# PUBLIC SCHOOL

## **NEO ORA**

#### **TERM 1 WEEK 5 2025**

#### **MONDAY 24 February**

- Stage 1 Meet the Teacher 4pm
- Stage 2 Meet the Teacher 5pm
- Year 6 Peer Support Leaders training

#### **TUESDAY 25 February**

- Early Stage 1 Meet the Teacher 4pm
- Stage 3 Meet the Teacher 5pm

#### **WEDNESDAY 26 February**

#### **THURSDAY 27 February**

- Zone swimming carnival
- K-2 assembly

#### **FRIDAY 28 February**

- P&C welcome picnic
- Scholastic book fair





#### **Principal Update**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Welcome Kindergarten 2025**

This year 42 Kindergarten students started 'big school' the same day as Years 1-6 returned and settled into their 2025 classes. We warmly welcome all our new families, across K-6 and know that you will feel part of this caring community in no time. Please ensure that you read our school newsletter every Friday (even weeks) as it contains important information about school events, routines and extra- curricular activities.

#### **Meet the Teacher Sessions**

Next week, we warmly welcome you to attend our **Meet the Teacher sessions**. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce your child's class teacher and provide relevant information regarding school operations, teaching and learning programs and school events for this year.

#### Dates and times are as follows:

Kindergarten: Tuesday 25 February at 4:00pm
Years 1 and 2: Monday 24 February at 4:00pm
Years 3 and 4: Monday 24 February at 5:00pm
Years 5 and 6: Tuesday 25 February at 5:00pm

Please arrive on time for your child's session. All Meet the Teacher sessions will commence in our school hall and are scheduled to run for an hour. Please note that students are not to attend as there is no supervision provided.

#### **Change of Routine for PSSA Sport and School Sport- Years 3-6**

2025 marks a change in format to the way Inner West PSSA sport is played. Instead of weekly games, Gala Days will be held twice a term. Summer PSSA Gala Days will consist of Basketball (mixed, Junior & Senior), Cricket (Junior and Senior), Softball (Senior) and T-Ball (Junior). All PSSA teams will participate in several games throughout the day and will need to wear sports uniform and bring lunch, (no canteen orders) recess, a drink bottle and a school hat. The Gala Days for this term are held on:

- Friday 21 February (today) and Friday 14 March.



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**TERM 1 WEEK 6 2025** 

**MONDAY 3 March** 

**TUESDAY 4 March** 

**WEDNESDAY 5 March** 

#### **THURSDAY 6 March**

- Stage 1 Science incursion
- 3-6 assembly

#### **FRIDAY 7 March**

Women's International Day





#### **Principal Update**

Students who have gained a place in a PSSA team has been provided with a permission note, Code of Conduct and payment request via SENTRAL parent portal.

Students who are not in a PSSA team will participate in 4 sport rotations throughout the day. They will learn a number of different sports and skills which will run by various class teachers. Sports uniform should be worn, and students should bring a drink bottle and school hat. Please note that Friday sport on non-Gala Days will take place every Friday afternoon during school time. This provides PSSA teams with the opportunity to train and non-PSSA summer sports (Dance, Tennis, Volleyball, Yoga) to develop skills and confidence throughout Term 1 and 4. Please note there is no cost associated with Friday school sports at school.

#### **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

This year the SRC will continue to work in 'spoke' groups. There will be four spokes with students rotating through a spoke per term. The four spokes include:

- Media Team: The Media Team is responsible for providing SRC updates to be shared with the wider school community through the School Newsletter. Thank you to Mr Benetel, Miss Chegwidden and Miss Tsitsos who will lead the Media Team.
- Green Team: The Green Team is responsible for caring for and improving our school's physical environment. Thank you to Miss Daoud, Ms Taseski and Ms Strachan who will lead the Green Team.
- Community Engagement Team: The Community Engagement Team are responsible for organising activities to engage the student community, including lunch time activities such as yard games. Thank you to Ms Hoang, Ms McFall and Ms Maddison who will lead the Community Engagement Team.
- PBL Team: The PBL Team are responsible for presenting the expectations of being safe, responsible and respectful each fortnight at assemblies. Thank you to Mr Braine, Miss Di Qual and Ms la Rosa who will lead the PBL team.

SRC elections across all Years 2-6 class were held on Monday 17 February. We look forward to announcing our 2025 SRC leaders at our Friday morning assembly on Friday 28 February.



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#### **Principal Update**

#### **Attendance and Absences**

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Students are required to attend school each day unless they are unwell. Absences should be reported daily via the SENTRAL parent portal app. Medical certificates should be provided for ongoing or serious illnesses. Parents must apply for extended leave of 3 days or more. For further information, please contact the school office.

#### **Teacher Supervision starts at 8:25am**

This is a reminder to families new and old that teacher supervision commences at 8:25am each school day. Duty teachers and Learning and Support Officers will be wearing a fluro vest. With the exemption of students attending an extracurricular activity, parents and carers are legally responsible for the care and supervision of their children prior to 8:25am. Please do not leave your child unsupervised at the school before 8:25am. We understand that many parents and carers have commitments at work which require them to leave before 8:25am. Before and After School Care Services operate in our school. Please contact the office for further information.

#### **Gentle reminder: No Parking in Staff Carpark**

For the safety of our students and school community, I respectfully ask that only teachers park in the staff carpark. For all families using before and after school care in Building K, please use the single-entry gate and pull gate closest to Building A and avoid walking through the staff carpark. Thank you to all our families who continue to use street parking and enter from the single-entry gate at Beresford Ave.

#### **Appropriate rain protection**

Given the unpredictable weather and recent thunderstorms, please ensure your child is well-prepared with appropriate rain protection in their bags each day. A raincoat or umbrella is appropriate for students across Years 3-6. K-2 students are discouraged from using umbrellas for safety reasons and raincoats are preferred.

#### **P&C Welcome Picnic- Friday 28 February**

The Croydon Park Public School P&C warmly welcome all our students and their families to our 2025 Welcome Picnic! Please SAVE THE DATE for next Friday 28 February at 5pm.

Kindest Regards, Anastasia Galanos Principal





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#### **Early Stage 1 Update**

#### Welcome to Kindergarten!

On Thursday 6 February we welcomed 42 new Kindergarten students to Croydon Park Public School. Over the first week, students spent time familiarising themselves with all things 'big school', including getting to know their classrooms, playground, teachers and peers. Kindergarten students have now been placed in their 2025 classes and we are very excited for the year ahead.

The Kindergarten classes and teaching team are:



Mrs Ashley Winwood (KW) Monday to Friday



Mrs Sarah Strachan (KS) Monday to Friday



Mrs Emma Thuell (Assistant Principal ES1)



Best Start Assessment will commence Monday 24 February. Parents would have received information about Best Start via SENTRAL.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Kindergarten **Meet the Teacher on Tuesday 25 February at 4:00pm.** At this session you will receive information regarding classroom routines, school expectations and important dates for 2025.

Kind regards,

Emma Thuell Assistant Principal (ES1)



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#### **Stage 1 Update**

Welcome back to all our Stage 1 families. I hope that you have had an enjoyable break with your families and that everyone has returned energised for 2025!

It's been wonderful to see all our stage classes already working hard, showing their teachers what they know. We have all been setting up school and class expectations for the year, so that everyone knows how to be safe and respectful learners at school.

It's an exciting time as new classes and new friendships are formed.

The Stage 1 teaching tem for 2025:



Sally Webeck 1W Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri



Sylvia Maricic **1MD** Mon-Fri



Joanna Houvardas 1W Wed and EAL/D Mon, Tues, Thurs



Hanan Daoud 2D Mon-Fri



Simone La Rosa **2L** Mon-Fri



We are all looking forward to meeting you at **Meet the Teacher** Night on Monday 24 February at 4:00pm where your child's class teacher will discuss 2025 in further detail.

Regards,

Sally Webeck

R/Assistant Principal (S1)



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## **Stage 2 Update**

Welcome back to all our Stage 2 students and families! We hope you had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed for the year ahead.

The classrooms are already buzzing with energy as students settle into their new routines, reconnect with friends, and dive into new learning experiences. It's been great to see everyone approaching the start of the year with enthusiasm and a willingness to take on new challenges.

We're looking forward to a year filled with exciting opportunities, teamwork, and growth. Let's make 2025 a great one!

The Stage 2 teaching tem for 2025:



Lara Di Qual 3D Mon-Fri



Nicolette Tsitsos **3T** Moon-Fri



Rosalie McFall 41 Wed and 4M, Thurs



Naomi Isaac **4I** Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri





Belinda Mullen 4M Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri

We are all looking forward to meeting you at **Meet the Teacher** Night on Monday 24 February at 5:00pm where your child's class teacher will discuss 2025 in further detail.

Regards,

Naomi Isaac

R/Assistant Principal (Stage 2)



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#### **Stage 3 Update**

Welcome back to our Year 5 and Year 6 students! The Stage 3 teachers are excited to see your smiling faces in our shared learning spaces. For Year 5 students, we're eager to prepare you for NAPLAN and help develop your leadership skills throughout the year. For Year 6 students, we're thrilled to share this important year with you and help you prepare for high school together.

Being in stage 3 comes with an increase in our expectations for homework, learning, organisation and behaviour. We will encourage you to demonstrate kindness, work as a team and always lead by example. Of course, we won't be missing out on all the important things that come along in stage 3 including our 2 night trip to Canberra, an incursion on electricity, Year 6 t-shirts, Fun Day and eventually our Year 6 Big Day Out and Farewell.

Our six Stage 3 classes and their teachers are:





**5/6SM-** Mrs Shellianne Stainton (Mon- Tues)
Ms Melissa Maddison (Wed-Thurs)



5C- Miss Rebekah Coates



**5B-** Mr Angus Braine



**6C-** Miss Mackenzie Chegwidden



**6B-** Mr Christian Benetel

Your Stage 3 Assistant Principals are: Mrs Shellianne Stainton (Mon-Wed)

Ms Su Sharma (Thurs-Fri)

We are all looking forward to meeting you at **Meet the Teacher** Night on Tuesday 25 February at 5:00pm where your child's class teacher will discuss 2025 in further detail.

Regards,

Shellianne Stainton
Assistant Principal (Stage 3)





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# Learning and Success Team (LST) Update from Mrs Thuell

The LST Team consists of:

LST and Student Well-being Assistant Principal - Mrs Emma Thuell (Literacy Intervention 3-4 and Enrichment)



LaST (Literacy Intervention K-2) - Ms Angela Taseski



**EAL/D Teacher** - Mrs Joanna Houvardas



Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction/ Numeracy - Ms Su Sharma



HONOUR

#### What are Literacy Intervention programs?

#### **MiniLit Sage**

MiniLit Sage is a literacy intervention program designed for young children in Years 1 and 2 who are struggling to learn to read. The program is designed to be delivered to small groups of up to four children four-five times a week. Each lesson has two distinct areas of instruction:

- Working with Sounds and Words where children are explicitly taught the relationship between sounds and letters and how this knowledge is critical to reading
- Practice and Application where further opportunities are provided for the children to practise their reading skills using a variety of activities and resources.



MacqLit is a reading program for children in Year 3 and above who need some help with their reading. It takes place in groups of up to four-five students and takes up to an hour a day. It has been developed by MultiLit, a research-based initiative of Macquarie University. MultiLit has been producing reading programs for over 20 years. The program will teach your child how to read and spell words using appropriate strategies.



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#### **Library Update**

Welcome back to the Library!



"Reading is a passport to countless adventures!" - Mary Pope Osborne

Borrowing books from the library is an important part of students learning at Croydon Park Public School. The extensive collection available at our school library will help improve students' literacy skills, develop empathy, expand their brain and mind, as well as enhancing their communication skills.

For students to borrow, they will need to bring their library bags and any overdue library books. Library bags can be purchased from our uniform shop or students can bring any cloth bags they have at home.

I have attached the library timetable below:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
5B 4I 1W 2D	5/6SM 3D 1M	6C 3T 4M 4I	5C 5B KW KS

I look forward to seeing all the students and their library bags!



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#### **Library Update**

We are invited to our Book Fair on Friday 28 February.

This year we have organised a Book Fair to coincide with our Welcome Picnic. The Book Fair will be held in the library, the opening times are:

8:30am - 9:30am

2:30pm - 3:30pm

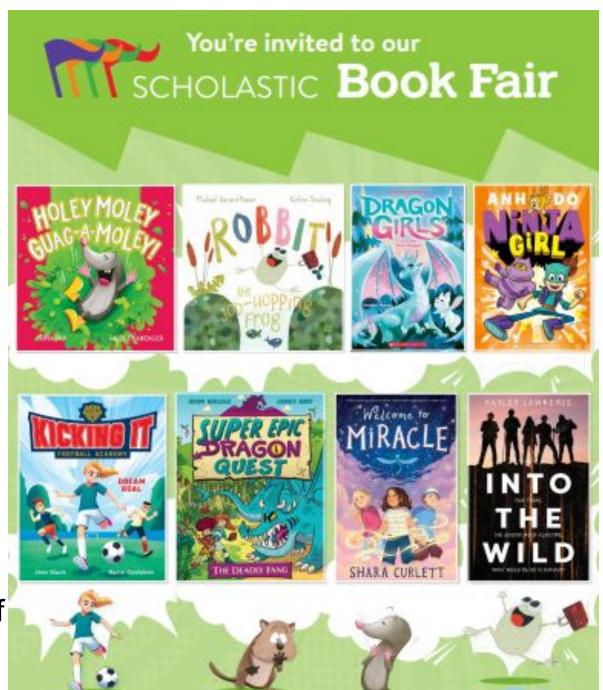
5:30pm - 6:30pm

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents that are interested in viewing the selection of books available in the Scholastic catalogue. An EFTPOS machine will be available and cash payments will be accepted.

Parents and carers are also welcome to visit our library and view our current collection of books.

I look forward to this welcoming new and current families in our library!

Doris Hoang
Teacher Librarian



# Where are they now?

Aryan and Naam from Croydon Park Public School have made a smooth transition to high school life at Canterbury Boys High School. Naam is looking forward to getting into the school kitchen in Technology and Aryan is enjoying a wider selection of books in the school library. They both said that the best part of high school so far are the new friends they have been making.

Congratulations on your smooth transition boys! We are glad you are enjoying High School.



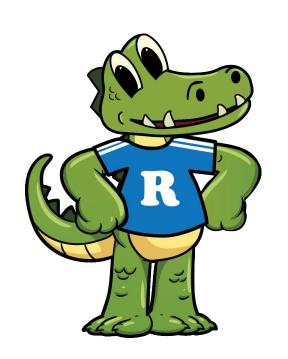


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# PBL Celebration Day





## We are Safe, We are Learners, We are Respectful

#### Who's responsible? We are!

Each fortnight this term, the students and teachers are focusing on one of our school's expectations in a shared space of the school. Teachers will be on the lookout for students following our school expectations to be awarded 'Do It Right' tokens and Croydon Park Crests.

# Congratulations to our week 3 and 4 students

#### **Bronze Awards:**

Nour Hassoun 41 Hannah Weng 41

Silver Awards:

#### Gold Awards:

Dylan Reynolds 41

#### PBL Expectation for Term 1 Weeks 5 & 6

- Line up safely and wait for equipment to be handed out
- Play with the right equipment in the right area
- Return the equipment to the correct tub when I have finished playing with it or the bell rings
- Play with equipment safely or fairly
- Use the correct type of ball in each location

Blue Level- All students begin here

5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Bronze Award

1 Bronze Award + 5 more Croydon Park Crests = 1 Silver

award

1 Silver award + 5 Croydon Park Crests = 1 Gold Award







# DRAMA CLASSES 2025

If you're looking for an extra-curricular activity that helps build confidence, creative expression and life skills then our drama classes are for you.

DRAMA	year 3 - 6	Term 1	February 10 - April 7
Class 1	Monday	3:10pm - 4:10pm	Old School Hall, Block A

DRAM	A year K – 2	Term 1	February 12 – April 9
Class 2	Wednesday	7:45am – 8:45am	Old School Hall, Block A

COST \$20 per class (payable by the term)

We are a registered Creative Kids provider

BOOK your place for Term 1 Drama via our website www.imaginationtheatre.com.au

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with Annerose (Director) We look forward to creating the best possible drama experience for you.

www.imaginationtheatre.com.au 0425 290 095 imagination.theatre1@gmail.com



# LEARN MUSIC AT SCHOOL

# MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT CPPS LESSON ON TUE 8-8.45AM

- · 45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.
- · Instrument not required initially.
- \$33 per session follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.
- Ideal for beginners!

# Music Shapes Minds!

Learning music enhances cognitive skills, builds discipline and boosts confidence!



To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit: www.learnmusicatschool.com.au





#### **CROYDON PARK TEAMKIDS**

# NEWSLETTER



#### WHAT'S BEEN

Welcome to Term 1 2025! We hope you all had a pleasant break and are ready for lots of learning and fun this year. A special welcome to our new Kindy children.

We would also like to give a very warm welcome to our new 2IC who started during Vacation Care in January, Mors.

We would like to remind you of our Sun Smart Policy, we follow the procedures of shade, protective clothing, hats, sunscreen and modelling appropriate sun smart safety amongst our Educators.

This term we are introducing a variety of new and exciting Clubs for the children to enjoy with one another and their educators on five afternoon's a week from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

We also have the KU program continuing this term, five afternoon's a week from 4pm-5pm.

Monday - Dance

Tuesday - Soccer

Wednesday - Electronics

Thursday - Coding

Friday - Robotics

#### **IMPORTANT**

AFRESTH FEBRUARY

Valentine's Day!



Random Acts Of Kindness Day

MON 17TH MARCH

Harmony Week



## TEAMKIDS CLUBS

MONDAY

Homework Club

#### **TUESDAY**

Lego Masters

#### WEDNESDAY

Super Sports Club

#### **THURSDAY**

Musical Theatre/Drama

#### FRIDAY

Cooking Club

Office Email:

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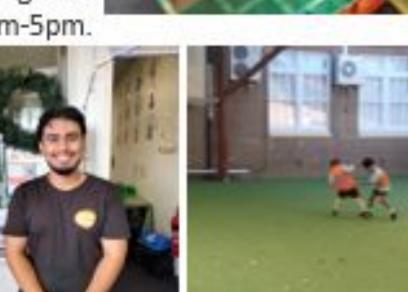


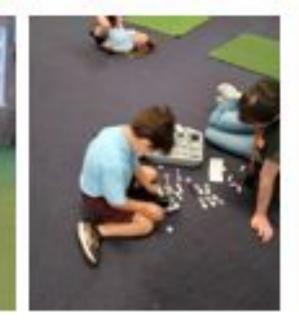


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# CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Croydon Park Public School is held on Mondays from 7:50am to 8:45am, starting on 10 February 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad https://www.chesssquad.com/ which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email <a href="mailto:office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com">office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com</a> for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

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Angela's Kitchen





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# Angela's Kitchen



#### Recess/Snacks

#### Sandwiches

(O) Gluten Free Baked Hash Brown	\$2.00 each	Bread type: W
(E) Yogurt Tub with berries	\$4.00	
(E) Fruit Salad	\$5.00	(E) Harn
(E) Fresh Fruit Sticks	\$2.00 each	(E) Cheese
(E) Veggie Sticks	\$2.00 each	(E) Ham & Cher
(O) Salted Popcorn 25g	\$2.50	(E) Ham, Cheese (E) Lean Chicker
(E) Banana Bread piece	\$4.00 each	(E) Vegemite &
(E) 1 Crumpet with butter	\$2.00 each	the second secon
Hot Foods		(E) Turia & Mayo

# Sandwiches

Bread type: White, Wholemeal, and	Gluten-
Free	
(E) Ham	\$3.00
(E) Cheese	\$3.00
(E) Ham & Cheese	\$3.50
(E) Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.00
(E) Lean Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo	
(E) Vegemite & Cheese	\$3.50
(E) Tuna & Mayo	\$4.50
(E) Vegemite & Butter	\$3.00

#### HOL LOOKS

(Tuesday Only)

Pie (Friday Only)

Hot Dog (Friday Only)

Chicken Kebab Wrap

Letture, Aidi Soure & Cheese-

Chicken & Corn Soup

with breadypil

(Term 2 & 3 Only)

Sausage Roll (Friday Only)

Butter Chicken (Thursday Only)

#### Bread Roll & Wrap is additional 80c

(E) Baked Chicken Goujons (Strips)	90c each
(E) Baked Dino Chicken Snacks	90c each
(O) 5 Chicken Goujons (Strips) with Mash Potato (Monday/Wednesday)	\$6.50
(O) 5 Fish Fingers with Mash Potato (Monday Only)	\$6.50
(E) Fried Rice	\$5.00
(E) 5 Pork & Chive Dumplings with Soy Sauce	\$5.50
(E) Mini Zaatar	\$2.50 each
(C) Honey Soy Chicken Wines & Rice	\$7.00

#### Burgers

(0)	Oven Bake Chicken	Burger with	\$5.50
	Lettuce and Mayo		
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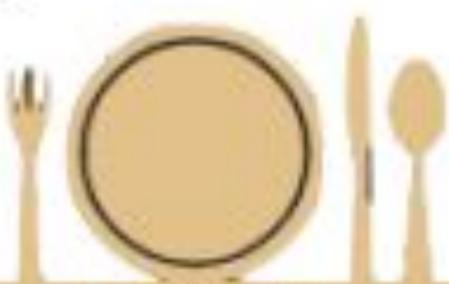
Lean Beef Patty Burger with Lettuce, ⇒5.50 Cheese & Sauce

Portuguese Chicken Burger with Peri \$5.50 Peri sauce, Lettuce and Tomato slice

#### **Pastas**

#### Nonna's Homemade Sauces

(E)	Pasta Bolognese	\$5.50
(E) I	Pasta Napolitana (Vegetarian)	\$5.00
(E) !	Beef Ravioli	\$6.00
(E) L	asagna	\$6.50
(E) F	asta with Butter	\$4.80



\$7.00

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\$5.00

Baked Potato Wedges (Wednesday Only) saur cream and sweet chill sauce

E- Everyday

O-Occasional

Halal Approved



# Angela's Kitchen



## Beverage's

/Elanous scoones	+2.50		
(E) Water (600ml) (E) Oak Flavoured Milk (300ml) Chocolate/	\$2.50	Focaccia's	
Strawberry		(E) Ham, Cheese, Tomato	\$6.00
(E) Chill J Flavour Water (250ml)	\$3.00	(E) Olive, Cheese & Tomato	\$6.00
(E) Juice Poppers (E) Freshly squeezed (I) (425mi)	\$4.50	(E)Shredded Lean Chicken with Mayo,	\$6.50
(E) Hot Chocolate (E) Smoothie (425ml)	\$4.00	(E) Schnitzel with Cheese & Mayo	\$6.50
- Bananarama			
- Berry Best - Mango Delight		Pizza's	
- Strawberry Blist		(E) Pizza's available daily	
(E) Milkshake (425ml)	\$4.50	Pizza Slabs are all healthy canteen regis	tered & Halai
- Chocolate - Strawberry - Vanilla		(E) Vegetarian \$6	.50 .00 .00
Vegetarian		(E) Meat & Cheese \$6	.00
(E) Vegetarian Lasagna (E) Steamed Vegetable Dumplings	\$5.50		
(E) Vegetarian Burger Mayo, Lettuce, Tomato slow	\$6.00	Salad Boxes	
Frozen		(E) Egg Salad Boiled Egg, Cherry Tomato Carrot, Cucumber & Lettuce	\$7.00
(E) Quelch Ice Block	\$1.00	(E) Chicken Salad	\$7.00
(E) Frazen Juice Cup	\$2.50	Shredded Chicken, Cherry Tomato, Carrot,	
(C) Twisted Frozen Yogurt	\$3.20	(E) Greek Salad Overy Toman, Cucumber, Olives, Capsicum &	\$7.00
(O) Moosie	\$2.50	Feta	

\*Ice Cold Treats/ Canteen made drinks are not put in your lunch order bag\* Ask your child to take the lunch bag to the canteen and collect it during their lunch break.

Halal Options are available \*

(O) Snapstick

(O) Animal Pops



#### Canteen Allergy Aware

50c

Sauces (Tomato, Barbecue)

The menu has 3/4 of everyday foods & 1/4 occasional foods, Following Healthy School Canteen Strategy of NSW

E- Everyday O-Occasional

\$1.50

\$1.00

Halal Approved







## Sushi is Available Friday Only

Order via the Flexischools App or pre-order at the canteen. All orders must be placed by Thursday, cut off time is 1.30pm

#### Sushi Roll

Chicken Teriyaki & Lettuce	\$5.30
Chicken Teriyaki & Cucumber	\$5.30
Plain Avocado	\$5.10
Tuna & Cucumber	\$5.30
Tuna & Avocado	\$5.30
Carrot & Cucumber (Vegetarian)	\$5.30
Fresh Salmon & Avocado	\$5.80

# Mini Sushi Boxes (15 Pieces)

Chicken Schnitzel	\$6.50
Tuna	\$6.50
Cucumber	\$6.50
Avocado .	\$6.50



E- Everyday O-Occasional Halal Approved