

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on my time at St Patrick's and the many changes that have taken place as we have tried to provide a valued education for our students. There have been many changes including new programs and new buildings. We have gone from a school of approximately 330 to just under 400. I am looking forward to celebrating my final week at St Patrick's with everyone in our community and I thank you all our families for the support you have shown me over the past 10 years!!

ART SHOW

The Art Show will be from Tuesday 5th September to Thursday 7th September. We will have our opening and auction night on Wednesday 6th September where we will have food trucks and a fun evening planned for all our families. Please try and keep this night free in your calendar. We would like to see all families at St Pat's that night.

SCHOOL UNIFORM – GIRLS PANTS

As per the newsletter last week, school pants for girls are now available from PSW. They should be worn with blue socks.

MOVIE NIGHT / DISCO

The Prep / Year 1 Movie Night and Year 2-6 Disco will be on Friday 18th August. The movie night will be from 5pm-7pm and the disco will be from 6:45pm – 8:00pm.

Tickets are now available for the Disco and Movie Night and can be purchased via the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/eve/ntlist/stpats>

WORK IN MITCHELL ST

We have been informed by the City of Kingston that the work in Mitchell Street will take 6 weeks. We will keep you updated of any changes.

ATHLETICS TRAINING

Athletics training has commenced for our athletics squad and will continue until the District Athletics on August 31st. Time and dates will be on the school calendar and the newsletter calendar.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE SUSPENDED

Earlier today I was informed by the City of Kingston that they will be suspending the before school care program for the next three weeks starting from Monday next week. They have a severe staff shortage but are working to rectify this situation. At the bottom of this page is a letter that has been sent by Kingston to all families who use their program.

FINAL DAY AND ASSEMBLY

I will be finishing up at St Patrick's on Friday 11th August. I am happy to announce that we will have a special guest visiting us on my last day. This will be a special treat for the students as a parting gift from me!!!

I gave the students a clue on Monday which was that they

have seen this guest before, but he has not been to the school. The next clue is that you have to watch him carefully as things can disappear!!! I will reveal the guest's identity on Monday at assembly.

We will have a final assembly at 2:30pm on that day. We will have my daughter Melanie at the assembly with her rocket on display and I will say goodbye to our community.

Best Wishes

Tim Noonan
Principal

A LETTER FROM CITY OF KINGSTON

Dear Families/Caregivers,

We regret to advise the Kingston Before School Care program operated at St. Patrick's Primary will be suspended from **Monday 7 August 2023** for **3 weeks**.

Like many services we are experiencing critical staffing shortages and are unable to staff the program.

We will review our staffing toward the end of the three-week period and keep the school community informed about the remainder of the term.

Please note the **After School Program is unaffected and will operate as usual**.

We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this will cause and appreciate your support during this difficult time.

TERM 3 2023

Week 4	Mon 31st July		Assembly – Prayer 6CR Wellbeing Assembly 3BE Mr Pat Berlinger/Acting Principal will be joining Assembly this morning Year 5 Science Incursion
	Tues 1st Aug	2.30-3.00pm	Kilbreda Partners
	Wed 2nd Aug		
	Thurs 3rd Aug	7.50.8.30am	Athletics Trials/Training
	Fri 4th Aug		Feast of St John Vianney's
	Sat 5th Aug		
	Sun 6th Aug		
Week 5	Mon 7th Aug		Assembly-Prayer 5HA – Wellbeing Prayer – 4SI
	Tues 8th Aug	7.50.8.30am	St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop) Feast Day Athletics Trials/Training
	Wed 9th Aug	9.00am- 12.45pm	2024 Year 7 St Bede's Testing Day
	Thurs 10th Aug	7.50.8.30am	Athletics Trials/Training Year 5 Maths Games Day
	Fri 11th Aug	2.30pm	Farewell Assembly to Mr Tim Noonan All welcome!
	Sat 12th Aug		
	Sun 13th Aug		
Week 6	Mon 14th Aug	Assembly	Welcome Mr Pat Berlinger – Acting Principal! Assembly - Prayer 5DO - Wellbeing Assembly - 6LA District Basketball TBC
	Tues 15th Aug	7.50-8.30am 9.15am 3.30-4.30pm	Athletics Trials/Training Feast of Assumption Mass Confirmation Faith Sharing – Year 6
	Wed 16th Aug		Kilbreda College Yr 7 2025 applications due! St Bede's Yr 7 2024 Testing Day
	Thurs 17th Aug	7.50-8.30am	Athletics Trials/Training
	Fri 18th Aug	5.00-8.00pm	School Disco & Movie Night
	Sat 19 th & 20 th Aug		TOM Day – Deakin University




Term 3 Monday 10th July - Friday 15th September

Year 5 Science Incursion
 St John Vianney's Feast Day
 St Bede's 2024 Yr 7 Testing Day
 Year 5 Maths Games Day
Mr Noonan Leaves
 District Basketball
 Feast of Assumption Mass
 Confirmation Faith Sharing.
 School Disco and Movie Night
 Kilbreda College **Yr 7 2025** applications
 Tournament of the Minds
 Book Week Dress Up Day
 Athletics Trials/Training
 Bishop Visit to St Patrick's
 Athletics Trials/Training
 Reconciliation Reflection Morning
 Father's Day Mass / Danish with Dad
 Athletics Trials/Training
 Year 6 Confirmation Mass
 District Athletics
 Fathers' Day Stall
 Fathers' Day
 Art Show
 End of Term Mass
 Footy Finals Day
 End of Term

Monday 31st July
 Friday 4th August
 Wednesday 9th August & 16th August
 Thursday 10th August
Friday 11th August – Assembly – 2.30pm School Hall
 Monday 14th August (TBC) & 21st August (backup)
 Tuesday 15th August
 Tuesday 15th August @ 3.30pm – 4.30pm
 Friday 18th August
 Close Friday 18th August
 Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th August
 Monday 21st August
 Tuesday 22nd August
 Thursday 24th August (10.15am)
 Thursday 24th August
 Tuesday 29th August @ 9am to 12.50pm
 Tuesday 29th August
 Tuesday 29th August
 Bishop Tony Ireland, 31st August @ 5pm
 Thursday 31st August
 Friday 1st September
 Sunday 3rd September
 Week 9: Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th September
 Tuesday 12th September
 Thursday 14th September
 Friday 15th September @ 1.00 pm

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – TERM 3 WEEK 4

Class	Student	Reason
PAD	Zali S	Zali shows great commitment to her learning and can be relied on to complete day to day classroom running tasks in a responsible manner.
PMU	Douggie	For sharing his knowledge with the class and answering questions. Keep it up Douggie.
PLA	Jaxon	For being a thinker during maths by sharing all he knows about the number 100. Well done Jaxon, you have been a super star during our 100 days celebrations!
1PC	Poppi	For being a caring person who is always happy to help others when they are in need. Thank you for being so thoughtful Poppi!
1VE	Ruby	For being a principled person. Ruby has tried her best to listen and stay on task. Well done Ruby!
1TH	Andre	For being a knowledgeable learner. Andre stepped outside his comfort zone and drew different ways to halve a variety of numbers. Keep up the fabulous work Andre!
2HA	Avery	For being a knowledgeable person and using her understanding of fiction and non-fiction books to identify her fictional book. Way to go Avery!
2LA	Indie	For being a principled learner who shows great initiative with all set tasks. She is an excellent role model for her peers. Well done Indie!
2LM	Joshua	For being a thinker and breaking up arrays into friendly numbers to help calculate a total. Great work Joshua!
3BE	Elliott	For being a good thinker when solving maths problems. Keep it up Elliott!
3MI	Kaya	For being a great communicator in problem solving in maths and listening to others' ideas. Keep up the good team work Kaya!
3BA	Thomas	For being an inquirer when he researched the Tasmanian devil for his information report. Nice facts Thomas!
4DS	Levi R	For being committed to his learning by locating natural landmarks on the world map. Well done Levi!
4SC	Keira	For always being such a lovely caring person and ready to help others. Keep it up Keira!
4SI	Beau	For being a great communicator during Inquiry, by sharing his ideas and knowledge on environments and the world. Great work Beau!
5D0	Ariana	For all of her effort she applies to each learning task. Well done Ariana!
5HA	Kristian S	For the way he used his communication and leadership skills during our decimal place value task. Kristian helped his group to express their ideas and produce a terrific slide show.
6CR	Harry H	For being a terrific inquirer and showing curiosity to his research. Harry has been consistently challenging himself this week and becoming more thorough with his responses.
6LA	Harry K	For creating great questions from given texts/images to then ensure more detailed responses when researching.
	Ava T 4SC	For embracing research tasks on Italian culture and applying creativity in reporting information in digital format. Brava! <i>Per la maniera in cui accoglie i compiti di ricerca sulla cultura Italiana e la creativit� dimostrata nel segnalare le informazioni in formato digitale. Brava!</i>

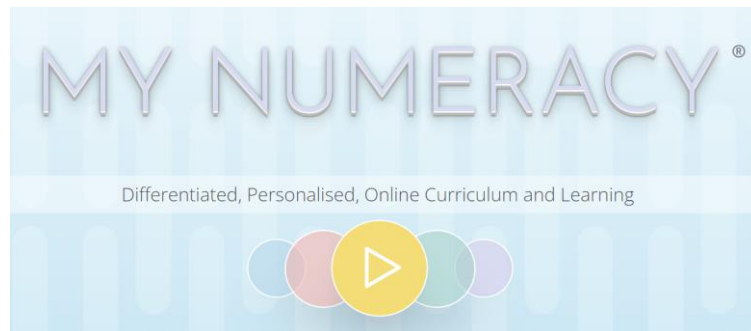
Mathematics

.....from Matt Hale/Mathematics Leader

Essential Assessment™

Assessment and Curriculum made easy

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**Article republished from 18th May newsletter, to include 2nd page*

Here at St Patrick's we use a wide range of tools to assess and educate children in mathematics. One of these tools is *Essential Assessment* and its partner program *My Numeracy*.

Essential Assessment

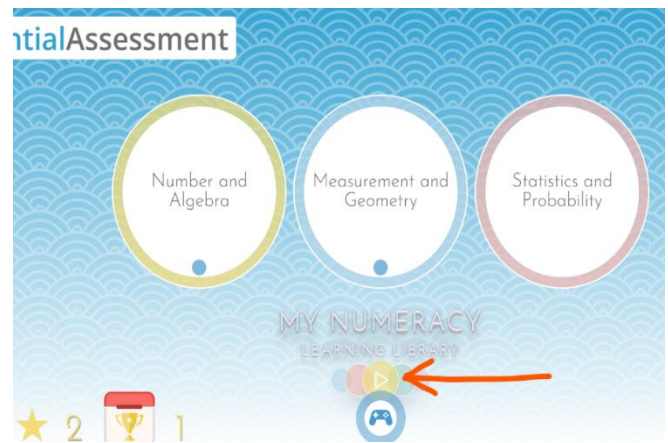
Your children will already have participated in some *Essential Assessment* tests this year; we teachers use these as both pre-tests (to help decide what children need to learn next) and post-tests (to measure the effectiveness of mathematics lessons). Each test is linked to the topic(s) we are covering in the classroom each week and teachers set the appropriate test levels to suit each child's needs. Whenever a student completes one of these tests, they are automatically assigned a series of individualised online maths activities through the *My Numeracy* program.

My Numeracy

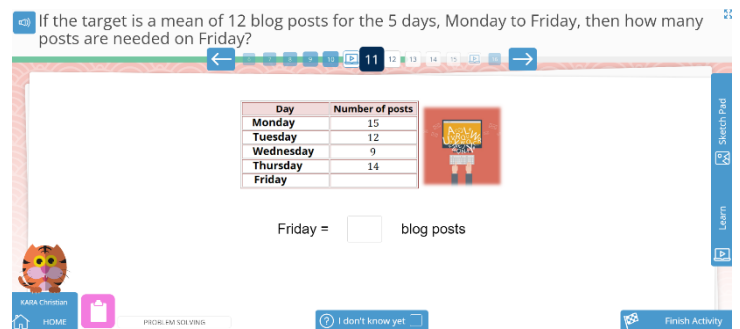
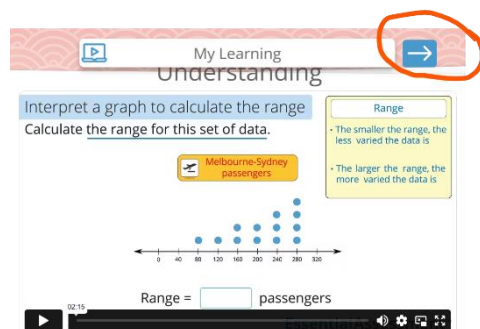
Each *My Numeracy* activity is based around a specific mathematical skill. When a child struggles to demonstrate that skill during an assessment, then the relevant activity is assigned to their *My Numeracy* account. Students can

access this program both at school and at home using the login details provided by their teacher. When a child logs in to *My Numeracy*, the first thing they see will be this screen:

To find their next activity, students need to click on the yellow play icon at the bottom of the screen.



They can then select one of the available activities on their screen. When they enter an activity, students will be presented with a video explaining some skills and strategies they can use in this activity. To move on to the activity itself, students can click on the blue arrow at the top-right hand side of the screen.



They will then be asked to complete a number of questions on that topic. For students who need assistance with reading instructions, there is a speaker icon to the left of each question (make sure the volume is turned up to use this). There is also a “learn” button on the right of the screen, to allow students to re-watch the learning videos as needed.

As students complete each question, they will receive real-time feedback on their answers. Changing the level of activities (or resetting them so that students can have another try) is a simple process that teachers are happy to complete during the week as needed.



Dear parents, guardians and carers,

Re: Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the *Disability Standards for Education 2005*, in line with the *NCCD guidelines (2019)*.

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy \(https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy\)](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal \(https://www.nccd.edu.au\)](https://www.nccd.edu.au).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Kind regards

Joelle Diakrousis

Deputy Principal/Learning Diversity Leader



Dear Families,

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS): Monday 28 August – Friday 15 September 2023

Throughout each year, we pause to listen to our students, families and staff to gauge how our learning community is travelling. This feedback is invaluable to our progress as effective school communities and is backed by evidence-based research and best practices.

A significant and formal way in which we engage and gather data is through **MACSSIS**, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys.

MACSSIS is a set of surveys that have been built specifically for Catholic schools in Melbourne by the Learning Services team at MACS, in partnership with researchers at Learning First and in wide consultation with principals in our schools.

In 2023, students, families and staff are invited to participate in MACSSIS via our secure and purpose-built online platform. The online platform is where our school leaders will access the summary reports that visualise the results of the student, family and staff surveys.

The MACSSIS survey platform is operated by an independent supplier, ORIMA Research Pty Ltd. The platform meets with the high security and privacy standards for handling student and school data.

Participating schools are in the process of updating their privacy policy to ensure school communities are fully informed and protected.

Students in Year 4-6 at our school will be provided with supervised sessions, where teachers are on hand to help and answer any questions. Families and staff can complete the survey anytime over the three-week window via an emailed link and password. Feedback has indicated that previous surveys were completed across a range of mobile devices and different web browsers. Schools will be providing more information about MACSSIS throughout Term 3, via newsletters and social media.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.

All participation is invited, welcomed and 100 per cent voluntary. The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school. Everyone has the right to refuse to participate, or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during or after completion of the survey. Please notify the school if your child does not wish to participate.

If you would like more information, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely,
Joelle Diakrousis
Deputy Principal



ITALIAN DAY

FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER

2023

ITALIAN DAY
Friday 13 October 2023

SUPERFESTA DI CARNEVALE

VENICE IN LOVE

Bring your own Italian lunch

**Battle of the Oranges
La Battaglia delle Arance**

Don't forget to wear a mask or paint your face

Bread making

Spettacolo, sfilati di costumi, musica e giochi collettivi
Theatre arts, costume parade, music and shared games and activities

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25th July 2023

Dear Parents,

RE: Mitchell Street Road Works

We have been informed that City of Kingston will be completing road works on Mitchell Street from Monday 31st July. The company completing the works is VCrete Contractors and the project will include drainage upgrades and the reconstruction of the road, kerbs footpaths and crossings. Their work hours will be between 7am and 5pm weekdays and 7am – 1pm on Saturdays.

At various stages, parts of Mitchell Street will be closed and there will be probably no drop off zone or parking available. Therefore, we are suggesting that families find alternatives for parking and drop off during the building process. We are hopeful that the footpaths will be still available.

We have been informed that the project will be completed in late August or early September. Please find the information we received from VCrete attached. We will keep you up to date of any further information we receive.

Best wishes,

Tim Noonan
Principal

Notification of Civil Works

19/07/2023

Dear Resident,

This letter is to advise you of the civil works project for Mitchell Street, Mentone. The work is being completed by VCrete Contractors under contract for our client Kingston City Council. You are a recipient in this letter drop as a motion of courtesy as we believe the works may affect you in some way. Information regarding the works is as follows.

Location of Works: Mitchell Street between Warrigal Road to Roger Street

Description of Works: VCrete Contractors will be reconstructing Mitchell Street. This project will include drainage upgrades and reconstruction of the road, kerbs, footpaths and crossings.

Working hours between are between 7am – 5pm weekdays and 7am – 1pm Saturdays if necessary.

Commencement Date: Monday, 31st July 2023

Estimated Completion Date: Late August/ Early September 2023

Estimated Concrete Pipe Delivery Date: Between the 25th to the 28th of July 2023

Special Instructions:

Stages of Mitchell Street will be under traffic control during construction such as road closures and speed reductions. Some traffic control setups will remain overnight such as bollards and speed reductions. Mitchell Street will remain open to local traffic so that you will have vehicle access to your properties whenever possible.

Concrete pipes will be delivered and stored on the nature strips during Tuesday 25/7/2023 to Friday 28/7/2023. During this period, we would ask you please avoid parking your vehicles on Mitchell Street between Warrigal Road to Roger Street.

During construction, there will be times when you will not have vehicle access to your properties (such as when vehicle crossings are reconstructed or when we are digging a drainage trench in front of your property). To be safe, we advise that you park your vehicles outside of your properties on adjacent streets if you wish to use them. Vehicle access to properties will always be restored at the end of each working day except for when concrete has been poured and is still too fresh to be driven on.

On-street parking will be restricted on Mitchell Street between Warrigal Road to Roger Street so please park on adjacent streets.

Pedestrian and student safety is of utmost importance to us and we will ensure that the worksite is made safe for the public.

During this period, there may be traffic delays on Mitchell Street. There will also be noise disruptions from construction activities. As the work progress towards your property, there will be times where you will be unable to park on the road. We assure you that we will endeavour to minimise the adverse effects onto the public as best we can. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience that you may incur.

If you have any further queries about the upcoming works, please feel free to direct your questions to:

VCrete Contractors
Contact No.: 9308 0085

Kind regards,

Tammy Nguyen
Project Engineer



MOVIE NIGHT

Prep - Year 1 Pyjama & Movie Night
5pm- 7pm
Multi purpose room.

Tickets \$5 - Trybooking

Popcorn provided
BYO Water Bottle

This will be a 'Drop & Go' function



Friday
18th August



P&F Association
parentsandfriends@spmontone.catholic.edu.au



DISCO

Year 2- 6 Crazy Sock Disco Night!

Come dressed in your craziest socks!
6.45pm - 8pm

Drop & Go event in the St Pat's School Hall

Tickets \$5 Trybooking

Ticket includes entry, snack, and glow sticks
BYO Water bottle

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Friday
18th August



Parish and Community

Class:

Dear students & families,

My name is Sam and I'm the franchisee at Bakers Delight Thrift Park.

It's important to me that our community enjoys quality, fresh bread, and I would like to offer you a FREE bread loaf or 6-pack of rolls each day between the dates listed below (including Saturdays & Sundays).

Simply follow these easy steps to activate & redeem this offer:

1. Complete the free sign up to our rewards program, Dough Getters by visiting www.bakersdelight.com.au/doughgetters OR ask us in the bakery to sign you up.
2. Bring this flyer with you to the bakery, and once your Dough Getter sign up is complete, we will provide you with a VIP card.
3. The VIP card will give you a FREE bread loaf or 6-pack of rolls each day!

Our preservative free bread is baked by our team in house each day to ensure it is always fresh and delicious, and I want to give you the chance to try it for yourself!

Plus, as part of our Dough Getters rewards program you get a welcome gift, a birthday gift, and you will earn a \$5 voucher each time you spend \$55^!

I look forward to seeing you all in the bakery, but if you do have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to give me a call on 0412 683 492.

Kind Regards,
Sam at Bakers Delight Thrift Park

Come & get your FREE daily loaf or 6-pack or rolls between these dates:

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^Welcome Gift (free Hi-Fibre Lo-GI Loaf) can only be redeemed with a purchase of \$5.00 or more (after discounts and vouchers) at a Bakers Delight Bakery and is available to all new members that join Dough Getters. Subject to product availability. Offer valid 14 days from account verification and cannot be redeemed within a Combo purchase. A \$5 voucher for use on eligible purchases at participating Bakers Delight bakeries is applied to each Dough Getter account once spend has reached \$55. Valid for 14 days from the date of issuance. To be eligible for a Birthday Gift, you must enter your birth date during sign-up or in your profile. Birthday Gift is valid for 30 days from issuance and cannot be redeemed within a Combo purchase.

BAKED IN THE CANTEEN
FRESH NEXT WEEK

Weetbix Slice

Cinnamon-Cream Biscuit

50¢ each



BAYSIDE CANTEENS

Food Labelling

WHAT IS A 'BEST-BEFORE' DATE?

A 'best-before' date is the last date the food is expected to retain all of its quality, provided it has been stored according to any stated storage conditions and the package is unopened. Quality includes things such as colour, taste, texture, and flavour, as well as any specific qualities that you make express or implied claims, such as the freshness of the food.

A food that has passed its 'best before' date may still be perfectly safe to eat (dependant on the elapsed time since it passed this date), but its quality may have diminished.

WHAT IS A 'USE-BY' DATE?

A 'use-by' date is the last date a food can be safely eaten, provided it has been stored according to the stated storage conditions and the package is unopened. After this date, the food should be disposed of and not be eaten for safety reasons.

WHAT FOODS NEED A DATE MARK?

Generally, most food for retail sale requires date marking, with some exemptions. Exemptions for labelling can include where a 'best-before' date is greater than two years, a package has a surface area less than 100cm² and food packaged in the presence of customers (eg: lollies, cupcakes, del meats, pies etc).

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Term 3