

VISION STATEMENT

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Weeks: 10 - 11

Term 1 2024:

3 Paenga-whāwhā (April)

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

In the week leading up to Easter we were able to celebrate this remarkable event with our annual Stations of the Cross. It was great to see so many of our families and the public come along to reflect upon what Jesus achieved for us in coming to the Cross. While it is a solemn affair, it is also a celebration because God conquered the Cross when Jesus rose again in victory three days later. Jesus did this so that we might be forgiven, have relationship with our Creator, and have eternal life with Him in Heaven.

Thank you for coming and being part of this with us. We had a huge turnout and had lots of awesome feedback. We hope this Easter you have been able to reflect and be closer with God.



From the Desk of the Tumuaki

We hope you have had a fantastic Easter and have had an opportunity to connect with God more deeply. Thank you to all of you that supported us at Stations of the Cross last week. This was a fantastic event and I really want to thank Joanne Evans who led this project in the school, and Spence Reichardt who helped with the technology side.

We are now in the last two, rather shortened, weeks of term. Please see what's still coming up and make sure you prepare for school camp which starts on the last Sunday of the coming holidays. This is always a fantastic event.

We want to welcome in another new student into the school as we close out the term. Daniel Jobe, the younger brother of Ethan, has joined us at Year 2 and we very much welcome him into the school. For those keeping track we are now at 107 students.

Respect

This term as our eight core value development we have been working on respect. We have come at this from six angles that we think are important in developing this Godly characteristic—respect for God, respect for self, respect for others, respect for elders, respect for property, and respect for the environment.

We cover each of our core values once every two years. Our children develop a lot in that time and are in a different place when they revisit it again in two years time.

It is worth you continuing to build upon this at home too as they grow and move forward. Respect is one of the most clearly evident traits you can see. You can see it in the way they talk about God, themselves, their attitude toward others, toward you and their grandparents, how they look after their things and things owned by the family, and how they interact with the environment and treat animals. People who show respect will generally have respect shown back to them too. Conversely, those who don't show respect tend to be mistreated and disrespected regardless of how loudly they demand respect from others. Thus, the benefits are huge.

Respect comes from the heart and can be developed. Starting with respect for God should always be the starting point. We want our children to marvel at their Creator and have a deep love for Him. This will only come as they learn to spend time with Him, reading their Bibles and enjoying the things of God. Talk with them about this. There's instruction about this in Deuteronomy 11. This was written to parents and in verses 18—21 it says;

"So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and your children may flourish in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.

When you build in your children a respect and love for God everything else will flow from this. We want God's Word and

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Respect Quote

"Show respect even when people don't deserve it; not as a reflection of their character, but as a reflection of yours."

- The Word for Today

principles to be imprinted on their hearts, for out of it will flow all else that matters. This includes respecting themselves, the people and things around them. From such things will build a Godly worldview that colours the way they look at and interpret things, and it gives them hope.

Respect is big and as families we must continually keep building into it. Respect starts with God's Word and brings life to everything.



From us all here we wish you a very blessed holiday.

Alistair Paterson

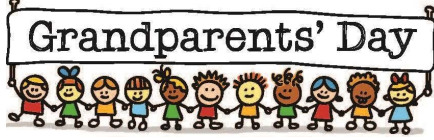
Prayer Requests...

We appreciate your prayers for the school. Here's what's big on our minds at the moment:

- Praising God for the 107 students we now have which has released further government funding for us.
- Please pray for wisdom for our school boards to be able to manage the roll growth well and know what the next steps need to be.
- Please pray that every child God has given us here will grow strongly academically, spiritually, physically and be emotionally connected and well balanced.
- Pray please for safety over camp and great positive growth in everyone who attends.
- And pray that God will continue to multiply His Word following Easter and Stations of the Cross.

News - Kawepūrongo

GRANDPARENTS DAY



After a long break with Covid, last Thursday we welcomed back our bi-annual Grandparents Day. We had a fantastic turnout of grandparents who came with a family picnic at lunchtime, played with the students in the playground, and joined in the classes in the afternoon. Some had travelled great distances to be part of this and we were very grateful to have them.

As well as seeing how classrooms today worked, our grandparents got to play at lunchtime, and share stories of what school was like in their day. This was a great opportunity for our children to enjoy some amazing stories and get to know their grandparents better.

Children are usually very proud of their grandparents. Thank you to everybody for all the effort you put into helping this happen for them.



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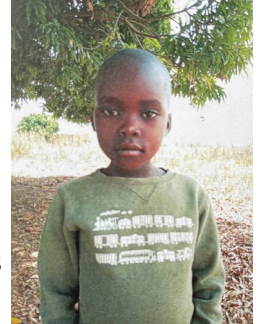
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SCOLA MUFTI DAY

Recently we held our termly Scola Mufti Day. Scola is our school's World Vision sponsor child that we support as part of two of our core values in service and compassion.



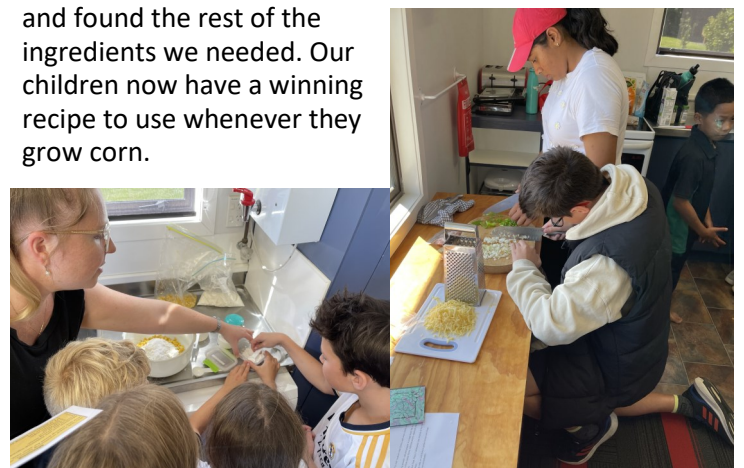
Through mufti day this term we were able to raise \$183.30 to help us honour our commitments in supporting Scola. Thank you so much to all the families who gave so generously.

This term's theme was sports—wearing clothes that support a sport or sports team.



CORN FRITTERS

To add to Mufti Day our Permaculture class that day was based on corn fritter production in our school house teams. Corn and capsicums had been grown through the summer and these were used as the main content of the most delicious corn fritters that we had experienced. Our students operated out of their house teams to follow an amazing recipe and, with the help of some amazing parents, we generated a significant number of fritters to enjoy over the afternoon. A big thanks goes to Mr Evans who discovered the recipe and found the rest of the ingredients we needed. Our children now have a winning recipe to use whenever they grow corn.



News - Kawepūrongo

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS *Written by Mrs Bloomfield*

On Thursday 21st of March, Mrs Bloomfield took nine children to compete in the Interschool Swimming competition against eight other local Matamata schools. This was a unique opportunity in that only a few students from our school were selected to participate and it gave them an opportunity to compete in an event, or events, with local peers that are of above average capabilities. All the children did very well, tried their best, and were a wonderful representation of our school. Four of our nine children made it to the finals where only eight children would compete. This in itself was a big success after competing against 16-25 children in their heats.

Special congratulations goes to Kaden Muir for finishing 2nd in the backstroke finals.

This was a wonderful day with great weather. Thank you to the parent support on the day too.



TEACHER ONLY DAY

In 2023 the government provided schools with two teacher only days to work on understanding the new school curriculum the government is releasing. The same is happening in 2024.



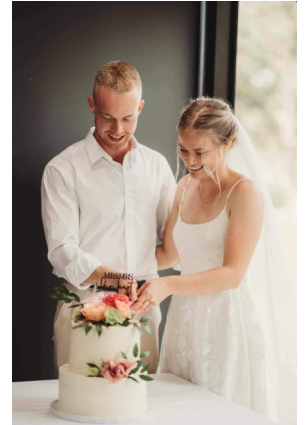
Our school will once again be working with staff from Southcity and Waipa Christian School's on this and has set a date of **Friday the 31st of May** for the teacher only day. Please note this will be the start of King's Birthday weekend which may provide families with the chance to take an extended weekend if it works for you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLETCHER AND NIKKI LAMBERT

It really has been wedding season for a number of our former students and this week we want to congratulate Fletcher and Nikki Lambert who got married in the Bethlehem College Chapel back in mid February.

Fletcher comes from a long line of Lamberts that have all been educated at Matamata Christian School and, once again, the best man and groomsmen were a roll call of former MCS students too—Nathan Lambert, Calem Brough, Jaden Harris and Donovan Kruger.

Congratulations Fletcher and Nikki. We wish you all the best as you grow together in God.



April School Holidays

at Matamata-Piako Libraries

Domino Challenge Monday 15 April

Come to the library to build a domino train! Compete against the other libraries and the Mayor will choose a winner. Eye spy competition on as well. For ages 5 to 13.

Frankentoys Wednesday 17 April

Bring your old toys along and mix and match their parts to create new toys. For ages 5 to 13.

Balloon Car Race Monday 22 April

Make a balloon car and have a race in the library. We'll also be making toy parachutes. For ages 5 to 13.

Make Your Own Yoyo Wednesday 24 April

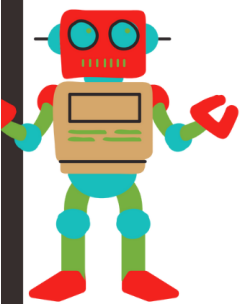
Join us to make your own yoyo, and learn how to play with this classic toy. For ages 5 to 13.

Game Swap Saturday 27 April

Bring along your old games, and swap with someone else or one of ours. Please bring complete/intact games only to share. For ages 5 to 13.

All sessions run
10.30-11.30am

Sign up at mpdc.nz/libraryholiday



More News—Kawepūrongo

LEARNING JOURNAL NIGHT

Next week, in the final week of term, family members are invited to your children's Learning Journal night. At the end of each of Terms 1 - 3 students bring parents and family in to share about their learning and work from the preceding term. This is a student led interview where your child does most of the talking. Research shows that when students can understand and talk about their learning they will engage in and take more responsibility for their own development. Once this happens learning becomes deeper and more powerful. We really want to encourage you to take the time to be involved in this as your involvement is a key factor in your child's learning success helping demonstrate to them what importance you place on their learning.



This night will be held next week on **Wednesday the 10th of April**. Classrooms are open between 3:30PM and 7PM. You do not need to make an appointment, just come along anytime between these times. This is not a parent - teacher interview but teachers will be there to help with explanations as necessary.

As part of these sessions we will be giving you our parent-student goal setting sheet. We know that learning at school is only a part of the overall learning a child is involved in. At home it is likely you are helping them work on non-school related things too. These can be fun or important and personal. It might be about them learning to tie their laces, wanting to master doing a cart wheel, or a discipline such as learning an instrument, or something to do with benefitting their health. Whatever it is this is part of their holistic learning and we want to give you the opportunity to include it in their goal setting.

As always, if you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's learning further, please make a time with the teacher. This applies all year round as we want parents to feel able to come in any time of the year and as often as is necessary.

OUR OP SHOP FUNDRAISER

Each year in May we are involved in running our local op shop for a week. This is a tremendous fundraiser for the school which allows us to take all the profits raised once the weekly rental is taken out. The school has traditionally done very well out of this.



In order for this to be a success we really need your help with two things please:

1. If you are having a clean out at home and have items that you are not trying to sell yourself and are willing to donate, we would be very grateful to receive these please. These can be brought to school in the first three weeks of next term and while the op shop is running.
2. We need lots of help through the week of Monday the 20th to Friday the 24th of May to run the shop. We need to have at least three people running the shop at a time. If you can spare some time, even if only an hour or two, please let Sarah in the school office know.



INTER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Last week our fearless Year 4—8 students competed against the might of Waikato and Bay of Plenty Christian School's that included Southcity, Hamilton Christian, Lake Taupō, Hamilton SDA, and Bethlehem Chapman College, at our annual Athletics competition. This is held at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton, a purpose built athletics ground.

Alongside some pretty dodgy weather our students took part in sprints, high jump, long jump, shotput and discus, and had an amazing time. No one complained about the rain! They were up against some very good competition, competed hard and were good sports throughout the day.

We were the defenders of the non-championship trophy in 2023 which all students take part in. We were keen for a repeat performance... and we did it! In the championship competition only two students from each age and gender can compete. This year we finished 3rd in it behind Bethlehem Chapman College and Hamilton Christian School who were a long way ahead.

Non Championship

1st. Matamata Christian School

2nd. Hamilton SDA

3rd. Bethlehem Chapman

4th. Southcity Christian School

5th. Lake Taupō Christian School

6th. Hamilton Christian School

Championship

Hamilton Christian School

Bethlehem Chapman

Matamata Christian School

Lake Taupō Christian School

Hamilton SDA

Southcity Christian School

Thank you so much to all the parents who went out of their way to help us with transport. You made the day able to happen.



Even More News—Kawepūrongo

NEW ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

With the roll numbers hitting over 95% capacity the Board has now implemented an enrolment plan as per their enrolment policy. This means we have activated our enrolment scheme for the last positions available. At this stage, because of other already accepted enrolments, we have just two places that have opened up and become available for the rest of this year. Both of these are preference positions which means they can only go to Christian families. From this point in time we will select from applications received twice per term until these positions are filled.



The first round of applications are being considered now and will close this term on **Thursday the 11th of April at 5PM**. If you know anyone who may want to start their children in the school this year please let them know of this and point them to our school website to fill in the pre-enrolment form. The criteria for selection can be found under enrolments on the school website. Please note that those who are already pre-enrolled do not need to apply now as they are already booked in.

You can also pre-enrol for 2025 or even later years now too. We are expecting to have very limited numbers available again in 2025 so we recommend people consider getting in quickly. Next term we will make an official call for 2025 enrolments.

We have even had some families start pre-enrolling for 2026 and 2027 too. If you have any siblings due to start in either of these years we would appreciate you doing this now please. This helps us reserve places for them but also helps us predict likely numbers for the future. This information is used to help us apply for a roll extension from the Ministry of Education. Our proprietor board are starting to put an application together to the Ministry now in the hope that we may be able to extend and have more positions available from 2025. Having potential enrolments helps support this case. We would appreciate your prayers for this.

CHECKING IN IF ARRIVING LATE

We realise that sometimes children may arrive late for school. If this happens please can we ask you to get them to check in at the school office. Class rolls are taken at the very beginning of the day and students not there from the start are marked absent for follow up from the school office.

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CELEBRATING MISSIONS

We want to congratulate one of our former students, Oliver Lambert, who has recently been involved in a team mission trip to Chile, Brazil and Paraguay. The team was formed of young people internationally who came to work with churches and mission groups within these countries. They worked hard on mini projects, sports and spreading the Word of God through opportunities to speak.

Missionary work is special work. It has a high impact on both the people who are receiving it as well as the people who are giving. It grows everyone and in our eyes missionaries are nothing short of heroes to be celebrated as much as any other special achiever.

Well done Oliver, the trip sounds like it was filled with amazing experiences.



Oliver and a team mate setting up for a Soccer training session. Sports opens the way to share about God.

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April 2024

Starfish Social Services

91A Smith Street (Matamata Christian School)

8:30-3:00	\$40.00
8:00-4:00	\$45.00
8:00-5:00	\$50.00
8:00-6:00	\$55.00

Some days will incur additional charges for our outings.

These will be included in the price shown at the time of booking.



Mon 15 Apr

Vet Day



When your cat or dog is sick, we go to the vet. But what does a vet actually do? They're coming in to tell us.

Tue 16 Apr

Marshalls



Come along to Marshalls with us. Get up close and even feed some animals.

Wed 17 Apr

Matamata Pools



Bring your togs for a fun day out at Matamata Pools!

Thu 18 Apr

Hamilton Zoo



We're heading to the zoo to see some animals that you just can't meet every day in NZ!

Fri 19 Apr

Bluey & Shared Lunch



Bring something to share for lunch, and enjoy some Bluey-themed fun

Mon 22 Apr


Firth Tower



Let's head to Firth Tower and check out their new transport exhibit!

Tue 23 Apr

Flying Museum



We're going to the flying museum in Tauranga to learn about about flight and see some awesome planes.

Wed 24 Apr


Wednesday Wheels



Bring your scooters, bikes, etc (even RC cars) for some challenges and free play

Thu 25 Apr

ANZAC DAY



Closed for ANZAC Day

Fri 26 Apr

Cambridge Pools



We're off to Cambridge pools for some water fun, with a scavenger hunt on the way!

Please remember your drink bottle and sunhat every day, and bring a rain jacket for all outings.

For more information, call 02108946476 or email ashley@starfishservices.org.nz

Book now at starfishservices.org.nz

News - Kawepūrongo

SCHOOL CAMP

We've talked about it lots this term and now it's time to pack. Our whole school camp kicks off at the end of the coming school holidays, **Sunday the 28th of April to Wednesday the 1st of May at Finlay Park Adventure Camp.** Forms for camp came home last week and we need every family to have these returned to us please by this Friday the 5th of April. We need these to help us with our camp planning.

Camp starts at 4PM on the Sunday when you can arrive and set your children up in their cabins. Families are encouraged to all come and bring your own family picnic to enjoy from 5:30PM. After dinner we will have family church together. At the end of church camp officially begins and parents not staying can say goodbye and leave us to it. Juniors will prepare for bed and the older children will play games together.

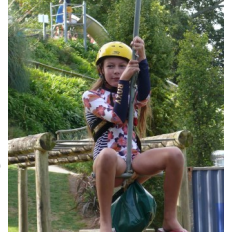
Camp officially ends at 1:30PM on Wednesday the 1st and children must please be picked up by 3PM. You will need to please arrange for your children to be picked up and let us know who will be collecting them.

Full details of camp can be found in the camp booklet that came home last week. Please feel free to tear off and keep pages 1—4 for your reference and return to us pages 5—12 with all the forms you will have filled in.

We have run whole school camps every two years over the last 16 years now. This is a great way to bond our school, house teams and community together. Regardless of age we get to provide our students with fantastic outdoor experiences, great learning and provide them with fresh challenges.



Because the purpose of camp is about bonding our school together and building school culture, we intentionally have it fairly close to home. Finlay Park are friends of the school and do a brilliant job of hosting us. The camp is only 20—25 minutes from Matamata and is located on stunning grounds on the banks of Lake Karapiro. Parents are welcome and encouraged to come and be part of camp for the whole three nights, or join us for a day, or drop out for a visit after work and be part of the fun. If you want to attend camp we also need to have a Police Vet check done for all volunteers. Please come to the office as soon as possible to help us get this done (checks are valid for three years and let you be involved in other events with us too).



Camp is a very important part of our programme and has a very big impact on every child, regardless of age. If you have any concerns please come and talk these through with your classroom teacher or with Mr Paterson.

The cost of camps have gone up significantly but we have worked hard to keep these down for everyone. We are pleased to be able to keep the costs down to **just \$210** for students and adults this year. To achieve this we will need to ask families to also send along some baking or biscuits for camp please. If you have children with dietary needs please make your baking or biscuits to suit them and label it for us.

Some families may struggle with costs but note you can start paying these off now and you have until the end of the school year to finish paying it off if you need this. If you are in



a position to be able to contribute any extra amount to help those in need please let us know too. We want to make sure everyone gets to go as camp provides valuable experiences to our children.

**Get Ready
This is it...
WHOLE SCHOOL CAMP 2024**



HOW DO I FIND FINLAY PARK?

Finlay Park Adventure Camp is based on Lake Karapiro and is about 25 minutes drive from Matamata. To get there exit Matamata taking the main highway to Hamilton.

- After turning right at Piarere onto State Highway 1 (still heading toward Hamilton and Cambridge) travel approximately 1km and take the first left onto Maungatautari Road.
- Go to the end of this road and turn left onto Oreipunga Road.
- Travel 300m and turn left into Finlay Road. At the end of this are two camps. Finlay Park is on the left.
- This year we are at the main camp. Upon entering Finlay Park follow the driveway on the left through to the carpark.



Map of Matamata to Finlay Park



Close up map of Lake Karapiro and Finlay Park

We'll see you from 4PM on Sunday the 28th of April. Please bring a picnic dinner for your family to eat.

Don't forget pick up is from 1:30PM on Wednesday the 1st of May. Expect tiredness!!!

GEAR LIST

Here's what to bring, and what to leave at home...

Please bring:

To sleep: Pillow, sheet (to cover the mattress), sleeping bag and either one or two blankets.

Four changes of clothes – some warm, some suitable to get wet when kayaking, some suitable for getting muddy.

Jumpers or sweatshirts and long pants for evenings. A beanie is optional.

Togs.

A team colour item, eg; shirt, hair tie, socks (**Wesley - yellow / gold**, **Tyndale - green**, **Mueller - red**, **Carmichael - blue**)

Waterproof jacket or coat.

Sun Hat and sunscreen.

Comfortable walking shoes for activities.

Insect repellent.

Baking or biscuits. *Note: if anyone in your family coming to camp has a food allergy*

Named drink bottle.

Toilet Bag containing the following - toothbrush, toothpaste, brush / comb, soap, flannel.

Please make sure everything is clearly named.

Please do not bring:

Lollies / Gum

Radios

Electronic games

Mobile phones (it's only 3 nights)

Even More News - Kawepūrongo

WINTER UNIFORM

As the mornings get colder we are readying to change into winter uniform from the beginning of next term. This simply means changing footwear from sandals to black shoes.

Shoes should be black leather or leather look lace up shoes. We will also accept black leather slip on shoes and velcro shoes instead of lace ups for younger students. Shoes must not be sports or fashion shoes please.

Boys wear long navy socks with jade stripes which are available from the uniform room. Girls can wear either navy or black socks that are knee high or ankle length, or navy or black tights. For girls these are available from shops such as Postie +, The Warehouse and Farmers.

Please note track pants are not part of our school uniform. Our classrooms will be nice and warm through the winter though.

Uniform polar fleece tops are available from the school uniform shop and also help keep everyone warm.



Dates for your Calendar

April

3rd	Epro8 (Y7/8)
4th	Sports Academy
6th	Hockey Pre-Season Tournament
9th	Parent Connect Group
9th	School Board Meeting
10th	Learning Journal Night
11th	Sports Academy
12th	End of Term 1 Assembly
12th	Epro8 (Y5/6)
12th	Last Day of Term 1
25th	Anzac Day
28th—1st	Whole School Camp



May

2nd	Sports Academy
4th	Hockey Starts
6th	Leaders World Vision Junior Youth Conf
9th	Sports Academy
9th	PCE Meeting
11th	Hockey
13th	Seniors World Vision Ambassador Visit
14th	Parent Connect Group
14th	School Board Meeting
16th	Cotter Cup
16th	Sports Academy
18th	Hockey
20th—24th	Op Shop Week Fundraiser
23rd	Sports Academy
25th	Hockey
28th	Friends and Founders Day

Church Community Notices

This column has been set up to support local church and Christian community events. If your church has an exciting event coming up they can advertise it here for free by sending details or advertising to office@matamata.school.nz

Every Saturday- children/youth group and Cornerstone Bible study from 4pm followed by a shared dinner at 5.30pm.
At Matamata Christian School, 91A Smith Street, Matamata.

Everyone welcome!

ROCKIDZ

Parental supervision please if you have young children

Some of our parents have got together and created a parents connect group which this year intends to meet every third week in the school library. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a time of community together. The next get together is **Rātū 9th Paenga-whāwhā / Tuesday 9th of April between 9—10:30AM.** Come and enjoy tea and coffee together and meet other school families. Pre-schoolers are very welcome.



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THE SUBWAY SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

Available Fridays