

COONABARABRAN HIGH SCHOOL and P&C NEWSLETTER



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Ms M Doolan, Principal

Ms Karine Williams P&C President

Upcoming Dates:

16-8-2021

Yr 6 Transition

23-8-2021

VALID Yr 10

27-8-2021

**Yr 10 Local Gov Careers
Session**

30-8-2021

Yr 11 Exams

10-9-2021

Yr 9-11 Careers Expo

14-9-2021

**Prefect Induction
Ceremony**

16-9-2021

**Yr 12 Farewell Formal
Assembly**



Excellence
Resilience
Respect

Ms. Mary Doolan Principal's Report

We commence this term extremely grateful that our Year 12 students completed their Trial HSC Examinations at the end of last term and that they, along with all of our students, have not had to move to learning from home. In that regard our thoughts are with our colleagues and their students in Sydney. However, rest assured that if our circumstances change and we need to pivot to remote learning, our staff are well prepared to do so.

Speaking of staff, I thought it timely that I devote the balance of this column to updating our community on the pressing issue of staff shortages. This issue has been rumbling along in the media for a few years, but it has rightly gained greater momentum in 2021. It has long been the case that staffing schools in Western NSW is comparably more difficult than in metropolitan areas. No surprise there. What is more recent is the fact that teaching shortages no longer just exist in specific subject areas such as Mathematics and TAS and equally, many schools in Sydney and large regional centres like Orange and Armidale, also struggle to attract and retain staff due to the state wide shortage of teachers.

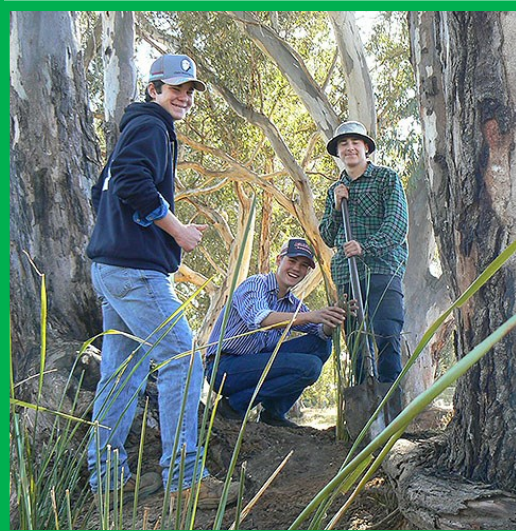
The Dept. of Education has initiated a number of measures to attract more people to the profession and thereafter to teach in regional areas. Notwithstanding these efforts however, it remains the case that at present it is difficult to obtain staff, particularly midyear. Additionally, the pool of casual teachers who have traditionally taught our students when staff are unwell, on extended leave or at professional learning, has, due to a number of factors, dwindled.

More positively our staff are absolutely committed to ensuring that our students receive the best education. To this end, throughout the year staff have taken additional classes and taught above their required teaching load to ensure that our students are learning. You may be aware that in some surrounding schools, this was not able to occur and so students were "managed" with minimal supervision which involves a number of classes being collapsed and supervised but no teaching and learning occurs.

On behalf of our community I acknowledge and thank our staff who have gone "above and beyond" to keep student learning absolutely central even when faced with significant staff absence and shortage. Our school is fortunate to benefit from their dedicated professionalism. With best wishes for a COVID safe remainder of the term!

**Ms. MARY DOOLAN
PRINCIPAL**

Right:
Students
Lachlan
McGill, Jack
Larkin and
Jack Smith
enjoy creek
regeneration
at the Ag
Skills Day
2021





As part of the Make Music Australia Day event, just over 50 of our school students provided some live music at Lunch on Monday 21 June 2021.

The idea behind this day is to have as many free music-making events happening on one day as possible and to build a community of music makers. The concept of a "musical holiday" originated in France in 1982. The original idea was to have a day where music would be performed free of charge around cities and towns.

Last year, over 800 cities around the world threw citywide music celebrations on 21 June. The Make Music festival is celebrated in more than 800 cities in 120 different countries. The event was run in Australia in 2018 for the first time and saw over 100 events in 80 locations on 21 June.

This year, Coonabarabran High School participated in Make Music Australia Day by presenting a Live Music at Lunch event which was registered on the Make Music Australia Day web site. We managed to get a very large group of students performing as the various class music groups took to the stage to play a piece they had been working on. The 7A and 7D class bands combined to play *I'm Yours* and were followed by the 8A class band who played *My Girl*. The Year 8D band performed *Back in Black*. The two Year 9/10 Music classes combined for a performance of *Ocean Eyes* and Year 11 and 12 combined to play *Just the Two of Us* with Miss Lewis performing as soloist. Two students performed a solo piece each - they were Vance McDonald and Emily Staniforth. The students did a fabulous job in providing 40 minutes of music and were supported by their peers and staff.

A big thank you also goes to Miss Lewis for all her fantastic work with our students, Mr Armstrong for setting up the sound for us, and Mr Moffat who accompanied some groups on drums.

Mrs Aimee Rossler



Join the worldwide celebration of music!



Coonabarabran High School

P&C Meeting Monday 26 July 2021

Meeting opened: 5:30pm.

Attendance: Karine Williams, Stephen Turner, Sallie Turner, Debbie Mukhar, Trish Watson, Narelle Pfeiffer, Mary Doolan, Kathy Hutt, Skye Lambert, Helen Smith, Semret Goitom.

Apologies: Duncan Graham, Ansie van Schalkwyk

Moved: S. Lambert **Seconded:** T. Watson

Minutes of previous meeting:

True and accurate record.

Moved: S. Turner **Seconded:** N. Pfeiffer

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Uniform policy:

Discussion with uniform provider to occur once student survey responses are collated. One parent noted that winter jacket fades easily, has faded after six months. Clarification of the girls uniform and shorts/pants that can be worn.

Correspondence in:

P&C literature.

Correspondence out:

Letters to Woolworths and IGA seeking donations for Expo Hut. Woolworths gave us a \$100 card and IGA gave us \$150 of sausages. Thank you to Expo for free use of Hut. Discussion in relation to the free hire of Hut and the cleaning of the canteen prior to and use after Expo.

Moved: T. Watson **Seconded:** M. Doolan

President's Report: Refer previous newsletter.

Treasurers Report: As delivered by S. Lambert

Did very well at the Hut this year. Made \$7222 net income this year.

Nearly double the income from 2019.

Moved: S. Lambert **Seconded:** S. Turner

Canteen Report: As delivered by T. Watson

No canteen treasurer report. Canteen is doing well, very busy.

Moved: T. Watson **Seconded:** D. Mukhar

Principal and Deputy report: Presented by M. Doolan

- Parent Teacher night on tomorrow night, phone based due to Covid. restrictions. Discussion over merits of later delivery of reports.
- Ag Skills day on Thursday, largely unaffected by COVID, always a good day.
- Single Cup on Wednesday week. Local sport not restricted with COVID.
- "Health Hub" is here and closer to being ready for use. A big improvement for our new wellbeing staffing arrangements.
- New student toilets being designed. All toilet blocks will be upgraded. Aiming for work to be done in holiday times as much as possible.
- Student Wellbeing Survey done earlier in the year and results interesting. Discussed by staff at Development Day – will inform future programs.
- An increasing focus on differentiation — how to get students working better by working at the different levels that exist among any student group.
- We are now doing "External Validation" at the school, it comes around every five years. Coming up again on August 19.
- Staffing update: New teacher Miss Gabrielle Posetti has started full time in TAS after an internship. Mrs Felicity Harley has left so a new teacher in English needed. Staffing shortage continues state wide. CHS staff working above and beyond to keep classes covered. Mary Lawson retiring after a long and valued contribution to public education.

General business:

Thank you to everyone who worked at the Hut over Expo.

Skye and Karine flag that they will not be available for the P&C next year.

Anne Fosdick also not available for canteen accounting in 2022.

Meeting closes 6:50pm. Next meeting October 25.



P & C PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our major fundraising project for 2021 was completed in early June – “The Hut” canteen at the NW Equestrian Expo and this year we raised over \$7k for our school, this is almost twice as much as we raised in 2019. None of this would have been possible without of the support of our sponsors and many supporters and volunteers – it is amazing what can be achieved when we work together.

It is very pleasing to see new people attend and contribute to our P&C and it is always good to be reminded about all the wonderful aspects of our school community. Two notable things for this year are the upgrade of all of our student bathroom facilities, it has been in the wings for a long time, and as a P&C we were part of the lobby to make it happen. Also the “Wellbeing Hub” that is now on site and will be commissioned in the coming months – a wonderful dedicated facility for our students to access support for their mental health.

Best wishes to our Year 12 Students as you finalise major works and begin preparations for your final exams.

Please join us at our next P&C Meeting on Monday 25 October @ 5:30 in the school library. If you would like to share ideas, but don't like committees, please feel free to talk to one of the committee members before a meeting or email us at chspnc@gmail.com

Karine Williams



P&C Association Meeting
Monday 25th October 2021
5:30pm School Library
ALL WELCOME



Fresh Tastes
Healthy Food at
School

CHS CANTEEN

Hawaiian
Burger
\$5.50

Upcoming
Specials

Fish &
Chips
\$5.00



NORTH WEST



On Thursday 10 June, twenty-four Coonabarabran High students set off to Coolah for the Annual North West Cross Country. The running conditions were very difficult as there was a biting wind, driving rain and the temperature might have said 4 degrees but it felt more like -10 degrees. Undeterred, the tough Coonabarabran students went out and tackled the course, made themselves proud and briefly afterwards, felt warm. At the end of the day the athletes surprised themselves, with many personal best times recorded and six runners qualifying for the CHS titles in Sydney on 16 July.

They are:

- 2nd Kada Hutt
Jarrod Wood
- 3rd Alisha Rankin
- 4th Lachlan McGill
- 5th Owen Fleming
Jack Larkin
- 6th Angus Heaney



We wish them all the best at State.



RE: COVID-19

A COVID-19 UPDATE



Dear Parents and Carers

NSW Schools are managed on a 4 Level approach in response to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Sydney schools have been on Level 4 which is learning from home. As a level 2 school our students can learn at school.

Kindly note the following:

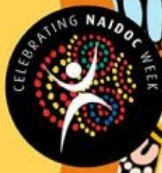
- Non-essential visitors are restricted from school sites.
- A number of activities will be modified to be COVID safe.
- Masks are recommended indoors for students and staff, exemptions may apply for health conditions etc.
- Students who display flu-like symptoms should NOT be at school and must show a negative COVID-19 test result and be free from flu-like symptoms before returning to school.
- Masks are mandatory on school buses.

Should you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Additionally, our website and School Stream remain excellent ways to stay up to date.

Ms M Doolan
PRINCIPAL



CELEBRATE
NAIDOC WEEK



NAIDOC 2021
HEAL COUNTRY!
HEAL OUR
NATION



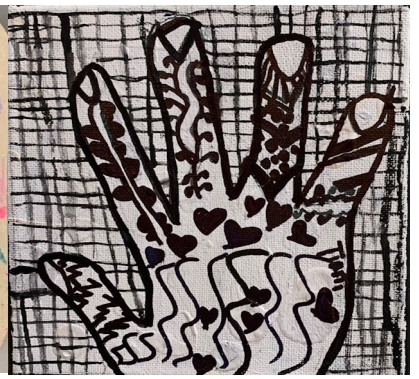
On Friday 25 June our wonderful school NAIDOC celebrations commenced with the arrival of our local Aboriginal Elders and community members. Dhagaan Warrumbungle Dancers welcomed everyone into the school hall for our special assembly. An Acknowledgement to Country was performed in language by Year 8 LOTE students and the NAIDOC theme for 2021 of "Heal Country" underpinned our assembly and celebration throughout the day. Country is inherent to the identity of Indigenous Australians. It is family, kin, law, lore, ceremony, traditions, and language and it has been this way since the dawn of time. Following the assembly we shared a delicious lunch and our Elders cut our celebratory cake. After that students broke into workshops which consisted of Weaving, Lingo Bingo, Dance and the Uncle Bill Robinson League Tag competition which was won by Mopra. A special thank you to Alison Stanton



AEO, Dylan Neville and Steve Watton for organising Dancers and their workshop and all our staff and guests who helped make our day a successful and happy one.

Mary Doolan





CHS SUPPORT UNIT NEWS

D1 Art Exploration

D1 students are participating in Abstract Art units with a little scepticism and much delight. Their use of a myriad of mark making 'tools' and a variety of colours from many different sources create endless possibilities and students are learning quickly to experiment and take risks in the process of making Art. I am delighted with their engagement in the process, embracing contrast and their product (and I think they are too!).

Currently on display are their Aboriginal inspired works on canvas – black and white, cross hatching, hands with henna tattoo design.

Above & below: works on canvas by D1 students



Miss Christoff brings



to D1/D2!



This term we were very fortunate to welcome the expertise of Miss Christoff, Science/Biology teacher, to D1/D2 for a science lesson on dissections.

Students watched Miss Christoff's demonstration of a bull's eye being dissected, while she explained what each part was, what each part did and how it was the same or different to that of a human eye.

Students were then welcomed to put on a pair of gloves and touch each of the parts, even trying to put the eye back together to see how it all worked. Thankyou Miss Christoff for a really interesting (and a little gross!) Science lesson!



Miss Emma Rankmore

ATTENDANCE



MATTERS

CHS has implemented a new, automated, attendance monitoring and notification system from May 2021. Parents and carers will receive text message notification when their child is marked as absent from morning assembly, which commences at 8.55 am. At the conclusion of morning roll call which is approximately 9.05am, the notification of absence message will be sent to any absent student's primary carer's mobile phone number.

Parents and carers will have the option to reply to the message with a text explaining the absence or contacting the school via phone on 6842 1099.

A reminder that late students need to present to the office and sign in.

If you have any queries about this system or would like to designate a particular phone number that is not your primary contact number to receive messages, please contact the school.

We look forward to improved rates of attendance, particularly on Fridays which is the day with the highest rate of absences.

Winter WARMERS

Students Tyler, Charles, Jyi and Archie model our smart and warm CHS jackets. Now on Sale—Please see Ms. Ryan at the office.



**CHS
Jackets
and
Hoodies
\$60**

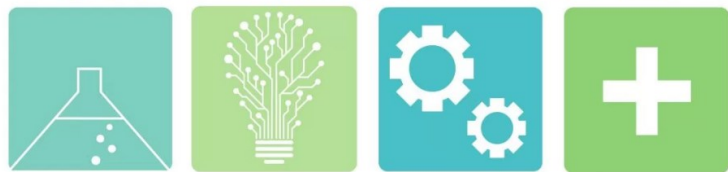
CHS Beanies \$15

CHS Ties \$14

CHS Caps \$15

Payment at school office.
EPOS, Cheque or cash.

YOUTH LEADING IN STEM



Inspiring
the ACT

engineers
without borders
australia

Rebogals
Gender Equality

engage

During the last week of Term 2, a group of students from Year 9 and 10 travelled to Canberra to participate in Youth Leading in STEM – an educational outreach initiative coordinated by ANU.

Students were selected through an application process, and it speaks to the calibre of the students when all 9 students who applied were selected to attend! The students selected were Riley Fleming, Shafin Salim, Declan Eshman, Laura Williams, Kada Hutt, Emma Robinson, Kira Holmesby, Jack Foster and Claudia Heaney.

The camp is designed to allow students to explore a wide range of STEM fields in a university environment, and has students engaging in hands on experiments in key learning areas such as Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computing and Engineering. Students also experience on-campus living and dining and learn more about ANU and work with mentors and academics to hone their leadership and presentation skills.

All 9 students from Coonabarabran High School had a fabulous time and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

Maleisah Eshman



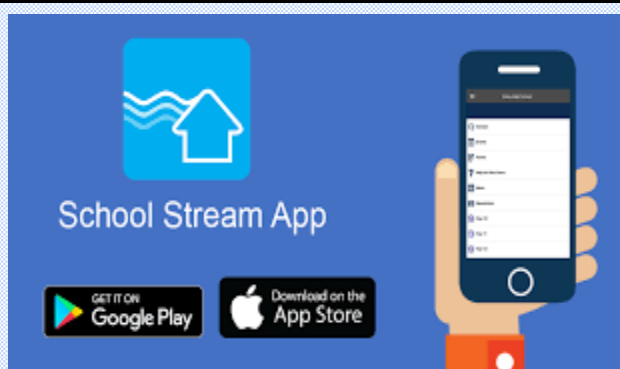
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Everything is
theoretically impossible,
until it is done.

Robert A. Heinlein

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Final 16? Yes, please!



It doesn't matter how, but in the last week of Term Two, the Coonabarabran Open Girls Softball Team represented North West at the CHS Final 16 Tournament in a cold and miserable Newcastle. It was beautiful to watch as the team surprised themselves with their abilities and resilience on the diamond. The first game was against an experienced team with a fast pitcher, but that did not quell the girls' spirit or their batting. First, in the field, Kiarna, Amarlee and Alirah impressed, each with a beautiful run-saving catch.



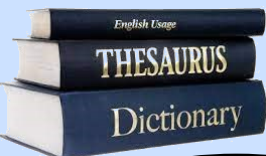
Next, Ella teamed up with Alirah taking many great outs at first base. Then, Jade amazed everyone (including herself) with her incredible speed in the outfield, chasing a huge hit and relaying it back into the infield, just missing the out at home.

The next three games played were closely matched, and Coonabarabran won two of them. Even with their newly manicured nails, the team batted like seasoned softballers. Everyone got safe hits and made it home, including Tabitha, Indi, Kiarna, Kayla, Taylah, and Jade; this made for some very exciting softball. Kayla was fantastic in the outfield, taking a superb catch at leftfield.

Special mentions go to Maddison for hitting two home runs. Alirah for hitting one home run, pitching almost every game and making an incredible dive into second base. To our newest catcher, Lakiah, for making a fantastic debut behind the plate, and Narelle, for driving this bunch of misfits with beautiful nails and a giant Mario Mushroom around Newcastle.



Sherelle Moore



Given that a broad vocabulary is a great way to elevate student writing and strengthen literacy skills, the school now stocks Dictionary /Thesauruses which students may purchase for a discounted price of \$30.

**Dictionary/
Thesauruses**
\$30

The dictionary/thesaurus is a great resource to support students across all subjects from Years 7 – 12.



"Yes, some books come in high definition — dictionaries!"





Introducing students to, and promoting awareness of the diverse range of skills in the Agriculture Industry through hands-on experience in small groups.

The diversity of skills historically offered at the Ag Skills Day was on show again on Thursday 29 July in the Ag Plot when community members provided valuable learning experiences for Year 8 students and the Agriculture and Primary Industries classes at Coonabrabran High School.

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Wes Leedham and Carl Holmesby (WEEC) shared the skills and joy of mudbrick building to students using soil provided by Adam Clarke.

Chris Cormie imparted enough skills to students for them to work a horse from the ground; Lisa Moody ran an introduction to Horse Care session.

Marty Wilkin trained students in tying knots that you can use your whole life.

Greg Larkin (TAFE) worked doubly hard to run the welding workshop and have all students produce a piece of welding they, and their families, are proud of.

Ange Bunner (WEEC) began regeneration of the creek area.

Callen Thompson (LLS) trained students in the finer points of weed management.



May Fleming's (LLS) Bird Identification guidance students discovered the School has a colony of the threatened Grey-crowned Babbler.

George Halley had students stepping out fences and tying knots in fencing wire during the Fencing Workshop.

Luke Milsom and Kate Atkinson (LLS) looked at the complexities of biosecurity.

Joan Poyser and Andrew Young (RFS) introduced students to different aspects of life as a volunteer in the Rural Fire Service.

Anthony O'Halloran from Bilby Blooms explained the purpose of distillation in extraction of oils from native plants.

Liz Hawkins ran a variety of Steer Assessment workshops over the day.



The Year 11 Primary Industries class were integral in contacting and liaising with presenters prior to the event and were their point of contact on the day. The Cattle Leading team did the initial set up during sport and Primary Industries students arrived at dawn to complete the set up and ensure all the presenters' requirements were in place.

We appreciate the support given to the school this year by all the experienced, passionate, engaging, flexible presenters. We are also most grateful for Equity funds distributed by the State Government to our school aimed to support student education and counter the socio-economic disadvantage due to isolation and the economy. The school canteen once again kept the team well fed.



Kellie Nash

Website on the Web

D2

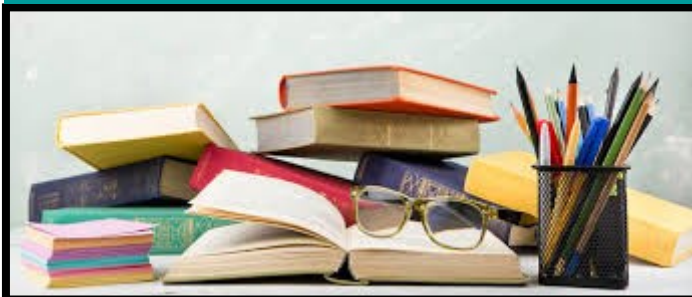


In Technology lessons in D2, students have been working on three main projects so far this term - cooking, design and woodburning. Each week on a Friday periods 3 and 4, students in D1 and D2 get together and cook, then share a meal with each other and their teachers and SLSOs.



This week it was D2's turn to cook for everyone, and they cooked pizza, even making the dough from scratch. In design, students upcycled some wire, glass drops and beads into a pendant. In woodburning, students have started a class project to contribute to the school that will be revealed at a later date! Stay tuned!

Emma Rankmore



Study Centre Special Offer

Our fantastic Study Centre now operates 4 days a week, Monday to Thursday, in our Library from after school till 4.45pm.

There is **NO COST** for attending.

And, an exciting announcement—Students may book a time with Mr Vincent Morrissey, expert Maths tutor. Mr Morrissey is available to attend Study Centre any afternoon for students who have pre-booked via the front office. Please give at least 24 hours notice or feel free to establish a regular slot eg every Tuesday. Student's may book in themselves via the front office or parents may ring the office to book a slot. Mr Morrissey is able to support students from Years 7 – 12. There is no cost for this tuition. We are grateful to Mr Morrissey for his generous support of our Study Centre and building students' confidence and skills as mathematicians!

Success doesn't come from what you do occasionally, but what you do consistently.





Community ACCESS

The D7 Support Unit run a Community Access Visit program weekly. The Community Access program at Coonabarabran High School has been successful with students to overcome anxiety, increase self-esteem and self-valuation. The students visit the Town Library on Mondays and various organisations and retail outlets on Tuesdays where the managers support the program and offer their time to let the students participate in hands on skills developing their competencies and social skills.

Nancy Hunt



Year 12
Formal
Fundraising
Raffle
\$2 per ticket

Year 12 students are currently selling raffle tickets to raise funds for their formal. A number of the prizes have been kindly donated by parents of Year 12 students who are local business owners.

1st prize ~ \$150 worth of Coonabarabran shopping vouchers (\$50 for Nails by Nicole, \$50 for The Lighthouse and \$50 for Surf, Work and Street).

2nd prize ~ a Pamper-Hamper from Nails by Nicole (bath salts, tub teas, foot soak, milk bath, aroma~therapy eye pillow, wheat heat pack, body and face scrubbies set).

The raffle will be drawn on the 2nd September.

CANTEEN MENU



Coonabarabran High School WINTER Price List



Breakfast	Cost
Fresh fruit in season	\$1.00
Bacon or Egg Muffin	\$2.00
Bacon & Egg Muffin	\$3.00
Toast (2 pieces) plain or raisin	\$1.00
Hot chocolate	Small \$3.00 Large \$4.00
Muesli & Yoghurt with fruit	\$3.50

Hot Food

Those marked with * available lunch time only—Please Order

*Honey Soy Chicken & fried rice (2 drumsticks)	GF \$5.50
*Fried Rice	\$4.00
*Hamburger	\$5.50
*Chicken Burger	\$5.50
* with salad	\$6.00
*Butter Chicken & rice	GF \$5.00
Pasta with Homemade tomato sauce	\$2.50
*Spaghetti Bolognese-Homemade	\$4.50
Year 12 burger	\$4.50
* With salad	\$5.00
*McFoz Wrap - chicken chilli tender, lettuce, tomato, cheese, chilli sauce	
1 Tender	\$4.50
2 Tenders	\$5.50
*The Greenie Wrap	
1 Tender	\$5.50
2 Tenders	\$6.50
Meat pie	\$4.50
Sausage roll	\$3.50
Mini Pizza	\$1.50
Chicken chilli tenders (individual)	\$1.50
Soup with bun	\$5.00
Mini Taco Cup	\$1.50

Drinks

Water	\$2.00
Poppers	\$2.00
Sparkling Juice	\$3.00
Small flavoured milk	\$3.00
Large flavoured milk	\$4.00
Ice creams & Ice blocks	Varied prices

Salads (Please Order)

*Salad with Chicken/Salmon/Beef	GF \$5.00
*Chicken Caesar salad	Large \$5.00 Small \$3.50
*Homemade Quiche & Salad	\$6.00
*Homemade Frittata & Salad	GF \$6.00
*Beef Lasagne & Salad	\$6.00

Sandwiches/Rolls/Wraps (Please Order)

Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken / Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Tandoori/Salad Wrap	\$4.50
Roast beef and Salad S/wich	\$4.50
Egg & Lettuce S/wich	\$3.50
Chicken & Lettuce S/wich	\$3.50
Ham, Cheese and Tomato S/wich /toasted	\$3.50

Foccacia—chicken, red onion, sweet chilli, cheese \$5.50
OR SUGGEST YOUR OWN

Gourmet Baguettes [Baked Daily] (Please Order)

	ALL \$5.00
*Turkey, cranberry, swiss cheese, avocado	
*Roast Beef, chutney, cheese, salad	
*SOA [Sandwich of Awesomeness]	
Chicken, sun dried tomato, fetta, capsicum	
*Chicken, avocado, mustard mayonnaise	
*Chicken Caesar chicken, tomato, bacon, cheese, parmesan & caesar dressing	
All Served with salad greens	
*Chicken Salsa, bacon, salsa, cheese, sour cream—served warm	

Snacks (subject to availability)

Watermelon Tub	\$3.50
Fruit Salad	\$4.00
Red Rock Deli Chips	\$1.50
Grain Waves	\$1.50
Blueberry or Apple Muffin	\$1.50

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