

End of Year Events

There are lots of things happening as we count down to the end of the 2023 school year. Please continue to check COMPASS for regular updates.

Band

The SAHPS school band has been busy rehearsing with David from Genesis music, they will be performing at assembly on Monday 11th December. Parents are welcome to attend.

Grade 6 Graduation

I am looking forward to celebrating the end of their primary school journey with the staff, students and families. Year 6 students are busy preparing for this exciting evening. Save the date, Thursday 14th December. Students will enjoy dinner with the staff from 4.00-5.30pm and then we welcome families to join us from 5.15-6.30pm for the formal part of the evening.



Grade 6 Orientation Day

On Tuesday the 12th December our year 6 students will spend the day at their secondary school as part of their transition process. We know that they will have a fabulous day meeting their new teachers and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 12th December Year 6 Orientation Day

Thursday 14th December Year 6 Graduation

Friday 15th December End of Year Concert 9am - 11am

Monday 18th December Special Canteen Lunch Day

Tuesday 19th December Whole School Movie Day Class Parties Last Day 3.15pm Dismissal

Wednesday 20th December
Curriculum day
No School

Monday 29th January 2024
First Day At School For Staff Only

Tuesday 30th January 1st Day of School year 1-6

Monday 5th February

1st Day for Foundation Students





End of Year Concert

Our end of year concert was a huge hit last year, so we are doing it all over again! Families are invited to join us in the stadium on Friday 15th December from 9.00-11.00am. The theme for this year is 'Let's Celebrate' and all classes will be performing a song. There may even be another teacher number, which was also popular last year! Everyone has been practising hard and we hope that you can join us. Raffle tickets will be coming home and also available for sale on the day. A huge thank you to Mr Pody for coordinating this event and to all the staff and students for their preparations. Thank you to Mrs Leanne for organising the raffle, there are some great prizes up for grabs.

Final Assembly

On Monday 18th December from 9am-10am we will be holding our final whole school assembly for the year, ALL families are welcome and invited to attend. A very special presentation from the Guest family will be made once again this year acknowledging the student who has received the most 'Most Valuable Peer' (MVP) cards for the year. One year 6 student will also be acknowledged for their commitment to their education during their time at Heights. The Guest family have a long association with the school and with the local community, supporting families in need. They will be presenting these ongoing awards each year as a legacy to their mum Cherie Guest and in recognition of her amazing community work. Growth awards for term 4 recognising those students who have worked hard this term to improve their learning, we farewell our year six students and the staff leaving SAHPS.

Whole School Magic Show

The Guest family have also organised a magician to perform for the entire student population for free on Monday 18th December at 12.00pm. A very generous offer indeed, selected students who have received the highest number of MVP cards throughout the year will also take part in a magic workshop after the whole school event. Our sincere thanks to the Guest family for their amazing generosity.



Movie Day

On Tuesday 19th December the whole school will be visiting Sunshine Cinemas to watch a new release movie, Wish as a celebration of the year's hard work.



Staffing Update

There is currently a massive teacher shortage across the state of Victoria and with around 7 new schools opening next year across the western suburbs this has meant a fair amount of staff movement across the entire Keilor St Albans Network and unfortunately this has also impacted our school. As an Assistant Principal and/or Principal for approx. 20 years I have never seen the profession in such a state. Schools are offering incentive payments and leadership opportunities in a bid to entice staff to move schools.

At the end of the 2023 school year, we will also farewell Mr Dylan Reithofer who has been part of our school community for the last 8 years. Dylan started his teaching career at Heights and he has been offered a promotion as a Learning Specialist at Coburn Primary School, which is also a lot closer to home. We wish Dylan all the best for the future.

Mrs Kara Von Sendon will also be taking some time off to welcome baby number four into her family. We wish her all the very best and look forward to seeing Kara return late in 2024.





2024 Enrolments - need to be finalised NOW

This is the final call out for any late enrolments, we have limited vacancies across Years F-6 for students within our zone. Please enquire at the office for more information.

Kinder-Foundation transition program

Thank you to Ms Bubeck, Ms Amber and Ms Nicole for welcoming our future students and their parents to school during our Readiness Program. We look forward to working with you all next year and beyond.

Step Up and Meet the Teacher 2024

On Wednesday 13th December students will take part in a 'Step Up and Meet Your Teacher for 2023 session'. On Wednesday 13th December - Reports will also be published on COMPASS

Final school day 2023

School Council has approved Wednesday 20th December (half day) as our final curriculum day for the year, students are not required at school. Students last day of school is the movies and class parties on Tuesday 19th December and school finishes at 3.15pm.



Planning for 2024

We are still finalising staffing and classes for next year, we will continue to have 10 classes, but our numbers have dropped slightly;

 2×1 Foundation/Year 1 classes, (F/1), 2×1 Year 1/2 classes, 3×1 Year 3/4 classes and 3×1 Year 5/6 classes. This allows us to have smaller class sizes, we will continue to ensure that differentiated learning meets the needs of all our students, regardless of their grade level.

School Leaders for 2024

Student leaders are currently being selected from our year 5 cohort for next year and will be announced shortly. Interested students must write and present a speech to their fellow students, who will then vote. School leaders should always display our school values, wear school uniform and be a good role model for other students at all times. We wish everyone who is trying out all the very best.

Book Packs/Costs

Details will be sent home again early next year. The school will continue to pay 50% of the book packs and we request all families also contribute 50%. An invoice of \$50 per child will be sent home to all families early in the new year, via COMPASS. This covers all books, materials, ICT access and subscriptions required for the school year. Excursions, camps, uniforms, and swimming are extracurricular activities therefore become additional expenses. Although as a school we continue to subsidise these costs where possible. As per this year, all notices and payments will be made via COMPASS, so please ensure you have your log on details to access this portal.



End of Year - thank you

What an amazing and busy year we have had. Our academic results are continuing to improve, we had excellent NAPLAN results, amazing Student Attitude to School data, extremely high staff and parent opinion data surveys. We have been recognised as a school of excellence with our PLC Link school nomination, our School Wide Positive Behaviours Framework has been successful in managing student behaviours (hoping for GOLD award again), we are about to knock down and rebuild the school, our sporting achievements have been a highlight and a new sensory garden space is also underway!

I wish to thank our school council members for their support and hard work this year. To our school council president Tan Do, thank you for leading our parent community. To Haider Khan, Jaspreet Kaur, Angela Guest, Melody Balintag, Stevan Stankovic and Ashton Tozer, it has been a pleasure working with you all to improve our school. I thank you for your flexibility and adaptability in attending meetings and your unwavering support during another challenging year.





To our fantastic staff (both teaching and ES) who make it a pleasure to come to work each and every day, thank you for your hard work, your commitment to our school values and support to ensure we are providing the best possible learning environment for all.

Danielle in the Community Hub has done an amazing job supporting our families and providing a range of activities for our families to enjoy, thank you.

Other support staff, Shiu in maintenance, Lucy and Song in ICT, Christine in wellbeing and Coral in the library, your support and assistance is greatly appreciated and invaluable to our community.

Finally to all of our students and our families who make our school the special place it is. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with you all again this year to ensure the common goal, of wanting the best for our students, having high expectations and ensuring our students are at the forefront of every decision we make. I cannot wait to do it all again next year!

I take this opportunity to wish everyone who celebrates the festive season a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Have a lovely holiday with your families and I look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

To those families who are leaving us, we thank you for being part of the Heights family and we wish you all the very best for the future.

School resumes for all Year 1-6 students on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 8.50am sharp. Foundation students begin school on Monday 5th February 2023.

Regards Effie Sultana Principal





SCHOOL NEWS

Farewell from Victor Pody.

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff of St Albans Heights Primary School,

Today marks a bittersweet moment in my life as I bid you farewell after 22 incredible years of teaching at this wonderful school. It has been an absolute privilege and honour to be a part of this esteemed school community.

Reflecting upon my journey here, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the great experiences that I have had. From the first day I stepped into the classroom, to witnessing the growth and success of each and every one of you, my heart has been filled with immense joy.

I owe a debt of gratitude to the fantastic staff here at St Albans Heights. Their unwavering support and dedication have played a pivotal role in creating an environment where we can all thrive and learn. I am grateful for the guidance, camaraderie, and collaboration that I have experienced throughout my time here.

There have been countless memorable moments shared with students over the years, filled with laughter, curiosity, and a hunger for knowledge. These moments have shaped not only your lives; but also mine, and they will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Teaching is not just a job, but an opportunity to forge life-long connections. The relationships I have formed with students, parents, and colleagues have been invaluable. Your trust, encouragement, and unwavering support have enabled me to grow both personally and professionally.

Every day at St Albans Heights has been filled with rich experiences that have molded me into the educator I am today. It is through these experiences that I have witnessed the transformative power of education and the infinite potential within each and every one of you. As I say farewell, I leave with a profound sense of gratitude and pride for the impact we have collectively made in shaping young minds. St Albans Heights will forever hold a special place in my heart, and I am confident that the legacy we have built together will live on.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your lives, for making teaching a joy, and for the wonderful memories we have shared. I wish you all continued success, growth, and happiness.

Best Regards, Victor Pody.



SCHOOL NEWS



St Albans Heights Special Canteen Lunch Day

Monday 18th of December



ORDERS DUE BY

Monday 11th December



Do not return this form if ordering through the QKR App

This special lunch includes ONE FOOD ITEM, DONUT & CHOICE OF WATER O	OR JUICE.
Child's Name	
Child's Class	

CHOOSE ONE

O Hot Dog

O Spinach & Ricotta Roll

CHOOSE ONE

- Orange Prima
- Tropical Prima

Water

Donut included with all orders.

TOTAL COST \$6.50

ORDERS CLOSE 11TH December- No late orders accepted



SCHOOL NEWS

END OF YEAR RAFFLE

We are currently collecting prizes for our End of Year Raffle. Tickets will be sent home with children soon.

The raffle will be drawn at the End of Year Concert on Friday 15th December.

Here are some of the amazing items we have so far. Leanne, Community Liaison Officer.





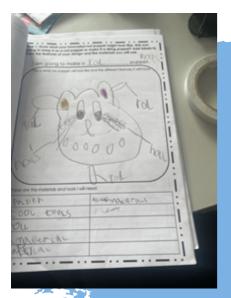


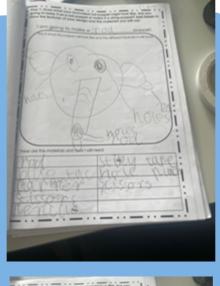


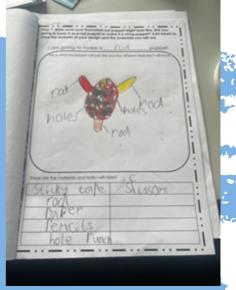


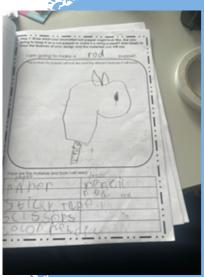
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In Inquiry, the Foundation students have been learning about innovation - how to make something better. Their task this term has been demonstrating how to innovate a puppet of their choice, including light and shadow.

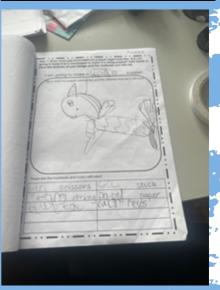




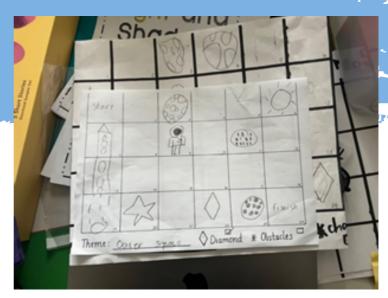








In Inquiry, the grade 1 students have been working in groups to create their own 3D mazes. First, they had to plan a design brief that included a start, finish, obstacles and a diamond to collect. Then they had to trial it to make sure a beet bot could get through their mazes successfully. Stay tuned to see how they go constructing their mazes with walls. Here is a sneak peak of their design briefs.

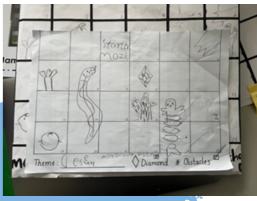


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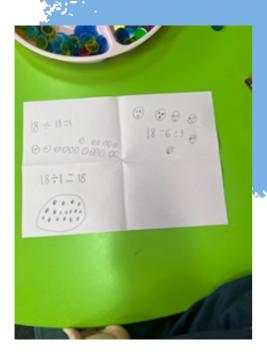






In Maths, the students have been learning to understand what division is – sharing equally. To aid their understanding, they have been presented with questions and have had to share a set number equally with a variety of groups and then write the number sentences to match. We use counters and other manipulatives to help us when showing our thinking. We are very proud of their efforts as this can be a difficult concept to master!









GRADE 3-6 NEWS BY MR JIMI, MS HELEN, & MS ABBY



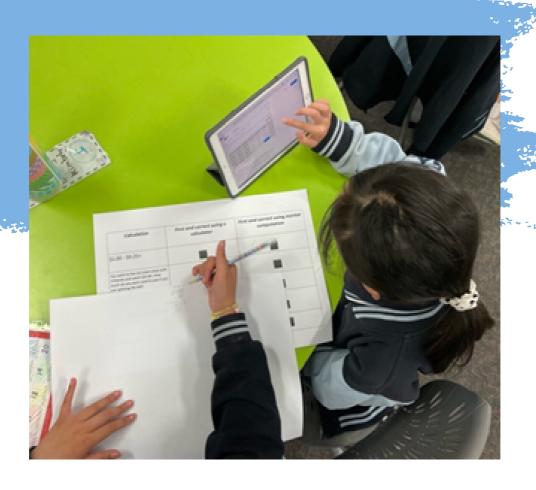
The Grade 3/4 students have been working diligently to prepare for the upcoming end of year school concert.

They can't wait to show their parents!

Maths

The Grade 3/4 students have been actively engaged in learning about money. Through interactive lessons and practical activities, they are developing a solid understanding of currency, counting, and making change. This hands-on experience is not only building their mathematical skills but also providing a real-world context for applying their knowledge in everyday situations.



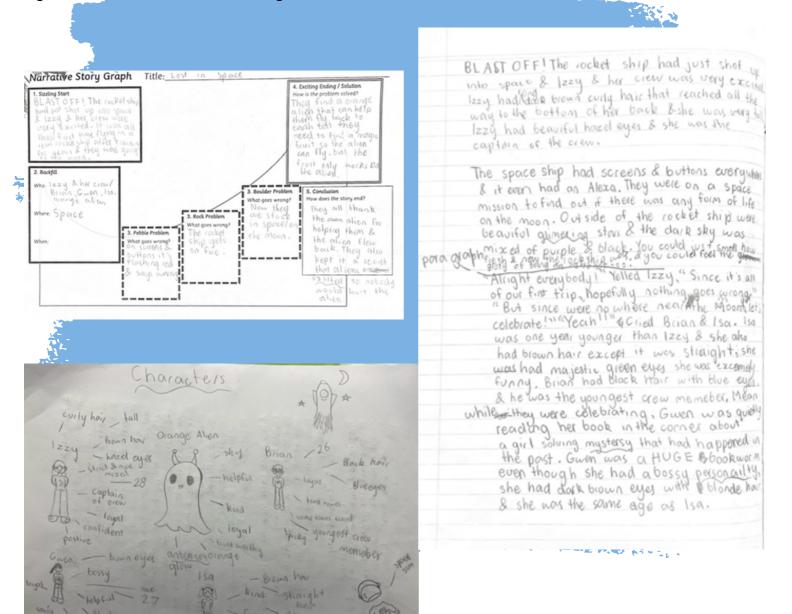


GRADE 3-6 NEWS BY MR JIMI, MS HELEN, & MS ABBY



Writing

The Grade 3/4 students are diving into storytelling, creating fantasy narratives. They've made plans to organise their ideas and are now bringing their imaginative worlds to life on paper. Through this creative process, they're not only improving their storytelling skills but also discovering the significance of structure in writing.



Reminders

We remind students to read every night for 15 to 20 minutes and write a quick summary in their diaries. Their teachers will check their diaries each morning.

Homework

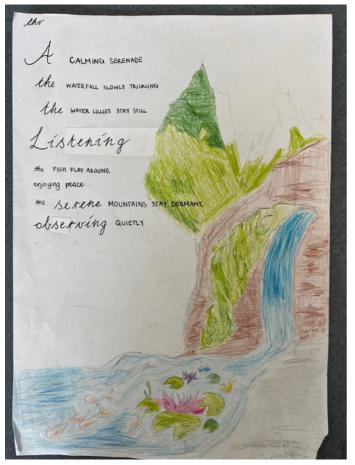
Every Monday students receive homework that is focusing on what we are learning in class for the week. We ask students to complete their homework and hand it in every Friday.

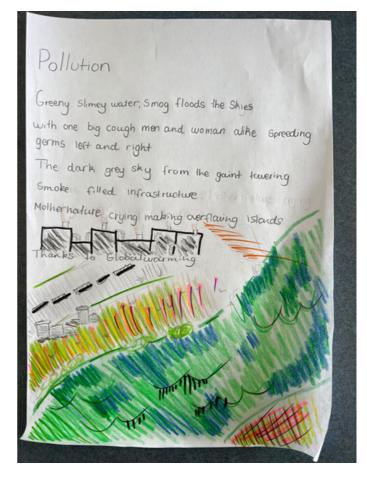
GRADE 3-6 NEWS BY MR GARY, MS LAURA & MR DYLAN

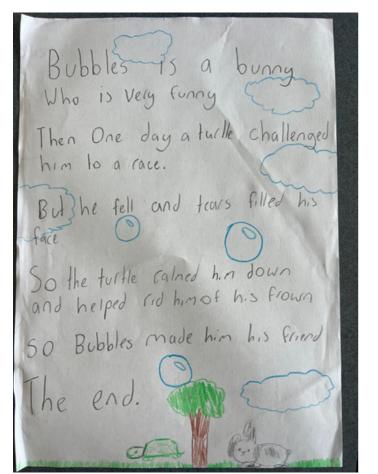


Students in 5/6 have been working on poetry in reading and writing, have a look at some of their

pieces!









LITERACY WELLBEING



LITERACY BY MRS. BUBECK

Reading @ SAHPS Hi SAHPS Families

Believe it or not this is the last newsletter for 2023!

Throughout the year we have watched students work towards achieving their reading goals and are very pleased with the progress they are making.

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child/ren home reading. We know that the more a child reads the better they get at it.

We are about to embark on a five-week holiday and we hope that you all take some time to relax and enjoy spending time with family and enjoying the break from regular routines.

We highly encourage students to continue to read as often as possible over the summer holidays. Remember that your local libraries at Brimbank, St Albans and Sunshine will be opened during the break and are a great place to visit with lots of activities planned over the holiday break and to borrow books for your child/ren to read over the break.

Enjoy the break and I look forward to watching our students grow even more as readers in 2024.

Happy Reading Mrs Bubeck Assistant Principal



LITERACY WELLBEING WELLBEING MS. CHRISTINE



Our lost property cupboard is full of lost jackets, jumpers, hats, and drink bottles.

If your child has lost a school uniform item, please check the lost property cupboard this week.

All items that are left at the end of the year will be donated to families.

We also ask to please put your child's name on all uniform.

We have found many items with no name and they cannot be returned to their owner.

The lost property cupboard is outside the Library.



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LITERACY WELLBEING WELLBEING BY MR. GLENN & MS. CHRISTINE



MVP Champions

Congratulations to the following students who have all received over 50 MVP cards this year. They will get a wristband with our school values printed on it to celebrate this milestone.

Well done and keep showing our school values.

Nadia	3/4B	Julia	3/4B	Mia	F/1A
Vincent	3/4B	Jed	1/2B	Jordan	F/1A
Kai	1/2C	Rosa	F/1A	Kevinn	1/2A
Kenzi	3/4B	Kason	1/2A	Olivia	F/1A
Harley	F/1A	Kimberly	3/4b	Peter	F/1A
David	1/2B	Millie	1/2A	Clare	F/1A
Tiffany	1/2C	Ambier	1/2B	Ryan	F/1A
Kevin	F/1B	Zachary	1/2B	Aiden	F/1A
James	1/2B	Victor	1/2B	Connor	F/1A
Ella	1/2A	Ryder	3/4B	Kayden	1/2B
Sarah	1/2B	Angelina	1/2A	Katherine	F/1A
Yara	F/1A	Angelina	1/2B	Alex	1/2A
John Paul	3/4B	Sophia	F/1A	Kenny	1/2A
Chloe	1/2C	Thomas	1/2A	Sophia	1/2A
Harry	5/6B	Dave	F/1A	Silvana	1/2A

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ART PE STEM JAPANESE

ART BY MR PODY

The Grade 5/6s have been working on creating a thank you card or poster for their chosen staff member within their learning area. It was great to see the amount of detail and kindness expressed within their art work.

The students also created a perspective drawing called "Foreshortening" of themselves including their shoe and hand prints. They drew their body much smaller to give the audience a sense of "wowness".

This is the final Art newsletter page from me. Thank you students of SAHPS for your amazing artistic abilities and willingness to learn. Keep up the amazing art into the future!

From your Art Teacher, Mr Pody!







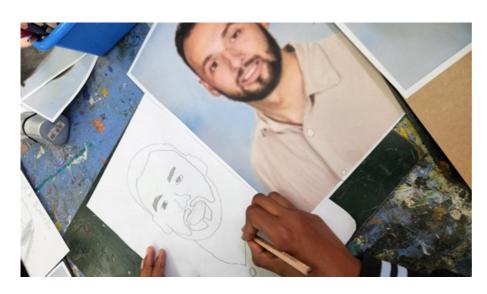


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ART BY MR PODY











Herb's Heroes



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3/4B Excellence Kylie

5/6A Excellence Grace

F/1A Excellence Jordan

F1/B Belonging Thinh

Elvis 1/2A Excellence

James 1/2B Respect

1/2C Honesty Lana

3/4B Honesty Venessa

Maluk 5/6B Excellence

1/2A Excellence Promise

The Check-In COMMUNITY HUB



BY MS. DANNIELLE

Community Hub Term 4 timetable.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
9:30 am-11am In the Community Hub. Access the internet, have a cuppa & find out what's new at	Make, Create, Grow & Sew. 9:30-12:30pm (In the School community Hub) CRAFTY/	Zumba 9:30-10:30 @ Holy Eucharist Primary School (Morning tea provided) The School (Morning tea provided)	English Class 9:30-12:00pm (Child minding available) St Albans Heights Primary School.
the Hub. Vietnamese Playgroup 9:30-12:00pm			Cooking and Conversation 1:00-3:00pm (Childminding available.) St Albans Heights Primary School.
Mini Roo's Soccer Program. 3:15-4:30pm St Albans Heights Primary School.			and emobile.

If you're interested in joining any of our classes, please email your interest to dannielle.tomlinson@education.vic.gov.au or call Dannielle on 9366-4211. Everyone is welcome & all events are FREE of charge unless stated otherwise.



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ST ALBANS HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 10TH JULY 2023

Hot Items	
Lasagne E	\$4.50
Macaroni & Cheese EV	\$4.50
Chicken Burger w Lettuce, Cheese & Mayo	\$5.50
Beef Burger with Cheese, Tomato Sauce	\$5.50
Oven Bake Chicken Nuggets (Breast)	3/\$3.50
Dim Sims (Steamed)	\$1.50
Fantastic Noodle (Chicken or Beef)	\$3.80
Pie	\$4.50
Party Pie/Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Regular Sausage Roll	\$3.80
Skinless Hot Dog	\$4.00
Nacho-with Salsa & Cheese E V	\$3.80
Falafel Bites GF Vegan E	3/\$3.00

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Sandwiches (Fresh or Toasted)

Salad E V	\$4.00
Ham E	\$3.00
Cheese E	\$3.00
Ham & Cheese E	\$3.20
HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) E	\$3.70
HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) E	\$3.70
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70
Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70
Vegemite & Cheese E	\$3.00
Egg with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.20

<u>Halal</u>

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Gluten Free Sandwiches Available add 30c

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Egg with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$4.70

Drinks

600ml Water E	\$3.00
300ml Oak Milk (Chocolate, Strawberry)	\$3.20

Wraps

Salad E V	\$4.50
Ham E	\$3.50
Ham & Cheese E	\$3.70
HCT (Ham, Cheese & Tomato) E	\$4.20
HLT (Ham, Lettuce & Tomato) E	\$4.20
Chicken with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Sweet Chilli Chicken Wrap	\$5.20
Tuna with Lettuce & Mayo E	\$5.20
Vegemite & Cheese E	\$3.50
Egg with Lettuce & Mayo F	\$4.70

Salad Bowls

Fruit Salad E V	\$1.50
Gardon Salad Bowl-Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beet, Carrot,	\$4.00
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Snacks

Large Cookie	\$3.00
Koala Popcorn (Sweet chilli, Sweet & Salty, Salty)V	\$2.00
Jelly Cup E	\$1.50
Noodle Snacks	\$1.20
Fruit of the day	\$1.00

Sushi-Wednesday and Thursdays only

2 Rolls from 7.00

Chicken Teriyaki, California, Tuna & Avocado.

Canteen will be open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in 2023.

Please place orders by 8.30 am via the QKR App.

Additions for Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps & Salad Plate Ham 50c Chicken \$1.00 Egg \$1.00

Cheese 50c Tuna \$1.00

E= Healthy Option V = Vegetarian Option GF = Gluten Free

Sandwiches, Rolls and Wraps are made with white bread. If you would like Wholemeal or Multigrain please state this on your order

Tomato Sauce 20c Brown Paper Bag 15c

ORDERS CAN BE PLACED VIA THE QKR APP & THROUGH

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