



Hornsby Heights Public School

NEWSLETTER

Aim High



8-20 Somerville Road Hornsby Heights NSW 2077 | PH: 02 9476 5133 | E: hornsbyhts-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au | W: www.hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au

TERM 4 WEEK 2

ISSUE 34

17 OCTOBER 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Wednesday OCT 11: Tim Harris (author visit) years 5-6 Session 2

Thursday OCT 19: 2024

Kindergarten Parent Info Night
6pm

Thursday OCT 26: World Teacher's Day. Wear a touch of colour with your uniform

Friday OCT 27: Captains to Parliament House

Monday OCT 30: Year 6 Mini Fete

Wednesday NOV 1: Mufti Day PBEL Gum Nut Barrel Day!

Tuesday DEC 5: Presentation Day (times to be confirmed)



P&C

Friday OCT 20: Disco by P&C K-2
4:45-6pm and 3-6 6:30-8pm

Wednesday NOV 1: P&C Meeting
7pm



EXCURSION

Thursday OCT 19: Transition Day - Asquith Boys and Girls High School

Thursday OCT 24: Asquith Boys High School Science Immersion Day

SCHOOL CALENDAR LINK:

<https://hornsbyhts-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/school-calendar.html>



ABOVE: Mrs Tulloch and Mrs Blackadder make an amazing team (teachers of 1A).

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

A TOUCH OF COLOUR

THURSDAY 26 OCTOBER

On Thursday 26 October, we celebrate our amazing teachers in NSW. We are so lucky here at HHPS to have such dedicated and hard working teachers that support, teach, nurture and grow our students. Students are invited to wear a 'touch of colour' to celebrate our teachers on this day! This means, students wear their normal school uniform but are allowed to wear a range of coloured accessories such as socks, hair ribbons, hats etc (no hair spray please).

Thank you HHPS P&C

The school would like to thank the P&C for their ongoing hard work in fundraising and helping to build community partnerships and connections. Recently the P&C Eco-garden committee arranged a very successful cake stall on the weekend that raised funds for the committee to continue the amazing work they are doing in the Eco-

Continued on Page 2.

"Teaching is the one profession that created all other professions."

Anonymous

Continued From Page 1

garden. The P&C also led the very popular Trivia Night held on Saturday which brought families together and all had a great night! Kids are all excited about the disco coming up for K-2 and 3-6 - another amazing event led by our generous P&C. Thank you to all the families that contributed and went to these events and for the leaders of these activities who don't necessarily have the time to lead such big scale events (they all work and are busy people), but they do have the passion to do something great that connects us all together! THANK YOU!

Culture Survey

As a highly reflective school we are keen to know how you are feeling about a number of our programs that we offer at HHPS as well as the teaching and learning programs we implement. We ask for your support in filling out the below Culture Survey. In this survey you will be asked many important questions regarding our dance, sport, literacy and numeracy programs to name a few.

<https://forms.gle/y1BkyZ6PCx4XBvHC9>

Staff News- Mrs Alicia Blackadder

Mrs Alicia Blackadder has been offered a Permanent Position at Waitara Public School for the start of 2024. Mrs Blackadder has been a wonderful team player, expert teacher and has added much value to our school. We will miss her but also wish her all the best with her permanent position.

Presentation Day

This year our Presentation Day will be celebrated on Tuesday December 5 across 2 events: K-2 and 3-6. The Dance and Choir will be performing at both events as well as both the performance and Concert bands. K-2 will be singing a song at their Presentation Day. 3-6 will not be performing a song as their events are much longer than K-2. Each teacher will do a short class recognition and some awards will be handed out for each class. Each teacher hands out six awards per class: two are a Teacher Choice Award, two Excellence in Academic Achievement, a citizenship Award and a Commitment to Improvement Award.

If your child is receiving an award at one of the Presentations Day events, you will be notified of this prior to the event.

Year 5 Parents/Carers - Intention to apply for Year 7 placement in a selective high school in 2025

Selective high schools cater for academically gifted students with high potential who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic standard. Selective high schools help these students to learn by grouping them with students of similar ability, and by using specialised teaching methods. Please see Enews (October 9) for the messages sent out on Selective High School placements.

Planning for 2024

If you are in K-5 and intending to leave Hornsby Heights Public School at the end of 2023, could you please complete the Planning for 2024 form later in the Newsletter. This will assist us with our organisation of staff and accommodation for next year.

Class Decisions 2024

As we start to look forward to 2024, we will towards the end of the term begin the process of forming classes. We ask for your cooperation and trust in our professional judgement as we make decisions around this. Considerable thought about every students need is taken into account whilst forming classes. All teachers, executive staff and often the learning support team consult and communicate over a lengthy period to ensure every effort is made to achieve the best possible combination of teacher and learning cohorts. Over the course of your child's time at HHPS they will experience a variety of class combinations including, composite classes, mainstream groupings and job share arrangements.

Mufti Day - Gumnut

When students follow our school expectations, they receive a Gumnut token. These tokens go into the whole school barrel and when the barrel is full the students get a reward! Well.... they have done it again and the barrel is full, so we are celebrating with a Mufti Day on Wednesday November 1 (Week 4)!

Sun Safety, Sunscreen and 'No Hat - Play in the Shade' Rule

As the weather warms up it is very important to provide your child with SPF 30+ (or higher) sunscreen each and every day. We ask that students wear sunscreen to school and reapply throughout the day. Students may use their own sunscreen (keep in bags) and/or we have sunscreen in every classroom and in the office area as well as in each first aid kit that we take to sport and on excursions. Much of the sun's exposure that causes skin damage occurs in childhood and adolescence. It is very important to educate and teach our children about how to best protect their skin against the sun. While skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, it is estimated that 95% of skin cancers can be prevented through reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. We support students to understand why sun safety is important and to take action to protect themselves. Every child at school needs to wear a hat each day. Our school hats are wide brimmed as these give the best protection for the face, head and neck. If a child comes to school with no hat, they need to either sit or play in the shade. This is our "no hat, play in the shade" rule. Together we can work to educate our children so they are safe and learn good sun safety practices. Mrs Sakajani has spare hats (yellow ones) to lend to children who have forgotten them. This ensures that no child misses out on their sport lesson due to not having a hat.



By **KATRIN CORNELL**
Hornsby Heights Public School
PRINCIPAL



Hornsby Heights Public School

Planning for 2024

Dear Families

We are currently planning classes and staffing for 2024. In order to do this, we need to know who is not returning to our school next year.

If you are leaving Hornsby Heights Public School (and are currently in Years K-5) and not returning in 2024 please complete the slip below.

Forms can be submitted to the office.

Katrin Cornell
Principal

Student/s Not Returning to Hornsby Heights Public School in 2024

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

Name: _____ Class: _____

The relocation is due to:

- moving overseas or interstate
- moving to NSW Department of Education School _____ (insert school)
- moving to an Independent/Catholic School _____ (insert school)

JOIN IN THE FUN THIS TERM AS WE COMBINE MATHS & VOCABULARY

This term, we are combining Literacy and Numeracy with a focus on using the Frayer Model to build vocabulary in the area of Mathematics.

What is the Frayer Model?

The Frayer Model is a graphic organiser used to develop vocabulary. Information is organised on a grid divided into four sections. The four sections are commonly titled as definitions, an illustration or characterisation of the word, examples and non-examples.

Why are we using the Frayer Model?

The Frayer model assists students to learn the meanings and applications of new concepts or words.. It assists in activating what students may already know as well as linking to new concepts. The visual representation of this model facilitates easy retention and recall.

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL 5

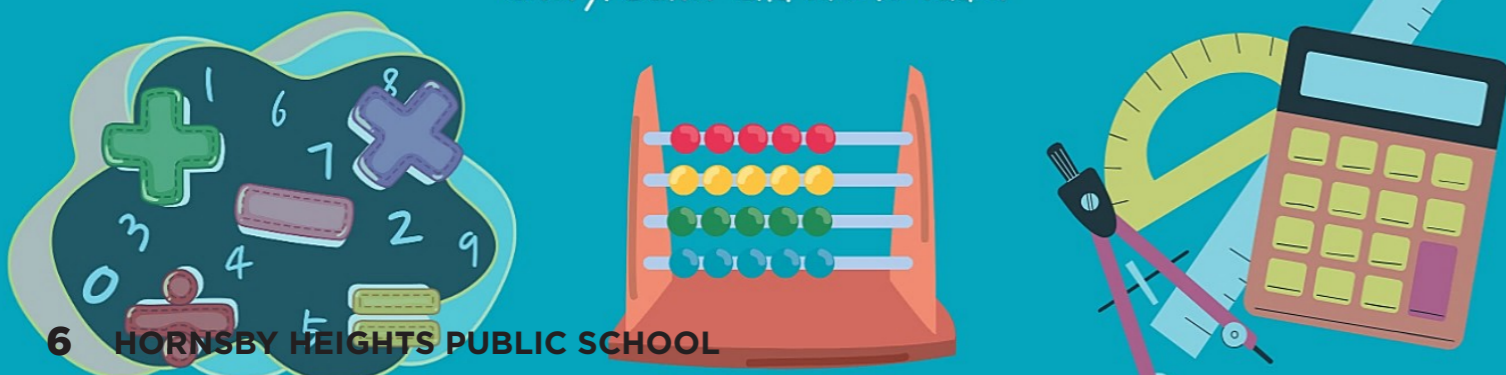
Frayer diagram

<p>Definition Commutative property of addition or multiplication means that two numbers can be added or multiplied in any order and the solution will be the same.</p>	<p>Facts/Characteristics A change in the order of two numbers in an addition or multiplication operation does not change the sum or the product. This can be expressed as $A + B = B + A$ in addition and $A \times B = B \times A$ in multiplication.</p>
<p>Commutative property</p>	
<p>Examples</p>	<p>Non-examples</p>

Join in on the fun!

Each newsletter this term, we will show you an example of a Frayer model that has been used in a classroom at HHPS. We will also show you a completed Frayer model with the word or concept missing. Your challenge is to discuss the Frayer model with your child and send in your answer to a box that will be kept in our office. Please send in your answer on a piece of paper no bigger than an A5 piece of paper. Templates will also be available in the office. Please include your child's name and class. Before each assembly, we will randomly select a response from the box and if the answer is correct, your child will receive a maths related prize.

Cheryl Baker and Nicole Tudor



Can you guess the mathematical term?

Frayer diagram

<p>Definition When we cover a surface with a pattern of shapes that fit perfectly together with no overlaps or gaps.</p>	<p>Facts/Characteristics They are a repeated pattern. They can continue forever. There are no gaps or overlaps.</p>
<p>Commutative property</p>	
<p>Examples</p>	<p>Non-examples</p>

Posters will be placed around the school. Submit your answer to the box in the office with this sign.



Stage One

Term 3 PROJECT BASED LEARNING

In Term 3, Year 1 and Year 2 students learnt about Materials Science. They explored different types of materials, and how and why we use different materials for different purposes. For our Project Based Learning unit, Mrs Demlakian, the school librarian, asked us to help her solve a problem:

- How do we protect the library books and stop them being damaged?
- How do we help more students borrow books from the library?

The students worked in small collaborative groups to apply a problem solving design process to solve the problem by making library bags out of recycled t-shirts. The students made some amazing library bags and displayed their work for parents during an open classroom session at the end of the Term 3.

During student reflections, students shared that they learnt how to tie knots, how to make a bag and how to work collaboratively and kindly with others.

We hope to see lots of library books looked after and borrowed each week using our amazing bags!



SPORTS UPDATE

CONGRATULATIONS TO AFL ALL AGE
GIRLS AND JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER



By **VANESSA SAKA JANI**
Hornsby Heights Public School
SPORTS COORDINATOR

After a few postponed matches due to rain and then smoke, HZSS semi-finals and finals were able to proceed on the last Friday of Term 3. All teams did a sensational job to get into the semi finals:

Junior Boys AFL, Senior Boys AFL, Senior Girls Soccer and Junior Girls Soccer.

Unfortunately both the junior and senior Boys AFL teams went down in the Semis to Wahroonga and Turramurra. Our Girls Senior Soccer team went down in the Semis to Hornsby North.

A huge congratulations to our All Age Girls AFL who defeated Wahroonga in the Grand Final, and Junior Girls Soccer who defeated Turramurra in their Grand Final to bring home both trophies to HHPS!

What a wonderful way to end our Winter HZSS season. Summer HZSS will recommence on Friday of Week 1 this term.



ECO GARDEN UPDATE

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER



By **LAUREN GIAQUINTO**
Hornsby Heights Public School
TEACHER

everyone who donated baked goods and lollies, and to those who generously volunteered their time on the day to help out.

The Green Team

Our Green Team works hard every Tuesday lunch time to maintain the Eco Garden area. In Term 3, members of the Green Team and some classes worked on making new signs for the different areas in the Eco Garden. These have now been put around the garden and look amazing!

Last Tuesday the Green Team was visited by members of Hornsby Shire Council to assist in reinvigorating our worm farms. They shared a wealth of knowledge about worms and how to successfully use and care for a worm farm. The students particularly loved getting their hands dirty preparing the farm and searching through the soil to find all the worms!

Want to know more?

The Eco Garden Committee is always looking for additional helpers and welcomes all families to be involved in any capacity. If you would like to be involved or find out more please contact Julie at ecogardenhps@gmail.com. The committee meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month during the school term at 6:30pm via Zoom. The next meeting will be held tomorrow night (18th October). For Zoom details, please contact the email address above. All are welcome to attend!

Chicken News

Over the school holidays Batgirl, Fishy, Pixel and Squeakers had a lovely holiday away at the Dammert household. Thank you to the Dammert family for taking such great care of our chickens!

Bake Sale Fundraiser

On Saturday the 14th October the Eco Garden Committee held their famous Bake Sale Fundraiser at the referendum. As always it was a huge success with all items selling out by noon and raising \$2000! There was an abundance of delicious home baked treats and lollies available, and it was wonderful to see the local community supporting our school. The Eco Garden Committee would like to say a huge thank you to





SCHOOL GROUNDS

**WHAT'S
NEW**

THIS PAGE: New planter boxes around the angophora trees and new concrete area under the covered outdoor learning area.





MEET Di, OUR NEW CANTEEN MANAGER



PREVISUALIZATION



TABLE TENNIS TABLES LOCATION ON THE OVAL



GARDEN BEDS



K-2 SHADE CLOTHS OVER THE PLAYGROUND





Student Canteen Monitor



YEAR SIX

CANTEEN MONITORS

TERM 4

MONDAYS

Alice T & Audrey R

WEDNESDAYS

Evie B & Daniel C

FRIDAYS

Daniel C, Tyler S, Joseph L,
Hayden H



K-2 FUN IN THE PLAYGROUND





HHPS SCHOOL DISCO 2023

DATE: FRIDAY 20th October

WHERE: School Hall

Kindergarten -Year 2: 4:45 pm - 6:00 pm

Years 3-6: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Wear your favourite **rainbow** coloured outfit and dance the night away!

Cost: \$8 per child

Tickets available on QKR ONLY until 17th of October

When making QKR payments remember to enter each Child SEPARATELY.

A Parent/Carer is expected to accompany each Child to the front desk for safety reasons also to mark names on ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE of Disco session.

Allergies, Anaphylaxis or Asthma precautions

If your child suffers from Allergies, Anaphylaxis or Asthma and could require the use of an EpiPen® or asthma reliever medication in an emergency it will need to be given to school disco first aid co-ordinator (teacher from school) when signing in and noted down and then collected again when picking up your child.

HELPERS Needed

This event needs a lot of parents to make it a safe & fun night. If you are able to help, please could you complete the form on QKR



KINDERGARTEN

INFORMATION
- 2024 -

*Starting school is such an exciting time.
We are looking forward to being part of this
journey with you!*

MINI SHOWCASE AND SCHOOL TOUR FOR PARENTS/ CARERS & 2024 STUDENTS

Tuesday 12 September 2023 9:30am - 11:00am in the School Hall

Come along to see and hear about some of the programs we have on offer and take part in a school tour led by our senior students.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Thursday 19 October 2023 6:00pm

This is an introduction to Hornsby Heights Public School and information on preparation for school. Meet the Principal and the current Kindergarten Team!

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION VISITS & SCHOOL TOUR

*Tuesday 14 November and Tuesday 21 November
2023 from 9:30am to 11:00am*

Children visit Kindergarten classrooms and participate in various activities. All enrolment paperwork must be provided to be eligible to attend. Further information regarding these sessions will be provided at the Parent Information Evening (please note these sessions are for the children only). It is important that children attend both Orientation Day sessions to support the transition to school.

PRINCIPAL: Katrin Cornell
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL: Debbie Dunn



School Student Travel

Term 4 2023

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes.

Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names.

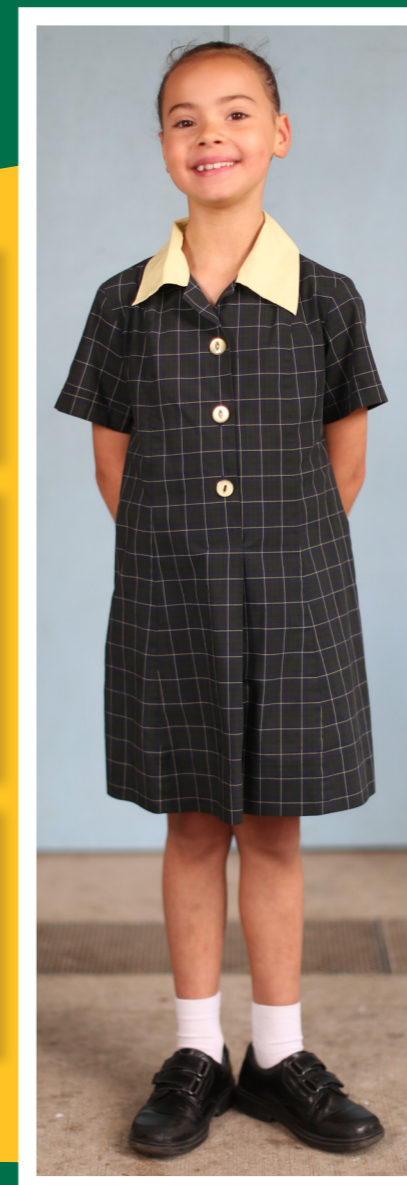
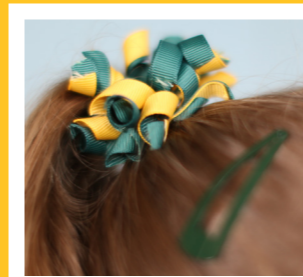
Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.info trip planner](https://transportnsw.info/trip-planner) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Summer Uniform

HORNSBY HEIGHTS PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- Bottle green/navy/yellow plaid check dress
- Bottle green culottes and gold polo shirt
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- White short socks (socks must be visible)
- Black school shoes

Boys

- Gold short sleeve polo shirt
- Grey shorts
- Grey short socks with green/gold band
- Bottle green jacket, sloppy joe or jumper
- Black school shoes



HHPS CANTEEN UPDATE



No more daily lunch packing!

We are very happy to be open again to provide your kids with delicious lunches and snacks and under the management of our new Canteen Manager Di Mooney. There may be a couple of very minor changes to the menu to allow us to be certified as part of the Healthy Schools Canteens.

Once again....

THANKYOU

for your patience during Term 3

Sign up with a friend and WIN!

We are always after new volunteers to spread the load so as an incentive, sign up with a new volunteer on the same shift as you and receive a voucher for a hot drink each at the Corner Cafe!



Upcoming Roster

WEEK	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
WEEK 2 16 - 20 OCT	Lisa N Helen D	Kirsty P-M HELP NEEDED	Alexandra A Adelle A Michelle M
WEEK 3 23 - 27 OCT	Julie L Elissa	HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED	Kirsty P-M HELP NEEDED HELP NEEDED
WEEK 4 30OCT - 3NOV	Elissa HELP NEEDED	Melanie B HELP NEEDED	Michelle M Beth V Althea W

SIGN UP!

<https://signup.zone/hhps-canteen>



HHPS Canteen



hhpsandccanteen@gmail.com



Hornsby Heights Primary School P&C Canteen Menu 2023



The canteen is open MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

Recess and Lunch orders placed via QKR! By 9am

Over the counter sales snacks / drinks / frozen only

HOT FOOD

Toasted Sandwiches (Mon/Wed only) \$2.30 (+fillings)	
Cheese \$0.70	
Ham \$1.40	
Tomato \$0.50	
Pasta Pomodoro HM, V \$4.50	
Beef Lasagne \$4.50	
Macaroni and Cheese HM, EF, V \$4.50	
Garlic Bread HM \$1.80	
Corn Cobbette \$1.00	
Chicken Burger \$3.80 (+ extras)	
Lettuce / Tomato \$0.50	
Carrot \$0.30	
Cucumber \$0.40	
Cheese \$0.70	
Mayonnaise \$0.20	
Tomato Sauce / BBQ Sauce \$0.00	
Pizza Muffin HM	
Ham & Cheese / BBQ Chicken \$3.50	
Cheese \$3.00	
Fried Rice V, GF, DF, EF \$4.50	
Chicken Strips (x3) EF, DF (Monday only) \$3.00	
Footy Pie (Friday only) \$5.00	
Sausage Roll (Friday only) \$4.50	
Spinach & Fetta Roll V (Friday only) \$4.50	
WEDNESDAY SUSHI SPECIALS EF, DF, GF \$3.60	
Vegetable / Bulgogi / Teriyaki Chicken / Tuna	
Sauce Packets \$0.30	
Tomato / BBQ	
FROZEN FOOD	
Juicies (99.9% fruit juice) DF, EF, GF \$1.00	
Lemonade / Wildberry / Orange / Tropical	
Frozen Milk Mini (limit - 2 per person) \$0.40	
Strawberry / Chocolate	
Juicy Fruity \$0.20	
Frozurt (frozen Vaalia yoghurt) EF, GF \$0.80	
Twisted Licks GF \$2.00	
Berry Buzz / Mango Delish / Pink Lemon Twist	

FRESH SANDWICHES/WRAPS GF avail. \$2.00 (+ fillings)

Cheese \$0.70	
Ham \$1.40	
Chicken \$1.80	
Vegemite / Honey / Jam \$0.50	
Lettuce / Tomato \$0.50	
Carrot \$0.30	
Cucumber \$0.40	
Mayonnaise \$0.20	

DRINKS

Just Juice \$1.60	
Apple / Apple & Blackcurrant / Paradise Punch	
Oak Milk \$2.50	
Chocolate / Strawberry	
Smoothies (Terms 1 & 4, Mon & Wed) \$2.50	
Blueberry (Mon) / Banana (Wed)	
Hot Chocolate (Terms 2 & 3, Mon & Wed) \$2.20	

SNACKS

Carrot Sticks (over counter only) FREE	
Rice Cracker & Cheese (x1) GF, V, EF \$0.30	
(Single rice crackers and cheese not available on Qkr!)	
Rice Cracker & Cheese (x3) GF, V, EF \$0.60	
Fresh Popcorn Bag GF, V, EF, DF \$0.10	
Apple Slinky \$1.20	
Jelly Cup (99.6% juice) GF, V, EF, DF \$0.60	
Yoghurt, Muesli & Fruit Cup \$1.50	
Mini Fruit Salad HM \$1.20	
Edamame ~12 pieces V \$0.70	
Banana Bread Muffins V HM	
Mini \$1.00	
Regular \$2.00	
Flavoured Popcorn \$1.70	
Butterscotch / Chicken Seasoning	
Red Rock Plain Chips GF, V, EF, DF \$1.50	
Grain Waves Sour Cream & Chives \$1.50	
Parker's Pretzels \$1.50	

GF = gluten free V = vegetarian HM = homemade on site EF = egg free DF = dairy free

As per the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy, we provide a menu that is ¾ everyday food and ¼ occasional food.

Refer to <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/heal/Pages/healthy-school-canteens.aspx>

Please contact the canteen convener for any further information or if you would like to volunteer on

hhpsandccanteen@gmail.com