



Peak Hill Central School Newsletter

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Week 2 Term 4, Friday 25 October 2019

Pink Up PHCS



"Pink" Peak Hill Central School

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Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term Four. As the last term of the year has started, I have reflected on how quickly it has passed and the wonderful opportunities that our students have been offered and participated in over the year. It is also great to see students engaging with programs within the school framework of increased wellbeing and high expectations; Dennis Moran and the Nanyabura program, our two youth workers – Justin Keed and Charlie Johnson, Parkes PCYC, RAGE Program and the literacy project for all students across the school.

Planning

Staff are busy planning for Semester Two reports and assessment tasks. We are also working on planning for 2020 with Mr Olsson and myself building upon the programs of support in both Literacy and Culture. As with all aspects of the school, it is important as parents for you to become involved in this planning. This helps include you and your points of view when building policy and procedures that will support the school improvement cycles and increase the learning outcomes of all students.

Policy Drafts

Peak Hill CS will have the following policy drafts for Student Wellbeing and Discipline, Attendance for public viewing and input via the P & C at school. Please take the time to have your say on the draft documents so we can best support all students in improved learning outcomes. If you require more information, please make an appointment time through our front office.

HSC Examinations

Peak Hill CS staff and students wish the very best of luck to Chloe Gould, Sky Welsh, Jade Gavin and Marissa Robinson who started their HSC Examinations last week.

Hospital NAIDOC Day

Today all Primary students will be walking to the hospital grounds to help celebrate the opening of a new garden and join in the NAIDOC celebrations at Peak Hill hospital. Students from primary will be taking rocks that they have decorated and placing them in the garden as a feature. This is another fabulous opportunity for our students to engage with the local community and celebrate culture.

Macquarie Sports Day in Mudgee

Congratulations to the Primary students who travelled to Mudgee on Friday of week one and were great ambassadors for the school while participating in the Macquarie Sports Day. Students were able to engage with sports and competitions outside the normal scope that we can offer at Peak Hill CS. By all reports, every student had a fantastic day of sporting activity.

McGrath Foundation Pink Stumps Cricket and Fundraising

This week, Thursday 24th October, Peak Hill CS was involved in fundraising for breast cancer awareness and the McGrath Foundation. A cake stall and cricket games were held throughout the day. It was great seeing staff and students in pink for the day and playing cricket to raise awareness for a great cause in our community.

Mr Darren Hamilton
Principal (Rel)

Deputy Principal Report

Term 4 is here and already we are running at full steam.

Transition Program

Year 6 into 7 Transition Program has begun and I am hearing positive feedback from staff and students.

TAFE

Years 9 and 10 students who have elected to trial TAFE this term have begun. Some great photos have been shared on Facebook demonstrating how well they have been participating. Apparently there is a tyre changing competition occurring at the moment to see who can change a tyre the fastest.

Kick Start Kindy

Kick start Kindy have been attending full days and have been doing a fantastic job in learning to adapt to a new type of routine and playing with the bigger kids in the playground.

HSC Examinations

While Kindy rock on in, Year 12 are completing their HSC Examinations. We are certainly all thinking about them, and wishing them all the best.

Personalised Learning Pathways

Many parents are working with us to develop Personalised Learning Pathways (PLP) with their child and classroom teacher. Recently we have been focusing on Year 6 transitioning into Year 7 2020 in order to share knowledge of students, their aspirations both short term and long term and to ask students what it is that they find easy or difficult in their learning. This information helps teachers plan their lessons and build a closer relationship with parents and students. I would like to thank families that have been involved in this process to date, as we are seeing many positives in students and also the ability to communicate positively with families on their child's education. We are sending out letters to families gradually to complete PLPs, however if you are interested in planning a meeting to complete a PLP with your child/ren and classroom teacher earlier, feel free to call the school to arrange a time with the classroom teacher if you haven't done so already.

Late Payments for Uniforms

In support of students wearing uniforms we have worked with families to have a uniform based on a payment loan system. Unfortunately, we have a few

Deputy Principal Report Continues

families that are still owing quite a sum to pay off the loan we have provided. Letters will be sent home again to recover costs, as the system in the near future may not be viable due to loss of funds.

Draft Consultation period

A draft copy of the Wellbeing and Discipline Policy and Procedure booklet is available at the administration office for families to read and make comments. Feedback is due by 4th November. Bookings are essential if you would like to discuss the document.

I am excited to see student work in this issue and hope you all enjoy them too.

Mrs Anna Brain

Deputy Principal (Rel)

Head Teachers' News

What's happening at PHCS this fortnight?

Year 12 HSC Examinations

Our thoughts and best wishes are with our four Year 12 students: Chloe Gould, Jade Gavin, Marissa Robinson and Sky Welsh as they sit their final Higher School Examinations this week. These students have been excellent school leaders and role models for their peers and we wish each of them all the very best for peace, happiness and success in their future endeavours.

Staff HSC Marking

This term both Mr John Grubb for Biology and myself for VET Hospitality, will be out of the school to participate in the Higher School Certificate marking. This is an excellent experience as a teacher, as it really provides a greater insight into the examination marking process and allows teachers to provide more targeted feedback to students in preparation for examinations.

The Minimum Standards Testing

Students in Years 10 and 11 have completed their practice online testing for the HSC Minimum Standards in Writing, Reading and Numeracy this week. The students will now complete the actual tests over the next two weeks. Congratulations to the students who participated so diligently in the practice tests with very pleasing results.

7 - 10 Yearly Examinations

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Week 6 this term, the students in Years 7 to 10 will complete their Yearly Examinations in the school hall. We ask that students are actively engaged in a regular study routine at home this time and that they use this time to complete home work, any uncompleted class work and revision in preparation for their exams. The examination timetable will be published in the School Newsletter, the School Facebook Page and School Stream. If Parents or Carers have any questions or would like any further information, please contact the school.

Year 10 WAP Orientation for 2020

Students in Year 10 from across the Western Access Program will be travelling to Peak Hill CS on Thursday 13 December to participate in the Orientation day, which will allow students to meet their Course Coordinators and learn more about the expectations for Year 11 in 2020.

Belrose Excursion this Term

From the 22 to the 27 of November, Miss Dempsey and seven Year 10 students will be attending the annual Belrose excursion to Sydney. During this excursion students will participate in a range of work place and careers visits. The Rotarians are very excited about this years visit and have been very busy planning an action packed six days.

Your chance to WIN one of three \$50 Coles Gift cards!

Parent and Carers are invited to complete the confidential **Tell Them from Me Survey (TTFM)** to provide us with valuable feedback to better inform school priorities. ***The survey will close at the end of this week so we encourage you to follow the attached link and be an active part of the future direction of PHCS.*** The Parent/Carer address for this survey is:

<http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/peakhillcs1>

Be sure to let the Front Office know if you complete this survey, as we will be placing your name in a draw to win one of three possible \$50 Coles Gift Cards.

Wishing everyone a happy and productive fortnight!

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher

Pink Day

On Thursday 24th October Peak Hill participated in the 'Pink Up Your Town' Initiative to raise for the Pat McGrath foundation. The Pat McGrath foundation funds Breast Care Nurses in communities right across Australia. As we are a rural community, it is especially important to support foundations like this, as it improves our community's access to health care. Our Pink Day involved pink cricket, pink netball and a pink cake stall to raise money and awareness of the McGrath Foundation and all the work that they do. The school was able to raise over \$300 to donate which is a huge achievement for a small school. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cupcakes from the cake stall.



Year 6 to 7 Transition

Our Year 6 students have started their transition process into Secondary School. Each week, students in Year 6 will participate in two lessons taught by Secondary School Teachers. This program will assist students with making the leap into high school, by learning about the subjects they will study next year and getting to know their teachers.

International Teachers Day

On Friday 25th October Peak Hill Central School celebrated International Teachers Day with a celebratory lunch. Teachers are the heart of public education. Opening doors to a world of knowledge is the challenge that teachers undertake and fulfill every day in their schools, their communities and their homes. Through their efforts and imagination, teachers inspire students to reach out and move beyond their horizons. Good teaching results in ensuring that we, as a society, have knowledgeable and forward looking citizens who can assume the mantle of leadership in the future. Thank you to all the teachers at Peak Hill Central School who put their heart and soul into improving our students' lives through education.

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



Assistant Principal Star of the Fortnight



AJ Rez for being respectful to peers and teacher, participating in all tasks and helping others.



Miss Grace Stewart
Assistant Principal

P&C Information

P&C AGM

The P&C will be holding its AGM on Thursday, 14th November at 3:30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs Melanie Naden
Secretary



Marathon Health Visit

Marathon Health will be visiting Peak Hill Central School on Wednesday 13th November to conduct hearing screening.

Medical Consent forms for students will have to be completed and returned to school prior to the screening.

Ms Corina Barnes
Learning and Support Teacher



Writing Competition

Young Writers' Award

The Young Writers' Award, designed to discover the talent of children aged between 9 and 13 years of age. This award seeks to develop the writing skills of this particular age group and assist these children to find their unique voice through storytelling. Children are great storytellers; they can create entertaining stories, both written and oral, that with a little assistance can be turned into lively, imaginative and character-filled books for all to enjoy.

The Young Writers' Award recognises and encourages the writing talents of Australian children by providing them the opportunity to have their stories published and distributed in Australia. The award is designed for easy entry with no prescriptive theme or topic, and may be incorporated as part of a school's writing program or pursued by individual children working with an adult mentor or alone.

Visit this website for more information:
<https://www.youngwritersaward.com.au>



School Calendar

Term 4 Calendar

Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 3	28 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	29	30	31	1 November
Week 4	4 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	5	6	7	8
Week 5	11 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm	12	13	14	15
Week 6	18 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm 7-10 Examinations	19 7-10 Examinations	20 7-10 Examinations	21	22 Belrose Excursion
Week 7	25 Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm Stage 5 Work Experience	26	27 Belrose Excursion Yr 10 Orientation for WAP 2020	28	29
Week 8	2 December Kick Start Kindy 9am-3pm Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	3 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	4 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	5 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	6 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 9	9 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	10 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm	11 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Year 12 VET Hospitality Day	12 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm Year 11 2020 Orientation Day	13 Learn to Swim 11am-3pm
Week 10	16 Presentation Night 6pm	17	18 Last Day of School	19	20

Have Your Say

We encourage our parents/carers and community members to provide us with feedback or suggestions on all the great things that are happening at Peak Hill Central School.

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Name: _____ Signature: _____

YES Program

Last Friday was the first day of the YES Program for Peak Hill students at Parkes TAFE.

Thank you to both Mr Robert Cain and Mrs Anna Brain for transporting the students to TAFE and to Mr Darren Hamilton for organising this incredibly valuable skill based opportunity for our students from Year 9 to Year 11.

The students involved included: Tom Hartin, Joseph Dargan, Tyden Barlow, Wayne Dargan, Zak Hawksworth, Billy Cohen, Malachi Dart and Malachi James.

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher



PBL

Welcome back to Term Four.

For this term the school's focus behaviours will change each fortnight. Through the collection and correlation of data, each stage will have an individualised focus of teaching expected behaviours. For example, Stage 2 may need to be explicitly taught about respectful behaviour in the playground while Stage 4 may need reminders on what it means to be safe when arriving at school each morning. Please ask your child what the focus for their stage has been each fortnight.

At the end of the year, we will be holding our final PBL Acknowledgement Day. This should be around Week 9 or 10 and will be an afternoon of water play fun.

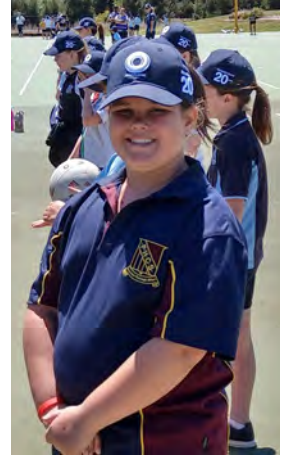
I look forward to all students working hard towards achieving this day.

Have a wonderful Term Four.

Mrs Lisa Levick
Internal PBL Coach



Macquarie Sports Day



NAIDOC Celebrations at Peak Hill Hospital

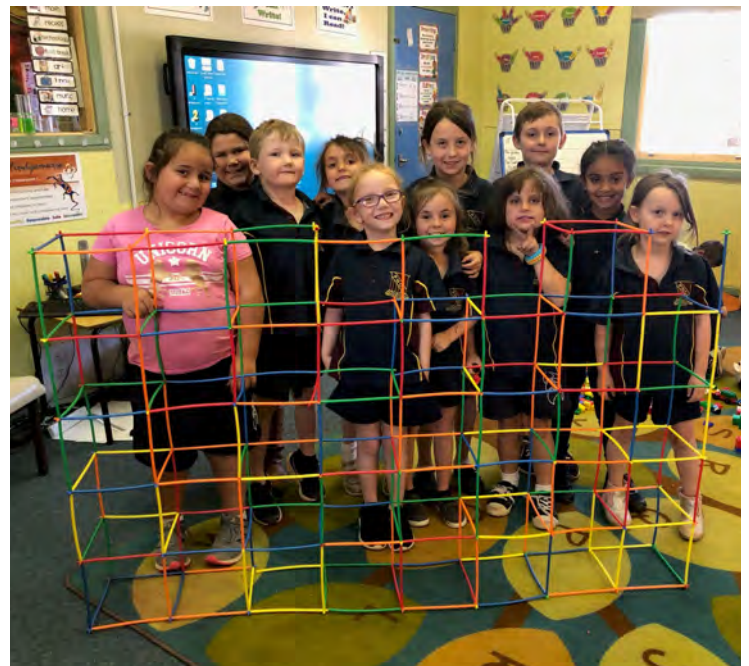


Mathematics

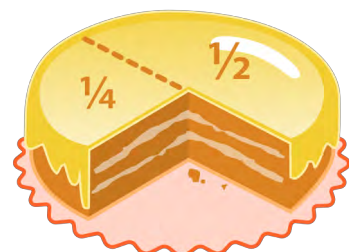
In Mathematics, K/1/2 have been learning about halves and quarters.

We folded and then cut different shapes of paper into these fractions before sticking them onto a poster under the headings half or quarter.

Miss Grace Stewart and Miss Elsie Woodley
Classroom Teachers



K/1/2 Students worked cooperatively to build this tower.



Stage 2 with Miss Tiarne McLeod & Miss Georgia Stewart

Stage 2

Welcome back, and thank you for such a lovely start to Term Four.

We had a busy start, getting straight back into working hard academically and on being kind to one another. We enjoyed getting back into Zumba and especially loved our sports day in Mudgee last Friday.

In Stage 2 we have been working hard on fractions in Mathematics, and Poetry in Writing. Your children have been thinking about nice memories that their favourite colours remind them of, and putting them into beautiful poems.

Here is a spectacular example from AJ Rez, who chose to write about the colour black.

Black

Black is the sound of my drum kit.

Black is the calm feeling of meditation.

Black is the colour of the night sky on a winter's night.

Black is the smell of Miss McLeod's cardigan.

Black is the taste of rubber.

By AJ Rez

Please congratulate your child on a wonderfully settled start to the term. We are looking forward to many successes throughout the rest of the year.

Miss Tiarne McLeod and Miss Georgia Stewart
Classroom Teachers



Stage 3 with Mrs Lisa Levick & Ms Michelle Ross

Stage 3

The Stage 3 students and staff started Term Four enthusiastically with some changes and full calendar in front of them.

Term Four Staffing: Teachers Ms Ross, Mrs Levick; SLSOs Miss Sharah and Mrs Cartwright.

Term Four Units of Work:

Geography: 'A Diverse and Connected World'
Australia's relationship with Asia

Science: 'Earth's Place in Space'

PD Health: 'Child Protection'

Technology: 'Creating a Digital Game'

Sport: Zumba and Swimming

Art: 'Van Gough'

Term Four Focus: Literacy and Numeracy readiness for 2020 Year 6 & 7.

Term Four Extra Programs: Wiradjuri Culture, Bounce Back, Nanyabura, transition into High School and Year 6 leadership roles, Scripture, Music and Intensive Swimming.

Term Four Celebrations: Year 6 Farewell and Disco, Nominations for School Captains and SRC members, Class party, Christmas Around the World, End of Year Performance and Presentation Night. If you would like to purchase a Year 6 shirt for your child, please contact the school.

Term Four Homework: Daily reading, family and community involvement with chores, extension reading, research on Unit topics and preparing 2020 leadership nominations.

Mrs Lisa Levick and Ms Michelle Ross



Mathematics

Stage 4 have started this term with the topic 'Area'. After learning the difference between perimeter and area, which is vital for calculating the area of a shape, the students have learnt how to find the area of a square and rectangle.

To consolidate their understanding of this, the students played a game of 'Area battleship' (as pictured). To play, students needed to draw and hide their own 'battleships' on coordinate grid paper, then they took turns trying to figure out where each others battleships were in order to sink them.

The students had a great time playing this, and not only did they consolidate area of a square and rectangle but there was a little coordinate geometry added in as a bonus.

Mrs Danielle Tremain-Cannon
Classroom Teacher



Year 6 Transition to Year 7

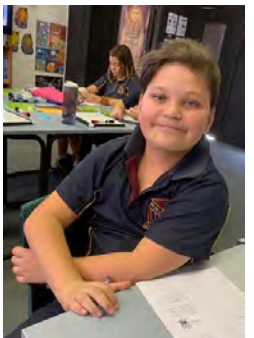
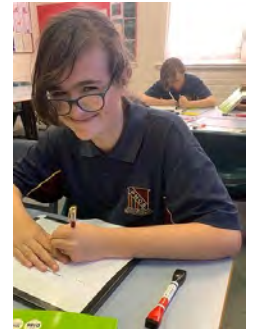
Last week students in Year 6 started their transition program with their first lesson in Secondary School.

The students were very excited and participated well in all activities.

The Year 6-7 Transition Program will continue throughout Term Four, with students having the opportunity to attend two high school lessons per week.

Well done Year 6!

Miss Lucy Dempsey
Head Teacher (Rel)



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Secondary Staff are looking forward to welcoming the current Year 6 students into Year 7 in 2020.

To assist with the transition from Primary to Secondary we have organised a range of lessons this term to help familiarise the students with life in high school.

For your information, please see the teachers, lessons and times provided below.

The students will be accompanied by Miss Michelle Hando-Ross and Miss Carmen Sharah for these lessons.

If you have any questions about Year 7 or the Transition lessons, please feel free to contact either Miss Dempsey or myself to discuss these.

Year 7 is an incredible year for learning and we look forward to working with you and your child to make the transition as successful as possible.

Kind regards,

Mrs Catherine Doyle
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

Peak Hill Central School Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Lessons

Lesson times:

P1 - 9 - 10am

P2 - 10 - 11am

P3 - 11.30-12.30am

P4 - 12.30-1.30pm

P5 - 2-3pm (for Transition lessons)

Week 1:

Thursday P4 - Miss Dempsey - PDHPE

Friday P3 - Mrs Doyle - Textiles Technology

Week 2:

Wednesday P5 - Mrs Brain - Languages

Thursday P4 - Mrs Tremain- Cannon - Maths

Week 3:

Tuesday P3 - Mr Grubb - Science

Wednesday P3 - Mr Labone - English

Week 4:

Wednesday P3 - Miss Border - Art

Thursday P3 - Miss Ellem - Music

Week 5:

Wednesday P4 - Mr Thomas - HSIE

Friday P3 - Miss Dempsey - PDHPE

Friday P3 - Mrs Doyle - Food Technology

Week 6:

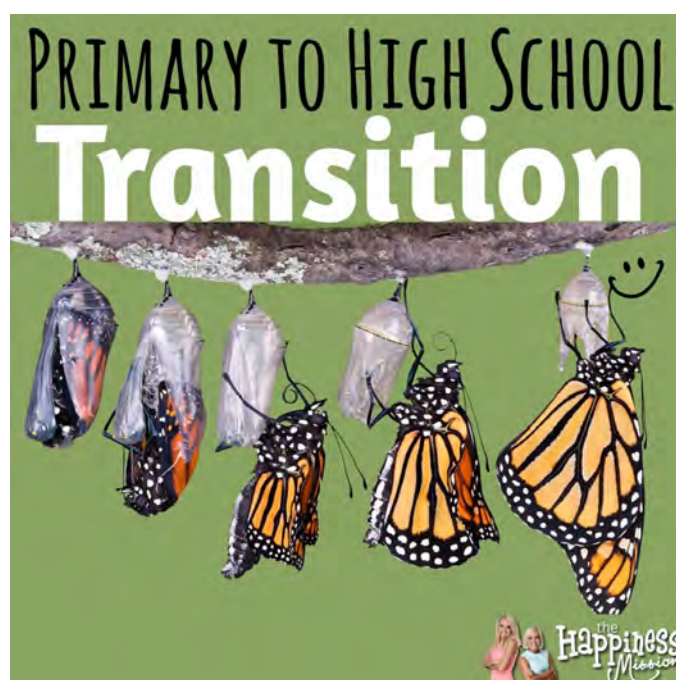
Wednesday P3 - Mr Watt - Technology

Thursday P5 - Mr Grubb/Cain - Science

Week 7:

Wednesday P5 - Mrs Brain - Languages

Friday P3 - Mrs Doyle - Food Technology





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KIM'S LUNCH BOX TUCKERBOX MENU 2019

SANDWICH/BUNS/WRAP/CONTAINERS

White, Wholemeal, Multigrain

Vegemite or Jam Sandwich	\$2.50
Cheese Sandwich	\$2.50
Vegemite and Cheese Sandwich	\$3.00
Chicken, Mayo & Cheese Sandwich	\$4.50
Egg and Lettuce Sandwich	\$4.00
Ham, Cheese, Tomato Sandwich	\$4.50
Salad- let/tom/carr/beetroot/cuc/cheese Sand	\$5.00
Chicken or Ham lettuce/carrot/cheese bun	\$4.00
Egg and Lettuce Bun	\$4.00
Chicken or Ham Full Salad Roll	\$6.00
Salad Wrap Lett/carr/tom/cuc/beet/cheese	\$5.00
Chicken/Ham/Tuna Salad Wrap	\$6.00
½ Chicken/Ham/Lett/carrot/cheese	\$3.50
Egg and Lettuce Wrap	\$4.50
Salad/Dressing in container	\$4.50
Ham/Chicken/Tuna/Dressing Salad container	\$6.00

TOASTED / MELTS

Ham and Cheese Toasted	\$4.00
Chicken and Cheese Toasted	\$4.50
Cheese Toasted	\$2.50
Ham/Pineapple/Cheese/Mayo Open Melt	\$4.00
Chicken/Cheese Open Melts	\$4.00
Ham/Tomato/Cheese Turkish Bread Toasted	\$6.00
Chicken/Pineapple/Cheese Turkish Bread Toasted	\$6.00
Extra Egg \$1 ea	Cheese/Tomato 50c ea

Meal Deal 1

Salad Sandwich/Piece of Fruit/600ml Water	\$6.50
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Meal Deal 2

Lasagne/Garlic bread/600ml Water	\$6.00
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Meal Deal 3


Bento Box Create your own healthy meal large	\$6.00
Junior Bento Box	\$5.00

Meal Deal 4

Spag Bol/Garlic Bread/600ml Water	\$5.50
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Meal Deal 5

Toasted Sandwich/Piece of Fruit/ Water	\$6.00
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To avoid disappointment place all orders in by no later than 9.30am.  Prices are subject to change at any time due to increase in stock prices.


HOT FOOD

Lasagne and garlic bread	\$4.50
Spaghetti Bolognese and garlic bread	\$4.50
Hamburger meat pattie lettuce beet tomato	\$6.50
Honey Soy Chicken and Rice	\$4.50
Satay Chicken and Rice	\$4.50
Chicken Breast Burger Aioli/Tom/Lett/Cheese	\$6.50
Hot Chicken and Mayo Roll	\$4.50
Chicken Wings and Fried Rice	\$5.00
Chicken Wrap 2 Sweet Chilli Tender/Lett/Carrot	\$5.50
Beef Pie with sauce	\$4.50
Beef and Potato Pie with sauce	\$4.50
Sausage Roll with sauce	\$3.50
Pizza	\$3.50
Dino Nuggets	\$0.70
10 Potato gems	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.50
Ham/Cheese English Muffin	\$2.00
½ English Muffin Chicken/Ham and Cheese	\$1.50

DRINKS/SNACKS/ICE BLOCKS

Water 600mls Bottle	\$1.50
Water 1 litre	\$4.00
Flavoured Milk 300mls Choc/Strawberry	\$2.50
Nippy Milk 375mls Iced Strawberry/Iced Choc	HS \$3.00
Up And Go Milk Choc/Strawberry/Banana	\$2.50
Juice Popper 200mls Orange/Apple/ABC	\$2.00
Juice Pop Top 250mls Orange/ABC/Apple	\$2.50
Juice Bomb 250ml ABC/Rasp/grape/cola/OPasion	\$2.50
Fruit Ice Blocks 30c to \$1	Twisted Frozen Yoghurt \$2.50
Slush Puppie 99% Juice mini	\$2.00
Chips Red Rock Deli	\$1.50
Large Yoghurt	\$2.50
Custard	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Salad Lge	\$2.50
Fruit Salad /Yoghurt	\$3.50
Sipahh Straw and milk 200ml	\$1.50
Lunch Bags	0.10 each
Small Yoghurt	\$1.00
Pikelets each	0.50
Small	\$1.00
Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Hot Chocolate	\$2.00
Sauce	0.30c each
Popcorn	\$1.00

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GREEN – EVERYDAY FOOD

AMBER – OCCASIONAL FOOD

RED – HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

