

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### WEEK 10

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec-**  
Reports Published  
Motiv8 sports K-4

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
Motiv8 sports Yr5/6

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
End of year Liturgy &  
awards (students  
only)

### WEEK 11

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Swimming Carnival  
Step up afternoon K-  
6(2pm-3pm)

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Year 6 Farewell  
Wear Xmas clothes

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Students last day

**\*\*Newsletter will be  
published fortnightly  
in odd weeks\*\***

**Mondays – Ice blocks  
for sale**



**Infants and Primary:  
Monday and Friday**

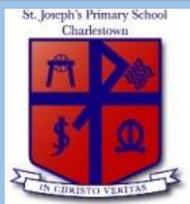
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# St Joey's News

## 'Truth in Christ'

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*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Awabakal people.  
We pay our respect to their elders past and present.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2021! We made it!

2021 has seen us face many challenges that we were not expecting, but as a faith filled community, we were able to pull through and achieve great things despite the many obstacles in our path. Our student leaders demonstrated to their peers and younger students what it means to be persistent and how to serve their community. We thank them for their leadership and service to the St Joseph's community. We wish all our Year 6 students much success and happiness as they move to high school. I trust that the values that they have learnt at SJC stay with them and strengthen them as they continue to grow and may God bless them and their families too.

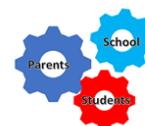
Our teachers overcame the challenges of on-line learning, to ensure students were engaged in quality remote learning. They went above and beyond in ensuring there were numerous TEAMS meetings each and every day with all students, to engage in purposeful and productive learning opportunities. They committed to ensuring communication between home and school was consistent and valued, through numerous emails, phone calls and messaging with parents.

Our parents supported home learning by ensuring that computers were charged every night, books and stationery items were available to use, and that children completed set tasks in a timely and efficient manner. Thank you for engaging in the parent teacher conversations and for continuing to work in partnership with us to ensure best outcomes for our students.

Finally, to our students who adapted to online learning so that they didn't fall behind academically, completing set work and attending all TEAMS meetings daily. Our students have made good gains in the skills of being persistent and resilient, which will set them up for life. Semester Two reports will be published on COMPASS on Monday. Please read the information regarding these vastly different reports and praise your children for their efforts and discuss goals for 2022.



I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thanks to our wonderful P&F Committee. Our final meeting for the year will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm for social and 6:30pm meeting. St Joseph's is blessed to have many committed and willing volunteers to manage the canteen, uniform shop and fundraising opportunities to provide our school



with valuable services and resources for our students. This year we farewell several of our dedicated team as their last child moves to high school. The following people have been outstanding in their service to our school and committees for a number of years: **Michelle Clout, Anna Pearson, Jodie Healey, Jacqui Sneddon and Jenny Whitby.** Your time, efforts and commitment are greatly appreciated and please know you will be greatly missed!

Huge thanks to **ALL** our wonderful canteen and uniform shop volunteers and Hub helpers who have given up time to assist our school throughout the year. Our students love seeing you at school and we all value your support and assistance. THANK YOU! I encourage any parents with some time to spare, to join our committees in 2022. As little as an hour a week in the clothing shop or once a month in the canteen is an enormous help in maintaining these services to our school community.



Last week we welcomed Daisy North and her family to SJC. Daisy has joined Year 2 Red. We hope that you and your family find St Joseph's to be a welcoming and happy place of faith and learning. We also enjoyed hosting our 2022 Kinder students at their first Play & Learn session today. What a beautiful group of students we look forward to getting to know more fully next year.

Deepest sympathy to the Masters family on the loss of Scott's grandmother, Sophie and Luca's great grandmother. May your fond and loving memories bring you all comfort at this sad time.

Staffing and classes for 2022 are being finalised. Please see the staffing list below. The teachers spend hours sorting students into classes considering many factors including social and emotional needs, academic needs and friendships. We are lucky at SJC to have the open units with flexible learning options. No matter which class your child is in they will have many opportunities to work in flexible groupings within their stage and grade. Please trust in the decisions of the teachers, our experts in education and know that they have the best interests of your child at heart when making these decisions. The students will meet their teachers for 2022 on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec for our 'Step Up' afternoon. We will have some new enrolments attending on this day as well.



We say a fond farewell to Miss Molly Kalchbauer who has accepted a teaching position in Darwin for 2022. Molly has been a wonderful staff member and teacher this year in Year 2. Molly's enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to her students and colleagues will be missed. But I know many new adventures and experiences await her and we wish Molly all the best as she moves north. We also farewell the Atrakchi family with Mustafa and Zaha moving to Illawarra for work commitments. We wish them all the very best and we hope to keep in touch in the future.

You will have noticed the school is undergoing major maintenance projects at the moment with stormwater drainage, trees and retaining walls being managed and repaired. Our tree works have caused much discussion amongst our students which has been robust and passionate! I have reassured the students that only trees that pose risks to safety and or causing structural damage to buildings and paths will be removed. Many of our trees are receiving maintenance to ensure safety. I am also working with a horticulturalist on a replanting and regrowth plan to enhance appropriate vegetation and aesthetics to our vast site. The substantial costs of these much-needed works is being covered by our major maintenance budget made possible from our fees and building levy payments. Thank you to all parents who have finalised fee payments for the year, it is greatly appreciated. I understand the commitment and sometimes financial burden school fees can be as I have put 5 children through Catholic schooling. It is a commitment and sometimes a struggle but please know there are always options for support. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please call me to discuss payment options.

So as 2021 draws to an end, the staff of St Joseph's would like to wish all our amazing families and students a very happy and holy Christmas. May this special family time bring you all much peace and happiness, and a time to relax and recharge after a very busy and unusual year. I encourage you to attend one or more of the parish masses and Christmas celebrations, share your faith and reflect on the true reason for this very special season.

God Bless,  
**Kate Drake**  
**Principal**



## START DATES FOR 2022

- Friday 28th and Monday 31st January Staff Development Days – Pupil Free
- Tuesday 1st February – students in Years 1-6 return to school
- Thursday 3rd February – first day for Kindergarten
- St Nicholas OOSH commences on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Parents needing to access OOSH on the pupil free days can speak to Taylor Cefai in regards to this, St Nicholas Charlestown is not operating but other centres are open and can take St Joseph's' students if required. Please contact the OOSH if you require casual care for your child/ren on these days.
- OOSH contact details: p. 0429435571 email: [taylor.cefai@stnicholasoosh.org.au](mailto:taylor.cefai@stnicholasoosh.org.au)

## STAFFING & CLASSES 2022

CLASS	Teacher/s
Kinder Red	Angela Foxon
Kinder Blue	Karen Nolan & Catherine Schumacher
Year 1 Red	Sue Woodward & Angela Shaw
Year 1 Blue	Brydie Houlahan
Year 2 Red	Heather Wozniak
Year 3 Red	Nikki Norley & Emma Davies
Year 3/4 Blue	Mark Faith
Year 4 Red	Clare Paff & Emma McGlynn
Year 5/6 Red	Issac Fox
Year 5/6 Blue	Kathryn Hill & Kate Linklater
Year 5/6 White	Natalie Davis & Emma McGlynn

Administration Officer – Carolyn Trimble

Clerical Assistant – Amale Yi

Principal: Kate Drake

Assistant Principal – Nikki Norley

Religious Education Coordinator – Clare Paff

Primary Coordinator – Karen Nolan

Teacher Librarian – Stephanie Tranter

Library Assistant – Donna Hoffman

Gifted Education Mentor – Cathy Curk

Pedagogical Mentors – Kathryn Hill & Karen Nolan

Learning Support Teachers – Ellie Ryan & Amber Christie

Learning Support Assistants –Cheree Chapman, Lynne Dawson, Teresa Hanrahan, Patricia Hines, Kim McAlister

Specialist Music & Drama Teacher – Karyn Savage

EAL/D Teacher – Sue Coull

Aboriginal Torres Strait Island Teacher – Danielle Shaw

School Psychologist – Gayna Turner

Pastoral Care Worker – Maree Holmgreen

Specialist Band Teacher – Bryn Wilson-Kellaway

Grounds person – Craig Davies

## NEWS FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

*A focus on Learning, Collaboration & Improving Student Outcomes*



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year has presented many challenges for our school and together, as students, families, staff and parish, we have ensured that St Joseph's has continued to flourish.

I wish all students and families a safe and happy holiday break. I hope all families take the time to experience the great joy of celebrating the birth of Jesus, our saviour.

Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to us working together again in 2022 to achieve great things for our community.



With every best wish,

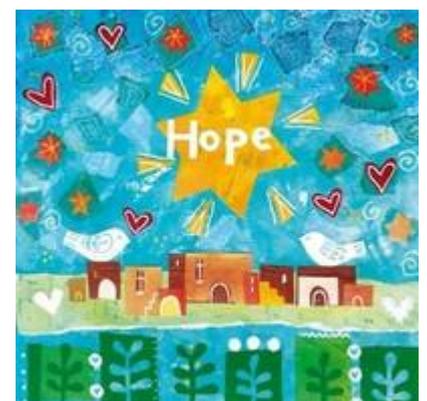
**Nikki Norley**  
**Assistant Principal**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Advent

Last Sunday we celebrated the first Sunday of Advent. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. Our sacred spaces around the school and in the church are now covered in purple cloth, as purple is the colour of Advent. Advent is a time of waiting in joyful hope for the birth of Jesus.

On Monday, we celebrated the first week of Advent, lighting the first purple candle around our classroom Advent Wreaths and reflecting on the message of HOPE. In a year where things have sometimes felt hopeless, we must always remind ourselves that hope is never gone.





Next week, we light the second purple candle. This is the Bethlehem candle or the candle of FAITH

We will recognise the great faith of Mary and Joseph when they were asked to bring the Son of God into our world and raise him as their son. Imagine the faith it must've taken to believe the Angel Gabriel and to accept this huge responsibility!

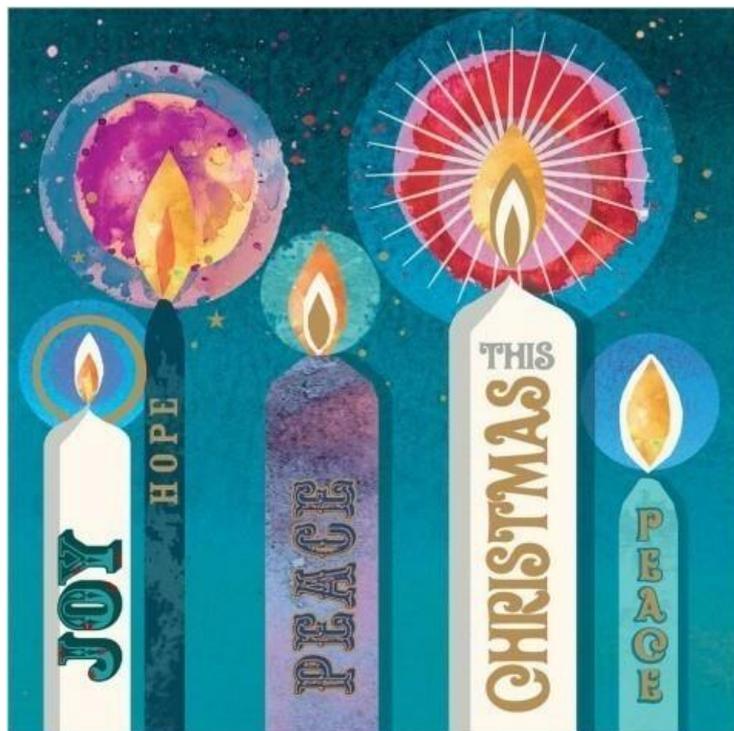


We will celebrate the third Sunday of Advent by lighting the pink candle. The candle of JOY which is also known as the Shepherds candle. We are reminded of how joyful the shepherds must have felt when the angels announced the arrival of the baby Jesus. We will reflect on the joy we feel waiting and preparing for Christmas and how joyful we feel as we share these last weeks of school with our classmates.



The final candle is lit on the 4th Sunday of Advent and is called the candle of PEACE or The Angel's Candle. It reminds us of the message of the Angels who announced 'Peace on earth and goodwill to all.'

As we head into the last two weeks of school for 2021, we look forward to Christmas, the holidays and the new year filled with JOY and HOPE and we share a deep FAITH for a Christmas season of PEACE and LOVE.



May God's Spirit be with you all each day and may you all be blessed with a restful and rejuvenating holiday.

I look forward to seeing you in 2022!

## Sacramental News

This weekend 20 children from St Joseph's will become full members of the Catholic Church when they make their First Holy Communion, also referred to as Eucharist. We congratulate the following students Taj A, Jack B, Imogen H, Isabella S, Lukas D, Sofia G, Sam G, Tia R, Molly S, Olive W, Urban B, Nyah C, Thomas C, Evelyn D, Maisie D, Will F, Billie H, Sonny I, Saxon M and Abbey M. These students have had a challenging journey participating in the Sacraments of Initiation with many delays due to COVID restrictions. Eucharist means **thanksgiving** and we give thanks that these children will now be able to participate in this special and sacred meal and will be strengthened as they continue their Christian journey.



## Toiletries Donations

Help to make a difference this Christmas, by donating toiletries (soaps, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, body wash etc). These items will be made into toiletry packs by the Mini Vinnies to assist local people in need in our community. Please bring in unopened items by the 6<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.



*Many Blessings,  
Clare Paff  
Religious Education Coordinator*

## NEWS FROM THE PRIMARY COORDINATOR

### **Learning & Growth in 2021:**

Whilst 2021 has presented many challenges for us with COVID, from a teaching and learning perspective, St Joseph's has experienced a year of great excitement

and growth with our participation in the Leading Learning Collaborative (LLC) initiative introduced by the Catholic Schools Office this year. LLC centres on the work of Canadian educationalist Lyn Sharratt and the teachings in her book, 'Clarity'. Sharratt focuses on 14 parameters (or principles). The framework is growth oriented.

Our focus on this work is largely in the areas of Writing as is identified in our School Improvement Plan although next year we aim to focus on Mathematics alongside writing and spelling.

The LLC framework encourages children to take autonomy for their learning and there are 5 critical questions which teachers and leaders regularly ask their students to check their understandings of the expectations of a task they are working on:

\*What are you learning and why?

\*How are you going?

\*How do you know?

\*How can you improve?

\*Where do you go for help?

In addition, Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are co-constructed with learners which gives them a clear understanding of the expectations of a task and through the use of 'Bump it Up Walls' children can work towards improving and changing their work to gain their best possible grade. It has been so rewarding this year to hear the excitement amongst teachers and children talking about their learning and how they are progressing. We will continue with this journey in 2022.

*Warm regards,*

*Mrs. Kathryn Hill*

*(Primary Coordinator)*



Molly S- 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Abigail C- 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Marlow E- 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Ruby L- 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Abby M- 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Ivy W- 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Isabella C- 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Sinead W- 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Zoe F- 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Beau G- 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Lucy C- 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Laura S- 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Ashlyn M- 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Edward A- 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Ava L- 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Mefi T- 31 <sup>st</sup> December

# LEARNING HUB 2021 STATISTICS



A Summary of 2021

## OUR COLLECTION

Total resources: 10555  
 Picture Books: 2546  
 Junior Fiction: 2269  
 Fiction: 2333  
 Periodicals: 180

## OUR LEARNING

Curriculum taught during HUB lessons:  
 Main subject: INFORMATION LITERACY (English)  
 Integrated subjects: HSIE & SCIENCE  
 ICT: Organising and sharing research using a variety of software including Adobe Spark, SWAY, Microsoft Office (eg PowerPoint, & Publisher), Minecraft Education, Forms and more.

## TOTAL LOANS

There were 8756 total loans in 2021, which is fabulous given lock down. Infants are borrowing more than last year!!



TOTAL LOANS PER STAGE  
 Red represents boys and yellow represents girls.

## CLASS TOP BORROWERS

- KB - Violet M
- KR - Sienna A
- 1R - James C
- 2B - Isabella C & Ruby M
- 2R - Evie M
- 3R - Sofia D
- 3/4 B - Mya C
- 4R - Will F
- 5/6 B - Emily S
- 5/6R - Alex V
- 5/6W - Tom P

## CHAMPION CLASSES PER STAGE

- Kinder Blue - 1135 loans
- 2 Blue - 1353
- 3 Red - 954 loans
- 5/6 White - 545 loans

## SCHOOL TOP BORROWERS

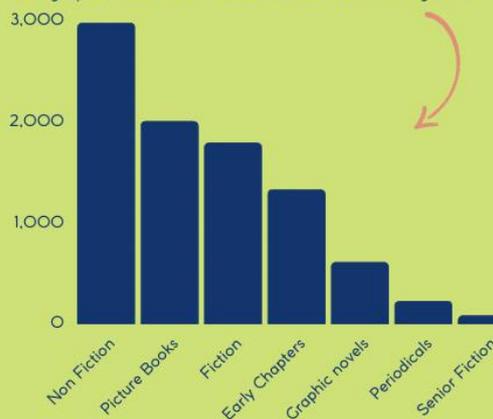
Congratulations Ruby M & Isabella C from Year 2!

## BOOK CLUB COMMISSION

Book Club sales resulted in \$1010 commission. This money went directly to purchasing new quality, curriculum and interest based books for the collection. We thank our community for supporting Book Club throughout the year.

## Loans per section

The graph below shows where children are borrowing from.



# YumboRama! Heat & Eat Meals Home Style



It's fundraising time with  
**YumboRama!**

Great news. The gang at Yumbo will donate 15% of the value of all SJC deliveries back to our school. Their homestyle heat and eat meals are wonderful and they are based locally here in Charlestown.

Use this coupon code on the checkout page when ordering.

## SJC2021

They deliver to all of Newcastle and have plenty of great family options so tell your friends! The more the merrier and the more we raise for our school.

Don't forget to include the coupon code at the checkout so that we can keep track of all the orders placed during our 2021 YumboRama fundraising campaign.

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# THOMPSON PIES FUNDRAISER

This year we are going to run a fundraiser via the Thompson's Pies website.

Thompsons supply our canteen with bread, party pies, sausage rolls and muffins, but we have access to the complete menu for this fundraiser, including their Christmas treats! You can order ANYTHING available via Online Orders on the Thompson's Pies website.

Every order placed with our special code entered (Code is **SJPC1121**) will earn money for the school..

What is even better is that you can share the code with your friends, family, neighbours, even work colleagues, and the more people that order products using our code, the more money we will raise!

Minimum order \$50 with free delivery to your door!

Thompson's Pies deliver to the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Maitland areas Monday to Friday. Anyone living in the Rathmines and surrounding areas, can receive deliveries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you don't think you can meet the \$50 minimum, you can pool your orders with family, friends, neighbours, and nominate one person's address for delivery. Pass the code around to your workmates. Or get them to look at the order sheet, then simply collect their money and do one order over \$50 if several people only want 1 or 2 things.

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Ordering period **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November till Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

**You can order during these set dates and choose delivery ANY date up till & inc 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**

Thank you for your support and we look forward to a profitable fundraiser to finish of the year!

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- Mini Pudding 6 Pack \$10.35
- Shortbread Fingers 12 Pack \$5.98
- Rum Balls 12 Pack \$7.93
- Christmas Tree Fruitcake 400g \$9.20
- Party Fruit Tart 6 Pack \$11.50
- White Christmas 6 Pack \$12.65
- Coconut Ice 6 Pack \$12.65
- Fruit Mince Filled Cookies 12 Pack \$7.14
- Gingerbread Man 12 Pack \$5.40
- Rocky Road 6 Pack \$15.18
- Chocolate Mint Cookies 12 Pack \$5.98
- Christmas Hamper \$90

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Caramel Tart 4 Pack	11.50
Apple Slice 6 Pack	7.59
Carrot Cake Slice 6 Pack	8.62
Apple Turnover 6 Pack	12.76
Rock Cake 6 Pack	8.97
Vanilla Slice 6 Pack	7.93
Brownie Slice 6 Pack	9.31
Caramel Slice 6 Pack	13.81
Rocky Road Slice 6 Pack	15.18
Peppermint Slice 6 Pack	13.46
Cherry Slice 6 Pack	13.46
Finger Bun 6 Pack	6.90
Cream Bun 6 Pack	7.25
Cream Lamington 12 Pack	13.81
Plain Lamington 12 Pack	13.81
Cup Cake Choc 6 Pack	7.59
Cup Cake Pink 6 Pack	7.59
Choc Chip Muffin 6 Pack	8.28
Blueberry Muffin 6 Pack	8.28
Apple & Cinnamon Muffin 6 Pack	8.28
Scones 6 Pack	4.83
Date Scones 6 Pack	5.13
Individual Caramel Cheesecake 4 Pack	11.50
Banana Bread 2.2kg (Sliced)	28.17

### Pro-Rol Bread

Pro-Rol White Sandwich	2.30 *
Pro-Rol White Toast	2.30 *
Pro-Rol Wholemeal	2.30 *
Pro-Rol Multigrain	2.30 *

### Breadrolls

Fruit Loaf (Sliced)	4.95 *
Hot Dog Roll 6 Pack	3.80 *
Wholemeal Hot Dog 6 Pack	4.14 *
Hamburger Roll 6 Pack	3.80 *
Mega Flat Roll 6 Pack	4.14 *
Cheese & Bacon Roll 6 Pack	7.53 *
Garlic Bread 5" (Box of 24)	23.00 *

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Beef & Curry Pie 6 Pack	14.49
Beef & Cheese Pie 6 Pack	16.21
Beef & Mushroom Pie 6 Pack	15.52
Beef, Tomato & Onion Pie 6 Pack	15.18
Beef, Bacon & Cheese Pie 6 Pack	16.56
Beef Chilli & Cheese Pie 4 Pack	11.73
Steak Pie 4 Pack	15.41
Steak & Curry Pie 4 Pack	15.87
Steak & Mushroom Pie 4 Pack	16.79
Steak, Cheese & Bacon Pie 4 Pack	17.02
Pepper Steak Pie 4 Pack	16.34
Steak & Kidney Pie 4 Pack	21.05
Mornay Chicken & Vegetable Pie 4 Pack	13.10
Quiche Lorraine 6 Pack	15.87
Vegetable Quiche 6 Pack	17.26
Pastie 6 Pack	14.15
Vegetable Pastie 6 Pack	14.49
Sausage Roll 6 Pack	8.75
Cheese & Bacon Sausage Roll 6 Pack	14.84
Spinach & Ricotta Roll 6 Pack	13.81
Spinach & Fetta Roll 6 Pack	16.96

## Family Pies

Family Beef Pie 9"	8.85
Family Beef & Cheese Pie 9"	10.35
Family Beef, Cheese & Bacon Pie 9"	10.46
Family Steak Pie 9"	12.31
Family Pepper Steak Pie 9"	14.37
Family Mornay Chicken & Veg Pie 9"	10.46
Family Quiche Lorraine 9"	10.81
Family Quiche Vegetable 9"	10.93
Family Apple Pie 7"	8.28
Family Blueberry Pie 7"	9.78
Family Custard Tart 7"	7.48
Family Caramel Tart 7"	10.01

## Party Food

Party Beef Pie (90g) 12 Pack	16.56
Party Beef & Potato Pie (120g) 6 Pack	8.97
Party Sausage Roll (60g) 12 Pack	11.04
Party Spinach Ricotta Roll (65g) 12 Pack	15.18
Party Pastie (75g) 12 Pack	16.56
Party Vegetable Pastie (75g) 12 Pack	17.26
Party Quiche Lorraine (75g) 12 Pack	17.94
Party Vegetable Quiche (75g) 12 Pack	19.32
Party Bread Roll 6 Pack	2.88
Party Custard Tart 6 Pack	8.97
Party Caramel Tart 6 Pack	9.67
Party Apple Pie 6 Pack	8.62

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