



Clarinda

Primary School

October



Friday 31st

Prep Transition Day #2

November

Monday 3rd

Curriculum Day -
STUDENT FREE DAY

Tuesday 4th

Melbourne Cup Public
Holiday -
STUDENT FREE DAY

Wednesday 5th
- Friday 7th

Whole School Swim Safety

Tuesday 11th

Finance Meeting 3pm

Wednesday 12th

Grade 3/4 Rail Awareness
Incursion

Friday 14th

Prep Transition Day #3

Tuesday 18th

School Council Meeting

Thursday 20th

Grade 5/6 - Elephant Ed
Incursion #1

Thursday 27th

Grade 5/6 - Elephant Ed
Incursion #2

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From the Principal's Desk...

School Performance Report:

The Department of Education has recently released the annual School Performance Reports which provides a yearly opportunity for schools to review outcomes, improvement cycles and importantly look to celebrate the work undertaken whilst importantly aligning improvement priorities for the coming year. School are categorised in of four domains – High, Improving, Medium and Developing (see image) comprising a 50% weighting on learning outcomes and 50% on wellbeing outcomes.

HIGH	In the HIGH performance group, student outcomes are high across a range of learning and wellbeing measures
IMPROVING	In the IMPROVING performance group, student outcomes are mixed, with notable improvements across a range of learning and wellbeing measures
MEDIUM	In the MEDIUM performance group, student outcomes are mixed, with measures of learning and wellbeing generally stable or declining
DEVELOPING	In the DEVELOPING performance group, student outcomes are generally low across measures of learning and wellbeing

Our school has achieved a High overall performance rating which is a wonderful achievement and a great credit to the work that occurs in our school from our teaching staff, education support, administration and leadership team.

Welcome to the family



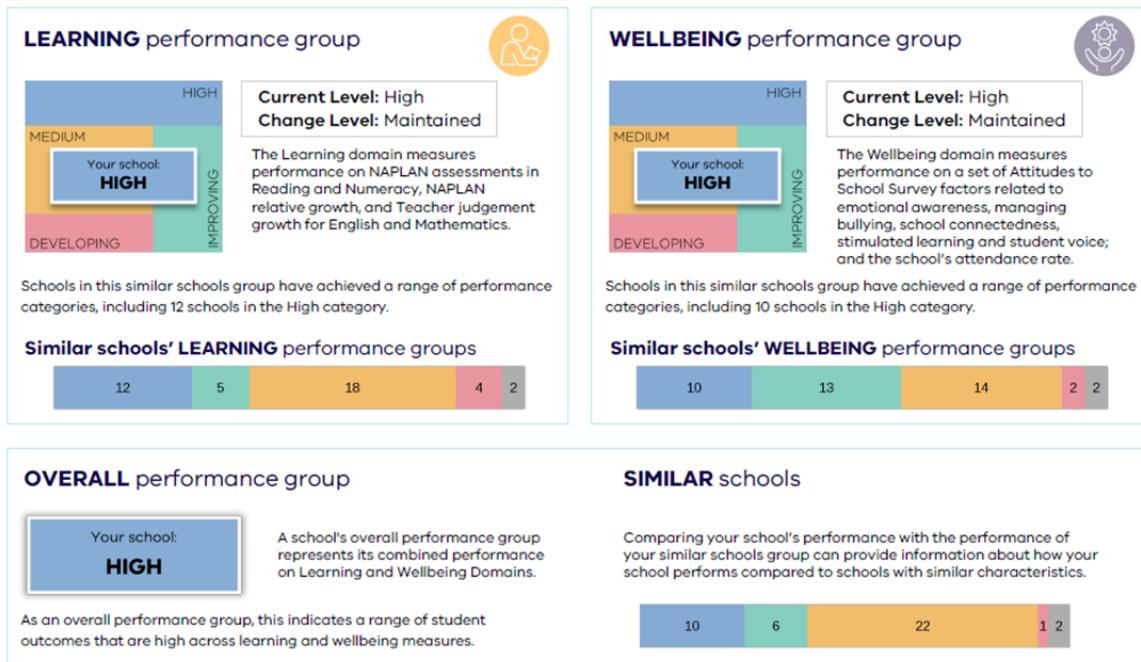
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From the Principal's Desk...

Clarinda Primary School



I am proud of what we have achieved over the course of 2025 and I am greatly appreciative of our staff, their incredible efforts to support our students and deliver an exemplary education for every child.

School Uniform / Lost Property

We've noticed an increase in lost property, particularly school uniforms. To help everyone quickly recover their belongings, please ensure that all items—jumpers, hats, etc—are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

If you find an item of uniform with someone else's name on it, please do not remove or cover the label. Instead, return it to the Lost Property area or hand it in to the school office. This helps our staff and students reunite items with their rightful owners quickly and fairly.

Let's work together to keep our school community organised and respectful—label it, return it, and don't remove names!

From the Principal's Desk...

World Teacher's Day

We celebrate our wonderful teachers on Tuesday 11th November for their skilled work in educating, inspiring and supporting our young people. The theme for 2025 is 'hats off' to teachers with the traditional doffing of a hat as a mark of respect.

As the Principal Class Team, Ms Backhouse and I take off our hats to all our staff. We are indeed very fortunate to work with such caring, dedicated and knowledgeable teachers, who are only too happy to go that 'extra mile' to support our students. We see this each and every day in the way our teachers make a difference for every individual, supporting them to be their best and do their best.

If you see a teacher this week (or any week) you might just say a simple thanks for everything you do and if you are wearing one doff your hat.

The PACC will provide a lunch for staff on Tuesday 11th November. If you would like to make a small donation towards the purchase of lunch, this can be left at the office.

One child, one teacher,
one book, one pen can
change the world.

Malala Yousafzai

School Camp – Grade 3/4

As you read this newsletter, our Gr 3/4 student will be at Anglesea participating in a 3-day camp. Coastal Forest Lodge provides a great experience for students to build relationships and test their bravery/skills. Students (and staff) return on Friday.

Water Safety Program

In less than one week (Wednesday 5th – Friday 7th of November) our students will be participating in our school swim safety program. I have attached some reminders to help you with organising your child ready for the week. We welcome parents to come and watch your child swim.

From the Principal's Desk...

Class Newsletters

Each term our teaching teams, which we call professional learning communities, put together a newsletter for the year level. These newsletters are done in level teams so Prep, 1/2, 3/4, and 5/6 as this is how the Victorian Curriculum2.0 is organised. The aim of the newsletters is to provide detailed information to parents and carers about the learning programs, experiences, and events for the term. There is specific information about Numeracy, Literacy, inquiry learning as well as specialist programs. I would encourage parents and carers to look out for these newsletters as they will help you to understand more about what your child is learning at school.

Changes to Digital Device Use

From 2027, the Victorian Government is introducing changes to the use of digital devices for students from Prep to Grade 6.

Under the new guidelines, schools:

- will no longer invite families to purchase or bring their own digital devices to use at school for Prep to Grade 6
- will follow new recommended digital device times, including minimal device time for Prep to Grade 2; and a maximum of 90 minutes per day for grades 3 to 6.



These changes are intended to support families by reducing cost-of-living pressures. They will also support students by reducing screen-time which can reduce the risk of eye strain, sedentary behaviour, and reduced peer interaction. These reforms complement Victoria's nation-leading mobile phone restrictions, ensuring an integrated approach to addressing digital distraction and the inappropriate use of technology. Students with disability who use a digital device as a reasonable adjustment are exempt from these changes. These changes are intended to support families with cost-of-living pressures and reduce student screen time. You can read more about the changes on the department's website: [Digital Learning: Policy](#).

At Clarinda Primary School, we already provide school-owned digital devices for student learning, so there is no impact on our school.

From the Principal's Desk...

Regenit Partnership

Clarinda PS has partnered with Regenit to provide affordable laptops for students.

Regenit is a not-for-profit that helps families get quality laptops for students at a low price, and we'll be at your school soon.

Our partner organisations donate laptops they no longer use, which we refresh and make available to students.

This is your chance to get a great laptop at a fantastic price, and help the environment too! Every laptop purchased means less e-waste, so you're contributing to sustainability.

Please see flyer for further information.



Happy Diwali

Many of our school community celebrate Diwali which was observed on Monday 20th October. We would like to extend a Happy Diwali to those who celebrated this special day!

Long Service Leave

I will be taking leave from Wednesday 5th of November to Friday 7th of November. During my absence from school, Ms Backhouse will be the acting Principal.

Pupil Free Day and Public Holiday

Monday 3rd November – Curriculum Day (Report writing day)

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL

Tuesday 4th November – Cup Day Public Holiday

- NO STUDENTS TO ATTEND SCHOOL
- NO OSHC AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY
- NO STAFF ONSITE ON THIS DAY

Until Next Time
Robbie Mallett

From the Assistant Principal's Desk...



Technology Use at Home and School

Many families plan time together, often with screens playing a big role—whether it's games, streaming, or staying connected with friends. While technology has many benefits, too much screen time can affect children's **executive functioning skills**—the mental processes that help them focus, plan, regulate emotions, and adapt to challenges.

Why Digital Balance Matters

Excessive or unstructured screen time can make it harder for children to concentrate, manage their impulses, or transition between tasks. We sometimes see this at school in the form of shorter attention spans, difficulty regulating emotions, or struggles with persistence. Just like physical health, children's "digital health" thrives on balance and moderation.

How We Support Students at CPS

At school, we guide students to use technology as a tool for learning, creativity, and collaboration—while also building in opportunities for offline problem-solving, reflection, and social interaction. We encourage mindful use of devices and integrate strategies to help children stay focused, reduce distractions, and take regular breaks.

Tips for Families

- **Set clear boundaries** around screen time, such as device-free mealtimes or designated "switch-off" hours.
- **Balance activities**—pair screen time with outdoor play, reading, or creative projects.
- **Model healthy habits**—children notice how we use our devices, so it helps when they see adults taking breaks too.
- **Encourage self-awareness**—ask your child how they feel after long screen sessions and help them notice the difference after time outdoors or in active play.
- **Create device-free zones**—like bedrooms, to support better sleep and downtime.

With the Spring weather upon us, it is the perfect opportunity to reset routines, enjoy family activities, and practise healthy digital habits. By working together—at home and at school—we can help our students use technology in ways that support their learning, wellbeing, and growth.

Warm regards,
Dearnne Backhouse

PE UPDATE!

Tennis Champs

Our Tennis Hot Shots teams grabbed their racquets and headed to Clarinda Tennis Club to compete against 4 other schools from our district. The teams had been training for weeks, and were very excited to spend a wonderful morning in the sun playing tennis. We started with singles games, followed by doubles games, against each of the schools. The final results were very close, and we were really proud to come away with a Runners Up pennant for both the girls & boys teams. Congratulations to **Nicholas, Jeet, Matthew, Myles, Phoenix, Arman, Dylan, Shoaib & Dean**; and to **Annika, Emma, Anika, Nisha, Shanaya, Olivia, Donna, Lisa & Kiyara**.



Division Athletics

This year, our Grade 3-6 students performed extremely well at our Oakleigh District Athletics Carnival, and many of them qualified to compete at the Monash Waverley Division Athletics against some 45 other schools from the division! Well done to **Kosta, Harry, Mirabelle, Efesvia, Ariana, Leon, Shoaib, Arman, Phoenix & Katerina**! The level of competition at Division is very high and to be able to achieve 1st or 2nd place, and therefore qualify for Eastern Metropolitan Region, is exceptional! Congratulations to **Harry & Katerina** for reaching these extraordinary heights!

Division Girls Softball

On Tuesday 14th October, our Girls Softball team finally got their chance to play the next level after winning the Grade 5/6 Summer Gala Day back in Term 1! Congratulations to **Donita, Roji, Alexia, Mirabelle, Lasya, Ioanna, Maya, Georgia, Rodoshi** and **Isabelle**. The girls were absolutely fantastic, demonstrating that hard work pays off and having a wonderful time as well!



SEPEP – European Handball for Grade 5/6 Students

Every year in Term 4, we undertake the highly anticipated season of European Handball with our Grade 5/6 students. It's part of the SEPEP – Sport Education in Physical Education Program – which is often reserved for Secondary School students as it is quite complex. SEPEP is a student-centered model for Physical Education where students take on various roles to organise and run a sports competition. Instead of just playing, students act as Coaches, Captains, Umpires, Sports Reporters and other positions to learn about sports management and develop skills like leadership, teamwork, and responsibility. Congratulations to **Phoenix, Putra, Myria, Jeet, Hamish, Olivia, Cooper, Amy & Annika** for being selected as Coaches for 2025 and good luck to all of the teams!

Justine Leopold
PE Teacher

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep B	Tina Thomia	For her hard work in reading, using her strategies such as pointer finger! For challenging herself to write full pages during writing time!
Prep W	Yerim	For her effort and improvement demonstrated during writing time.
Prep Y	Andreas Bhanavi	For using his knowledge of letter sounds in writing. For excellent focus and concentration in class.
1/2 M	Sudeshna	For always being a kind and respectful member of 1/2M!
	Lewis C Athena	For working well as a team and creating such an interesting Alison Lester inspired story in Writing! Well done both of you!
1/2 P	Ariella	For always contributing to class discussions.
1/2T	Mostafa	For working hard to take on feedback and apply it to his work.
1/2 W	Airi	For working well in your Literature Circle group and preparing your Reader's Notebook Entry to share.
3/4A	Jacob Harry	For working hard in writing and creating sentences inspired by Margaret Wild. For representing our school so well in long jump at regionals. We are all so proud of you!
3/4 D	Isabelle Smit	For using a plot mountain to plan her own stories. Well done! For being a great helping hand in the classroom. Well done!
3/4 E	Jannat Jian	For her interesting and thoughtful contributions to our discussions. For her hard work to create interesting sentences inspired by the author Margaret Wild.
3/4 P	Chelsea Thenuja	For her curiosity and enthusiasm for learning. For working so hard to improve his reading and writing in English.
5/6 D	Lasya	For working efficiently in writing to work out the dependent clauses in a sentence.
5/6 N	Alex	For working hard during our math lessons on angles and showing great focus and determination to understand the concept.
	Shoiab	For extending his mathematical thinking during our angles unit and using his expertise to support others.

Outside School Hours Care Newsletter

30/10/2025

Clarinda Primary school



Your
OSHC.



Remembrance Day in After School Care



11 November

[Book now](#)

Dear Families,

As we are approaching festive season, our children have been busy decorating a creative OSHC space with fun spooky lanterns, pumpkin masks and spider crafts to celebrate Halloween with friends. It is very exciting to see their ideas come into life with glue, glitter and googly eyes.

Now get excited for another CA art competition starting from 17th Oct up until 21st Nov 2025 in OSHC, which gives a golden chance for your children to showcase their artistic flair and win some exciting prizes.

Next week we are dedicating our art and craft activities to commemorate our respects to veterans of combat and teach children respect and belonging (Please visit our OSHC space or call us at 0402353192 for any booking enquiries.)



Activities coming up

- Tissue flower crafts
- Clay art
- Baking brownies

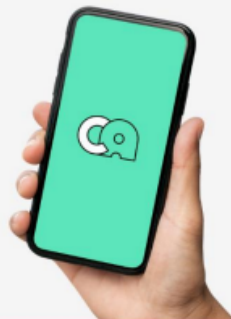
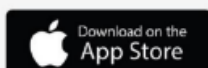
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Join in the fun of Outside School Hours Care activities and experiences with Your OSHC and Rocketeers.

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SWIMMING NOTICE 2025

Swimming program Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th November, Monash University Swimming Pool

Each day students need to bring:

- ✓ Bathers
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Thongs (to wear to and from the pool – usual footwear to be worn for the rest of the day)
- ✓ Swimming cap (available for purchase from the office - \$3)
- ✓ Plastic bag for wet bathers and towel
- ✓ Goggles (optional)
- ✓ Extra pair of underwear (optional)
- ✓ All packed in a swimming bag



Other reminders:

- Please assist your child with learning to dress themselves for the Water Safety Program. Teachers will be available to assist but it is important for the children to develop their independence
- Students will still be required to bring their regular school bag to school each day
- We recommend that students wear their bathers to school, under their school uniform. Girls wearing one piece bathers can have their top half folded down under their dress or shirt to make toileting easier
- Clearly label **all items** of clothing
- Please place talcum powder in swimming caps daily to assist with slipping the caps on easily
- Pack an extra snack, such as another piece of fruit, as the children may be hungrier than usual
- Allow quiet time after school and ensure the children are in bed earlier than usual to allow them to recuperate
- Students will still be required to bring their regular school bag to school each day
- Parents are welcome to join us at the pool to watch their children swim -**We** ask that parents support staff requests whilst students are changing within change rooms. Parents may assist their own child (Prep only) but we recommend students develop their own independence during the swimming program. School staff will be able to assist when required. Parent helpers are required to have presented their current Working With Children's Check to the office prior to the commencement of the Water Safety Program.



Affordable Laptops for Students Coming to Your School

Regenit is a not-for-profit that helps families get quality laptops for students at a low price, and we'll be at your school soon.

Our partner organisations donate laptops they no longer use, which we refresh and make available to students.

This is your chance to get a great laptop at a fantastic price, and help the environment too! Every laptop purchased means less e-waste, so you're contributing to sustainability.

What do I get?

- **A quality laptop** - fully working, with warranty.
- **Great value** - only \$200!
- **Windows 11 installed** - and ready for immediate use.
- **Everything required** - including a power supply.
- **Easy to use** - just turn it on to start working!

How do I purchase the laptop?

- **Visit us at school** - we'll be there, before and after pick-up, on the date above.
- **See the laptops in person** - choose the right one for your child.
- **Buy on the spot** - pay with cash or card and take the laptop home with you.

How can you sell laptops so cheaply?

- **Our partners donate laptops** they no longer use.
- **We give donated laptops a new life** so your child can use them for school.
- **Our partners' generosity** means you get a quality laptop at a low price while helping the planet.

How can I find out more about Regenit?

- **Chat with us** in person on the day.
- **Visit our website:** www.regenit.org.au
- **Email us:** contact@regenit.org.au

Choose a Main Course item, then select 1 or 2 Items from the Snack/Drink Menu to make up a 2 or 3 Course Lunch Pack

Main Course Menu

BAKERY All items freshly baked this morning!

	2 Course	3 Course
Cheese and Vegemite Scroll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Savoury Bite 'Little Frank' Roll	\$6.45	\$8.95
Topped with Only Cheese Roll (V)	\$6.45	\$8.95
Cheese and Bacon Roll	\$7.45	\$9.95
Scroll with Ham and Cheese	\$9.95	\$12.85
Frankfurt 'in a blanket' with Sauce & Cheese (2)	\$10.95	\$13.65

PIZZA/SAUSAGEROLLS/GOZLEME/PASTIZZI/QUESADILLA /

PUFF PARCELS Served at room temperature!

	2 Course	3 Course
Ricotta & Spinach Pastizzi (2) (V)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Margherita Pizza TWIST(V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Sausage Roll with Sauce	\$8.95	\$11.45
Margherita PITA Pizza (V)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Quesadilla (Chicken) served with Sour Cream (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Tandoori Chicken Puff Parcel with Mango Chutney (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Ham & Pineapple Pizza Slice	\$10.95	\$13.65
BBQ Chicken Pizza (H)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Lamb and Beef Gozleme (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Mushroom and Spinach Gozleme (Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Spinach and Cheese Gozleme (V)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SUSHI HAND ROLLS (2pc) Soy Sauce (GF) Provided

	2 Course	3 Course
Teriyaki Chicken Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Crispy Chicken (Schnitzel) Hand Rolls (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cooked Tuna Hand Rolls (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Avocado Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Cucumber Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Hand Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Tofu Hand Rolls (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75

RICE PAPER ROLLS (2pc) (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)

	2 Course	3 Course
Chicken Rice Paper Rolls (GF, H)	\$13.45	\$15.45
Vegetarian Rice Paper Rolls (GF, Vg)	\$13.45	\$15.45

SANDWICHES / ROLLS / WRAPS / SOFT SHELL TACOS

	2 Course	3 Course
Strawberry Jam Sandwich (1.5) (Vg)	\$7.45	\$9.95
Vegemite Sandwich (2) (Vg)	\$8.95	\$11.45
Soft Shell Chicken Taco with Salsa, Cheese & Salad (2)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Plain Cheese Sandwich (2) (V)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Simple Salad Roll (Vg)	\$9.95	\$12.85
Cheese and Salad Roll (V)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wholegrain Ham & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$10.95	\$13.65
Roast Chicken and Salad Roll (H)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Roast Beef, Chutney, Cheese & Lettuce Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Turkey, Cranberry, Lettuce & Cheese Sandwich (1.5)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Mild Salami and Salad Roll	\$11.50	\$13.75
Wrap with Chicken, Tzatziki, Lettuce, Tomato & Cucumber(H)	\$12.75	\$14.95

SALADS / PICNIC BOXES / POKE BOWLS

	2 Course	3 Course
Fresh Fruit Salad -Main Course Size (GF, Vg)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Ham Picnic Box (GF)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Vegetarian Picnic Box (GF, V)	\$11.50	\$13.75
Greek Style Salad with Feta and Olives (GF, V)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Mexican Inspired Salad with Corn Chips (GF, Vg)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Tortellini Pasta Salad (V) (Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)	\$12.75	\$14.95
Poke Bowl with Teriyaki Chicken (H)	\$13.45	\$15.45

GF SANDWICHES & WRAPS GF Ham

	2 Course	3 Course
& Cheese Sandwich (1.5) GF	\$10.95	\$13.65
Cucumber & Ham Sandwich (1.5) GF	\$10.95	\$13.65
Wrap -Ham and Salad	\$12.75	\$14.95

Snack/Drink Menu

FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

Apple pieces, Lemon juice, Cinnamon & Brown Sugar	Included
Cantaloupe and Honeydew Pieces	+\$1.00
Fresh Fruit Combo	+\$1.00
Freshly Chopped Orange Segments	Included
Freshly Chopped Watermelon Pieces	Included
Whole Fruit -Apple	Included
Whole Fruit -Banana	Included
Bag of Grapes	Included
Carrot, Cucumber, Red & Yellow Capsicum	Included
Celery and Carrot Sticks with Sultanas	Included
Cherry Tomatoes, Tasty Cheese & Rice Crackers	Included
Corn Wheels & Lightly Steamed Broccoli	Included
Edamame (Lightly Salted)	Included
Sugar Snap Peas, Beans and Cherry Tomatoes	+\$1.00

BAKERY - SWEET

Choc Chip Cookie	Included
Finger Bun with Sprinkles	Included
Lamington	Included
"Not Cross" Bun	Included
Cinnamon Doughnut	Included
Cornflake Cookie	Included
Choc Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00
Blueberry Muffin	+\$1.00
Jam Drop Biscuit (GF)	+\$1.00
Carrot Cup Cake (GF/DF/Vg)	+\$1.00

SUSHI

1pc Tuna Sushi (GF)	+\$1.00
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POPCORN / HARVEST SNAPS

Popcorn -Slightly Sweet, Lightly Salted	Included
Popcorn -Lightly Salted	Included
Harvest Snaps (GF/DF/Vg)	Included

DRIED FRUIT / LEGUMES

Lime & Black Pepper Chickpeas	Included
Roasted Chickpeas	Included
Balsamic & Sea Salt Fava Beans	Included
Dried Fruit Medley with Yoghurt Sultanas	+\$1.00

DIPS WITH MINI RICE CAKES / CORN CHIPS

Tzatziki Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spring Onion Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Spicy Capsicum Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
Avocado Dip with Mini Rice Cakes	+\$1.00
CornChipswithSalsa (GF)	+\$1.00

YOGHURTS / BOWLS / CUPS

Raspberry Jelly Cup	Included
Strawberry Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Vanilla Yoghurt (Dairy Farmers)	+\$1.00
Chia Bowl with Banana, Coconut & Strawberries	Included
Stewed Rhubarb and Apple with Custard	+\$1.00

DRINKS

Apple Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Orange Juice (Nippy's)	Included
Chocolate Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Strawberry Milk (Nippy's)	Included
Full Cream Milk	Included



GF = Gluten Free, DF= Dairy Free, H= Halal, V= Vegetarian, Vg= Vegan

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