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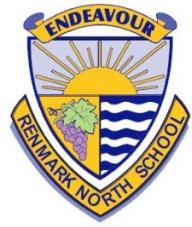
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RENMARK NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 5 May

Term 2, Week 2



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the Governing Council for organising the Family Fun Day on Sunday. We had sensational weather to celebrate and enjoy! Have you noticed the 'painted electricity box' at the front of the school? It looks AMAZING!! Please look out for other exciting family activities throughout the year. We would love to continue sharing the great things happening.

NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a nationally developed program that provides schools, states and territories with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. NAPLAN tests are administered simultaneously in all schools across Australia. This year's tests will be conducted on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May.

NAPLAN tests are just one of a number of assessments that students at Renmark North Primary take part in. Students do not have to learn specific skills in order to participate in NAPLAN tests. Teachers work with students to give them the opportunity to become familiar with the test format and conditions.

An individual student NAPLAN report will be issued by the school during August/September this year. This report shows the achievement of your child against national minimum standards and the ranges of achievement for the middle 60% of students in Australia.

Participation in NAPLAN tests is compulsory for all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. Parents or carers may withdraw their child from the tests to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing. This should be done in consultation with the school Principal, and formal notification must be received by the school prior to testing. Furthermore, students with significant intellectual disability or those with significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests may be exempted from the tests. Again, this is in consultation with the Principal. Students who are absent at the time of testing will participate in a catch-up session on Friday 18th May to complete missed tests.

Questions about your child's participation in NAPLAN should be directed to Mary Shannon, Principal, via the front office.

Ms Mary Shannon, Principal.



CHANGE OF DATE!

RNPS Sports Day has changed to the 14th June due to having students attending Cross Country in Adelaide

MAY	JUNE	JULY
15 - 17 NAPLAN Testing 21 Pupil Free Day 24 Choir Practice 14 - 29 Language Perfect World Championships 29 Science Excellence Test	1 Assembly 5 Family Reading Night 11 Public Holiday 14 Sports Day 29 Assembly	3 Choir Practice 5 Last Day Term 2 31 English Excellence Test

DISPOSITIONS : We are Communicators - Brave - Persistent - Adaptable - Resilient

STARR VALUES : Success - Team Work - Acceptance - Respect - Responsibility

dates to Remember

RNPS GOVERNING COUNCIL (GC)

Welcome back to our families, students and staff in Term 2 for 2018. Thank you to everyone who attended the **Family Fun Day** on Sunday hosted by Governing Council. It was a fantastic afternoon celebrating our great school community with games, a shared dinner and the painting of the mural. The mural looks absolutely fantastic, well done all. Congratulations to all our Lucky Door prize winners and Mothers Day Raffle winner.

We wish every mum a very happy Mothers Day this weekend.

Thank you, Governing Council.



GROUND'S WORKING PARTY

If you are interested in sharing ideas and helping to improve the aesthetics and grounds of the school, why not join our working party? This group would work closely with our Groundsman Yusuf, Student Leaders, Student Wellbeing Leader and Governing Council. Please fill in the flier and return it to the front office.

Name (s): _____

My preferred time to meet (please circle preferred times):

Before school

During school

After school

Evening

My preferred days to meet (please circle preferred days):

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Signed: _____

Date: _____

PRESCHOOL NEWS



On Monday 7th May the preschool had a Student Free Day. Barb, Tina, Mary and I attended a Maths training and development session with Ann Baker, focussing on numeracy in the early years. We were also accompanied by Athy Pipinis and Penny Maxwell from the school.

It was a great day learning about key mathematical concepts for young children, including the importance of subitising, empty number lines, strategy games and building vocabulary.

You might ask "What is Subitising"?

Subitising is the ability to look at a small collection of objects and know how many there are without physically counting. Research shows that children as young as three can subitise up to three objects without counting.

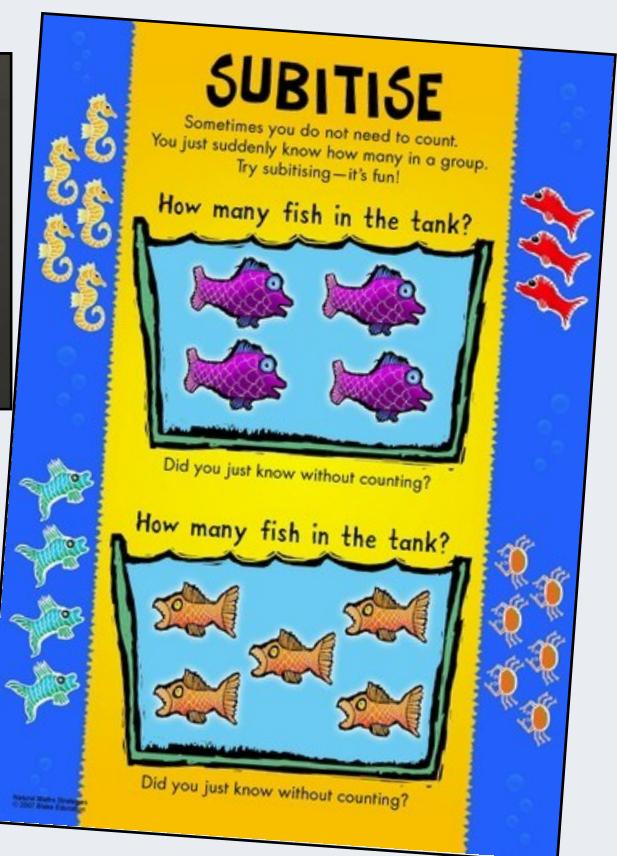
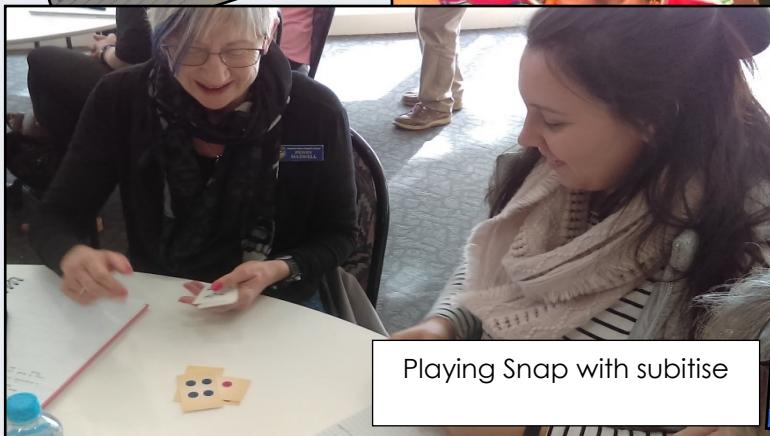
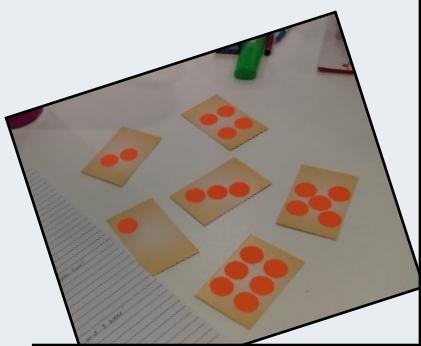
A great way to start learning about subitising is rolling a dice and covering it up. Then asking these 3 questions:

"How many do you think you saw"? "How do you know"?

"How can you check"?

Dice are great to use to begin with as the dot pattern remains constant for each number. Once your child has mastered these you can then move on to using flashcards!!

Cheers, Tegan



FROM THE WELLBEING LEADER



Children's University Australia provides high quality, voluntary educational experiences for children aged between 7 and 14 years, and volunteering opportunities for students aged between 15 and 18 years. Children choose which activities they would like to participate in and collect stamps in their ***Passport to Learning*** as they go. They are rewarded for their participation with certificates presented at formal ceremonies held in high profile locations, such as Bonython Hall at the University of Adelaide. Children graduate in caps and gowns just like the adults do and celebrate their achievements with friends, family and teachers.

Children's University Australia provides quality assured activities outside of the school curriculum to address the needs of the whole child and most of all they are fun, opening the eyes of children to different activities and careers they had never even heard of. It is about developing a hunger for and love of learning, building confidence and fostering aspirations in all children.

Children's University Australia provides a great opportunity to support your child to succeed and achieve in their education and to celebrate with them at graduations.

On Monday May 14th (Week 3), Amy Underwood from the Children's University of Adelaide will be at our school to speak with students aged 7 to 13 about joining the program.

There is no obligation to join.

The cost per child is normally \$25, but because regional areas are subsidised, the cost to our students is only \$16.50.

For further information, please see Ms Shannon or Miss Noble, or have a look online at childrensuniversity.com.au

FROM THE WELLBEING LEADER

In recent weeks, the word 'Fortnite' has become a familiar phrase among parents, teachers and students – and no, it's not referring to a 2 week period of time!

It is currently the most popular free online game being played – and due to the fact that it's becoming something that is being re-enacted in the school yard at play times,

I thought it was time to look at the facts.

The following information was taken from the Family Zone Website – which is a fantastic resource for parents/caregivers to access.

I also had the privilege of listening to Cyber Expert Susan McLean speak earlier this year at the Wellbeing Leaders Conference in Adelaide. What this lady doesn't know about online safety isn't worth knowing – so I regard her opinions very highly!

It's been called Hunger Games meets Call of Duty. So it's little wonder that, upon its release as a free download in 2018, Fortnite: Battle Royale has blown away its competitors to become one of the most popular games on earth - praised and criticised in equal measure for its addictive qualities by both kids and adults.

But is it right for your child?

The Guardian describes Battle Royale this way:

It's a mass online brawl where 100 players leap out of a plane on to a small island and then fight each other until only one is left. Hidden around the island are weapons and items, including crossbows, rifles and grenade launchers, and players must arm themselves while exploring the landscape and buildings. It's also possible to collect resources that allow you to build structures where you can hide or defend yourself. As the match progresses, the playable area of land is continually reduced, so participants are forced closer and closer together. The last survivor is the winner.

Users can play by themselves or in a group of up to three other users. Live chat with teammates is a central part of the game on certain platforms (see below). Winners are rewarded with 'V-coins' that can be used to update weapon skins and other cosmetics. Users can also purchase the coins using real money.

Free and unverified

To create an account, all kids need is an email address. Because Battle Royale is a free game within the larger, pay-wall-protected Fortnite 'world', no payment is required - but players are prodded to make in-game purchases for extensions, bonuses and weapons.

Although there is no age-verification procedure, Fortnite: Battle Royale has been variously rated 12+ or 13+ (depending on the rating agency and country) on the basis of "mild violence." And the simulated killing is indeed relatively lo-fi: no blood, no gore, no screams of agony. When characters are blown away by gun violence, they simply disappear.

What about chat?

Online chat on Battle Royale means your child can be exposed to chatter from strangers of all ages. The mobile version wasn't designed for chat but if your child has an XBox app, they will be able to access that risky function. There is a chat feature for the Xbox, Playstation, PC, and Mac versions, which make the game more problematic on those platforms.

The verdict?

So what do the experts recommend?

"Fortnite is an unequivocal NO for primary-school-aged children and should be played with care and a good dose of parental supervision for older teens," advises Family Zone Cyber Expert Susan McLean.

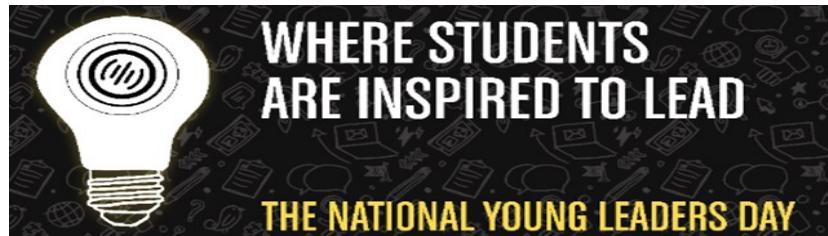
"Any game with a chat function is a worry and has the potential to link your child with random strangers. The potential for abuse and exploitation - not to mention exposure to offensive language - cannot be overstated."

In the words of another reviewer, "The game might be clean, but the gamers might not."

Still uncertain?

If you're unsure whether to allow your child to play Fortnite: Battle Royale, why not start with a conversation - and ask for a demonstration? Family Zone cyber experts agree: The very best way to protect your child is to be involved in his or her online world.

Student leaders



On Tuesday March 27th, the Upper Primary Student Leaders attended the Halogen National Young Leaders Day at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre.

It was an early start to the day, with us departing McDonald's at 5:30am in our 12 seater mini bus driven by Ms Shannon.

The purpose of the day was to be able to be inspired about great leadership qualities, being resilient, setting goals, and never giving up on your dreams.

There were 4 guest speakers on the day: Double amputee John Coutis, Stylist Jules Sebastian, Author and Illustrator Matt Cosgrove and former BTN host Nathan Bazley.

The first speaker was a man called John Coutis who has no lower body and backbone. He explained about the hardships of his early life and spoke about how he was horrendously bullied at school, almost to the point of death. He told us about not giving up even when you're not the complete package. He didn't give up on himself and has now become an inspiration.

The second guest speaker was Jules Sebastian, the wife of Guy Sebastian. She is a stylist and is now a TV personality. She was very inspirational as she talked about how she took the jump from behind the scenes to in front of the camera.

The third speaker was the author and illustrator Matt Cosgrove. He explained his love of drawing and writing from an early age and about how long it has taken him to get his books published. He is now an author and has produced many books. Most recently he has turned 3 boring fairy tales into awesome funny kids' books called Epic Fail Tales along with a fantastic picture book about bullying called Macca the Alpaca.

The last guest speaker of the day was the former host of BTN, Nathan Beazley. He had been the host of BTN for 10 years and has now left the show to work on producing virtual reality programs. He recently completed a Virtual Reality experience of the Kokoda Campaign which is now available as an App.

On the way home we stopped at the Viewpoint Café in Waikerie to have some dinner. This gave us the opportunity to reflect on the day and to appreciate how lucky we are, and what we can achieve if we put our minds to it.

We would like to thank Miss Shannon and Miss Noble for taking us on this wonderful day. We appreciate it very much and have learnt a lot about being a great leader.

Written by Chrysanthi S, Tom B, Heath F, Manveer S and Elise L

Author and Illustrator Matt Cosgrove



6/7 NEWS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

There were banners, costumes, posters, confetti and a bucket load of spirit put into the Year 6 and 7 students house captain speeches. Last Friday we held the elections for House Captains. It was so inspiring to see the encouragement and support the Year 6 and 7 students gave to each other when make their speeches and also when the results were announced.

Each student did a fantastic job preparing and delivering their speeches to their peers; it was yet another example of the caliber of students we have at Renmark North PS.

We are pleased to announce the following students who will lead each house in 2018.

RAL RAL	CHAFFEY	WARREGO	NELBUCK
<u>Captains</u> Dimitra Callem	<u>Captains</u> Georgia Deakin	<u>Captains</u> Maddison Riley	<u>Captains</u> Chrysanthi Manveer
<u>Vice Captains</u> Jenna Elias	<u>Vice Captains</u> Tahlia Connor	<u>Vice Captains</u> Charlize Jack	<u>Vice Captains</u> Hadlee Tom



SPECIAL LUNCHES

We will continue to purchase our Special Lunches through the Paringa Bakery this term.

To place an order simply complete the brown paper bags located at the Front Office by writing your child's name, class and order on the bag and placing the correct money inside. Orders can also be paid using EFTPOS at the Front Office.

Orders need to be placed NO LATER than 9:00am each Thursday. Late orders will not be accepted.

Please note that orders will have to be in by 3.30pm on Wednesday week 7 due to Sports Day.

We will require volunteers to either drop off the order bags on Thursday and pick up lunch orders from the Paringa Bakery on Friday and help to deliver them to classes. If you are able to assist either day please let the Front Office Staff know.



JOB OPPORTUNITY

Full training will be provided



A cleaner is required for the maintenance and cleaning of RNPS. The position is from Monday to Friday from 3.30pm—5.45pm starting in May. Duties include cleaning of amenities, vacuuming, emptying bins etc.

Award rates for permanent part time employment will apply, please check the Cleaning Services Award 2010 online. DCSI clearance is required or must be applied for immediately if successful.

Applications by email to: angelique.foulis@millenniumsg.com or contact Angelique on 0434606244 for more information.

All applications need to be received by Monday 14th May.



CALLING ON EXPERTISE!



Do you have athletic skills that you would be willing to share? Renmark North are calling on volunteers to assist in sports day training. If you are able to help, please list your area/s of expertise and time/s that best suit you during school weeks 4-6.

Please return to front office no later than Wednesday 17th May.

Name _____

Contact No _____

I have skills in:

- Sprints
- Long distance running
- Long jump
- High jump
- Shot put
- Discus
- Relay (baton change)

I would be willing to assist during these times:

- 8:15am-8:45am
- 3:15pm-4:00pm

During upper primary P.E Lessons (*Thursday weeks 4-6 only*)

- 1:30pm-2:15pm
- 2:15pm-3:00pm

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Our Sports Day would not be as successful if it were not for the help and support of our families and communities.

Are you or someone else available to provide assistance with any of the following on our upcoming Sports Day on Thursday 15th June?

- Setting up the tents and events on Wednesday 14th June
- Assisting with the timekeeping from 9:00 am for the sprint events
- Joining in with parent Corner Spry team
- Cooking the BBQ lunch
- Assisting with serving lunches
- Packing up the tents and equipment at the end of the day

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

Please return to the front office by Monday 4th June. Thank you.



LANGUAGE PERFECT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

All of our year 5—7 students will be participating in the annual Language Perfect World Championships from Monday 14th May to Monday 28th May. GO RENMARK NORTH!

Please encourage your children to participate at home as well, if you have internet access.

P.S. Congratulations to Hadlee and Chrysanthi for being awarded Silver and Bronze certificates respectively, for EDUCATION PERFECT—HUMANITIES. Both students entered these competitions on their own, showing great initiative. I'll hand out their certificates at an upcoming assembly. Well done!

Patty Panagiotopoulos

All Scholastic Book Club orders are to be returned to school by Friday 11th June 2017.

Remember, for every order that you place, our school earns free books and resources for our library.



BUS RULES

SAPSASA

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Friday the 4th of May Renmark North students competed in the District Cross Country Carnival at Martins Bend, Berri. All the students who competed should be extremely proud of how they represented our school. The time and commitment these students put into training was incredible, considering the short amount of time we had to prepare. A special mention to Layla R, Chanel G, Brianna M and Heidi J who all finished in the top 6, meaning they will now represent the Riverland in Adelaide later in the term. We wish you 4 girls all the best as you represent our school in Adelaide!

One last thankyou to Marina Eleftheriadis who helped with First Aid and to all the other parents who put their hand up to transport! The help is greatly appreciated and helps make these events possible!

Mr Ruciocoh



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY REMINDERS

When travelling on a School Bus always enter the bus quietly and say hello to the driver. Find your seat quietly and place your bag on the floor either under the seat or by your feet. Make sure it will not cause a tripping hazard for others. Always wear your seat belt and remain in your seat until it is time to leave the bus. Be quiet and respectful to others as the driver could be distracted. The driver will not open the doors until the bus has completely stopped. As you leave the bus thank your driver. Always wait until the bus has departed before crossing the road and always look in both directions.

SEATBELTS ON SCHOOL BUS

Children must always wear their seat belts as they travel on school buses.

If anyone does not wear their seat belt the bus driver will not be able to move until all children are safely seated and remain in their seat until they arrive at their approved stop.

The bus driver will report to school Principal any children not wearing seatbelts correctly and/or not following appropriate behaviour on the bus.

Seat belts are in School Buses for your safety. Please use them!

Stranded

Hadlee

The piping hot sun glared through Brian's window in his car as he read 'Russel - 511km' on a vast green sign to his left. There was no sign of cars let alone a living thing for miles and miles. This gruelling drive was making him tired but he knew his mother would be disappointed if he turned back now.

It was an abnormal day for Brian. He was on a long 4 hour drive on a plain, secluded road to visit his ill mother in a small town called Russell. He hadn't visited her in years so that's what made this trip so special.

'Vrooom! Brian put his foot down hard on the gas as he set off on his journey, dust covered the car for miles. It was scorching and the air-con wasn't working. As the trip continued, it got hotter and more unbearable. Suddenly, a throbbing pain went through Brian's head, a pain like he never had before. He lost control of the car as his hands and legs became numb. His car veered off the road and tumbled down the hill on the other side. Brian freaked out and opened the door, tumbling out onto a field of shrubs and weeds. The once tumbling car came to a halt and Brian lay still for a minute or so. He eventually got up and examined his small cut and bruises but there was nothing major. The car was smashed up with a few dents. The windows were cracked and when he tried to start the car back up it never did. 'How will I get to help?' was his first worry. There was no-one for miles. A thought popped into his head; he reached for his phone in his back pocket and brought it up to his face. He tried calling his mum but his phone almost instantly cut out, leaving him burning, clueless and almost certain that he would be stranded there for hours, if not days.

It was late the next day and Brian was starting to get agitated. He had no food and his bottle of water was nearly empty. His energy levels were low; no-one was around and he didn't know how much longer he could take it. Brian decided going to sleep would be his best bet because he didn't have to go through the agony of being hungry. He started to doze off while he lay down in a soft patch of clovers hoping someone would eventually come along. He was woken by a loud beeping noise and became startled when a young man trampled out of his little black car. "Do you need help?" he yelled. "Uh yeah I do", Brian replied, feeling unsure. The guy went over to Brian's car carrying what looked like a peculiar tin box. He sat it down next to him, as he knelt in front of the headlights and started taking them off with the back of a hammer. Brian watched as the man 'fixed' his car and decided to go for a stroll to find better signal. Around an hour later, Brian walked back to his car to find the guy gone and Brian's car wrecked to pieces. Brian was left in despair. He ran over to his car and ruffled through all the mess. His wallet, keys and suitcase gone, the guy had stolen it all. Brian kicked what was left of the car in fury, angry at himself for being so stupid and trusting him. 'This is it,' he thought. 'All my stuff is gone, my car is wrecked and there is no-one to help'.

Days passed with Brian looking for signals, sleeping on the same patch of clovers and taking tiny sips of what was left in his bottle of water. Suddenly, something in the sky caught Brian's eye. Looming in the distance was what looked like a helicopter. Brian thought this was his chance to get saved. He tried waving it down but the pilot didn't seem to notice. Suddenly, he remembered a scene in a movie where a guy tried to catch the attention of a pilot in a plane using a little mirror that was in his pocket. He positioned it so the sun's rays reflected off of it and hit the plane's window. The only thing was he didn't have a mirror on him, but he did have a mirror on his car. He went looking through the wreckage of his car and picked up a cracked piece of mirror and positioned it in front of the sun. The helicopter noticed him and flashed a light back at him. Brian watched the helicopter as it slowly lowered itself, getting louder and louder as it got closer to him. The helicopter situated itself just a few metres from Brian. The pilot signalled for Brian to enter the helicopter, being cautious of the propellers. He tossed on his headset and buckled up as the helicopter lifted itself off of the ground. Brian could see the red, sandy plains for miles as he and the pilot discussed what had happened to him.

The helicopter hit the ground sending red sand up into the air. Brian jumped out of the helicopter and gave the pilot a thumbs up as he and the helicopter lifted back up into the air. He finally arrived at his mother's house, just not how he planned it. He dusted himself off as he walked up to the front door and was almost immediately greeted with a huge hug.

2018 SPORTS DAY LUNCH ORDER FORM

Thursday 14th June

If you would like to order lunch on Sports Day, 14th June, please fill in the form provided and return to the front office. Please ensure each child has a separate order form. Parents are welcome to order.

ORDERS AFTER FRIDAY 8th JUNE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Name _____ Team _____ Year Born _____ (*Not Year Level*)

Sausage in bread with iceblock @ \$3.00 Circle number of sausages: 1 or 2

Nangari Hamburger with iceblock @ \$4.00 Gluten Free

Amount enclosed \$_____

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