



# OUR PLACE ST AIDAN'S SCHOOL

Term 2 Week 4 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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Thank  
You!

Our Mother's Day Mass and morning tea was absolutely wonderful. The children sang beautifully in the mass and the liturgical movement by year 2 and year 6 helpers was truly emotional for all mums. I would like to thank year 2 and their teachers for all their hard work and preparation. I would also like to thank year 6 and their teachers who organised and served the morning tea for our guests. Thank you to our Mother's Day committee who raised about \$1,400.00 from the gifts sold. A job well done!!

This week has been very busy at St Aidan's. Each year our school is involved in what is called Peer Review, which is making sure our school is compliant. Compliance is a set of rules and procedures to be followed for registration of a school in New South Wales.

Our stage two teachers, Miss Christine Dellenty, Miss Jessica Chetcuti, Mrs Alana Harris and Mrs Kathleen Power attended the Peer Review meeting along with Ms Colusso and myself. Our teachers were wonderful when talking about the work they do in the classroom. St. Aidan's was deemed fully compliant. On behalf of the school community I would like to commend and thank all our staff at St Aidan's for the marvellous work they do for our children.





Next week Mr Langford will be back from holidays and year 5 will have their Teen Ranch camp. I would like to thank Ms Colusso for all her hard work and support while Mr Langford has been on leave.

## PARENT FORUM WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 7:00PM ALL WELCOME!

Often in the course of a school day I will hear the term from children and also parents that bullying has taken place. It is important to understand what the word bullying means.

“The definition of bullying is when an individual or a group of people with more power, repeatedly and intentionally cause hurt or harm to another person or group of people who feel helpless to respond. Bullying can continue over time, is often hidden from adults, and will probably continue if no action is taken.”

### **What bullying is not**

- single episodes of social rejection or dislike
- single episode acts of nastiness or spite
- random acts of aggression or intimidation
- mutual arguments, disagreements or fights.

These actions can cause great distress. However, they do not fit the definition of bullying, and they're not examples of bullying unless someone is deliberately and repeatedly doing them. If you have any concerns please see your child's teacher. Bullying is serious and needs to be addressed by the school immediately.

## Medication Policy

Parents of students requiring medication in school hours must inform the secretaries in the school office. Parents **MUST** request the administration of medication in writing. There are forms available at the school office.



The following **MUST** be provided in writing:

- date
- parent/guardian signature
- name of medication and details of dosage
- time to be administered
- duration of the medication
- acceptance of full responsibility in delegating the administering of the medication to the school.

The medication is sent to school in a re-sealable plastic bag with the child's name and class on the bag. If needed, a spoon or measuring cup is supplied with the medication. Students who are asthmatic or who are anaphylaxis will require an action plan from their doctor. If you have a concern please ask at the office.







# Pilgrimage to the Holy Lands - Jordan

## Madaba - Mt. Nebo – River Jordan

Today, after breakfast, we travelled to the Castle of Kerak; the largest castle among mountain-top crusaders. Following this visit, we visited the "City of Mosaics," Madaba. While in this city, we visited St. George's Church that is home to a true treasure of Christianity. This Church houses the oldest map of the Holy Land, which includes Israel, Palestine, and Southern Egypt.

### Castle of Kerak



### Inside St George's Church, Madaba





**Part of the ancient Madaba  
Map showing Bethabara east  
of the Jordan River**



Later, we visited Mt. Nebo, the most revered holy sites of Jordan, pwhere God showed Moses the Promised Land. Our view was quite dramatic and included seeing the Jordan Valley and Jordan River. This mountain was mentioned in Deuteronomy 34, **"Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah..."** While here, we toured the Holy site of where Moses died and was buried.

**Mt Nebo**



**On top of Mt Nebo overlooking the  
Jordan Valley and River**



Then we celebrated Mass led by Bishop Vincent and Father Chris on the banks of the River Jordan. Experiencing the place where John the Baptist immersed Jesus and renewing our baptismal promises in the cleansing waters was a faith affirming experience.

### **The Baptism of Jesus – Matthew 3: (13-17)**

Then Jesus appeared: he came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him, with the words, 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that uprightness demands.' Then John gave in to him.

And when Jesus had been baptised he at once came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

#### **The Jordan Valley**



#### **Celebrating Mass on the River Jordan led by Father Chris de Souza and Bishop Vincent**





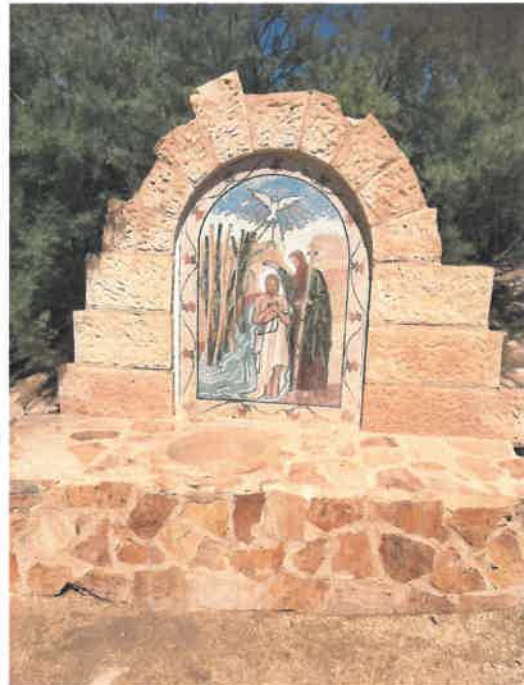
**The CEO Staff gathered together at the River Jordan**



The original first century staircase that John the Baptist used to walk down into the River Jordan



A second century mosaic picture depicting the Baptism of Jesus at the River Jordan





Then we headed down to the lowest point on earth – The Dead Sea. In the Dead Sea, where the high salinity keeps even the poorest swimmer afloat, we were able to see the beauty of this land locked sea. The Dead Sea is 67 kilometres long and 18 kilometres wide at its widest point. It lies in the Jordan Rift Valley and its main tributary is the Jordan River.



#### **The Dead Sea**

### **Reflection**

Visiting all these sites was definitely a life changing experience. One of personal spiritual and faith transformation that comes from walking in the footsteps of Christ and praying at the holiest sites of Christianity. Firstly as believers and secondly as educators, we gained new insights into the cultural, political, ethnic, and religious richness, diversity, and complexity of the region. We were transformed by a world so different from our own, but which has shaped so much of who we are.

*(Mrs Khoury will continue her Pilgrimage story in the next newsletter.)*

# May, the month of Mary

The month of May is the month, which has especially been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love, which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven.



During this month, the year 6 students will lead the Rosary on Tuesday and Thursday morning at 8:15 am in the year 6 classrooms. Parents, teachers and students are all invited, so please bring your rosary beads and share in this wonderful experience where we as a Catholic community, get to honour Our Lady during Her month.



## Mary and our spiritual life

In our observance of the Marian month we should take into account the season of the Liturgical Year, which largely corresponds, with the fifty days of Easter. Our religious beliefs support Our Lady's participation in the Paschal mystery and in

Pentecost with which the Church begins. The religious practice connected with the month of May can easily highlight the earthly role played by the glorified Queen of Heaven, here and now, in the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.



# 100 Year Anniversary of Our Lady Of Fatima 1917 - 2017



In Fatima, Portugal, standing before the Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary, Pope Francis canonized two shepherd children who saw Mary at Fatima, but more importantly, he said, they heeded the call to pray for sinners and trust in the Lord. "We declare and define Blessed Francisco Marto and Blessed Jacinta Marto as saints," the pope said May 13 as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims broke out in applause before he finished speaking.

The relics of the young shepherd children, encased in two thin golden crosses, were placed in front of the famed statue of Our Lady of Fatima, the "lady dressed in white" as the siblings and their cousin described her.

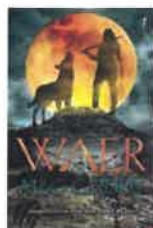
The Marian apparitions began May 13, 1917, when 9-year-old Francisco and 7-year-old Jacinta, along with their 10-year-old cousin Lucia dos Santos, reported seeing the Virgin Mary. The apparitions continued once months until Oct. 13, 1917, and later were declared worthy of belief by the Catholic Church.

## Literacy - Children's Book of the Year - 2017

The following books have been shortlisted for Children's Book of the Year 2017. The winner will be announced during Book Week on Friday 18th August 2017.

### The Book of the Year: Older Readers

#### THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: OLDER READERS



**Waer**  
Meg Caddy  
Text Publishing  
ISBN: 9781922310229



**Words in Deep Blue**  
Cath Crowley  
Pan Macmillan Australia  
ISBN: 9781742612388



**The Bone Sparrow**  
Zana Fraillon  
Hachette Australia  
ISBN: 9780734417318



**Yellow**  
Megan Jacobson  
Penguin Random House Australia  
ISBN: 9780519357323



**Frankie**  
Shivaun Piazza  
Penguin Random House Australia  
ISBN: 9780143573166



**One Would Think the Deep**  
Claire Zorn  
University of Queensland Press  
ISBN: 9780702255942



### The Book of the Year: Younger Readers

#### THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: YOUNGER READERS



**Rockhopping**  
Truce Balla  
(Illustr: Truce Balla)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760132349



**Within These Walls**  
Robyn Davatz  
Scholastic Australia  
ISBN: 9781760152857



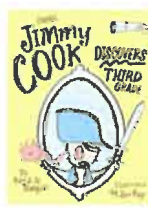
**A Most Magical Girl**  
Karen Foxlee  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781801812542



**Dragonfly Song**  
Wendy Orr  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760790025



**Mrs Whillam**  
Bruce Pascoe  
Magabala Books  
ISBN: 9781975340265



**Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade**  
Kate Temple & Jol Temple  
(Illustr: John Foye)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760291938





## The Picture Book of the Year

### THE PICTURE BOOK OF THE YEAR



**One Photo**  
Liz Ardill  
(Text: Ross Watkins)  
Penguin Books Australia  
ISBN: 9780170279978



**Mechanica**  
Lance Balchin  
(Text: Lance Balchin)  
Bolton Publishing Australia  
ISBN: 9781742401568



**Home in the Rain**  
Bob Graham  
(Text: Bob Graham)  
Walker Books Australia  
ISBN: 9781406366739



**My Brother**  
Oliver Huxley  
(Text: Dee Huxley & Tiffany Huxley)  
Wicking Tide Press  
ISBN: 9781972150883



**The Patchwork Bike**  
Van T. Rudd  
(Text: Maxine Berieba Clarke)  
Hachette Australia  
ISBN: 9780173441681



**Out**  
Owen Swan  
(Text: Angela May George)  
Scholastic Australia  
ISBN: 9781743628900

## The Book of the Year: Early Childhood

### THE BOOK OF THE YEAR: EARLY CHILDHOOD



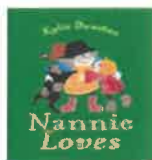
**Go Home, Cheeky Animals!**  
Jonanna Bell  
(Illust: Dian Buzsáky)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760294255



**All I Want for Christmas is Rain**  
Cori Brooke  
(Illust: Megan Forwood)  
Fawn Fiction Publishing  
ISBN: 9781923068737



**The Snow Wombat**  
Susannah Chambers  
(Illust: Mark Jackson)  
Allen & Unwin  
ISBN: 9781760114848



**Nannie Loves**  
Kylie Dunstan  
(Illust: Kylie Dunstan)  
Wicking Tide Press  
ISBN: 9781972150835



**Chip**  
Kylie Howarth  
(Illust: Kylie Howarth)  
Dorling Publishing Australia  
ISBN: 9781760000116



**Gary**  
Lella Rodge  
(Illust: Lella Rodge)  
Walker Books Australia  
ISBN: 9781423631675

## The Eve Powall Award for Information Books

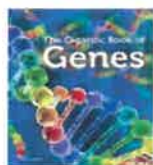
### THE EVE POWALL AWARD FOR INFORMATION BOOKS



**Spellbound: Making Pictures with the A-B-C**  
Marlee Cootie  
(Illust: Marlee Cootie)  
Melbourne City Books  
ISBN: 9780170269121



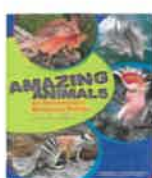
**A-Z of Endangered Animals**  
Jennifer Cossins  
(Illust: Jennifer Cossins)  
Red Panda Designs  
ISBN: 9780997594662



**The Gigantic Book of Genes**  
Lorna Hendry  
Wolf Dog Books  
ISBN: 9781742094300



**Fabish: The Horse that Braved a Bushfire**  
Neridah McMullin  
(Illust: Andrew McLean)  
Aussie's Choice  
ISBN: 9781925261682



**Amazing Animals of Australia's National Parks**  
Gina M. Newton  
National Library of Australia  
ISBN: 9780642278883



**William Bligh: a stormy story of tempestuous times**  
Michael Sedgwick  
(Illust: Bern Emmerichs)  
Berkey Publishing  
ISBN: 9780994289133

# *Uniform*

At St Aidan's, we believe that:

Wearing the school uniform is an important part of instilling pride in the children and maintaining our school identity and spirit.

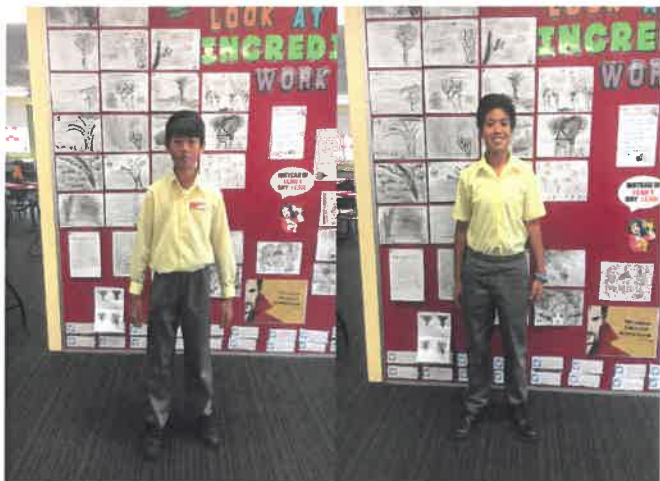


## **AIM**

- To develop the consistent wearing of the St Aidan's school uniform
- To promote unity and develop a sense of belonging at St Aidan's
- To ensure that our school uniform is attractive, practical and accessible to all families
- To provide opportunities to review and evaluate our school uniform by the school community when necessary.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

- Children are to wear the correct school uniform neatly and with pride.
- Parents are asked to ensure that their children wear the correct school uniform and follow the school's grooming policy at all times.
- Classroom teachers are responsible for maintaining and checking that the children are wearing the uniform correctly and adhering to the school's grooming requirements.
- All uniform items should be in good condition.
- All items of clothing are to be clearly marked with the child's full name.



Winter uniform	
BOYS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Long grey school pants</li> <li>❖ Long sleeve or short sleeve lemon shirt</li> <li>❖ Bottle green jumper or bottle green tracksuit top with school logo</li> <li>❖ Grey socks</li> <li>❖ Black shoes</li> <li>❖ Bottle green hat</li> <li>❖ St Aidan's School bag</li> </ul>	
GIRLS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ School tartan uniform</li> <li>❖ Long sleeve lemon blouse with Peter Pan collar and tab tie</li> <li>❖ Black socks or black tights</li> <li>❖ Black shoes</li> <li>❖ Ribbons/scrunchies – bottle green</li> <li>❖ Bottle green jumper or bottle green tracksuit top with school logo</li> <li>❖ Girls may wear bottle green gaberdine slacks in Winter</li> <li>❖ Bottle green hat</li> <li>❖ St Aidan's School bag</li> </ul>	 





## Hair

Hair is to be kept neat, tidy and off the collar. It is to be of consistent natural colour. Bleaching, colouring, streaking or tinting of any nature is not permitted.

Hair styles are to be of a gradual even grade and all extremes of fashion are to be avoided.

Examples of some styles that are not permitted are ridges, lines, undercuts, steps, bowl cuts, excessive shaping with gel and any shaving cuts (specifically No 1 and No 2.)

Hair that is longer than shoulder length is to be tied back from the face for health reasons. All hair is to be off the face and out of the eyes.

Not appropriate	Appropriate
 	 

## Dates coming up...

- *Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Parent Forum 7pm. All Welcome!*
- *Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Camp*
- *Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Crazy Beanie Day (Breast Cancer Foundation)*





### Being on Time

Attendance is not just about being at school but also about being on time. Being late 5 minutes a day equals 25 minutes over a week, 250 minutes a term or 4 hours per term, or the equivalent of 3 ¼ days per year and over the schooling years is equivalent to one whole term of missed learning time. When a student arrives late they have often missed the introduction to a lesson and they've missed time socialising with their peers.

**EVERY LEARNER, EVERY DAY** is our school slogan for 2017. It is our combined responsibility **to have our children at school every day and on time.**

Attendance is a major focus for St Aidan's this year.

**Week 1 attendance level is 84.9%**  
**Week 2 attendance level is 82.9%**  
**Week 3 attendance level is 85.7% (OUR NEW PB!!!)**  
**Week 4 attendance level is 83.9%**  
**Attendance level target for all**  
**Diocesan schools is 90%**

**COME ON ST AIDAN'S WE CAN GET TO 90%!**



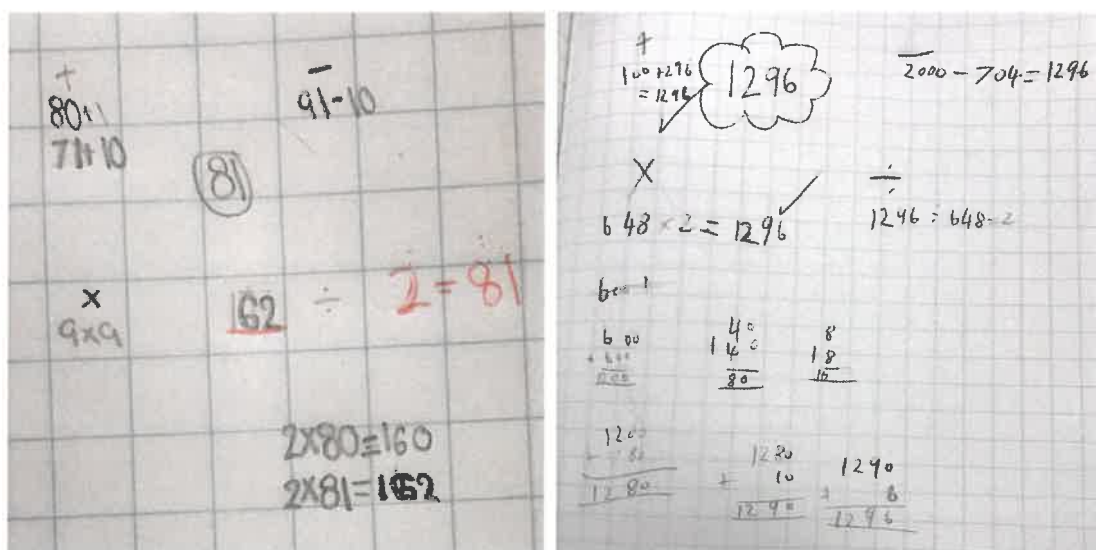
## *Number Busting in Year 3*

You may have heard your child talking about 'number busting' at school or you saw it as part of their homework, but what is number busting?

Number busting is a Mathematics activity that students from Kindergarten to year 6 do throughout the year. It encourages students to break down (partition) numbers using the different operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Students can be given a number to bust or they can choose their own challenging number.

Students are given 5 minutes to brainstorm different number sentences that equal the given number. Eg.  $36 \rightarrow 30+6=36$ .

Below are some photos of some year 3 students' number busting attempts.



If you would like to know further information about the teaching of Mathematics at St Aidan's or you would like me to address a particular area of Mathematics you can contact me through my school email address [plance@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:plance@parra.catholic.edu.au)



# No changes to the Canteen Price List at the moment – we will notify parents of any alterations.



## St Aidan's Primary School – Term 1 – Summer 2017

***Eat Fresh: Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!***

### Every Day Hot Food

Chicken Nuggets	each \$0.70
Chicken Nuggets	6 for \$4.00
Party Pie	\$1.00
Corn on the Cob	\$1.00
Hash Browns (3)	\$1.50
Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Sausage Roll	\$3.00
Hot Dog with Sauce	\$3.00
Chicken Fingers (6)	\$3.50
Pancakes (2)	\$3.50
Traveller Pie	\$3.50

### Sushi Roll

(Available Tues, Wed, Thur)	
Chicken & Cucumber	\$3.50
Chicken Teriyaki	
Tuna & Cucumber	

### Sandwiches

AVAILABLE IN WHITE OR MULTIGRAIN

WRAP OR ROLL ADD 0.50c TO SANDWICH PRICE

Burgers	
Chicken Burger	\$4.00
Beef Burger	\$4.00
Veggie Burger	\$4.00
Add cheese to any burger for	\$0.50
All Burgers include salad	

### Wraps

Salsa Wrap	\$4.50
Chicken Caesar Wrap	\$4.50
Sweet Chili Chicken Wrap	\$4.50
Nemlo Wrap	\$4.50
Lamb Kebab Wrap	\$4.50

### Pasta & Rice (Homemade)

Butter Chicken & Rice	\$4.00
Pasta Bolognese	\$4.00
Lasagne	\$4.00
Fried Rice & Chicken Wings (2)	\$5.00

**Order Your Lunch Online**  
Orders can be placed before 9:00am  
[www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)



**Check with the Canteen for the  
current Meal Deals \$5.00**

Salad		
Fresh Fruit Salad	Bowl \$2.50	Box \$4.00
Garden Salad	\$3.00	\$4.00
With Ham or Tuna	\$3.50	\$4.50
With Salmon or Chicken	\$4.00	\$5.00
Chicken Caesar Salad	\$4.50	\$5.50
Pasta Salad	\$3.00	\$4.00

### Canteen Benko Box

1/2 Sandwich, Chicken Wing, Cheese and Crackers, Kiwi Fruit, Strawberries & 2 Mini Muffins	\$5.00
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Pick & Mix Box (select 5 items) 2 bread triangles, chicken, ham, tuna, cucumber, cheese, tomato, egg, carrot, beetroot, orange wedge	\$4.00
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### Snacks

Piece of Fruit	\$1.00
Cookies, Delights, Popcorn, Jumpy's	\$1.00
Assorted Chips	\$1.30
Gingerbread Man 97% Fat Free	\$1.60
Screw Top Yoghurt	\$2.00
Fruit Yoghurt Cup	\$2.00
Banana Bread – Slice	\$3.00

### Drinks

Juice - Poppers	\$1.60
Plain Milk 300ml	\$1.60
with Sippah Straw	\$2.20
Pop Top Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Water 600ml	\$2.00
Flavoured Milk Lite 300ml	\$2.30
Sparkling Water 500ml	\$2.50
Natural, Lime or Berry	
Iced Tea NO SUGAR 500ml	\$3.00
Sparkling Flavoured Water 600ml	\$3.00
Green Apple or Wild Raspberry	

### Ice Blocks

Zooper Dooper	\$0.80
Frozen Juice Cup/ Icy Mony	\$1.00
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup	\$1.20
Paddle Pop	\$1.60
Slushie Cup	\$2.00
Streets Paddle Pop Cup	\$2.20

Visit the Canteen for Ice block specials

### PLEASE NOTE

Recess orders are to be PICKED UP FROM THE CANTEEN.

♦ All ICE CREAMS ordered with lunch are given out when the LUNCH BAG IS RETURNED TO THE CANTEEN.

# Meal Deal \$5.00

## Meal Deal 1

- Egg & Lettuce Roll
- Juice Popper
- Milk Pop Ice Block

## Meal Deal 2

- Butter Chicken & Rice
- Juice Popper
- Juice Cup

CLASS  
ROOM



Available 9th May – 27th May 2017



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