 Symbio Excursion Kindergarten Book Fair	27 Symbio Excursion Stage 1 Book Fair	28 Fathering Project 8am – 9am Book Fair K-2 Library Excursion	29 Book Parade 2pm Book Fair	30 PSSA Sport Father's Day Stall Book Fair	31
~ September 2019 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Stage 3 Sustainability Excursion	3 ICAS - Digital Technologies P&C Meeting 6.30pm	4 New Families Information Session 2pm	5 ICAS - Science	6 PSSA Sport	7
8	9	10 ICAS - Writing	11	12 ICAS Spelling	13 PSSA Sport	14
15	16	17 ICAS - English	18 School Concert Matinee and Evening performances	19 ICAS - Maths	20 PSSA Sport	21

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS – 2020

Enrolments are now being taken for children in Kindergarten next year. If you know of anyone who is intending to apply to our school in 2020 please ask them to come to the school and pick up an enrolment pack as soon as possible.

Closing date for enrolments is Friday 6th September 2019
Enrolment forms and all documentation must be returned to the office by this date.



BIG CAMP OUT

GIVING FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES THE CHANCE
TO SPEND QUALITY ONE-ON-ONE TIME WITH THEIR
CHILD IN A UNIQUE CAMPING EXPERIENCE!

SATURDAY 2 - SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER
CAMP UNDER THE STARS AT WIN STADIUM!

MAKE MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME

PURCHASE VIA
WWW.UNIVERSE.COM/BIGCAMPOUTWINSTADIUM

CONTACT NSW@THEFATHERINGPROJECT.ORG





Made Fresh Canteen Menu



BREAKFAST ONLY (Sold at counter only)

Oven Baked Hash Brown	\$1.00
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BREAKFAST, RECESS & LUNCH (Sold at counter only)

Plain Milk Cup	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate Cup	\$1.50
Light Chocolate Milk Cup	\$1.50
Light Strawberry Milk Cup	\$1.50
Light Banana Milk Cup	\$1.50
Toasted Cheese Sub	\$1.50
Toasted Cheese & Lean Ham Sub	\$2.00
Corn Flakes Bowl	\$2.50
Pancakes x2 with Honey	\$2.50

SANDWICHES (White or Wholemeal Bread)

Vegemite	\$1.50
Jam	\$1.50
Honey	\$1.50
Cheese	\$2.00
Lean Ham	\$2.50
Cheese & Tomato	\$3.00
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber)	\$4.00
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken with Cheese	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.00
Fresh Chicken & Salad	\$4.50
Lean Ham & Salad	\$4.50

WRAPS & ROLLS (Tortilla or Lebanese Bread)

Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Lean Ham & Cheese	\$4.00
Lean Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.50
Salad (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber)	\$4.50
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken with Cheese	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50

VEGGIE & OTHER SNACK PACKS

Fresh Cut Veggie Cup	\$1.50
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Carrot, Celery, Corn, Tomatoes & Bread Stick	\$4.00
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Cheese Cubes & Bread Sticks	\$4.50
Veggie Snack Pack Dome with Fresh Chicken Breast & Bread Sticks	\$5.00

SALADS (All Salads served in 12oz Dome)

Garden Salad	\$4.00
Tuna Salad	\$4.50
Cheese Salad	\$4.50
Lean Ham Salad	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Breast Salad	\$4.50
Fresh Chicken Breast Pasta Salad	\$5.00
Fresh Chicken Caesar Salad with Lean Ham	\$5.00
Upsize Salad from 12oz to 20oz dome for an extra \$1.50	

FRESH FRUIT & YOGHURT

Diced Pineapple Small Cup	\$1.00
Oranges, Apples, Mandarins	\$1.00
Banana	\$1.50
Fresh Watermelon Cup	\$2.00
Fresh Diced Fruit Cup	\$2.00
Vanilla Yoghurt	\$2.00
Yoghurt with Muesli Cup	\$2.50
Yoghurt with Fruit Cup	\$3.00
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Salad Bowl (12oz)	\$4.00

OCCASIONAL FOOD & SNACKS

HOT FOOD

Potato Wedges Cup	\$3.00
Noodles Cup	\$3.50
Chicken Hot Dog (one free sauce)	\$3.50
Beef Hot Dog (one free sauce)	\$3.50
Chicken Nuggets (5 pieces)	\$3.50
Sausage Roll (one free sauce)	\$4.50
Meat Pie (one free sauce)	\$4.50

SNACKS & OTHER TREATS

Homemade Cookies x1	0.50c
Gummy Bear x3	\$1.00
Homemade Muffins (freshly made daily)	\$1.50
Chicken & Corn Roll	\$1.50
Plain Ice Cream Vanilla	\$2.00
Red Rock Deli Chips 28g (2 Flavours)	\$2.50

HOT FOOD

Garlic & Herb Toasty (freshly made daily)	\$1.50
Pizza Cheese Sub (served on roll)	\$2.50
Mexican Quesadilla	\$3.00
Stuffed Vine Leaves with Rice x5	\$3.00
Meatball Sub with Napoletana Sauce	\$4.50
Grilled Chicken Souvlaki on a Roll	\$4.50
Homemade Pizza with Cheese	\$5.00
Homemade Pizza with Lean Ham & Cheese	\$5.50
Homemade Hawaiian Pizza	\$5.50
Lasagne	\$5.50
Cheese burger (lean beef)	\$5.50
Aussie Lean Beef Burger Lettuce/Tomato	\$5.50
Fresh Grilled Chicken Fillet Burger	\$5.50

SUSHI (available every Tuesday-pre order by Friday)

Teriyaki Chicken with Cucumber	\$4.50
Teriyaki Beef with Cucumber	\$4.50
Veggie Tofu, Carrot, Cucumber VEGAN	\$4.50
Tuna with Cucumber	\$4.50

DAILY HOMEMADE MENU

Monday	Pasta Carbonara with Lean Ham	\$4.50
Tuesday	Mac & Cheese Pasta	\$4.50
Wednesday	Hokkien Noodles Chicken	\$4.50
Thursday	Pasta with Meatballs	\$4.50
Friday	Pasta Bolognese	\$4.50

DAZZLING MEAL DEALS...

If you buy a meal combo you would save up to \$1.00

PACK 1: CHEESE SANDWICH	\$3.50
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 2: STUFFED VINE LEAVES with RICE x5	\$4.50
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 3: MEATBALLS SUB	\$6.00
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 4: PASTA with MEATBALLS	\$6.00
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 5: PASTA BOLOGNAISE	\$6.00
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 6: FRESH CHICKEN & CHEESE ROLL	\$6.50
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	
PACK 7: FRESH CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH	\$6.50
Water 400ml + Popcorn or Frozen Juice Stick	

CRUNCH N SIP PACKS

Piece of Fruit & Water 400ml	\$2.50
Diced Fruit Cup & Water 400ml	\$3.00

SNACKS & FROZEN TREATS

Frozen 99% Juice Cup Small (3 Flavours)	0.50c
Plain or Frozen 99% Juice-Jelly Cup Small (3 Flavours)	0.50c
Frozen Diced Pineapple Small Cup	\$1.00
Frozen 99% Juice Cup (3 Flavours)	\$1.00
Frozen 99% Quelch Fruit Juice Sticks (4 Flavours)	\$1.00
Popcorn	\$1.00
Bread Sticks x4	\$1.00
Custard Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Plain Milk Cup	\$1.00
Plain or Frozen 99% Juice-Jelly Cup (3 Flavours)	\$1.00
Frozen Chocolate Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Strawberry Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Banana Milk Cup	\$1.00
Frozen Watermelon Cup	\$2.00
Frozen Grapes Cup (seasonal)	\$2.00
Frozen 99% Nippy's Juice Cup (3 Flavours)	\$2.00
Messy Monkeys Snack (Chicken, Cheese, Pizza)	\$2.50

WATER - MILK & JUICES

Water 400ml	\$1.50
Water 600ml	\$2.00
Popper 100% juice (3 Flavours)	\$2.50
Milk 300ml (plain)	\$2.50
Light Milk 300ml (3 Flavours)	\$3.00

As required by the NSW government all menu items sold each day, are to be listed as Everyday or Occasional food to allow parents and caregivers informed choices.

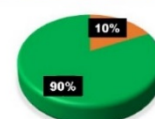
The NSW state government states menu items are required to be 75% everyday and 25% occasional.

Made Fresh is proud that we have exceeded this requirement.

We have kept our prices reasonable even after an increase to the levy for the "container scheme fee". Our suppliers have also increased their prices on eligible/quality goods under the new "star system".

Your child's healthy eating is paramount to our business. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Occasional



Everyday