



Tuckshop Strategy Issue Paper

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The facts...

There's a few things that we know about the tuckshop at PRSS....

- We need to pay a convenor.
- It is open 2 days per week.
- The facilities and equipment need refurbishment.
- It is staffed by volunteers.
- Tuckshop volunteer numbers are decreasing.
- It is budgeted to cover it's cost.
- While complying with the healthy eating guidelines, the menu contains unhealthy options.
- We need to find a new convenor for next year.

What we must do...

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- Decide on whether we want a "healthy" tuckshop and fully understand what this means.
- Recruit a new convenor.

"Healthy" Tuckshop?

To a child, any pie is a pie. Is it more important that the child eats a "heart tick" pie or makes a choice not to eat any pies?

Is tuckshop a "treat" – should we be promoting highly processed, low nutritional value food as "treats"?

Is there an "untapped" tuckshop market? If we offered healthy food, would we see new tuckshop buyers?

What "pain" is the P&C prepared to go through to have a "healthy" tuckshop?

- Lack of popularity
- Potential high wastage
- Potentially running at a loss.

Ideas...

- Continue to open the tuckshop for two days per week, however make one day the "healthy" options day.

- Reduce the menu size to more of a “meal-deal” type approach. This will minimise wastage and maximise effort.
- Recruit a new convenor passionate about delivering a “healthy” tuckshop.
- Get this convenor to design the menu, purchase the goods, and arrange volunteers (we might find that there’s a different group of volunteers prepared to serve up “healthy” foods).
- When Lois leaves (anticipated to be at the end of term 2 2009), have the new convenor take over both days with a fully “healthy” tuckshop.

Action Plan

1. Create a tuckshop sub-committee
2. Develop “best practice” guidelines
3. Draft budgets based on estimated costs and sales
4. Research any grant opportunities (may be linked to Qld Govt. plan for Queenslanders to be the “healthiest Australians”
5. Present findings to P&C for discussion and voting.

New Convenor Recruitment

If we are going to have a truly healthy tuckshop, it’s important that we have a convenor who is dedicated, knowledgeable, and skilled at delivering healthy food.

The draft new convenor recruitment process is:

1. Draft position description
2. Discuss with current convenor
3. Advertise position in school newsletter
4. Interview candidates
5. Appoint new convenor
6. Conduct new convenor training
7. Review position after three months