



GARDEN SUBURB PUBLIC SCHOOL

We strive for excellence, student growth and wellbeing



Principals Award – Caleb F

Caleb is a kind and friendly student who has been recognised by his peers, teachers, and community members as demonstrating thoughtfulness and care for others. He shows empathy for those around him and is the first to go and cheer someone up or ask them to play a game. Caleb greets his peers and teachers with a warm smile and kind comments to start or end the day. In the classroom, his commitment to learning is admirable. Caleb always shows a keen interest in what he is learning and inspires his classmates with his clever strategies in Maths. Caleb is always working hard to improve himself and help those around him. Thank you for changing people's day and your positive attitude toward yourself and others. Congratulations Caleb!

Term 1 – Week 9

Our teachers are preparing for our Week 11 parent/teacher interviews. Just a reminder that an invitation is extended to parents to visit the school at any time throughout the year if you have any concerns. When people are making decisions for and about your child, your voice and point of view, and your child's point of view, help to make sure these decisions are in your child's best interests. The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The most effective way to communicate with the school is by contacting the classroom teacher directly, this can be done by calling our office or messaging them on the Sentral Parent Portal App. The classroom teacher knows your child best, and they need to be kept updated with any information in relation to your child. If the classroom teacher needs assistance to resolve any concerns, they will refer the matter on to the Stage Assistant Principals. Our Assistant Principals are also classroom teachers and they may not be available to meet with you immediately, they will happily return your call and make a time to meet with you.

- K-2 Assistant Principal is Kelly Pitts
- 3-6 Assistant Principal is Kayla Perry
- Multistage Classes Assistant Principal is Kaylie Johnson

Have you seen the online Parent and Carers toolkit?

This has been designed to support you, our parents and carers, check out our online toolkit packed with self-care tips and handy lists.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/schooling-initiatives/parent-and-carers-toolkit>

There is also a PDF booklet that can be downloaded.

https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/en/home/parents-and-carers/parent-and-carers-toolkit/documents/parents_and_carers_essentials_toolkit.pdf

Claire Bradshaw
Principal

Attendance

CHILDREN WHO HAVE A POSITIVE START TO SCHOOL ARE LIKELY TO ENGAGE AND EXPERIENCE ONGOING ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL SUCCESS

TERM 1 - 2024

ATTENDANCE: WEEK 8



KINDERGARTEN: 98%
 YEAR 1: 94%
 YEAR 2: 97%
 YEAR 3: 94%
 YEAR 4: 94%
 YEAR 5: 93%
 YEAR 6: 98%

PERCENTAGES ARE CALCULATED BASED ON THE YEAR GROUPS' AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Above 95%
Expected Attendance



90-95%
Minimum Standard



Below 90%
Educationally at Risk



EVERY DAY COUNTS



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

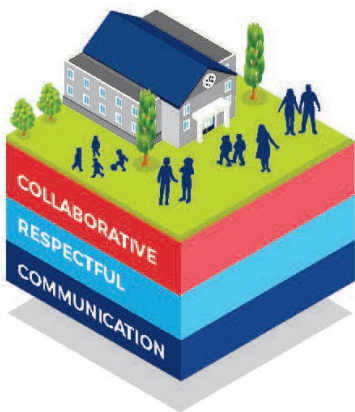
We treat each other with **respect**

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 – 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.

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We create **collaborative** learning environments

We all play **our part**

We work **in partnership** to promote student learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

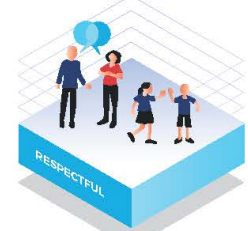
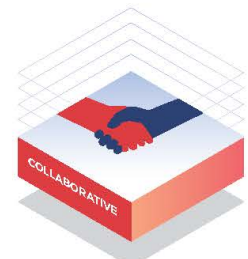
Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process: education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.



Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au

Dates for your Calendar

Sentral Parent Calendar

Term 1

Week 10

Easter Monday - public holiday	Mon 1 Apr
Reptile Park Stage 2 & 3 Excursion	Tues 2 Apr
Oakvale Farm Early Stage 1 Excursion	Wed 3 Apr
Hunter Valley Wildlife Park Stage 1 Excursion	Thurs 4 Apr
Train-On Debating Workshop	Thurs 4 Apr
PBL Rewards Day – Wear your PJ's to school	Fri 5 Apr
Assembly	Fri 5 Apr
Cardiff Community of Schools ABED Gala Day – selected students	Fri 5 Apr

Week 11

Parent Teacher Interviews	Mon 8 Apr – Fri 12 Apr
School photo day	Tues 9 Apr
ANZAC Day Assembly	Fri 12 Apr
Last day of school	Fri 12 Apr

Term 2

Week 1

Staff Development Day	Mon 29 Apr
Students first day of Term 2	Tues 30 Apr

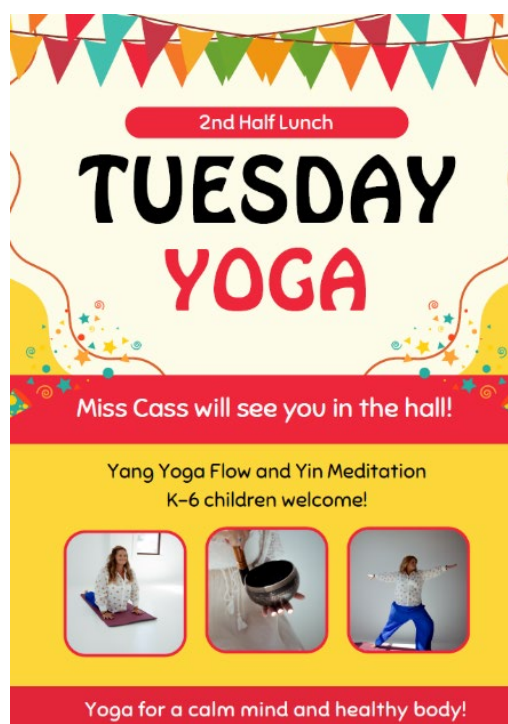
Week 2

Cardiff HS Yr 7 2025 Parent Information Session	Tues 7 th May
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Student mobile phones and smart watches

This is a reminder that if you give permission for your child/ren to bring a smart phone or smart watch to school you will need to complete the 'Mobile phone procedures' permission form and hand it into the office. The form can be found in the 'Resources' icon in your Sentral parent portal, under School Information or a printed copy can be collected from the office. Watches will need to be turned off while at school and phones will need to be handed into the office before school and collected after the end of day bell.



Year 6 moving into Year 7 Expression of Interest

Families will need to complete your Expression of Interest for the High School you intend to send your Year 6 child to next year.

Click on this link and complete the form by **4th April 2024**.

<https://year7.enrol.education.nsw.gov.au/?schoolCode=4136>

This expression of interest process **does not** support placement in specialist schools, selective schools and/or support classes. If you fall under any of these categories please contact the office to request a paper based form.

Ethics

Ethics has started this year for Y5/6 with some challenging questions around "What makes a fair society?". This is challenging even as a teacher! The takeaway question today was "Does 'Meelon Dusk' and 'Deeyonce' deserve the money they earn?". We have one more week discussing a fair society before starting into 'Appeal to authority' - When should we simply accept a rule or a piece of advice from someone who is an expert or authority (for example, a teacher, doctor, the government, an older brother or sister or a friend)? When, if ever, is it okay to challenge a rule or piece of advice given by someone who is an expert or authority?

Discussions follow a statewide approved, age appropriate curriculum with about 3 weeks on each topic. The sequence of thought provoking subjects for Y5/6 this year are:

- Extending human rights to animals
- Beliefs, opinions, tolerance and respect
- Interacting with AI
- Teasing

For more background on Primary Ethics, the topics discussed in class and how to volunteer to be an Ethics teacher at Garden Suburb, please check out the links below:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/>

Becoming an Ethics teacher:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/>

What happens in Ethics classes?

<https://primaryethics.com.au/about-ethics-classes/>

Y5/6 2024 Topics:

<https://primaryethics.com.au/curriculum/#stage-three>

School Photos

Newcastle School Portraits
Capturing your memories for *25* Years

On Tuesday 9th April students will have their school photo taken.

Please make sure students are dressed in full school uniform.

To view packages and order online go to

www.newcastleschoolportraits.com

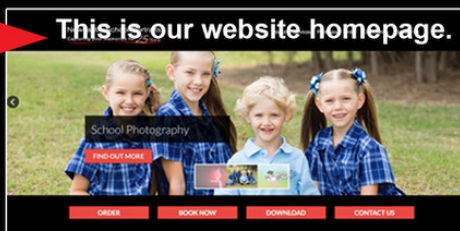
The GSPS Shoot Code is: 410231

Orders to be placed before photo day to avoid a late fee.

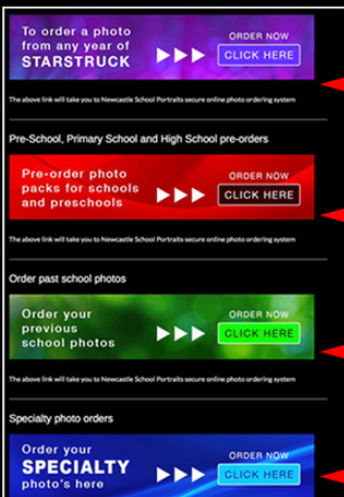
If you would prefer to pay cash envelopes are available in the office.

How to navigate our website

To complete your order online or to download your free digital image please go to our website homepage:
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com



This is our website homepage.



To order photos from Star Struck please click on red "Order" button on our website homepage then click on Purple box and enter the code "starstruck" to browse and purchase your photos.

To order up coming school photos please click on red "Order" button on our website homepage then click Red box and enter shoot code provided by your school then follow instructions to order.

To order photos from past shoots please click on red "Order" button on our website homepage then click Green box and enter shoot code provide by your school then follow instructions to order.

To order specialty photos please click on red "Order" button on our website homepage then click Blue box and enter shoot code/Password provided by school. This is a different code from normal school photo code and is case sensitive.

How to download a digital image

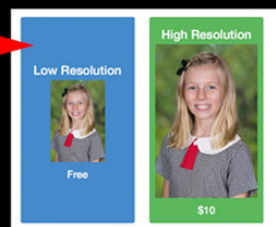
Click on the red "Download" button on our website home page then click on blue low resolution box.



You will be taken to the page asking for your unique code from your printed individual photo.

This password is case sensitive so please recheck your code if the download fails.

For example: Upper case i can look like a lower case L. Once code is entered correctly your photo will automatically download to your device.



Please contact us if you require further assistance
E: admin@newcastleschoolportraits.com

T: 49654114

A: 21 Broadmeadow Road, Broadmeadow

Newcastle School Portraits

Capturing your memories for over *25* Years

Parent teacher Interview booking

Parent teacher interview bookings are now open to be held in Week 11 this term. Students are **NOT** required to be with you for these appointments.

Parents **DO NOT** need to make a parent teacher interview booking if you have recently had a PLSP meeting with your child's teacher.

Parents of KT class will be sent a parent teacher booking link later for bookings in Term 2, 2024 due to Mrs Traynor being unavailable this term.

If you can't make it to any of the available times please message your classroom teacher via Sentral to see if they can arrange a more appropriate time.

If you have any questions please contact the office on 4943 4898.

To make a booking follow this link:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/4kubm>

OR use this QR code:



Yr 4 - 2025 Opportunity Class placement applications

Applications for Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2025 open 4 April and close 20 May 2024. [Here's how to submit an application.](#)

Opportunity classes are an important way to support high-potential and gifted students. Parents will need to apply for Year 5 opportunity class placement while their children are in Year 4. The tests will be held in designated government high school test centres or other facilities.

Key dates

Thursday 4 April to Monday 20 May 2024 – Applications open for Year 5 entry to opportunity classes in 2025.

Thursday 1 August 2024 – Candidates sit the Opportunity Class Placement Test.

Premier Reading Challenge

26TH FEBURARY-23RD AUGUST

K-2

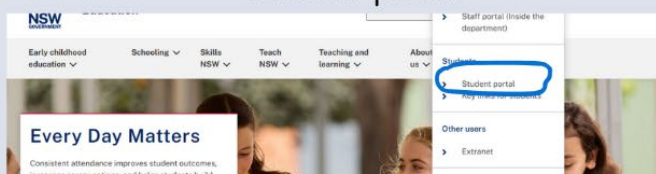
Students are encouraged to read books with their teachers and family members. No need to log books on the PRC website.

3-6

Students are encouraged to read books with their teachers and family members. They will need to record reading log electronically to their PRC reading log.

How to add books to the PRC reading log.

1. Log into the NSW Department of Education Student portal.



2. Select the PRC Icon



3. Start reading and log books



Payments to school

The school has transitioned to using Sentral for payments to the school. Any future payments to the school will be requested via an activity in your Sentral parent portal, 'Newsfeed' icon or you can check any unpaid activities by clicking on the 'Payments' icon.



Please check that you can login to your Sentral parent portal and you have downloaded the app on your phone. Please see link below for guidance on downloading the parents app. <https://www.sentral.com.au/getting-started>

Contact the school if you require a Sentral parent portal access code to be emailed to you.



PBL REWARDS DAY

Movie and Popcorn Party!

You are invited to a movie and popcorn party on
Friday 5th April

Wear your pj's to school!
Please remember appropriate footwear. You can bring
slippers to wear inside.

A black rectangular graphic with white and yellow text. At the top, it says 'PBL REWARDS DAY' in white. Below that, 'Movie and Popcorn Party!' is written in a large, bold, white font. The text 'You are invited to a movie and popcorn party on Friday 5th April' is in a smaller white font. At the bottom, it says 'Wear your pj's to school! Please remember appropriate footwear. You can bring slippers to wear inside.' in white. The graphic is decorated with yellow stars and two red and white striped popcorn buckets filled with yellow popcorn. At the bottom, there are two yellow film reels with white sprocket holes.

Star Struck

Soon you will be able to purchase your tickets to see the Star Struck performance. Garden Suburb PS is in Cast B which is on Friday 15th June evening (7pm) and Saturday 15th June matinee (1pm).

SAVE THE DATE

Star
Struck 

Love it ²⁰₂₄

Tickets on sale

Tuesday 30th April @10am



Performances

Friday 14 June @11am & 7pm

Saturday 15 June @1pm & 7pm



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Year 6 Fundraiser

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TERM 1 - EVERY MONDAY FROM WEEK 6

Stage 3 EXCURSION

CANBERRA

Expression of Interest: to be sent home via the Central Parent Portal in Week 11, Term 1.
EOI due back Week 2, Term 2 (Wed 8th May)

REMINDER OF DATES:

- Term 4 - Week 3
- Wednesday 30th October
- Thursday 31st October
- Friday 1st November



Sport

Cross Country

Well done to all of our students for taking part in the annual cross country. It was lovely to see our parent community support our students.



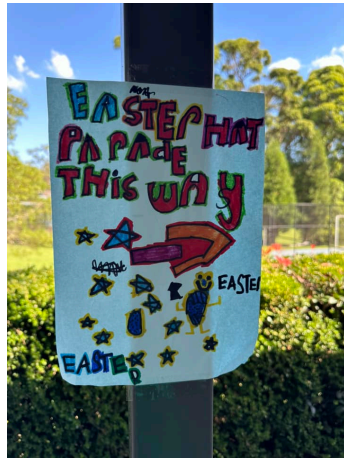
Dunford Cup

Competitive Galas for Soccer and Netball will be held in Term 2, with the first game being on the 17th May for both Junior and Senior players. Try-outs will take place in Term 2 as limited spots will be available. More information will be released as the date gets closer.



Easter Hat Parade

It was lovely to see our parent community come along to watch the students parade in their Easter Hat creations.

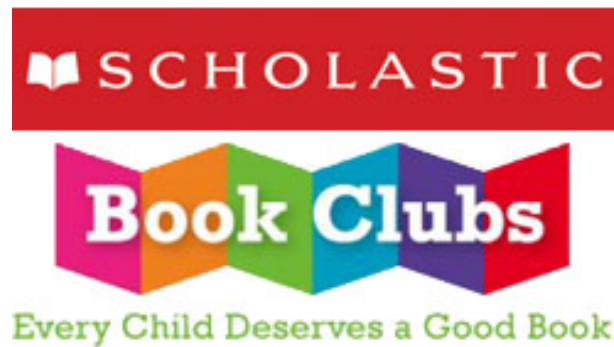


Book Club

Parents please use the below links to access the Book club catalogue and order online using the LOOP app.

Catalogue - <https://www.scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/book-club/>

LOOP - <https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Login.aspx>





PBL Paddlepops

Students receive Dazzlers in the classroom and playground for displaying our school values and expectations. Dazzlers are placed in a raffle that is drawn out by our leaders. Winners enjoy a paddle pop with the principal. The Dazzlers from each weekly raffle are then placed into a large barrel for an end of term super raffle. Congratulations to all the winners, who were lucky enough to receive a PBL Paddlepop or iceblock this fortnight.





Uniting Church Charlestown

Holiday Kids Fun Club

Come join
the Circus



Wednesday 24th April 2024

(Children in Years K - 6)

9.30am - 3pm

Cost \$10/Child (maximum family payment \$20)

(includes lunch & craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 18/4/2024

Charlestown Uniting Church
P O Box 449
Charlestown. 2290

All enquires please phone:
0409 445 933 - Cathy
or
4944 7826 - Laraine

**TO SECURE YOUR CHILDS PLACE
REGISTRATION & PRE-PAYMENT ARE ESSENTIAL
Limited number of places available
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE DAY**

PAID REGISTRATIONS due by 18/4/24

Child's Name:

AGE: PHONE:.....

ADDRESS:

Allergies/Medical Conditions:.....

Special Dietary Condition:.....

Physical Activities: YES / NO (please circle)

Activities in the Park: YES / NO (please circle)

Permission for Photos: YES / NO (please circle)

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Emergency Contact:

Name:

Phone/Mobile:

Email.....

I give permission for to attend
Holiday Kids Club at the Uniting Church Charlestown.
I understand all care will be taken and give permission for
medical help to be obtained in case of an emergency

Signed.....Date.....

FROM THE P&C

Keep up to date with P&C Fundraising and Information via our Website and Facebook Page


Website: <https://garden-suburb-public-schoolpc.square.site/>

Facebook: @GardenSuburbPublicSchoolP&C <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083216018103>

Join the P&C and be a financial member for \$2 per calendar year. Receive minutes of each meeting and be involved in a group of like-minded parents!

<https://garden-suburb-public-school-pc.square.site/join-us>

Entertainment Book



When sharing is caring.

Support us today

Entertainment Fundraising

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store

Have you ever thought about the benefits and perks of having an Entertainment Book? 🤔

- 👉 1. 20% of every purchase goes directly back to the school
 - 👉 2. From now until the 2nd of April, purchase any Single City Membership and receive a free upgrade to Multi City
 - 😊 3. If you go out for two buy one get one free meals (valued at \$35 each), you will have already made your money back for the cost of book
- Follow the link to support GSPS get the library of their dreams. It's a win-win for everyone! 🙏😊📖

Garden Suburb Public School P&C
Association



<https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/3426v2>

Canteen News

Make your child's day with a birthday bucket from the canteen. It's easy to order through your Quickcliq account. Make a meal order, click on the date of your child's birthday and you will see 'Birthday Bucket', then select their class.



Canteen volunteers link is <https://garden-suburb-public-school-pc.square.site/school-canteen>



Canteen Roster

If you can spare some time to help out in the canteen please contact the office. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Week 10		Week 11	
Wed 3/4	Donna & Maria	Mon 10/4	Donna & Cena
Thurs 4/4	Donna & Karen	Wed 11/4	Donna & Danielle M
Fri 5/4	Donna, Toni, Vicki & Jenny	Thu 12/4	Donna, Simone & Sheree



Fundamental Movement Skills Activity: Balancing Act

Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) are the building blocks of movement. Just like kids need to learn to read and write, they need to learn how to master FMS for a lifetime of enjoying being physically active.

Try the activity 'Balancing Act' to develop balance!

Students try balancing different objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance.

What you need:

Various balancing objects, such as feathers, shoes, caps, broom handles, balancing poles (made from rolled up newspaper and sticky tape), etc.

What to do:

- Students balance various objects to see which shapes are easiest to balance
- Students use different body parts to balance the objects, such as the palm or back of their hand, or their knee, foot, elbow or chin

Change it up:

- Students try walking or lying down and getting back up again while trying to balance the object
- Students 'jump' the balancing object from one body part to another i.e., one hand to another
- Compete with others and see who can hold a balance the longest



Source: Playing for life (www.sportaus.gov.au)



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<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Developed by Hunter New England LHD



Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Busting lunchbox myths!

Marketing and health claims can make choosing everyday foods very confusing.

Did you know that whilst a muesli bar contains healthy ingredients, the added sugar and fat make it a sometimes food?

Swap from muesli bars to sunflower or pumpkin seeds, roasted fava beans, wholegrain cereal bites, reduced fat yoghurt or fresh fruit.

**SWAP
FROM**



Muesli bar

**SWAP
TO**



Wholegrain cereal bites



For more lunchbox myth busters scan the QR code or visit www.swapit.net.au/myths

