

KŌKAKO NEWS

ŌROPI SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2024 TERM 1 WEEK 11



KIA ORA KOUTOU

The last two weeks have been full of professional learning for staff and a brilliant camp for our Year 5&6 children to Ngamuwahine. Thank you to our parent helpers and Year 5&6 teachers for putting on an awesome experience. The report-backs were very positive.

At our Teacher Only Day before the Easter Break we hosted Kathryn Berkett who is a renowned author, educator, and speaker specialising in neuroscience, child development, and education. With a background in teaching and psychology, she offered us insights into understanding and supporting children's behaviour and learning. She outlined complex neuroscience concepts and gave practical strategies. Berkett's work

emphasises the importance of fostering positive relationships, creating supportive environments, and promoting resilience in children to enhance their well-being and academic success. Through her work, she aims to empower adults with the knowledge and tools to nurture the potential of every child.

Last week I was fortunate to get some great professional learning with two educational researchers Dylan William and Holly Clark.

Dylan is an educational researcher and thought leader, particularly known for his work on assessment for learning and formative assessment. He argues that assessment should



be used not just to measure learning but to actively support and enhance it. Formative assessment involves providing feedback to students during the learning process so that they can improve their understanding and performance. Dylan has been a leading educator with regards to the concept of “assessment for learning,” which emphasises the use of assessment information to inform teaching and learning strategies. This is in contrast to “assessment of learning,” which is mainly for summarising and reporting.

Holly Clark has been exploring the role of artificial intelligence (AI) in education to enhance learning experiences for students. She talked about the integration of AI tools and technologies into the classroom to personalize learning, provide instant feedback, and facilitate collaboration among students. Clark emphasizes the importance of teaching students not just how to use AI tools, but also how to critically analyze and evaluate the information generated by these tools. She encourages us to embrace AI as a valuable educational resource that can support children’s academic growth and prepare them for success.



It has been a busy three weeks in Garden to Table, with ideal early Autumn conditions of sun and enough rain to keep things thriving.

We've been busy harvesting late summer/autumn favourites such as potatoes, cucumbers, tomatoes, zucchini, capsicum, aubergine, butternut squash and apples; providing lots of ingredients for a variety of meals.

In Week 8, Kōtare and Kōrimako classes dug up potatoes and used them to make gnocchi from scratch; little potato 'pillows' smothered in a tomato and capsicum sauce. For the side they prepared a Green Salad with a Honey Mustard Dressing and for dessert they used the first of our apples to make Apple Biscuits. As well as the fun but messy job of digging up potatoes, Kōtare fed the citrus trees, weeded, sowed ruby chard (silverbeet) and peas and pulled down the bean vines which were done for the year. Kōrimako sowed red spring onions and cornflower, pulled out the cucumber vine and fed our existing crops.

Our Week 9 cooks from Kōtare made a couple of old favourites - pizza and apple crumble! We used a No-Yeast pizza dough that doesn't require rising time and topped the bases with basil pesto and summer vegetables. To go with the crumble the kids made their own custard from scratch using our own eggs - ***it's amazing what these kids can make!***

Last week was busy with four classes of Garden to Table squeezed into the short week. On the menu was a Mixed Vegetable Frittata, Homemade Tomato Ketchup and more Apple Crumble with Vanilla Custard. Our new hens have settled in well this term and are laying every day so we needed dishes that used lots of eggs - custard and frittata to the rescue! The gardeners from Pūkeko tended to the chickens; topping up their food, water and bedding and collecting eggs. They sowed poppies in preparation for ANZAC day, harvested and weighed the first kumikumi pumpkins, summer squash and butternut squash. They also planted coriander, spinach and sorrel. Meanwhile Kōrimako sowed snowpeas, kohlrabi and marigolds. They pruned the NZ cranberry, fertilised the grapefruit and pulled out the cavolo nero.





GARDEN TO TABLE    **GROW, HARVEST, PREPARE, SHARE**



Rat Trapping Success!

At Oropi School we have been trapping rats. We want to reduce these pests from our school to keep our environment sustainable. We have got 10 Predator Free BOP traps around our school which Talia and Matthew have been checking each Monday morning. We are proud to announce that we have caught our first rat of the term, the 4th rat we have caught at Oropi School. We look forward to catching lots more! By Talia



Predator Free BOP

We have been working with Predator Free BOP at Oropi School and have learned many tips and tricks around the best trapping procedures. We have also learnt about the pests in our community and how they impact our environment and wildlife. We want to reduce these pests through trapping at Oropi School, and you can too. If you would like to contribute to reducing the pests in your backyard, please visit us in Te Hōkioi, or email demelza@oropi.school.nz for more information and to get a

FREE - Predator Free BOP rat trap!



**ONE RAT CAN KILL
50 NATIVE BIRDS
IN IT'S LIFETIME**

WHĀNAU HUI

Tuesday, 30 April 2024, 5-6pm

We invite all whānau to join us at kura/school for a hui to discuss and collaborate on:

- Whānau aspirations for their tamaiti/child's learning
- Ōropi School's bicultural strategic overview
- Opportunities and possibilities for Te Kōkako o Otanewainuku/our bilingual class.

For more information please email us at:

office@oropi.school.nz

Attn: Ayn Harris

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive



SINCE 1899

**Ōropi
School**

be all you can be | whāia te matauranga

Important Dates Term 1 & Term 2

APRIL 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Week 11	8	9 Art Gallery/ Library Trip -Peddle (Y7&8) <i>Kapa Haka</i>	10 Western BOP Swimming Sports <i>Upton's Music at School</i>	11 Puwhenua Team Camp Parent Meeting (Y3&4) <i>Music with Katy</i>	12 LAST DAY OF TERM <i>Music with Katy</i>	13 TERM 1 HOLIDAYS. Starts 13 April 2024 (Sat) Finishes 28 April 2024 (Sun)	14

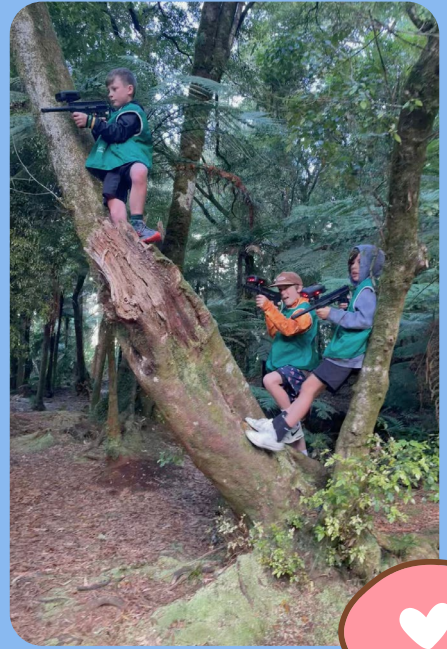
**Important dates
to remember**

Friday 12th April - Last day of term - **Normal school hours**
School Holidays - **Saturday 13 April to Sunday 28 April**
Includes: ANZAC Day – Thursday 25 April

APRIL / MAY 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Week 1	29	30 Art Gallery/ Library Trip - Pūkeko Mrs T & Te Hokioi Demelza Whānau Hui 5pm <i>Kapa Haka</i>	1 Art Gallery/ Library Trip - Kōtare Alaina & Mr C <i>Upton's Music at School</i>	2 <i>Music with Katy</i>	3	4	5
	6	7 Art Gallery/ Library Trip Piwakawaka Jess & Kea Cat iSPORT Foundation BOP 'Active Kids Event' with Richie McCaw! Tech (Y7&8) - Mr Lewis	8 <i>Upton's Music at School</i>	9 Middle Team Camp - Totara Springs <i>Music with Katy</i>	10 Middle Team Camp - Totara Springs	11	12
Week 2	13	14 Art Gallery/ Library Trip - Pukeko Trista <i>Kapa Haka</i>	15 <i>Upton's Music at School</i>	16 Inter-School Amazing Race <i>Music with Katy</i>	17 Pink Shirt Day	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Week 3	27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

TERM 2: Number of weeks - 10 **Term start and end dates:** Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July **Public holidays:**
 King's Birthday Monday 3 June & Matariki Friday 28 June **School holidays:** Saturday 6 July to Sunday 21 July



Waimapu
Team Camp
Ngamywahine Lodge
3-5th April

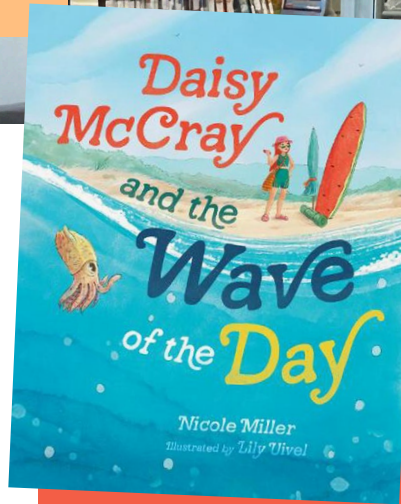


ŌROPI SCHOOL LIBRARY

BOOK NEWS AND VIEWS



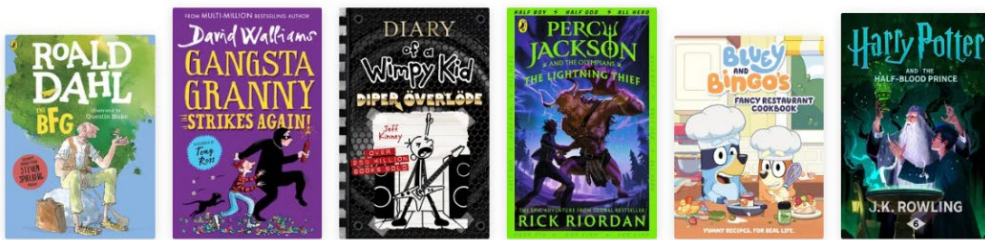
We were very fortunate to have the Author, Nicole Miller, come to speak to both Pūwhenua and Waimapu Teams to discuss her inspiration for Writing. She is the author of 'Celia the Seagull and the Plastic Sea' and 'Daisy McCray and the Wave of the Day'. Both books have wonderful rhyming prose and have important messages. **A few very lucky students from each class were able to attend a Writers Workshop with Nicole.** Her presentation was excellent and very inspirational for all of our students. Nicole is a teacher and has worked at our school in the past so many of us were already familiar with her.



Keep an eye out in the Library in Term 2 as we have a copy of each of Nicole's books!

DID YOU KNOW?

Tauranga City library membership's provides you with **FREE ACCESS** to BorrowBox with best-selling authors for adults, young adults and children. BorrowBox collection has thousands of e-books and e-audiobooks, and a selection of magazines from around the world. Enjoy reading on your smartphone, tablet, e-reader or computer. **For more information check out www.tauranga.borrowbox.com/**



Here is a snippet of the popular reads available online at Borrowbox

Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



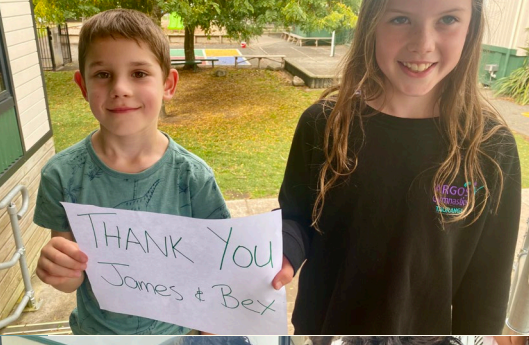
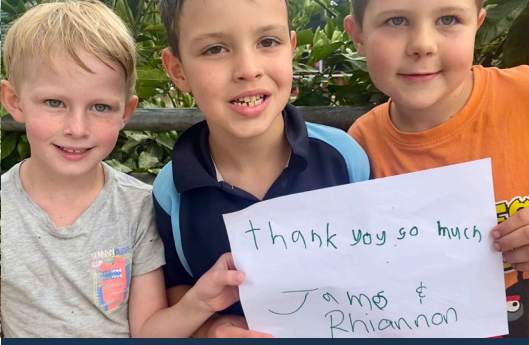
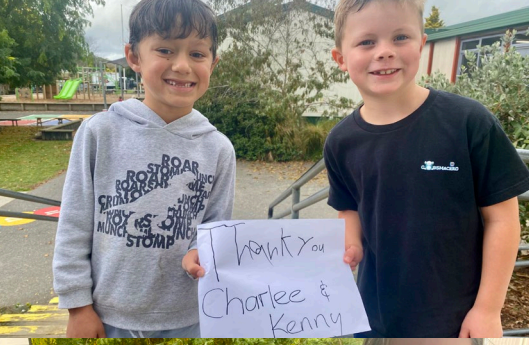
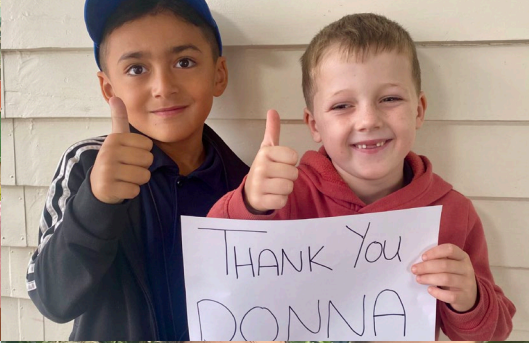
The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

Kia ora Kids!
 the **Hell Reading Challenge** is back for 2024!
 Read 7 books and get a free 333 Kids Pizza





As our 11 Oropi teams, involving over 80 kids are finishing up their summer sports this week we want to take this opportunity to **thank the awesome coaches and managers who have made Oropi sport possible this term.**



THANK YOU SO MUCH for all you have done this term for children's sport, it would not have taken place without you putting your hand up and stepping into the role of coach or manager. Please know how much you are appreciated by the school and the fellow parents within your child's team.



RIPPA RUGBY

The final match of the season brought extra excitement for both our Year 5&6 and Year 3&4 boys' teams as they had the unique opportunity to play against each other instead of encountering a BYE. It turned into a friendly match between Oropi teams, with numerous tries scored and impressive rips made. The spirit of sportsmanship was evident as players generously shared the ball to ensure that everyone had a chance to participate

Tauranga Boys' College

Learn to Row

Sundays @ 10am

Row your way into Fun & Fitness with our friendly and supportive squad!

Bay of Plenty Coast Rowing Club
369 Wairoa Road, past Bethlehem

All details on Learn to Row WhatsApp
join by scanning the code
email t.williams@tbc.school.nz



Rotorua Mini Marathon



Now open to schools around the Bay of Plenty

Available for children Year 1 – Year 8
\$6 per child (schools to be invoiced)
Entries close 9am, Thursday 18th April

Friday 3rd May 2024

Energy Events Centre

Complete 40km of the running in the weeks leading up to the event
Finish the last 2km of the 'Marathon' at the Mini Marathon

Participants will receive

- An official race bib with their name, school and race number printed on it
- A downloadable mini marathon passport to help track progress
- Online certification of completion
- Entry into the spot prize draw – done at prize giving after the event

For more information email info@eventpromotions.co.nz

Fun First Football have opened Term 2 registrations

for their
popular Fun
Football
Programme at
Ōropi School.



**TERM 2
REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN TO ALL
OROPi SCHOOL KIDS/
MONDAYS 3PM – 4PM**



**GO TO OUR
WEBSITE AND BOOK
YOUR SPOT FOR
TERM 2 TODAY!**



To join the fun in Term 2, simply Book your spot at <https://funfirstfootball.co.nz>

On Tuesday April 9 Isabella Applegate, Emma Weston, and Hayden Winters were selected to represent the Central Zone at the WBOP Swimming Championships as a result of their performance at the Tall Poppies event in March. It was a day of strong competition involving students from a wide range of schools across the Western Bay.

Isabella gained the following placings:

- 2nd 100m Backstroke
- 2nd 100m Freestyle
- 2nd 50m Backstroke
- 2nd 100m Individual Medley
- 3rd 50m Freestyle
- 3rd 25m Butterfly
- 5th 100m Breaststroke
- 6th 50m Breaststroke

Emma gained the following placings:

- 2nd 50m Backstroke
- 6th 100m Individual Medley

WBOP ZONE SWIMMING COMPETITION



WESTERN BAY SWIMMING - RESULTS PENDING



Payton Williams

- 25m Year 5 girls butterfly
- 25m Year 5 girls backstroke

Rikaia Poharama

- 25m freestyle Year 5 girls
- 50m freestyle Year 5 girls
- Representing Western clusters in the freestyle relay!



WEST CLUSTER SWIMMING RESULTS



Luke Reed

25m Breastroke Year 5 Boys - 2nd

Daichi Andersson

25m Breastroke Year 5 Boys - 2nd

Rikaia Poharama

25m Freestyle Year 5 Girls - 3rd
50m Freestyle Year 5 Girls - 3rd

Payton Williams

25m Butterfly Year 5 Girls - 2nd
25m Backstroke Year 5 Girls - 2nd
25m Breastroke Year 5 Girls - 3rd
50m Breastroke Year 5 Girls - 3rd

Swayze Townley

50m Backstroke Year 5 Girls - 3rd

TAURANGA NETBALL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

APRIL 2024

\$42
per session
9am - 3pm



NETBALL SKILLS
WED
17TH APRIL



MULTI SPORT
THURS
18TH APRIL



NETBALL SKILLS
TUES
23RD APRIL



MULTI SPORT
WED
24TH APRIL

BOOK NOW

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APRIL 2024

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES & HOCKEY 5'S FESTIVAL

HOCKEY
TAURANGA

Keep moving over the holidays! Get ready for the winter hockey season! Something for everyone! Come join us for one or more sessions available over the April School Holidays

LAUNCHING OUR NEW HOCKEY 5'S PROGRAMME!

**LEARN SKILLS,
MAKE FRIENDS,
HAVE FUN,
PLAY HOCKEY.**



For more information and to register, check our our website:
www.taurangahockey/communityengagement/holidayprogramme



\$650 for a week of fun!

Adventure Advanced Explorers Camp

(8-13 year olds)

Mon 15th - Fri 19th April 2024

Pick-up/Drop-off- Hamilton or Tauranga

Based at Omokoroa Top10 Holiday Park

Mon 15th

Omokoroa Reserve

Tue 16th

Aongatete Waterhole & Bushwalk

Wed 17th

Waihi Beach & Windows Walk

Thu 18th

Mt Maunganui Beach & Rock Pools

Fri 19th

Puketoki Reserve

For more information:

Todd Burton

todd@edventure.co.nz

0275349949

Register Here

Click: [Edventure Tauranga Facebook Page](#)

Creative Taster Sessions

OROPĪ

Term 2 After School Art for Ages 8+

Thursday's 2nd May - 4th July

3pm - 4:30pm

Ten weeks - \$300 for term
(MAXIMUM OF TEN STUDENTS)

Expand your creative palette!

Try some different art practices
around an
AUTUMN THEME

Kids can develop ideas in their own unique way
& we will use lots of different mediums.

I will guide them through charcoal, pastels, pen and
wash, clay, acrylic,
mixed media, portrait drawing, mosaic, water colour
& abstract

352a Oropi Gorge Road
Oropi, Tauranga, 3173

Dress for mess!

Please contact Andrea Green to book your place.
creativetastersessions@gmail.com



CHILDREN'S COUNSELLING

Available at Ōropi School - Mondays during school hours

We're excited to announce the launch of "Talk Time" counselling sessions at Ōropi School, starting April 8th. Led by our dedicated trainee counsellor, Amy, these sessions offer a safe, confidential space for your children to explore their feelings and develop essential life skills.

What "Talk Time" Offers:

- Free counselling sessions during school hours.
- Confidential support tailored to your child's needs.
- Empathetic guidance to navigate challenges.
- A safe environment for expression and growth.

To learn more or
express interest,
contact Alaina at:
alaina@oropi.school.nz



Amy, a compassionate student at Bethlehem Tertiary Institute in Tauranga, brings a wealth of experience and a genuine passion for working with children. Her approach is empathetic, non-judgmental, and collaborative, ensuring that each child feels heard and supported throughout their journey.



Want to play the guitar?

We offer group lessons during school time in the guitar truck. With space for up to 5 students, the truck makes learning fun and interactive. Lessons are 30mins in length and everything needed is in the truck.

During the year there will be opportunities to perform at a professional venue for friends and whānau!

Scan the QR code to sign up today!

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SIGNUPS GO IN THE DRAW TO
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21st April 2024

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**JUNIOR MOUNTAIN RACE : \$20 ENTRY FEE. \$30 ON THE DAY.
15 AND UNDER APPROX 2.5KM
MEDALS TO ALL JUNIOR FINISHERS**

**SENIOR MOUNTAIN RACE: \$40 ENTRY FEE. \$50 ON THE DAY.
16-19Y, SENIOR, MASTERS 35-49, MASTERS 50+**

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INSTAGRAM: @athletics_tauranga

EMAIL: info@athleticstauranga.co.nz



NUTS & BOLTS 2024

ADMINISTRATION

Office hours at 8.30am to 3.30pm

Email: office@oropi.school.nz

Phone: (07) 543 1479

ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please notify by HERO, email or phone to the school office

by 9.00am on the morning of the absence.

School office: (07) 543 1479

BUS

If you are collecting your child from school, you must **notify the office before 2pm** to allow enough time for us to update bus lists. Failure to communicate this often slows down the release of buses in the afternoon.

SIGN IN AND OUT

In case of an emergency, and for health and safety reasons, we need to know who is on the school grounds. Please report to the office if you are picking up your child early, arriving late, or if they have been at an appointment and have returned to school.

UNIFORM ITEMS

We have uniform items that are available to purchase through our school office.

Sun hat \$20.00

Polo shirt \$35.00

Hoody \$65.00

Jacket \$60.00

COOLER WEATHER

Entering cooler months brings a shift in weather, which often means unpredictable conditions. As temperatures drop, it's essential to prepare your children for potential changes in the climate. One practical step is ensuring they have a spare change of clothes readily available. Whether it's unexpected rain showers, muddy playgrounds, or simply the chill in the air, having spare clothes on hand can keep your children comfortable and protected throughout the day.

PARKING

For the safety of everyone, please cross the road at the road crossing by the bus turning bay. Do not walk across the road on blind corner. We encourage families to park at the Hall and walk up the path to school. Please use common sense and refrain from parking across the driveways of our neighbours. Please do not park in the staff car park.



The Ōropi Blockers volleyball team demonstrated exceptional teamwork and dedication throughout the season, showcasing remarkable progress and sportsmanship. A huge thank you to coach Murray and manager Amanda for their support and guidance.

Prizes up
for grabs!



Have you got what it takes to hunt down the 'Most Wanted' invasive pests, threats and diseases to protect the Bay of Plenty?

5th April - 5th May

Visit www.greathunt.co.nz
to play online or scan code to
Download Worksheet



Order online by 9am
for delivery Thursday

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Oropi School / Term 1 2024



2 Taurikura Dr
Tauranga Crossing
Tauranga 3171
07-543 0547

PLAIN PETITA PITA

Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

WHOLEMEAL PETITA PITA

Wholemeal Free Range Chicken Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Roast Beef Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Falafel Petita	\$6.00
Wholemeal Garden Veggie Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Marmite Petita	\$5.50
Wholemeal Vegemite Petita	\$5.50

GLUTEN FREE PETITA PITA

GLUTEN FREE Free Range Chicken Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Free Farmed Ham Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Roast Beef Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Pulled Pork Petita	\$7.50
GLUTEN FREE Garden Veggie Petita	\$7.00

PETITA SALAD BOX

Free Range Chicken Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Free Farmed Ham Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Roast Beef Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Pulled Pork Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Falafel Petita Salad Box	\$7.00
Garden Veggie Petita Salad Box	\$6.50

SIDES

Chocolate Chip Cookie	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge	\$2.50
Brownie Chocolate Fudge GLUTEN FREE	\$2.80
Pita Chips with Aioli Dipping Sauce (large)	\$3.90

DRINKS

Cool Ridge Water 750ml	\$4.00
Charlies 200ml Tropical Juice	\$2.00
Charlies 200ml Blackcurrant Juice	\$2.00
Charlies 200ml Apple and Orange Juice	\$2.00

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