



# The Link

Hillsmeade Primary School Newsletter

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TERM 2  
**2021**



THE FULL CALENDAR AND DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE TO VIEW VIA THE COMPASS APP OR WEBSITE

## WHO, WHAT, WHEN?

WK 1 MON 19th APR	TUES 20th APR	WED 21st APR	THUR 22nd APR	FRI 23rd APR
First Day of Term 2 Year 5 Camp 8:15 dep	Year 5 Camp	Year 5 Camp Academic Afternoon	Active Afternoon	Interschool Sports
WK 2 MON 26th APR	TUES 27th APR	WED 28th APR	THUR 29th APR	FRI 30th APR
		Academic Afternoon	Year 5 Camp Active Afternoon	Onsite Assembly for Students and Staff
WK 3 MON 3rd MAY	TUES 4th MAY	WED 5th MAY	THUR 6th MAY	FRI 7th MAY
Somers Camp	Somers Camp	Somers Camp Academic Afternoon Open Night @Alkira Yr 7 2022 5:30pm	Somers Camp Active Afternoon	Somers Camp Interschool Sports Electives Mothers and Special Others Event
WK 4 MON 10th MAY	TUES 11th MAY	WED 12th MAY	THUR 13th MAY	FRI 14th MAY
	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	NAPLAN	Virtual Assembly

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Hillsmeade Community,

Welcome back to Term 2, 2021 at Hillsmeade Primary School. We hope that you have all had a safe and restful holiday time. We are so excited to have everyone back at school for an exciting and busy Term 2. Some of the exciting things taking place this Term are:

- Year 5 Camp
- Mothers and Special Others Event
- Mother's Day Stall
- Annual Report Meeting for the School Community
- Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN
- Electives
- Young Leaders Conference
- School Review
- Academic Afternoons
- Active Afternoons
- Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership
- Education Week
- Year 4—Year 6 Athletics



## **Academic Afternoons**

Wednesday afternoon from 3:45pm – 4:45pm we host our Academic Afternoons. This time each week is a structured and supported time in which our students from Prep – Year 6 can stay at school (based on parent consent and parent / carer attendance) to be supported and involved in learning practice activities. These activities are structured and planned by our Tutor Learning Team and are led by Hillsmeade Staff and Students to support learning.

These afternoons are a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers, students and staff to work together to promote learning growth and achievement.

If you would like any further information about Academic Afternoons please get in touch with a member of the Tutor Learning Team: Jess Ellis, Kathryn Kidd, and Tessa Strickland.

## **Active Afternoons**

Each Thursday afternoon from 3:45pm – 5:45pm we host our Active Afternoons. This event was very well attended in Term 1 and we look forward to continuing to grow this across Term 2. Next week, on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> of April (weather dependent) we will be having the inflatable activities available during the active afternoon. We look forward to seeing our students and parents positively participating in this event.



# GRADE 5 CAMP

## Year 5 Camp

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April, our Year 5 students and teachers set off for the Alexandria Camp. Our students were bright eyed and excited for their adventure camp. We have had some photos shared throughout their trip and look forward to sharing more from the camp in next week's Link.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Year 5 Team and supporting staff for coordinating this wonderful opportunity for our students. Also, a big thank you to Year 5 teacher Ashneigh Hughes who remained at school to support our students not attending camp.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### For parents

[Home](#) > [For parents](#) > [Going to school](#)

## Moving from primary to secondary school: information for parents and carers

In Victoria, students normally start secondary school when they reach Year 7.

This page describes the steps for students moving from primary to secondary school.

### Steps to enrol

[Moving from a government primary school to a government secondary school](#)

[https://  
www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/year-6-to-7.aspx](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/year-6-to-7.aspx)

Information packs will be shared with our Grade 6 families over the next few days.

### For placement in Year 7 at Secondary School for commencement in 2022

1. Download the [Year 6 To Year 7 Transition Information Pack 2021-22: Guidance for Parents and Carers with Year 6 Children at Government Schools \(docx - 801.54kb\)](#). Your child's government primary school may also give you a copy. Alternatively, you can download the Application Form in landscape orientation as a standalone document here – [Year 6 to Year 7 Application Form 2021-22 for Parents and Carers with Year 6 Children at Government Schools \(docx - 461.02kb\)](#).
2. Find your local secondary school or preferred schools at [findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://findmyschool.vic.gov.au)<sup>LE</sup>. You can also read about how to [choose a school that's right for your family](#).
3. Complete the form and return it to your child's primary school by Friday 14 May 2021.

If your secondary school preferences includes a school, or schools, that is not your designated neighbourhood school, you should [read about school zones and how they work](#).

Year 7 placement is decided by secondary schools. However, all communication about your child's placement must be with the Year 6 Coordinator or Transition Coordinator at your child's primary school until the placement is confirmed.

You will receive notification of your child's Year 7 placement on Wednesday 4 August 2021.

All government schools will host a Year 7 Orientation Day (for Year 6 students) on Tuesday 7 December 2021.

## ANZAC DAY

Our students in Grade 2 have written about their ANZAC day learning.

Anzac Day is on Sunday 25th April. Our SRC students will be selling poppies during lunch next week for students to purchase.



~~1~~ Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

1. I think the boy thinks ANZAC Ted is brave because he is wearing a war suit. 2. I think ANZAC TED didn't win any awards because he only has one eye and one ear. 3. My text to self connection is when my great grandpa went to war.

Arman 2A

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April

1. I think the boy thinks Anzac Ted is brave because he looks like he was in the war and maybe he was in the war.

2. I think Anzac Ted didn't win any awards because he looks ugly, horrible and dirty to them.

Lily 2A

3. My text to self connection is I have a teddy cat and everybody thinks she's a dummy but I think she's perfect.



# ANZAC DAY BISCUITS

## Ingredients

- 1 cup rolled [Uncle Toby's](#) oats
- 1 cup plain flour
- 1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ cup desiccated coconut
- 125g butter
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup
- 1 tablespoon water
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda

## Method

- Preheat the oven to 160°C.
- Grease two oven trays and line them with baking paper.
- Combine oats, flour, sugar and coconut.
- Stir butter, syrup and water in a small saucepan over low heat until smooth, then add the bicarbonate of soda.
- Stir wet mixture into dry mixture until well-combined.
- Spoon level teaspoons of the combined mixture onto baking trays, flattening slightly and leaving about three inches of space between each.
- Bake for 20 minutes, allow to cool and enjoy!

**Preparation time**

15 minutes

**Cooking time** 20  
minutes

**Serves 25**



## PREMIERE'S READING CHALLENGE

We are excited to announce the beginning of the 2021 Premiers' Reading Challenge.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge takes place each year and is supported by Victorian Premiers, both past and present. Its purpose is to encourage reading amongst school children. At Hillsmeade we actively encourage all students to take part in and complete the Challenge.

Prep to Year 2 children need to 'experience' 30 books which includes books they read or those that are read to them to complete the challenge. At least 20 of these need to be from the Challenge list which includes books by most of the popular children's authors

Year 3 to Year 6 children need to read 15 books with at least 10 of these being from the Challenge list.

The Challenge list is located on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

The Challenge runs until early September and students will be given login details by their teacher so that they can record the books they have read. Teachers may also record some books read in class **but students will have to enter some books as well to meet the Challenge.**

More information can be found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/default.aspx>

This year there is no online Honour Roll so there is nothing for parents to sign.

All students completing the Challenge receive a Certificate signed by former and current Victorian Premiers.

**How to log in:** To log in as a student you must use your own username and password (provided by the classroom teacher).

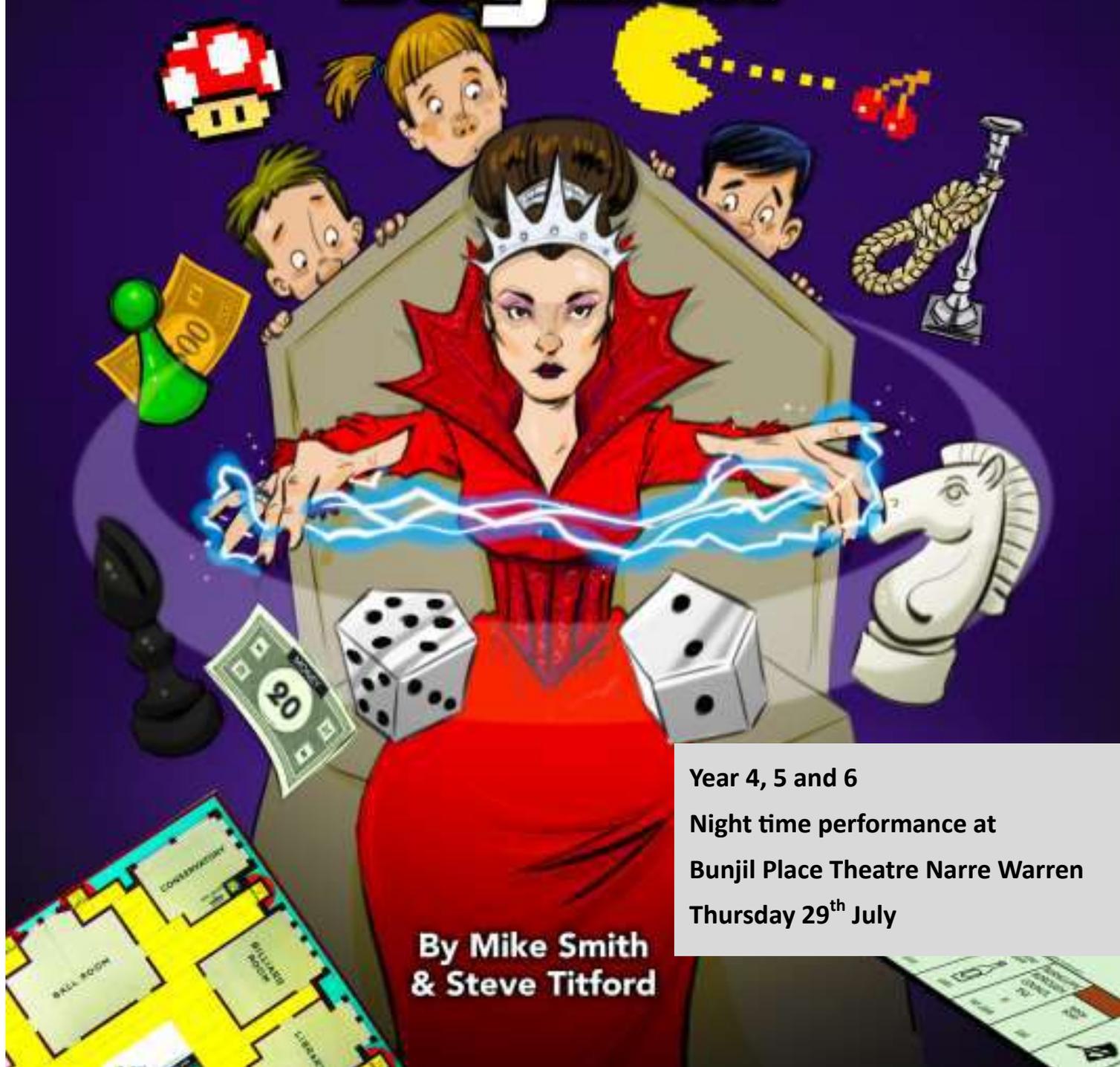
Go to <https://vprc.eduweb.vic.gov.au/home> Click on 'Sign in' under 'School coordinator or student' and then below 'Student login' click on 'VPRC login'. Then enter your username and password.

**If you have any questions, please see your child's teacher, Mrs Floyd or Caren in the office.**



We are a  
**victorian** **premiers'**  
**reading**  
**challenge**  
 school

# Let The **GAMES** Begin



Year 4, 5 and 6

Night time performance at

Bunjil Place Theatre Narre Warren

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July

By Mike Smith  
& Steve Titford

## FROM MR CARDAMONE

Good afternoon Hillsmeade,

A big welcome back to our students and families for term 2. I hope you had a great holiday and an opportunity to spend quality time with your family and children. This will be a busy term once again and one that will fly by.

### Don't forget breakfast club every Monday and Tuesday 8:15am-8:40am at the canteen

This week we will be talking about separation anxiety in children. We know this can be very difficult for families during this time. Below is some information from the Raising Children Network website. At the bottom of this article, you will find the link.

#### ***“What is separation anxiety in children?”***

*Separation anxiety in children is common and normal fear of being away from their parents or carers. The behaviour you might see when children are separated from parents is sometimes called separation protest.*

#### ***Helping children with separation anxiety***

*If your child is suffering from separation anxiety, there are lots of things you can do to help.*

#### ***In new places***

- *If you're leaving your child in a new setting – child care centre, preschool, friend's house, babysitter – spend time at the new place with your child before the separation. Your child will be less distressed if he's left in a safe, familiar place with familiar people he trusts.*
- *Let your child take something she loves from home, like a teddy bear, pillow or blanket. These objects will help your child feel safer, and you can gradually phase them out as she feels more settled in the new place.*

- *Tell your child's child care centre, preschool or school about his separation anxiety, and let them know about anything you're doing to help your child. This way, other people in your child's environment can give him consistent support.*
- *Gently encourage your child to separate from you by giving her practice. It's important to give her positive experiences of separations and reunions. Avoiding separations from your child can make the problem worse.*
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#### ***At home***

- *No matter how frustrated you feel, avoid criticising or being negative about your child's difficulty with separation. For example, avoid saying things like 'She's such a mummy's girl' or 'Don't be such a baby'.*
- *Read books or make up stories with your child about separation fears – for example, 'Once upon a time, there was a little bunny who didn't want to leave his mummy. He was afraid of what he might find outside his burrow ...'. This might help your child feel he's not alone in being afraid of separating from his parents.*
- *Make a conscious effort to foster your child's self-esteem by giving her lots of positive attention when she's brave about being away from you".*

If you would like more information, please visit <https://raisingchildren.net.au/babies/behaviour/common-concerns/separation-anxiety> or please see me if you have any questions. Thank you.



**John Cardamone**

**Leading Teacher  
in Social and Emotional  
Learning**

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# FOOTY ROADSHOW

THE AFL VICTORIA FOOTY ROADSHOW IS A ONE DAY INTERACTIVE PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOLS



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[SEDAACTIVATE.COM.AU](http://SEDAACTIVATE.COM.AU)

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## ACTIVE AFTERNOONS!

Thursday 29th April

3:45-5:45pm

[Sign up via compass](#)

PARENTS/  
CARERS  
MUST  
ATTEND





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## Year 7 2022 Alkira Open Night

**When:** Wednesday the 5<sup>th</sup> of May

**Time:** 5:15 for a 5:30- start and ending at 7pm

**Where:** Alkira Secondary College – please meet in the Gym

Parents and future students are invited to attend this open night to be held at Alkira Secondary College



On the night, parents will be able to tour the college and hear information about special programs the college offers (Masterclass and Sports Academy). Information about these programs and applications are also available on the college website.

<http://alkirasc.com.au/virtual-office/enrolment-information-booklist>

Parent should be aware that students who wish to enrol at Alkira Secondary College in 2022 must live within the designated Alkira school zone (as determined by the Department of Education)

<http://alkirasc.com.au/virtual-office/zones>

Parents with siblings already attending Alkira Secondary College are exempt from this zone.

Please note that masks are encouraged to be worn on the night.





# South Eastern S.T.E.A.M Club

## Program Breakdown

- **Lesson 1 – Fingerprint Painting**  
Learn about the science of fingerprints and incorporate design and art to create an overall painting
- **Lesson 2 & 3– Coding and Robots**  
Learn about coding and robots over 2 sessions using mini speheros, Artie 3000, Dash Robot and explore Spike and EV3 robots from Lego
- **Lesson 4 – Pigpen Cipher and Morse Code**  
Learn about the difference between ciphers and codes and be able to create and interpret various codes and ciphers
- **Lesson 5 – Keyring Design and 3D printing**  
Design and create keyrings on a program and use the 3D printer to see your project come to life
- **Lesson 6 – Toothpick Bridge**  
Learn about the structures of different bridges using maths and science and then create your own bridge to hold a certain weight.
- **Lesson 7 – VR, AR and creating Game Sprites**  
Explore the world of virtual reality and augmented reality. Learn to design and create your own game sprite and your own game level
- **Lesson 8 – Light up sweater/t-shirt**  
Learn about circuits and electricity to be able to create your own light up sweater!
- **Lesson 9 – Paper Planes/Origami**  
Create your own paper plane design using a computer program and print off to construct your project.
- **Lesson 10 – Lightbulb Terrarium**  
Learn about plants and soil to design and create your own sustainable terrarium in a lightbulb!

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics which are incorporated together in everyday challenges that help promote problem solving, collaboration and communication, critical and analytical thinking, as well as creativity

The South Eastern STEAM Club will be held during Term 2 each Friday from 4:15-5:15pm for 10 sessions in the STEAM room (D13) at Berwick College.

This program will be free of charge and is open for students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6.

It such a great opportunity for students to come and learn about STEAM and learn to collaborate in a team. It is a great chance to come and see what Berwick College's STEAM Program can offer.

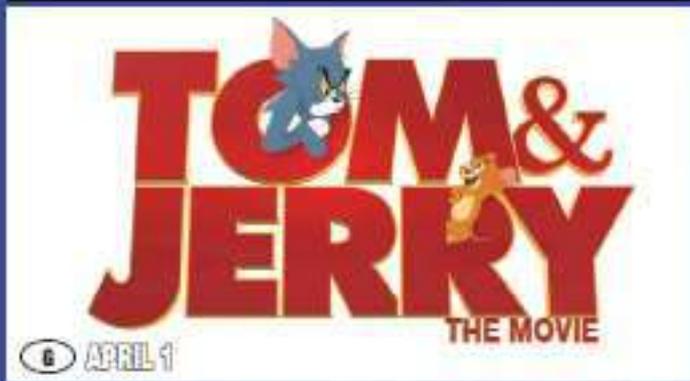
The program is limited to 30 students. Register your expression of interest to the following email address [irena.amev@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:irena.amev@education.vic.gov.au) using the link below.

[SOUTH EASTERN STEAM CLUB](#)

Come and join in the fun!

# Lunar Drive In

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## Hillsmeade Primary school Canteen Menu

Term 2-3 2021



OPEN WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

Orders to be in no later than 9:05am

**SANDWICHES & ROLLS**

FILLING	SANDWICH	ROLL
Salad(Lettuce,Tomato,Cucumber, carrot, beetroot)	V \$4.50	\$5.00
Chicken & Mayo	\$4.50	\$5.00
Chicken, Salad & Mayo	\$5.00	\$5.50
Ham & Salad	\$5.00	\$5.50
Salami & Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.70	\$5.20
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Egg, Lettuce & Mayo	V \$4.50	\$5.00
Tuna, Lettuce & Mayo	\$4.50	\$5.00
Cheese	V \$3.00	\$3.50
Vegemite	V \$1.50	\$2.00

**HOT FOOD**

Chicken Breast Nuggets	H	\$1.00ea or 3 for \$2.50
Steamed Dim Sims	H	\$1.00ea or 3 for \$2.50
Air Fried Dim Sims	H	\$1.00ea or 3 for \$2.50
Mrs Macs Light Party Pie		\$1.00ea
Mini Dims Sims		\$1.50 for 3
Gluten Free Chicken Nugget	GF	\$1.50
Chicken Tender		\$2.00ea
Mini Hotdog		\$2.00ea
Gluten Free Chicken Tender	GF	\$2.50ea
Cup of Noodles (Chicken or Beef)	H	\$3.00
Mrs Macs Light Sausage Roll		\$3.00
Four n Twenty Light Pie		\$3.50
Hotdog		\$3.50
Heinz Tomato Soup & a Roll	V	\$4.00
Warmed Spice Cous Cous	V	\$4.00
Homemade Pumpkin Soup & a Roll	V	\$4.50
Pizza (Ham & Pineapple, Margherita)		\$5.50
Pasta (Mac n Cheese, Lasagne)	H	\$5.50
Chicken Tender Roll (with lettuce and mayo)		\$5.00

**TOASTED SANDWICH/WRAP**

	SANDWICH	WRAP
Cheese	V \$3.00	\$3.50
Baked Beans	V \$3.50	N/A
Spaghetti	V \$3.50	N/A
Ham & Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00
Ham, Cheese & Tomato	\$4.70	\$5.20
Salami & Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.50	\$5.00

**SNACKS**

Brownie		.50c
Mamzee Cornitos (Cheese or BBQ)	H	\$1.00
Pihana Snacks (BBQ or S&V)	H	\$1.00
Red Rock Deli Chips (Salt, Honey Soy)		\$1.00
Grainwaves Sour Cream & Chives		\$1.00
Jelly in a cup (Berry or Lime)		\$1.00
Hot Chocolate		\$1.00
Gingerbread Kids		\$1.50
Popcorn (Salt or Slightly Sweet)	GF	\$1.50
<b>FROZEN TREATS</b>		
Zooper Dooper		\$1.00
Zing Frozen Yoghurt Stix		
Juicies		\$1.00
Peter's Icy Pole (Raspberry or)		\$1.00
Peter's Billsbong (Rainbow or Chocolate)		\$1.50
Lifesavers		\$2.00
Milo Cup		\$3.00

**DRINKS**

Slushie (pear juice based frozen drink)		\$1.00
Water (Still or Sparkling)		\$1.50
Sparkling Water (Lime, Pine/Orange, Raspberry/Blackcurrant)		\$2.50
Flavoured Milk (Chocolate or Strawberry)		\$2.50
Juice Bomb Carbonated Fruit Juice (See Qkr for)		\$2.50
Remedy Sparkling Kombutcha (Apple, Raspberry Lemonade, Apple, Orange, Lime/Mint)		\$2.50

Healthy Option
Select carefully
Occasionally
V: Vegetarian
H: Halal
GF: Gluten Free

Clearly write Name and Grade on your bag or envelope. Please remember an extra 10c with your order if you do not have a bag. Counter sales will be available AT LUNCHTIME. Ice creams and snack foods will be available during this time.

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6-9 April  
6-9 July  
20-23 Sept.  
2021**

It is a well researched fact that a short burst of intensive learning accelerates motor skill development

## FROM THE SICKBAY

Please ensure your child carries a spare set of clothes in their bag on wet weather days.



## SOUTHERN DIAMONDS NETBALL CLUB



We are looking for girls and boys aged between 6 years old to 10 years old who are interested in learning to play netball.

We are offering a Training program during Term 2 every Tuesday 5-6pm at P-12 College Narre Warren South.

Cost per player is \$60 which includes club membership, training top, bag and keyring. Plus you will receive 10% off your first dress or singlet when you join a team.

The aim of this Training program is for players to learn basic netball skills, learn how the game is played before registering to play in a team next season and making new friends along the way!

ALL REGISTRATION INQUIRIES VIA EMAIL [sdncregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:sdncregistrar@gmail.com)