



**DARCY ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
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## **Principal's Byte: Our School Canteen**

As our community knows our beloved canteen operators Vicki and Tony Elhage elected to no longer operate the Darcy Road school canteen. This was a big decision for them to make. The canteen was no longer a viable business for them. We miss them and Georgina every day.

It is now time for our school to make plans for a new canteen operator. School canteens in NSW Government schools are required to operate under the Healthy Canteen strategy. There are rules and regulations attached to this strategy. There are many different types of school canteens and many different ways to operate. Our task at Darcy Road is to educate our school community on what is possible for a school canteen. Mr McAnally and Mrs Dippenaar will be sending home different information about school canteens every couple of days over the next two weeks. We ask that you read this information.

This is what we intend to do to make plans for our canteen:

1. We will survey the community see how the canteen has been used. (The reason Vicki and Tony left is because our community did not use the canteen enough for them to have a successful business)
2. Mrs Dippenaar and Mr McAnally will send home information about what is possible for a school canteen
3. Families will be asked again if they would use a new school canteen
4. If families tell us they won't use a new canteen then we won't proceed with a new canteen
5. If families tell us they will use a new canteen then the NSW Department of Education will go through a tender process.

We anticipate we will know if our community wants a new canteen by the end of this term. If our community elects to have a new canteen then we anticipate the tender process will be completed during term 4 ready for a new operator to start in 2020. The canteen will not be open for the remainder of 2019. Families will need to make alternate arrangements.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Regards

**Trudy Hopkins**

**Principal**

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