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The inclusive and caring school where expert staff support students to achieve excellence.

Tuesday 11 February 2025

NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3

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From the Principal

What an incredible start to the new school year! It was great to see so many happy faces, eager to reunite with friends, connect with their teachers, and settle into their classrooms. As the relieving principal, I feel honoured to be part of such a warm and welcoming school community.

It is with great enthusiasm that I step into the role of Relieving Principal at Woongarra Public School. I feel very privileged to lead such a dynamic and supportive school community, and I look forward to working alongside our dedicated staff, engaged families, and, most importantly, our incredible students.

You will often see me at the front gate of a morning or afternoon, please take this opportunity to introduce yourself. If you would like to arrange a formal meeting, please do not hesitate to contact the front office.

Before joining Woongarra Public School, I dedicated my career to teaching and leadership roles in several diverse NSW public schools across the Central Coast and also as a Teacher Quality Advisor for the Department of Education regional office. I am passionate about working in partnership with our school community to achieve the best outcomes for our students. At Woongarra Public School, we believe that every child has the potential to thrive when provided with the right opportunities and support.

My leadership philosophy is built upon the mantra: *'Every child, every opportunity, every day.'* This means ensuring that each student feels valued, inspired, and equipped with the skills to succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

In my time as Relieving Principal, my focus will be on:

- ✔ **Building Strong Relationships** – Open communication, collaboration, and a shared commitment between staff, students, and families will be at the heart of everything we do.
- ✔ **High-Quality Teaching and Learning** – Supporting our teachers to deliver engaging, evidence-based programs that meet the diverse needs of all learners, including our High Potential and Gifted Education students.
- ✔ **Student Wellbeing and Inclusion** – Fostering a safe, inclusive, and positive learning environment where every child feels confident to explore their potential.
- ✔ **Community Engagement** – Strengthening our connection with parents, carers, and the wider community to enhance student learning experiences.

I am excited about the journey ahead and the many opportunities we will embrace together. I encourage you to be involved, share your insights, and join us in making Woongarra Public School an even greater place for our students to learn and grow.

Thank you for your ongoing support—I look forward to meeting and working with you all.

Mrs Bradney

Relieving Principal



Kindergarten Home Reading Workshop



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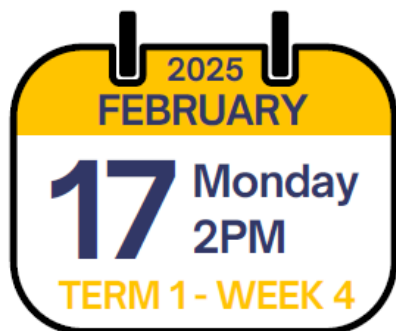
KINDERGARTEN FAMILIES WELCOME

Come and learn about our home reading program

We would like to invite you to our Kindergarten home reading workshop at the start of 2025. The workshop will be a short information session covering three key messages about home reading including:

- why home reading is important,
- home reading in Kindergarten and
- tips for reading with your child.

Following, we will invite your child to join you in the library for some reading time together.



3-6 Swimming Carnival

The 3-6 2025 Swimming Carnival will be held on Thursday 13 February at Wyong Pool.

Students will be travelling by bus and will need to arrive at school by 8:45am for a 9:00am departure and will be returning to school by 2:00pm.

Students may wear their house colours or sports uniform. Swimwear should be worn under house colours or uniform. No streamers, coloured zinc, coloured hair spray or swimming with clothes on.

Parents/Spectators will need to pay \$3.70 on entry to the pool.

A reminder to all students competing in the 200m individual medley - students will need to use private transport and be at the pool by 9.00am sharp.

Refer to note for zone qualifying times.

Requirements:

- Students are instructed to use adequate sun protection 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen.
- Bring a shirt, towel, change of clothes, underwear and hat.
- No bikinis to be worn
- Children swim in their age groups (the age they are turning or already turned in 2025)
- Classroom teachers will direct students to their house team sitting area on arrival at the pool
- Parents can watch the events from the uncovered concrete stand or grass area.
- Parents will be unable to sit with students.
- Zone time trial results will not be given on the day.

Meet the Teacher

We invite all families to join us for our **Meet the Teacher** afternoon on **Wednesday, 26 February, from 3:15 to 4:00 pm**. This is a great opportunity to visit your child's classroom, meet their teacher, and learn more about the year ahead.

Our wonderful **P&C will be hosting a BBQ from 2:30 to 4:30 pm**, so come along, grab a bite to eat, and connect with other families in our school community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Baker (Stage 3 - HB15) is unable to attend the Meet the Teacher afternoon due to an interschools professional development for the Central Coast Choral Festival. She will be available the following afternoon, Thursday 27 February from 3:15pm-4:15pm for anyone still wishing to attend.

School Photos

Our school photo day will be on Thursday 20 March 2025. Students will have their class photos and individual photos taken from 9.00am. Each child will bring home a photograph envelope in week 4. The photographer handles the collection of envelopes, so we ask that you only send your envelope in on the 20 March with your child and they will hand their envelope to the photographer. Please send in a photo envelope for each child and payment can be online or cash placed and sealed inside the envelope. Students can pick up sibling envelopes from the office and sibling photos will be taken in the hall at recess for families that have sibling photo envelopes.

Early Stage 1

Welcome to the start of a wonderful school year! We are so excited to begin this journey with you and your child. Starting Kindergarten is a big step, and we look forward to creating a safe, fun, and engaging learning environment where every child can thrive.

The Kindergarten team is:

- HB5 – Mrs Sandy Rawson
- HB6 – Miss Rachel Kingsland
- HB10 – Mrs Jade Cranstone
- RFF – Mrs Sharon Gilbert (Library), Mrs Kerri Black (Geography), Mrs Jo Lisson (Science)
- Support staff – Mrs Debbie Mortimer & Mrs Kylie Beresford
- Kindergarten Assistant Principal – Ms Korrine Miller

Important things you need to know:

The library days for the Kindergarten classes are as follows:

- HB5 – Tuesday
- HB6 – Wednesday
- HB10 – Friday

Please ensure that your child has a library bag with their name on it. Borrowing will not start until around week 6, but you are welcome to bring the bag in early and give it to the classroom teacher.

Home reading will begin next week in week 4. We will be sending home further information about the program.

We are looking forward to the chance to meet you at Meet the Teacher in week 5.

Year 1

We are excited to welcome you to a new school year filled with learning and growth! As your children embark on their Year 1 journey, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment that encourages curiosity and exploration. Together, we will support each child's development and celebrate their achievements along the way.

The Year 1 team is:

- HB9 – Mrs Karen Ruskin
- HB10 – Mrs Jade Cranstone
- HB11 – Mrs Samantha Guest
- HB14 – Mrs Michelle Morrison / Ms Korrine Miller
- RFF – Mrs Sharon Gilbert (Library), Mrs Jo Lisson (Geography/Science), Mrs Angela Smith ((Geography/Science)
- Support staff – Mrs Debbie Mortimer & Mrs Kylie Beresford
- Year 1 Assistant Principal – Ms Korrine Miller

Important things you need to know:

The library days for the Year 1 classes are as follows:

- HB9 – Wednesday
- HB10 – Friday
- HB11 – Monday
- HB14 - Wednesday

Please ensure that your child has a library bag with their name on it. Borrowing will not start until around week 6, but you are welcome to bring the bag in early and give it to the classroom teacher.

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Year 2

We are excited to start a fantastic new school year filled with learning, friendship, and fun! In Year 2, students will focus is on fostering curiosity, confidence, and a love of learning in a supportive and engaging environment. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead and can't wait to see our students grow and shine!

The Year 2 team is:

- HB14 – Mrs Michelle Morrison / Ms Korrine Miller
- HB12 – Mrs Belinda Johnson
- HB13 – Mrs Sharon Buhr / Mrs Wendy White
- RFF – Mrs Sharon Gilbert (Library), Mrs Jo Lisson (Science)
- Support staff – Mrs Debbie Mortimer, Mrs Kylie Beresford and Mrs Nikki McGilvray
- Year 2 Assistant Principal – Mrs Sharon Buhr

Stage 2 – Year 3 and 4

We are thrilled to begin an exciting year in Stage 2, where our Year 3 and Year 4 students will take on new challenges and opportunities. This year, students will develop greater independence in their learning, strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills, and dive into engaging topics across science, history/geography, and creative arts. With a focus on collaboration, critical thinking, and personal growth, we can't wait to see our students thrive and achieve their best. Let's make this year one to remember!

The Stage 2 team is:

- HB1 – Mr Darryn Mills
- HB2 – Mrs Katherina Hindson
- HB3 – Mrs Jasmin Khan
- HB4 – Mrs Megan Nicolas / Mrs Angela Smith
- RFF – Mrs Sharon Gilbert (Library), Mrs Angela Smith (Geography), Mrs Kerri Black (Geography), Mrs Jo Lisson (Geography)
- Support staff – Mrs Nikki McGilvray & Mrs Norma Lyden
- Stage 2 Assistant Principal – Mrs Danielle Hearne

Stage 3 - Year 5 and 6

As our Year 5 and Year 6 students step into their final years of primary school, they will take on new responsibilities, leadership opportunities, and exciting learning experiences. This year, students will deepen their understanding across all key learning areas, develop critical thinking skills, and prepare for the transition to high school. With a strong focus on collaboration, resilience, and personal growth, we know our Stage 3 students will rise to the challenge and make this a memorable year. Let's make it a great one!

The Stage 3 team is:

- HB7 – Mrs Wendy Lee / Mrs Kerri Black
- HB8 – Mrs Madeline Hughes
- HB15 – Mrs Bianca Baker
- HB16 – Mr Nick Vrolyk
- RFF – Mrs Sharon Gilbert (Library), Mrs Kerri Black (Geography), Jo Lisson (Science), Mrs Angela Smith (???)
- Support staff – Mrs Norma Lyden, Mrs Melinda Burgoyne, Mrs Jen Griffiths & Mrs Natalie Manklow
- Stage 3 Assistant Principal – Mrs Wendy Lee

Library

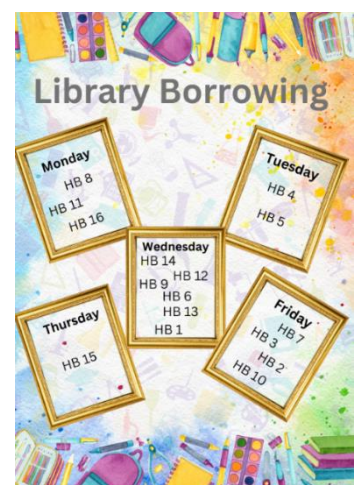
Kindergarten students will start borrowing books from the Library in Week 6. This will help our kids enjoy new stories and love reading.

Please remember to send in your child's library bag before Week 6 so they can carry their books home safely.

We can't wait to see how much fun our Kindergarten students will have!

Mrs Gilbert

Teacher Librarian



Book Club

The first issue of Book Club for 2025 has now been handed out. For those parents new to our school, Book Club is a service we provide to families through Scholastic Australia. The school receives a commission for purchases made by the school community. This commission provides the school library with new resources. If you wish to purchase a book please place an order online using the LOOP Online Ordering system (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 21 February.

Money is NOT collected at school.

Please note that while we promote the value of reading this is a voluntary exercise.

LOOP Online Ordering

Scholastic uses an online LOOP payment system where you can order and pay online and the order is then delivered to school.

Please see order forms for details or use the following link to the payment page.

<https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/>

Sharon Gilbert (Teacher/Librarian)



Healthy reading habits are forged through Book Club. Parents can order books easily through the Scholastic **LOOP** platform.

- 1 Log in, or create a new account at scholastic.com.au/LOOP
- 2 New parents can follow the Wizard to set up a child's profile
- 3 Click the ORDER tab, and select the child's school and Issue of Book Club
- 4 Select your child's name
- 5 Enter the product item number from the Book Club catalogue
- 6 Apply promotional codes that children may have earned from previous issues
- 7 Make a payment via credit card
- 8 Feel great about the Scholastic Rewards that have been earned for the school



Book Club rewards your school

Every purchase you make earns your child's school Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



ORDER TODAY
scholastic.com.au/LOOP



Upcoming Events

Our organising staff will provide more information as these events draw closer:

- **Music Bus Starts** – Wednesday 12 February
- **3-6 Swimming Carnival** – Thursday 13 February
- **Kindergarten Home Reading Workshop** – Monday 17 February at 2:00pm
- **P&C Meeting** – Tuesday 18 February
- **Cultural Groups Starts** – Thursday 20 February at 1:45pm
- **3-6 Assembly** – Friday 21 February at 2:15pm
- **Ngara Meeting** – Monday 24 February
- **P&C Meeting** – Tuesday 25 February at 9:30am
- **Meet the Teacher** – Wednesday 26 February between 3:15-4:30pm
- **P&C BBQ** – Wednesday 26 February between 2:30-4:30pm
- **Scripture Starts** – Thursday 27 February
- **K-2 Assembly hosted by Ministers** – Friday 28 February at 2:15pm
- **Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Starts** – Wednesday 12 March
- **3-6 Assembly hosted by HB7** – Friday 14 March at 2:15pm
- **School Photo Day** – Thursday 20 March
- **K-2 Assembly hosted by HB12** – Friday 21 March at 2:15pm
- **Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN Finishes** – Monday 24 March
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Wednesday 26 March
- **3-6 Assembly hosted by HB8** – Friday 28 March at 2:15pm
- **Healthy Harold** – Friday 28 March – Thursday 10 April
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** – Wednesday 2 April
- **K-2 Assembly hosted by HB13** – Friday 4 April
- **Cross Country** – Wednesday 9 April
- **K-6 Easter Parade** – Friday 11 April
- **Last day for students** – Friday 11 April

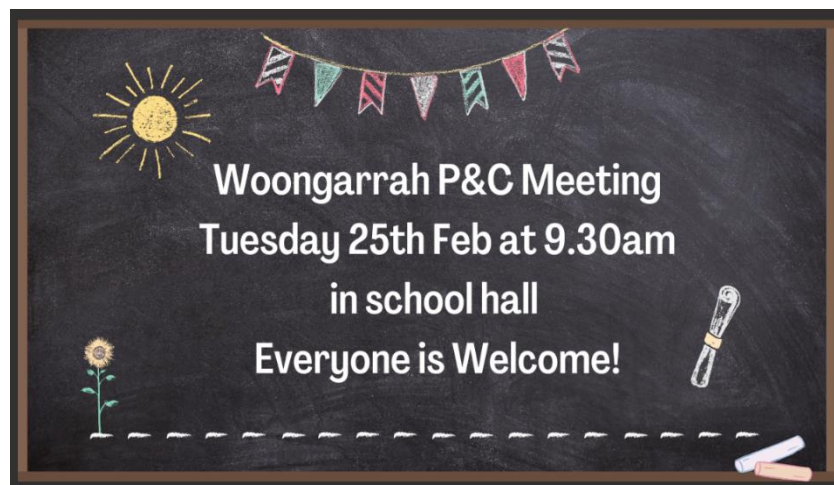
P&C News

The year has kick started with the P&C gifting our Kindy parents with a tears and tissue pack to help with emotions on their child's first day at school.

We also have hosted a morning tea on the first day of school for our new families to the school it was lovely to meet new families to our community.

Meeting

Join us in the school hall on Tuesday 25th Feb at 9.30 for our first meeting of the year, we would love to see you there!



Volunteers Needed

The P&C will be holding a BBQ for our school community for this to go ahead we need your help! Are you free on Wednesday 26th Feb 2.30-4/4.30? Please reach out to the P&C via email woongarrahpandc@gmail.com or our FB page.

Facebook

Please follow our Facebook page for what's happening with the P&C and school.

<https://www.facebook.com/woongarrahpandc/>

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Thank you
Michelle Gatt
President

The Salvation Army – Kids in the Kitchen

Kids in the Kitchen Term 1 2025.

If you have a child who likes cooking and making new friends and is in years 3-6, then be sure to check out our Kids in the Kitchen program.

This is a great course to teach kids all about budgeting, shopping, cooking, plating up and cleaning up. What a great way to develop independence and lifelong skills.

Starts 10th February. Every Monday for 9 weeks from 4pm-6pm. At Tuggerah Lakes Salvation Army, 88 Minnamurra Rd, Gorokan.

If you are interested, please SMS or Call Jacqui, our Children's & Families Ministry Worker to register and save your spot. PH: 0472 540 156.

The Music Bus

The Music Bus classes are back for 2025 - Enrol Now!

The Music Bus classes are back at our school in 2025 and it's time to enrol for term 1.

Classes offered are : Keyboard, Guitar, drums, ukulele

If you wish to enrol, please complete this Expression of Interest Form as soon as possible as places will fill quickly.

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6>

For more general information about the program, go to www.themusicbus.com.au



**TEACHER MEET & GREET
BBQ VOLUNTEERS**

FEB 26TH 2.30-4.30PM
AT SCHOOL

PLEASE REACH OUT TO
THE P&C FOR MORE
DETAILS THANK YOU

WOONGARRAH
PUBLIC SCHOOL



**Salvos Kids
in the
Kitchen**

A hands-on Cooking Program
for kids in Years 3-6
run by The Salvation Army

REGISTER NOW
for
TERM 1, 2025
Starting 10th February
Cost: \$5/Week

Kids will learn to cook:
(* depending on weeks in school term)

- Bacon, Eggs & Toast
- Mini Pizzas
- Macaroni Cheese
- Chicken & Corn Soup
- Hamburgers
- Sausage & Veggie Rolls
- Chicken Noodle Stir Fry
- Sausages & Vegies
- Spaghetti Bolognese
- Fried Rice

Places limited each Term!

Day: MONDAY
Time: 4PM - 6PM
Location: The Salvation Army Tuggerah Lakes
88 Minnamurra Rd, Gorokan

For more information or to register phone 0472 540 156
or email: jacqueline.clarke@salvationarmy.org.au



THE MUSIC BUS

LEARN ON THE MUSIC BUS IN TERM 1 2025!

PROGRAM FEATURES:

- ✔ Skilled teachers
- ✔ Fun Curriculum
- ✔ Supportive Environment



SIGN UP NOW! ☎ 1300 168 742 🌐 themusicbus.com.au

Discover how Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) can support your family!

Join our upcoming virtual info session to learn about our programs, including the activities we offer, the benefits for children and parents, and how OSHC can fit seamlessly into your family's routine.

Virtual Info Sessions!

OSHC.
Before School
After School
Pupil Free Days



Learn more about our program and what's on in Term 1. Get details on registration, bookings, subsidies and more.

Tue **19 Feb** 2025

7:00pm

Reserve your spot now



www.campastralia.com.au/virtual-info-sessions



Find out more
campastralia.com.au

Missed the session?
Visit your school's friendly coordinator or email us at oshc@campastralia.com.au

by  **Camp Australia**

Canteen

EARLY START

Warm Cheese & Ham Roll \$2.50
 Warm Milo \$1.20
 Pikellets Plain, Butter or Jam HM V \$0.40
 Muffins Blueberry, Apple Cinnamon, Banana HM V \$0.50
 Hot Ham & Cheese Pocket \$1.00

HOT FOOD (Orders Only)

Large Chicken Tenders \$1.60
 Chicken Wedges (each) \$1.00
 Gluten Free Chicken Nugget (each) \$0.70
 Chicken Nugget (each) \$0.70
 Corn Cob \$1.00
 Lean Sausage Roll \$3.50
 Lean Small Pie \$2.50
 Lean Large Pie \$4.50
TOMATO/ BBQ SAUCE \$0.50
In House Pizza: \$4.30



- Salsa, Mushroom, Capsicum, Pineapple, Cheese V
 - BBQ Sauce, Chicken & Cheese
 - Salsa, Ham, Pineapple, Cheese
 - Salsa & Cheese V

Macaroni & Cheese Bake HM V \$3.50
 Macaroni \$ Cheese Bake with Ham HM \$4.00
 Gluten Free Pasta Bolognese Cheese GF \$4.50
 Gluten Free Pasta Bolognese No Cheese GF \$4.00
 Pasta Tomato Salsa & Cheese V \$4.00
 Pasta Bolognese & Cheese \$4.50
 Lasagne \$4.50
 Fried Rice GF \$3.50
Nachos -Corn Chips Tomato Salsa & Cheese GF V \$4.00
Nachos -Corn Chips Beef & Cheese GF \$4.50
CREATE YOUR OWN BURGER \$5.20
Choose from: Lean Beef Patty/Grilled Chicken Patty
Choose Your Salad and Sauce

Lettuce/tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Beetroot/Pineapple/Cheese/
 Mayo/BBQ/Tomato or Sweet Chili \$5.00
Chicken Lettuce Mayo Burger (Grilled Chicken Patty Lettuce
 Mayo) \$5.00
Chicken & Cheese Burger Chicken Patty Cheese & Sauce \$4.00
Cheese Burger Lean Beef Patty Cheese & Sauce \$4.00
 97% Fat Free Hot Dog & Sauce \$3.50
 97% Fat Free Hot Dog Sauce & Cheese \$4.00

SANDWICHES WRAPS & ROLLS

All can be toasted (Orders Only)

White rolls & Wraps (extra) \$0.60
 Vegemite/ Honey/ Jam \$2.50
 Cheese / Spaghetti/Egg& Mayo \$3.00
 Ham/ Chicken/ Tuna /Egg & Lettuce Mayo \$3.50
Ham & Cheese Toasted Wrap \$4.00

Extra Filling:

Lettuce/Tomato/Carrot/Cucumber/Pineapple/Beetroot/
 Cheese each \$0.50
Basic Salad Sandwich V \$4.00
 (Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cucumber, Cheese).
Add: Ham \$1.50
 Tuna or Chicken \$2.00

Hot Chicken & Gravy Roll \$4.50
Chicken Wedge Wrap (Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Carrot, Cheese)
Sauce Sweet Chilli/BBQ/Tomato Sauce/ Mayo \$5.00

CREATE YOUR OWN SALAD BOX GF V
 Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50
Choose from:
 Lettuce/ Tomato/ Carrot/ Cucumber/ Pineapple/ Corn/
 Beetroot/ Cheese.
Add:
 Ham/ Whole Egg \$1.50
 Chicken or Tuna \$2.00

Caesar Salad Small \$4.50 Large \$5.50
 (Lettuce, Lean Ham, Cheese, Egg, Croutons, Caesar Dressing)
Add: Chicken \$2.00
*Parents are welcome to bring in Gluten Free cupcakes for
 birthday parties, bread for sandwiches. We can also heat pies
 and Sausage rolls. Simply place in a container with name & class
 clearly marked and we will store in our freezer.*

WEEKLY \$4 DEALS

Please check the board at the front of the canteen to see the
 weekly \$4 dollar meal deal
 These deals will combine food and small drink and will be
 changed weekly.



ALL DAY SNACKS

Ham & Cheese Pocket \$1.00
 Warm Macaroni & Cheese Cups \$1.20
 Vegetarian Spring Rolls \$0.50
 5" Garlic Bread \$2.00
 Fresh Fruit Salad OR Watermelon Cups \$1.20
 Fresh Fruit(orange ,red apple ,green apple) \$1.60
 Mango or Mixed Berry & Vanilla Custard cups \$1.20
 Red Rock Deli Chips Sea Salt \$2.50
 Popcorn Plain GF V \$1.80
 Pretzels Slightly Salted \$1.50
 Light Custard Cups GF \$1.00

DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY

Water 300mls \$1.50
 Water 600mls \$2.50
 Flavoured Milk Light 300ml \$2.50
 (Chocolate, Strawberry)
 Juice Bombs 99% sparkling Fruit Juice(Watermelon, Blackcurrant
 Orange Passionfruit) \$2.50
 Juice 250ml (Apple, ABC & Orange) \$2.00
 Cold Milo with Spoon \$1.80
 Warm Milo \$1.20



FROZEN ITEMS

Frozen Fruit Cup (Appl or Blackcurrant) \$1.00
 Light Vanilla Ice cream Cups GF \$1.20
 Sugar Free Zooper Dooper HALF \$0.30 FULL \$0.50
 Juices Tubes 98% Fruit Juice (Tropical, Berry) \$1.80
 Mooosies (Chocolate) \$1.80
 99% Fruit Juice Slushy \$2.50
 99% Fruit Juice TNT Mony \$1.00
 Frozen Juice Pops \$0.10

PLEASE STATE ON LUNCH BAGS OF ANY ALLERGIES

Thank You For Your Support

GF = Gluten Free V = Vegetarian