2014 CANTEEN REPORT:

This year we have had a change in staff with the resignation of Jenny Iffland midway through the year last year and the appointment of Katrina L’ estrange as the new Canteen Assistant in August. Katrina is working Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

We have had a busy start to 2014 with the Prep swimming carnival, and an increase in the number of lunch orders especially on Fridays. We are also seeing a little increase in these numbers on Monday’s as well. This has increased since the seniors have been able to order online. We have averaged 166 lunch orders a week in the last 6 months with the most lunch orders being 267 in a week.

We have introduced a number of new products in the last 12 months, these include to Blizzard frozen drinks (slushies) were the first of these new products and it has sold very well. Sushi, Billabong ice blocks and Lipton Light Ice tea are the newest products having only been available for a couple of weeks. All of these products are school canteen approved and they are selling well, it is only early days, we will be monitoring the sales of these products, but so far the feedback we are getting is all positive in regards to these items. I have had staff asking about order the Sushi as well, which is fantastic. I have been asked by some of the students if we could also get other flavours in the ice tea.

We are about to change the flavour of one of the slushies mixtures as the Fruit burst hasn’t been selling well. So we will be introducing strawberry instead. We have also introduced a large serve of the slushie which is yet to take off.

Chicken burgers have also been put back onto the menu after trialling them as specials, they are selling well. The Curry that we put on the menu in winter sold very well, so we will be putting that back on the menu during the colder months. We are going to be changing the pasta so that we don’t always have the same flavour. The soups that we had available during the winter months last year didn’t sell.

We had a new hot chocolate machine installed last year, which is also school canteen approved, the sales of these are going well. With this machine we are able to have hot chocolate available on the colder days in terms 1 and 4.

The hot chocolate machine and the slushie machine are both from the same company, and they are free on loan. This saved the canteen on purchasing these machines.

We are also advertising the fresh fruit cups and salads that have always been available to the students so that they are aware that they can purchase these healthier alternatives. We have them on display in the drink fridge and we have been having good and bad days with these products.

We will be looking at price changes later on in the year as the cost of some of our items have increased.

We have had two blackboards that were in the canteen mounted on the walls outside of the canteen, so we can advertise new products and specials. This will eliminate having to print out flyers and have them stuck to the walls outside where they can blow off.

Our volunteer number are down very low to start the year, with some of our previous volunteer having children who finished last year and some having other commitments and no longer being able to help. We are currently trying to gather some new volunteers. During the Prep swimming carnival I spent the day down at the pool speaking to the parents and grandparents of the students, we have had a few people say they were interested and take forms, we will keep advertising that we require more volunteers through-out the year. Hopefully this will lead to us gaining some new helpers. We have had 3 new volunteer be added to our roster since the beginning of the year.

I would like to thank our current and new volunteer for their time. I would also like to thank our previous volunteer for all of their time and hard work. Having the help of these parents is greatly appreciated by Katrina and myself.
We are currently having some dramas with the prefect who should be helping out in the canteen as we only have one who is showing up and this is on a Monday. Mondays and Tuesdays I am on my own in the canteen and it can be a struggle to get everyone served without the prefects to give a hand. There have been days when I haven’t managed to get all the students served before the bell.

There are a few major works we are looking at getting completed during the holidays this year we are going to be looking at getting the coolroom floor resurfaced and one of the shelves powder-coated.

At this time there are no major purchases on the agenda for the canteen.