



ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

St Paul's Primary School is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community

A Prayer for Ascension Sunday

Loving God,



You call us to climb the mountains of courage, kindness and hope.
 Help us to make space for you amidst the busyness of everyday life.
 Guide our school community to live with compassion, justice and care for others as
 we share your message in the world.
 May we trust that you are always with us, leading us towards what truly matters.

Amen.



Term 2 - 2026 Dates - April 21 - June 26

MAY	
Monday, 18	School Assembly - 3/4MH presenting
Monday, 25	No School Assembly
Monday, 25	Year 5/6 Leadership Day
Friday, 22	National Walk Safely to School Day
Thursday, 28	National Reconciliation Week whole school activities
JUNE	
Monday, 1	School Assembly - 1/2E presenting
Friday, June 5	Pupil Free Day
Monday, June 8	King's Birthday (No School)
Monday, 15	School Assembly - Prep presenting
Friday, June 26	Last Day of Term (1:00pm finish)

SACRAMENTAL DATES

Tuesday, 19 May	Year 3 FIRST RECONCILIATION
Friday 23 October	Year 6 CONFIRMATION



St Paul's acknowledges that our school is on the land of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and future.

SUSTAINABILITY

**ACTIVE KIDS ARE
HEALTHY KIDS**



**JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026**



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**

 National
Road Safety
Week 2026
17-24 May

 @nationalwalksafelytoschoolday  @natwalktoschool  @natwalktoschool #WSTSD

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 National
Road Safety
Week 2026
17-24 May

St Paul's is taking part in National Walk Safely to School Day on **Friday 22 May 2026**

Walk Safely to School Day also encourages positive environmental action, better use of public transport with reduced car dependency and encourages parents and carers to walk more, reducing dangerous traffic congestion around schools.

Being active every day, including walking to school, can help make a difference for many Australians.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids, so start planning your Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 22 May 2026!

Students will also be offered a piece of fruit after their walk to school

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI



On Tuesday, we had a Family Night for children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The evening provided a chance for parents and children to learn more about the meaning and significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the session, families explored the symbols, prayers and traditions connected to this Sacrament and discussed how forgiveness is central to our faith.

Reconciliation teaches us that while we all make mistakes, we are always given the chance to reflect, seek forgiveness and begin again with a renewed heart. It was wonderful to see families sharing in conversation and reflection as they prepared to support their children through this important time. The Year 3 children will receive the sacrament of reconciliation next week, Tuesday 19 May. We keep the children and their families in our prayers.

St Paul's Mural

We have been intrigued and in awe, watching the St Paul's mural come to life this week. The vibrant artwork has transformed the space and is already creating a strong sense of pride and excitement throughout our school community. We are so grateful for the creativity and talent that has gone into this special project.



Walk Safely To School Day

All children are invited to walk either **all or part of the way** to school on **Friday 22 May**. Let's get active and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Children will receive a piece of fruit at the end of the walk. We will also relaunch the *Walk, Ride, Stride* to school **Tag On** system next week.

Cross Country Carnival

We have over 40 students participating in the SSV Cross Country Carnival on Monday. Thank you to Mr Smith for preparing the students. Good luck! We know you will do your very best and represent St Paul's proudly.

Child Safe Standard 3

This month, we are highlighting Child Safe Standard 3, which focuses on empowering students to understand their rights, express their views and feel confident that their voices will be heard and respected. At Galilee, this commitment is woven into everyday school life, from student leadership roles and collaborative classroom discussions, to the way staff actively seek and value student voice and feedback. We remain committed to building a school culture where every child feels safe, respected and heard.

**PLEASE REMEMBER School Closure Days - Friday, June 5
MACSEYE will be available. BOOKINGS OPEN**

Have a fabulous weekend,
Maria Mercuri

STUDENT AWARDS

WEEKLY BE RULES

TO BE PRESENTED AT ASSEMBLY ON
MONDAY, 18 MAY @ 2.45PM

This week's **FOCUS** is:

BE RESPONSIBLE

by coming prepared, listening carefully
 and making safe choices.

Class	Name
Prep P	Harvey F Grace B
Prep T	Declan N Anna H
1/2C	Jack F Waleed G
1/2E	Emily L Amani Z
1/2F	Amelia D Chloe M
3/4MH	Mariam G Brent C
3/4B	Alicia M Anthony F
3/4D	Gabriela J-H Matias M
5/6J	Lexi B Anton M
5/6T	Angel T Ramon G
5/6H	Kiki T Zoe C (Year 5)



MAY

O O'Donovan - 13th

Miss Sophie T - 13th

Jack M - 16th

Adam I - 17th



Reading Awards



25 Nights

50 nights

Arthur W - 1/2F
 Amelia D - 1/2F
 Leo V - 1/2F
 Stavros G - 1/2F

Ayla I - 1/2C



HELLO FROM MR FARACI - SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

**Today's Topic is:
MAKING KIND CHOICES & USING OUR
STRENGTHS FOR GOOD**

Food for thought:

Dear Families,

In our recent wellbeing lessons, we have been exploring how children can make wise choices, show kindness to others, and use their personal strengths in helpful ways.

A big part of this learning has been helping students understand that every choice we make has an outcome. When children begin to pause and think, "What might happen if I do this?", they are more likely to make decisions that lead to better results for themselves and others.

We have also been encouraging students to recognise their own strengths and use them for good.



HELLO FROM MR FARACI - SCHOOL COUNSELLOR

Perhaps you can explore the following with your children:

- a time they showed kindness;
- a strength they are proud of;
- a choice they made and the outcome;
- what they could do differently regarding a choice made, that they are unhappy about.

Remember:

Children are constantly learning from the world around them. By guiding them to reflect on their choices, we support them to grow into thoughtful individuals.

As always do reach out if we can be of any help at school.

Kind Regards,
Edward Faraci

A BONUS IDEA:

Watch this short video link about kindness and discuss the choices made by the characters.

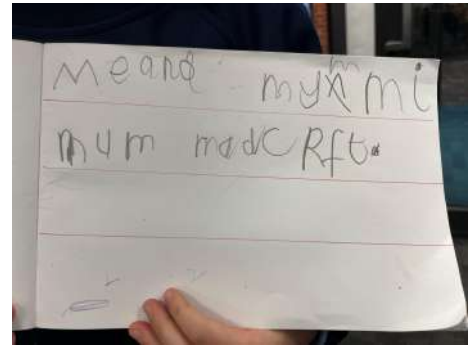
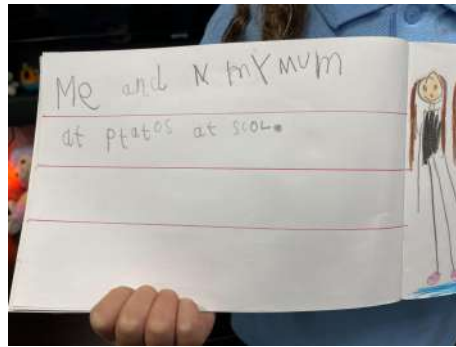
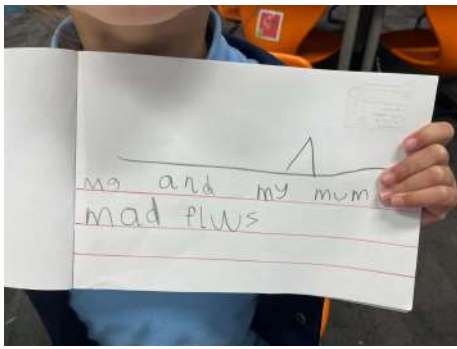
[Would you give your jacket to Johannes BE KIND](#)



PREP

We had so much fun with our mums last week in the classroom, that we had to write about it!

We have been focusing on writing simple sentences including a **who(noun)** and a **do(verb)**. Check out some of our amazing writing!



In maths we have been learning about 2D shapes like triangles, squares, rectangles and circles. We have been practising being shape detectives and looking for shapes in our classroom!



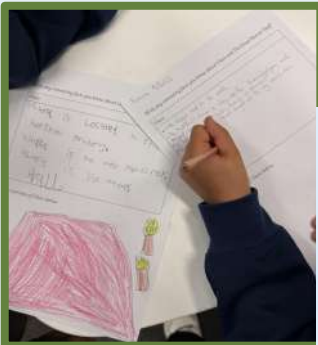
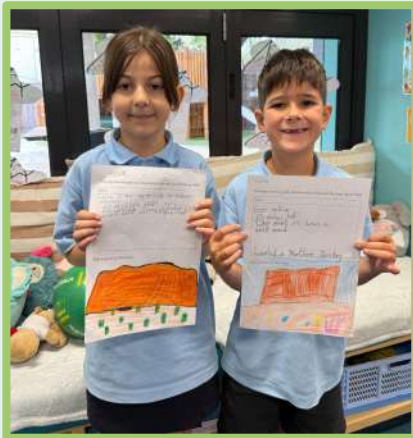
YEAR 1/2

INQUIRY LEARNING!



This term, our inquiry unit began with a fun and engaging exploration of Australian geography. Students learnt that Australia is not only a country, but also an island and a continent.

We have enjoyed discovering the different states and territories and learning about their capital cities. Our explorers have also been distinguishing between natural features, like the Great Barrier Reef and Uluru and manmade features, including iconic landmarks like the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the MCG!



YEAR 3/4

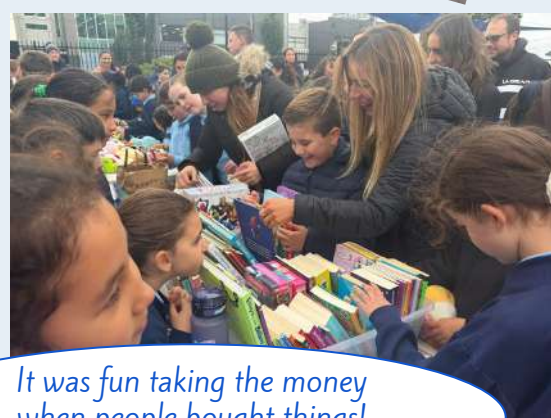
YARD SALE SUCCESS!

As part of our learning about sustainability, the Year 3/4 students organised a successful yard sale, using a range of pre loved items.

It was wonderful to see students confidently selling, handling money and promoting the importance of reusing and reducing waste.

Thank you to all the families who donated items and supported the sale!

I liked being the shopkeeper at the Yard Sale!
Elyssa



It was fun taking the money when people bought things!
Ethan



SENIORS

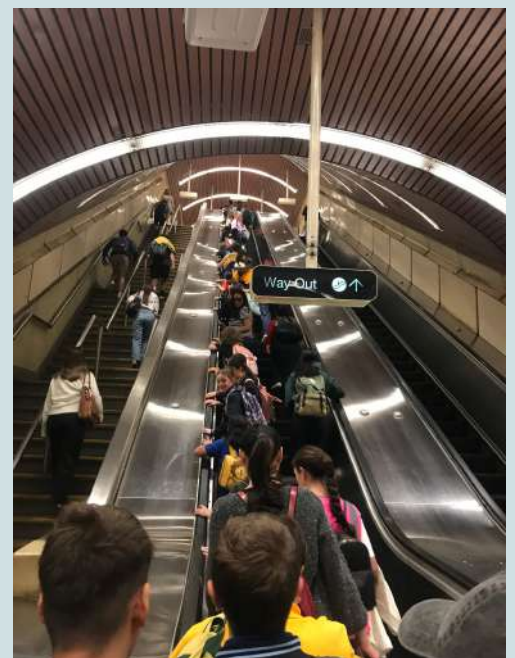


This term in Inquiry, students have been learning about economics and business. We enjoyed an exciting excursion to Queen Victoria Market, where students explored how real businesses and market stalls operate.

During the visit, students learnt about:

- what makes a market stall successful;
- advertising and selling strategies;
- communication between sellers and customers;
- handling money safely;
- the history and importance of the market.

Students had a fantastic time exploring the market and will now use their learning to create their own Market Stall later this term.



ONLINE SAFETY

eSafety Guide

The eSafety Guide is a helpful online resource for families, providing current information about popular apps, games and social media platforms used by children and young people. The guide includes information about privacy settings, age recommendations, reporting tools and online safety features to help families make informed decisions and support safer online experiences at home. (Link is embedded in the picture below)

The screenshot displays a grid of app and game profiles from the eSafety Guide. Each profile includes an icon, the name of the app/game, a brief description, and a category label with a right-pointing arrow.

- X**: X, formerly Twitter, is a social media service that lets you publicly share short posts that are sometimes limited to 280 characters of text. App / Website
- TikTok**: TikTok is a social media app for creating, sharing and discovering short videos. App
- Twitch**: Twitch is an online streaming platform and social network where you can watch or broadcast live streams and pre-recorded videos, and chat with other users. App / Website
- Roblox**: Roblox is a game-creation platform that allows users to design their own games and play a wide variety of games created by other users. App / Game
- YouTube**: YouTube is a user-generated video sharing platform that allows people to discover, watch and share videos. App / Website
- W App (Slay)**: W App (also known as Slay) is a social media app for young people that lets you create a profile and interact with friends from your school by semi-anonymously posting and answering positive polls. App
- Minecraft**: Minecraft is a virtual building game where you can create your own virtual world using building blocks and interact with other players. App / Game
- Fortnite**: Fortnite is a third-person shooter game where you can voice chat or message chat. App / Game
- c.ai Character.AI**: Character.AI is an artificial intelligence chatbot that...

Child Safe Standard 3

Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.

“Be quick to listen and slow to speak”

James 1:19

Child Safe Standard 3

'Children and young people are empowered about their rights, participate in decisions affecting them and are taken seriously.'

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven and legal responsibility to uphold and actively promote the wellbeing and safety of every student entrusted in our care. Our commitment to the protection of students is enabled in nurturing, respectful and safe communities where the uniqueness and sacred dignity of every young person are celebrated, and they can flourish in their learning and development.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they are designed to help keep children and young people safe and what school governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are doing to prioritise and achieve this.

Overview of Child Safe Standard 3:

To be aligned, schools must support the following:

- Children are informed about all their rights, including safety, information and participation
- The importance of friendship is recognized and support from peers is encouraged
- Where relevant to setting or context, young people are offered access to sexual abuse prevention programs in an age-appropriate way
- Staff are attuned to signs of harm and facilitate child friendly ways for children to express their views, participate in decision making and raise their concerns
- Organisations have strategies to develop a culture that facilitates participation and are responsive to input from children and young people.

The Child Safe Standards

The Child Safe Standards are a set of guidelines that help organisations create safe environments for children and young people.

They make sure that children are protected from harm, listened to, and respected. These standards require organisations to have strong leadership, clear policies, and a culture that puts children first.

As a parent or carer, you can expect organisations to involve families, empower children, train staff properly, and respond to concerns quickly and respectfully.

This standard focuses on empowering children and young people by ensuring they are informed, respected, and actively involved in decisions that affect them. This participation helps build a school culture that is safe for them and values their voice.

What does this look like in a school environment?

- **Creating Opportunities for Student Voice:** We create formal structures such as student councils and leadership programs, but we also include fewer formal opportunities so all students, especially the most vulnerable, can have their voice heard.
- **Acting on Student Feedback:** We listen deeply to what students are telling us and we respond to concerns, suggestions and ideas. This includes making sure students are aware when we have acted on their feedback.
- **Building Staff Capacity:** Our staff receive professional learning, so they understand the importance and benefits of listening to and responding to, student voice. This also includes training for staff regarding how to incorporate student voice, agency and empowerment in their daily interactions and decision making.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved!

- **Listen and talk often:** Encourage your child to share their thoughts and feelings. Let them know it's always ok to speak up.
- **Talk about rights and safety:** Help your child understand that everyone deserves to feel safe and respected.
- **Be a role model:** Show kindness, respect, and inclusion in everyday life, children learn from what they see.
- **Stay connected with the school:** Take part in conversations or surveys about student wellbeing and safety.
- **Support student voice:** Encourage your child to get involved in school activities where their ideas can make a difference.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we're supporting child safety, please get in touch.

More information on the Child Safe Standards can be found via the [Commission for Children and Young People \(CCYP\) website](https://www.ccyp.gov.au).



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MARIA MERCURI

Winter Uniform - The weather is beginning to cool down Beginning on Monday 4 May, all children are required to be dressed in winter uniform.

Important Girls uniform update

Girls Winter Uniform pant - We have recently been in consultation with our uniform provider, Spartan School Supplies, regarding the girls' tartan trousers. Our school is the only one using this specific fabric, manufacturing costs have increased due to low demand.

Spartan will continue to supply the tartan trousers until current stock is exhausted. Please note that sizes 4 and 8 are currently unavailable.

To ensure we provide a more accessible and sustainable option, we are pleased to introduce new navy blue elastic trousers for our students at a significantly lower price point.

Uniform Options & Pricing

- Navy Blue Trousers: \$34.00
- Tartan Trousers: \$44.00 (Available while current stocks last)

Families are welcome to continue wearing the tartan trousers for the time being, but please be aware that these will be gradually phased out as stock runs out. We hope that offering the navy blue option provides a helpful, cost-effective alternative for your family.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we manage this change. Please feel free to contact the school office if you have any questions.

School Shoes: Black shoes - all black soles - are part of the St Paul's uniform. Children can wear runners on their sports day. Some black school shoes examples include:



Jewellery - Only stud earrings can be worn. For safety reasons no dangling earrings to be worn. Necklace that displays religious symbols eg: crucifix, etc.

Watches - Smart watches must have connectivity switched off.

Hair - Hair of shoulder, or longer, length must be tied back with hair accessories in school colours - black or blue hair ties. Hair should not cover eyes.

Hair colour must be of natural colouring - no extreme hair colours.

All hair accessories (eg. clips, ribbons, headbands) to be blue, black or white in colour.

Decorative hair accessories must not be worn.

**NEW UNIFORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM
SPARTAN WORLD UNIFORM SUPPLIER**

To place an order, please visit: [Spartan School World](#)



SECONDHAND UNIFORMS - \$10 an item - Packed & processed on Wednesday only

Email - office@spcoburg.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for supporting our uniform policy.

CLASSROOM CUISINE

Classroom Cuisine

Classroom Cuisine offers lunches each Friday

Lunches can be made online.

Please see the menu on

following page and [instructions on downloading the app](#)



Healthy, Interesting and Affordable Lunch Packs, Delivered to School
Term 2, 2026 - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday!
Order until 8:30am on the day! 2 Course Lunch Pack from \$6.45!

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu

	2 Course	3 Course
BAKERY - All items freshly baked this morning!		
Cheese & Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$9.15
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$9.15
Cheese & Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$10.15
Scroll with Ham & Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.65
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA / SAUSAGE ROLLS / GOZLEME / PASTIZZI / QUESADILLA / PASTIES - SERVED AT ROOM TEMPERATURE!

	2 Course	3 Course
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$8.95	\$11.65
Margherita Pizza TWIST (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$9.95	\$12.65
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Pepperoni Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Vegetable Pastie with Tomato Sauce (H, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Lamb & Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Mushroom & Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Spinach & Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$16.15

SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) - Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

	2 Course	3 Course
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$12.45	\$15.15
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$12.45	\$15.15

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) - (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)

	2 Course	3 Course
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Prawn Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$16.15
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$16.15

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS

	2 Course	3 Course
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$10.15
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.65
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Cheese & Salad Roll (V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$14.20
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Chicken, Mayonnaise & Salad Roll (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Mexi Style WRAP w. Chicken, Salsa, Cheese, Salad, Corn Chips (H)	\$12.75	\$15.45

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS

	2 Course	3 Course
Fresh Fruit Salad - Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$14.20
Greek Style Salad with Feta & Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday only)	\$12.75	\$15.45
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$16.15

GF SANDWICHES

	2 Course	3 Course
GF Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
GF Chicken (with Mayo) & Cucumber Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES	
Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	-\$100
Fresh Fruit Combo	-\$100
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit - Apple	Included
Whole Fruit - Banana	Included
Bag of Grapes	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included

BAKERY - SWEET

ANZAC Biscuit	Included
Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Lamington	Included
Blueberry Muffin	-\$100
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	-\$100
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	-\$100
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	-\$100
Passionfruit Melting Moment Biscuit	-\$100
Yo Yo Biscuit	-\$100

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	-\$100
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POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS

Popcorn - Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn - Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included

DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES

Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Pineapple Pieces by "Peels"	-\$100

DIPS W/ MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS

Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$100
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$100
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$100
Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	-\$100
Corn Chips with Salsa (GF)	-\$100
Mango Chutney with Vege Chips (GF, Vg)	-\$100

YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS

Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	-\$100
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	-\$100
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	-\$100

DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



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