

School Bell



Bellbridge Primary School
Individual Paths, United Journey

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STUDENT ABSENCES

Absences so far this year _____ 57

Absences same time last year _____ 118

DATES TO REMEMBER

11 th February.....	Prep Free Day
13 th February.....	Bellbridge Swimming Competition
16 th & 17 th February.....	Parent/Teacher Interview
18 th February.....	Prep Free Day
23 rd February.....	District Swimming Competition
25 th February.....	Prep Free Day
4 th March.....	Prep Free Day
6 th March.....	School Photos
9 th March.....	Labour Day Holiday
20 th March.....	School Carnival
27 th March.....	Last day of Term 1
13 th April.....	Start of Term 2

LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY LEAVERS

Any child arriving to school after 8.30am is required to attend the office, **with a parent/guardian**, to obtain a late pass.

If your child is leaving school early, a note is to be given to the teacher on the day informing them of the time your child is to be picked up and whom they'll be picked up by. The parent/guardian is required to come to the office to sign their child out.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

If your child will be absent from school, you are required to call the school office on the morning of the day that your child won't be attending. When your child returns to school, a note will need to be given to their teacher explaining the absence.

If your child has any long term absences from school, (eg. holidays, extended illness, family issues etc) a note is required to be given to their teacher informing them of the absence prior to or as soon as practicable of them commencing the absence.

Staff at Bellbridge P.S.

We farewelled several staff at the end of last year – some are on Family Leave (Mrs Seedhom, Mrs Bubb, Mrs O'Donohue) and Mrs McGrath retired after a long and successful teaching career.

We are now pleased to welcome some new staff to our school community – Miss Di Natale (Prep B), Miss Smith (Prep D), Mrs Hardwick (1B), Miss Cutajar (2A), Miss Aquilina (3C), Miss Clark (5B), Miss Cue (6B) and Mr Downing (P.E.). Our Education Support team (ESOs) has also increased to accommodate our increasing enrolments (approximately 50 more students than last year).

They will all be a great addition to the hard working teams who support the learning for all students in our school. A staff list and school map is included in this newsletter.

Home School Partnerships are Important at Bellbridge

Our staff have been setting clear and achievable expectations with all students so that we are all clear about our roles and responsibilities. In order for students to receive a clear and consistent message we feel it is also important for families to support these expectations through conversations and actions at home. Some ways you can support a strong home school partnership include:

- Reading the newsletter with your child every week
- Asking for and checking your child's student diary or communication book every school day
- Talking about sensible and safe play at home and school
- Monitoring their homework tasks on a regular basis
- Attending meetings with teachers, where necessary

A major success in our partnership so far this year has been the support demonstrated by our parents who have provided their children with the necessary resources and positive attitude to have an extremely organised and settled start to the school year. Well done!

Parent Teacher Meetings – Monday, February 16th / Tuesday, February 17th

We will be having Parent Teacher meetings on Monday, February 16th (2:50 – 6:30pm) and Tuesday, February 17th, (2:50 - 4:10 pm). This is an opportunity to establish a relationship and build on the home school partnership with your child's teacher. It is also an opportunity for parents to share information that is specific to their child's needs. ***Notes have already been sent home with the eldest child in the family and need to be completed and returned to school by Friday, February 6th.***

We look forward to having conversations with all parents so we can start the year with shared expectations. Some information that can be shared at the interview may include:

- Your child's current health situation, e.g. allergies, asthma (which require a management plan)
- Changed family circumstances
- Dates for any extended absences that are being planned (e.g. holiday overseas)
- Issues that may impact on the completion of homework

When teachers are aware of special circumstances in a child's life they are able to understand and support the student in a variety of ways and your timely communication allows us all to work as a team.

Does your child have ASTHMA? This is important information re Spacers

Schools/preschools in Victoria have been informed by the Asthma Foundation of Victoria about new guidelines regarding the use of spacers for children with asthma. Spacers are essential equipment when following Asthma First Aid best practice, however schools/preschools will no longer be able to wash, sterilise and re-use spacers from their asthma emergency kits when assisting students with asthma symptoms.

If your child has an Asthma Plan (which should be signed by a doctor and handed to the Office for filing with our First Aid Coordinator) you will need to supply a spacer to be stored at the office in case of emergency. If we do not have a spacer and need to use one for your child from the school supply we will need to charge parents for the replacement fee (\$10.00). Please help us to be prepared to look after your child's asthma needs if they arise.

Make sure you tell your child's teacher of any other medical conditions or special needs or requirements at the Parent Teacher meeting on Monday, February 16th and Tuesday, February 17th.

Shared Values at Bellbridge

We are very proud of our strong culture of good civics and citizenship at Bellbridge Primary School. This is actively demonstrated by our commitment to living out a set of shared values which are:

- We are individuals
- We aim, we achieve
- We are responsible citizens, and
- We value team work

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

The SWPBS is a whole school approach designed to promote and maintain a safe and orderly learning environment for all students and staff.

It focuses on everyone and all settings within the school, and promotes a positive focus on academic and behavioural outcomes across the school.

It clearly defines our core expected behaviours (rules), which are:

- **Be safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be Responsible**
- **Be a Learner**

Expected behaviours are acknowledged and rewarded at both an individual and class level.

Students can earn 'bee tokens' as an individual and these can be traded for prizes at a Reward Shop.

Class groups can earn 'bee hive tokens' for positive behaviour which they can trade for whole class rewards.

Classes have an opportunity to earn tokens in their classroom, at Specialist classes and in the yard.

Expectations are clearly displayed in each classroom in the form of a Matrix.

It's Not Okay to be Away

Our school has a strong commitment to maximum student attendance at school. Regular attendance contributes to successful relationships between students and staff, strong feelings of connectedness to school and increased student learning outcomes. We enjoy acknowledging students and families who are making an effort to attend school on a regular basis with certificates and awards at Assembly.

Riding Bikes and Scooters to School

We support and encourage students to ride their bikes and scooters to school as it is a healthy and environmentally conscious choice, BUT:

- Bikes and scooters must be in a condition that complies with safety expectations (e.g. size, brakes, tyres)
- Students must have parent permission to ride to/from school
- Students must wear a helmet when riding a bike and are strongly encouraged to do the same when riding a scooter or skateboard
- Students are strongly encouraged to lock their bikes and scooters in the bike enclosure
- Bikes and scooters must be 'walked' within the school grounds when entering and exiting the school

Please note: A 'Bike & Scooter Agreement' will be handed out during the Parent Teacher information sessions and will need to be signed by students and their parents.

Our Library has been Relocated

While we were on holidays our maintenance man was very busy building and coordinating the restructure and relocation of our Library. It is now located in the Grade 4 & 5 building (Callistemon). This has enabled the space previously used for the Library to be renovated to create two classrooms (Prep E – Room 29 and Prep F – Room 30).

IMPORTANT - Bringing Valuable Items to School

I feel it is important to remind parents/guardians that we strongly discourage students from bringing valuable items to school. The Department of Education and Training does not hold insurance nor does it accept responsibility for private property brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, iPods, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. It is very sad and disappointing when valuable items are lost or damaged and we urge parents and children to make responsible choices when considering bringing any valuable items to school.

Students who bring mobile phones and/or electronic devices to school must:

- Have their parent's permission
- Leave them at the office when they arrive at school (for safe keeping)
- Pick them up from the office at the end of the school day

Student Safety around our School

The safety of students is very important to us. This week a few parents have been using the Staff Car Parks as a drop off area for students. We understand that at times it may feel convenient for parents to use the car park but it does not comply with safety guidelines.

For safety reasons, **students are not to be in the Staff Car Park at any time**, unless under the supervision of a teacher.

Please help us to make sure your children are safe when arriving and leaving school by doing the following, where applicable:

- Drop them off using the footpath as an exit point at a parking bay on Bellbridge Drive or Matlock Street.
- Make sure your children use the School Crossing if/when they need to cross Bellbridge Drive or Matlock Street in order to enter or exit the school.
- Do not call students to cross the street when you are not parked on the school side of the road.
- If students do not use the School Crossing they need to be effectively supervised by a parent or adult as they cross the street, e.g. holding hands.

School Council Elections

We currently have some vacancies for positions on School Council and will be seeking nominations from parents to participate in an election process in order to fill these positions.

The notices for the election of new School Council members will be posted around the school soon.

- School Council meets once a month on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm.
- Members of School Council contribute to many of the decisions that govern the operations of the school.
- The term of office is generally for two years with the ability to nominate again as often as you like.

Since 2008 it has been possible for parents to nominate themselves for School Council without the need to be seconded by another parent. We will advise parents when the nomination forms are ready and the official process is underway. The successful nominees will take office as of our March meeting.

Debbie Clancy

Principal

ASTHMA FORMS

For any student who suffers from Asthma the school must have an action plan in the student's file in case of an emergency. Asthma forms have been sent home with all students this week. **If your child suffers from Asthma**, please send the form back to school as soon as possible. It is important that we have this information on hand so as we can assist your child effectively.

P.E. NEWS

Cooperation and working together, with a focus upon balance and core strength, is the main focus in Term One. Students in all classes will participate in pair/small group challenges and be part of an agility and gymnastics unit of work. Various minor games will also be utilised in Physical Education sessions enabling students to apply the skills/knowledge learnt.

Our first sporting event is the Grade 3-6 Bellbridge Swimming Competition. This event will be held on Friday the 13th of February at the Bayfit Leisure Centre in Altona. Students who are capable of swimming **a minimum of 25 metres** in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and/or butterfly are encouraged to compete. The Bellbridge Swimming Team will be selected from the competition and will go on to represent the school at the Truganina District Swimming Carnival on Monday the 23rd of February at the Werribee Outdoor Pool.

Students in Grade 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to compete in Summer Inter-school Sport. The sports available are basketball, volleyball, kanga cricket, tee-ball and bat tennis. Students will represent their school in a six week fixture against other schools in the Truganina District each Friday morning throughout Term One.

Parents/guardians are very much encouraged to be a part of the sporting fixtures in which the school are competing, which may involve offering a helping hand or simply to encourage our students. I very much look forward to an exciting and successful year in Physical Education in 2015.

Mr Downing.
PE TEACHER

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

We require a new enrolment form for every child that attends The OSHC program. No child will have access to the program if we do not have a current enrolment form.

A few families still have outstanding accounts. We have sent these accounts home. If they are not paid by the end of this week children will not be able to access to the program.

If your child has Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Allergies or any other medical condition please ensure that the program has an UP TO DATE management and action plan.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SUNSHINE FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE: Family Relationship Centres are a source of information and confidential assistance for families at all stages in their lives. Whether families are going through separation, starting a relationship, wanting to make relationships stronger, or having relationship difficulties, the Centres can help. Family Relationship Centres have a focus on providing family dispute resolution (mediation) to enable separating families achieve workable parenting arrangements outside the Court system. The Sunshine Family Relationship Centre is located at 1 Clarke Street, Sunshine and offers a range of services for families in Western suburbs and surrounding areas.

They will be running children's group, "My Parents N Me", each school term over a 4 week period. This group is for children from separated families. Each session is structured and looks at children's feelings, coping when conflict is happening around them and helping the children to identify their own strengths. Group sizes are limited to 10 children and are run in two age groups (6-10 and 10-12). The groups currently run from 4.00 – 5.00pm on Thursday's, and the dates for the next groups are; April 23rd, April 30th, May 7th and May 14th.

The group will be running at the Delahey Community Centre at 80 Copperfield Drive Delahey. As spaces are limited, a waiting list for subsequent groups will be maintained and parents will be re-contacted closer to the date for the next group. Before any child's place is confirmed in a group, the facilitator will contact parents in order to have a brief conversation and outline the program.

If you would like to speak to them about this program please contact us on 9313 0444.

LAVERTON COMMUNITY CENTRE: The Laverton Community Centre and Neighbourhood House is running a course ‘**Self-Esteem and Assertion for Women**’ starting Tuesday 10th February 10-12noon. The centre is in The Hub 95-105 Railway Avenue Laverton.

Bookings are essential. Call 8368 0177 or Email: community@lcis.org.au

NEWSLETTER PRIZE – Read the newsletter and you might win a prize!

The school newsletter is a very important form of communication between home and school. We would like to think that all families read the newsletter so they can keep up to date with information and special events. As an incentive and/or reward for reading the newsletter we offer a prize (e.g. movie ticket, vouchers, bee tokens) that is drawn at every Assembly that occurs after the newsletter has been distributed.

To be in the running for this prize you need to answer a question about some information in the newsletter. When you return the slip with the correct answer and a parent’s signature to the Office it is included in the special draw for a prize.

Good luck!

Newsletter Prize

Question: Where are the School Crossings?

Answer: _____

Child’s name: _____

Parent’s signature: _____

Return to the office by 8:20am Monday, February 9th – to be drawn at Assembly

Meet the Principal & the Leadership Team

Monday, February 9th

9:00 – 9:30 in the staff room

Parents are invited to meet with our Principal, Debbie Clancy and the Leadership Team (Lisa Conibeer, Tania Hunt, Alysha Jarvis) after Assembly on Monday, February 9th.

This will be an informal gathering where parents have the opportunity to learn more about our school whilst getting to know other parents as well.

PARENTS’ CRAFT GROUP

We will be seeking expressions of interest in relation to starting the Parents’ Craft Group again this year.

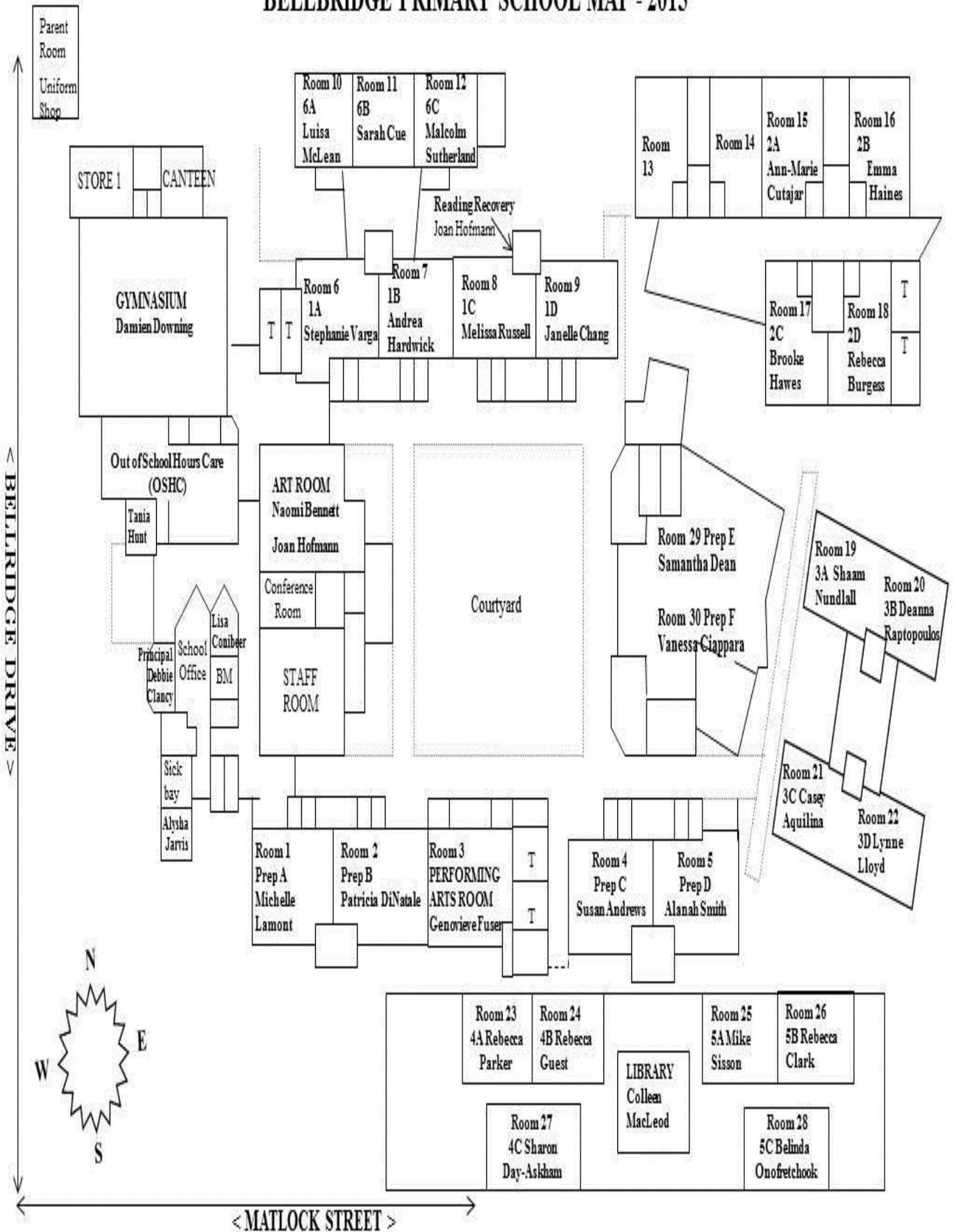
Watch this space!

STAFF LIST 2015

* Team Leader

Area	Name	Role	Room
ADMIN	Debbie Clancy	Principal	Prin Office
	Lisa Conibeer	AP (Welfare/Grade P-2)	AP Office
	Tania Hunt (excl Wed)	AP (ICT/Grade 3-6)	AP Office
	Alysha Jarvis	Leading Teacher	LT Office
	Lisa Lynch	Business Manager	Office
	Judy Mundy (excl Friday)	Administration Officer	Office
	Jenny Clark	Administration Officer	Office
	Michelle Parker	Administration Officer	Office/Library
GRADE PREP	Michelle Lamont	Prep A	1
	Kimberley Javni	Prep B	2
	Susan Andrews	Prep C	4
	Alanah Smith	Prep D	5
	Samantha Dean *	Prep E	29
	Vanessa Ciappara	Prep F	30
GRADE 1	Stephanie Varga *	1A	6
	Andrea Hardwick	1B	7
	Melissa Russell	1C	8
	Janelle Chang	1D	9
GRADE 2	Ann-Marie Cutajar	2A	15
	Emma Haines	2B	16
	Brooke Hawes * (excl Friday)	2C	17
	Priscilla Patterson (Friday)	2C	17
	Rebecca Burgess	2D	18
GRADE 3	Shaam Nundlall	3A	19
	Deanna Raptopoulos *	3B	20
	Casey Aquilina	3C	21
	Lynne Lloyd	3D	22
GRADE 4	Rebecca Parker	4A	23
	Rebecca Guest	4B	24
	Sharon Day-Askham *	4C	27
GRADE 5	Mike Sisson	5A	25
	Rebecca Clark	5B	26
	Belinda Onofretchook *	5C	28
GRADE 6	Luisa McLean	6A	10
	Sarah Cue	6B	11
	Malcolm Sutherland *	6C	12
SPECIALISTS	Genovieve Fuser	Performing Arts	3
	Naomi Bennett * (excl Thursday)	Art	Art Room
	Colleen MacLeod Term 1	Library	Library
	Damien Downing	Physical Education	Gym
	Joan Hofmann	Literacy Int. / Art (Thurs)	8/9 & Art
ESOs	Helena Kasem	ICT Technical Manager	ICT
	Pete Mockiewicz	Technician	ICT
	Mel Dobson	Classroom Support	2B
	Susan Monro	Classroom Support	2D
	Leanne Gorman	Classroom Support	4B
	Renee Beecham	Classroom Support	1D / 2A
	Helen Parker	Classroom Support	3D
	Jarrold Lucas	Classroom Support	1C
	Shelley Rauner-Smith	Classroom Support	5B / 6C
	Barb Lawn	Classroom Support	
	Jackie Barber	Classroom Support	4C
	Vicki Murphy	Classroom Support	6B
	Janet Morris	Classroom Support	5A
	Emma James	Classroom Support	PE
	Vivien Biles	Classroom Support	2C / 3B
	Nicole Strange	Classroom Support	4A
	Joanne Thomas	OSHC Coordinator	OSHC
	Kate Walsh	OSHC	OSHC
	Janet Fennessy	Canteen Manager	Canteen
	Brian Rich	Maintenance	
Jane Goodridge	Speech Pathologist	BER	

BELLBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL MAP - 2015



Bellbridge Primary School
CANTEEN MENU 2015
 Canteen Manager - Janet Fennessy

Please use lunch bag to order. If using an envelope, please **add 10c** for a bag.
 Please include name of child, grade, order required, total price, and amount enclosed. Change given will be taped to the front of the bag.

SANDWICHES

Choose Wholemeal or White Bread

Roll or Wrap - add 60c

Ham	2.20
Ham & Cheese	2.80
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	3.40
Cheese	2.20
Vegemite	1.80
Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	3.00
Ham & Salad	4.00
Salad (Lettuce, Carrot, Tom., Cucumber)	3.60
Extras - Add 60c each	

HALAL

(Please mark Halal on bag)

Meat Pie	3.50
Chicken Burger(w lettuce & mayo)	4.00
Sausage Roll	2.80

GLUTEN FREE

(Please mark GF on bag)

Pizza - <u>Cheese</u> or <u>Ham & Cheese</u>	3.50
Potato w Cheese	3.50
Potato w Ham & Cheese	3.50

SNACKS

Carrot & Cucumber Sticks	1.00
Koala Popcorn (GF) (chicken, bbq, sweet chilli, or cheese)	1.20
Red Rock Deli (sea salt or honey soy chicken)	1.20
JJ's Snack (chicken)	1.20
Delites Rice Snack (GF) (bbq, sea salt, sweet chilli, or sour cream)	0.80
Gingerbread Person	1.80
Fruit Salad Cup	1.50

HOT FOOD

Dim Sim (w or w/out soy sauce)	1.00
Lasagne (97% fat-free)	3.50
Macaroni & Cheese (97% fat-free)	3.50
Hot Dog	3.00
Chicken Dino Snack (x6)	3.00
Meat Pie lite	3.00
Party Pie lite	1.20
Sausage Roll lite	2.50
Chicken Burger (with lettuce & mayo)	4.00
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap (w lettuce/mayo)	4.00
Pizza (margarita or hawaiian)	3.00
Tomato Sauce Sachet - add 20c	

SALAD

Choose French or Balsamic salad dressing

Lettuce, Carrot, Cucumber, Tomato, & Beetroot	4.00
- With Egg	Add 50c
- With Cheese	Add 50c
- With Tuna	Add 1.00

DRINKS

Water 600ml	1.50
Just Juice (apple, orange, or A&BC)	1.50
Quench Mineral Water (cola, blue heaven, or raspberry)	2.00
BigM (choc or strawberry)	2.00
Icy Twist	1.20
Paddle Pop (choc or rainbow)	1.30
Moosie	1.00
Slushie (small/medium)	1.00/1.50

Combos - ALL \$5

CHOOSE A COMBO...

1. Hot Dog, Jelly Cup, Just Juice
2. Dim Sims (3), Big M, Delites
3. Pizza, Quench, Cookie