What’s Happening at the Tuckshop

The Tuckshop fulfils an important role in our school community. In April, the P&C formed a tuckshop taskforce to look at ways of improving the **food, service and profitability**. In an effort to determine the most effective way to upgrade our facility, the taskforce has:

- Examined the YSS tuckshop to identify ways of improving our menu, facility and procedures.
- Consulted with current parents/staff of YSS to discuss their needs and wants.
- Consulted with QAST (Queensland Association of School Tuckshops) and received advice on improving our menu to incorporate Smart Choices and increase profitability.
- Re-examined a past YSS Parent Tuckshop Survey and considered changes according to the feedback given.

This term you will start to notice some of the changes that have been implemented as a result. We hope that the tuckshop becomes profitable with a view to eventually contributing to the wider school community.

What’s Changed?

The new menu will offer more fresh food made at the tuckshop. These healthier options will allow parents to place an order confident in the knowledge that their child is eating well. This will also improve the profitability due to the reduced need to purchase processed food items from external suppliers. We are able to do this thanks to all those wonderful parents that have volunteered to work in the tuckshop, contribute by baking and help in other ways.

We see this as a huge step in the right direction in teaching our children to make educated choices about what they eat.

For the parents that buy tuckshop as a treat for their kids, don’t panic. We have still included treat options, but will slowly start to make the treat foods healthier. For example, our ham and cheese pizza was previously ordered in frozen and made with processed ingredients. Our new pizza will be made fresh daily at the tuckshop.

A variety of new **SNACKS** are available and a “BAKE at HOME” selection will be on display each tuckshop day for the kids to choose from. These have been made by our own school parents using recipes found on the YSS website.

Q & A

**Why can sushi only be purchased online?**
The school encourages your child’s main meal to be eaten at 1st Break. Orders need to be finalised early so they can be prepared by our supplier.

**Why is hot food only available at first break?**
As 1st Break is our main eating time and volunteers only work in the tuckshop in the morning.

**My child has food allergies, can they use the tuckshop?**
We want every child to be able to order every day. Please come and talk to us at the tuckshop so we can source alternatives according to your child’s needs.

**Can I add or subtract things from an order?**
Feel free to substitute sauces or subtract ingredients, but please not add. This makes it very difficult when preparing meals in the tuckshop.

**What is Bake at Home?** (refer to 11/7/13 YSS newsletter)
A random selection of biscuits, slices and muffins made by school parents. Recipes available on the YSS website.

**How can I volunteer to help?**
Email us at yerongasstuckshop@gmail.com.

### Ordering

Ordering can be done online via flexischools.com.au (YSS’s preference and it’s super easy for parents!) or using a brown paper bag (include name, class, order, 1st or 2nd break, total amount) which can be handed to the tuckshop before school or brown paper bag via your child’s class tuckshop box. Correct money is appreciated. Change can be given and returned in the paper bag to your child.

**“NEW” Meal Deals:** Lunch, drink and a snack (not frozen) for $6, what a bargain! Please note that the snack will be delivered at 2nd break.

**Junior School Procedures**
1. Order using one of the three methods outlined above.
2. Lunch is delivered to class by tuckshop monitors.

Prep to year 2 are **NOT** permitted to purchase over the counter.

**Senior School Procedures**

Same as for Junior School except Years 3—7 **ARE** permitted to purchase over the counter from the Snack, Frozen Snack and Drinks menu in both 1st and 2nd breaks.

### Break Times

- **1st Break** 11.00—11.45
  - 15 minutes of eating time
- **2nd BREAK** 1.15—1.45
  - 10 minutes of eating time