



ACHIEVE - COURAGE - COOPERATE - RESPECT

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



DIARY DATES

Term 1

- 27th February Ag Committee 6pm
- 27th February Governing Council AGM 7pm
- 28th February Sports Day
- 1st March School Photos
- 3rd March SSSA Swimming Adelaide
- 6th - 7th March 11/12 Conferences
- 8th March Year 11/12 English Excursion
- 10th March F-6 Assembly 9:05am
- 13th March Public Holiday
- 14th March Interschool Athletics
- 15th - 24th March NAPLAN
- 22nd March Finance 12:05pm
- 23rd March Year 8 & 10 Immunisations

FEEDBACK

At Keith Area School, we value the input that we receive from parents and community members. If you would like to provide the school with some feedback, there are many ways that you can get in touch with us. In person, speaking to a teacher, leader or another staff member. You can also provide us feedback in writing via a letter or email to dl.0757.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

Welcome back to Keith Area School for 2023. We have had a great start to the year and I've enjoyed reconnecting with students, parents and staff. I'm proud of how well our students and staff have settled into the routine of the new year and feel a sense of optimism for another great year. It was great to see students give it their all at our recent swimming carnival and for the students selected to represent our school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival in Murray Bridge on Monday, well done on being great ambassadors for the school.

We warmly welcome our new students and staff to the school. I'm confident you have begun to settle and find your feet. You have joined a great school and school community.

School communications. We know that change can be hard and as with any change there will be some good bits and some bits that will test us while we get used to things. Hopefully by now many of you have had an opportunity to have a look at DayMap Connect <https://keithas.daymap.net/daymapconnect/>, our parent portal. Here you will be able to find information about your children including attendance, reports, grade information and feedback for work and assignments submitted. As well as learning overviews. You will also be able to send messages to our staff or let us know if your child will be absent. You can connect via the website or DayMap app. Feedback so far is that the browser is a bit easier to navigate and will give you access to some features which the app doesn't have. Be sure to have a look at both. Not all features are live just yet and/or live for all year levels. In time, we hope this to be a useful tool which helps connect families with their children's learning. For the time being we will continue to use SkoolBag while our families transition to DayMap.

Unfortunately we continue to have issues with secondary students vaping in the toilets. Most recently, this has been reported in the secondary girls toilets. We have had conversations with students about the dangers of vaping and health risks involved and further support these messages through our pastoral care programmes. Parents of secondary children, I encourage you to have a discussion with your child about the dangers and family expectations around this. Students are accessing and purchasing vapes within the community and bringing them to school. I am most concerned that some students are telling us that they don't use the toilets during the day as they're concerned about what they'll see or encounter. We know it is only a very small number of students involved and encourage students who may see something to say something. We want the toilets to be a safe space for students. Our school drug and alcohol policy has a clear position about consequences and school follow up if students are found with vapes. Please have a look on SkoolBag and DayMap for a helpful resource for parents with tips on talking to your young person about vaping.

A reminder to our families about car parking in front of the school. We've noticed a small number of drivers who illegally park on the yellow line next to the bus lane. Please don't do this. It has the potential to cause safety issues with buses and the movement of students around vehicles during the busy drop-off and pick-up times. I am currently working with council staff and Stones to review how the bus lane operates and see what improvements might be possible to make the space safer for children.

Our bus drivers have also reported to me that some students are getting off the bus at their stop then walking in front of the bus to cross the road. This is dangerous as bus drivers can sometimes have low visibility and not see children. Please talk to your child about this and if you are meeting them at the stop, ensure you all cross the road at the rear of the bus.

I'm really glad to be back and am looking forward to another great year.

**White
Ribbon
SCHOOL**





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

MR RUSSELL WOTTON

NAPLAN

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to March. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN isn't something for students to be scared of or worried about. It is a really important tool, because results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. When the results are released, parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

BUSES

Recently bus students were reminded of the importance of following driver instructions – especially when it comes to alighting. It is really important that students who cross the road after leaving the bus, do so safely by walking to the rear of the vehicle. It is very dangerous if you walk in front of the bus. Keeping track of bus students can also be a challenge for drivers from time to time. Parents, can you please make sure you communicate regularly with bus drivers and the school so we know who is and isn't supposed to be on the bus every night.



WELCOME MESSAGE

Welcome back (or for our new students, welcome) to school for the year. Term 1 is jam packed with activities that allow students to learn and build social skills out of the classroom, I would like to acknowledge the work put in by staff and parents who make sporting events, camps and excursions possible. Things are just as busy inside the classroom with students and teachers getting to know each other and develop learning routines.

SPORTS DAY

Unfortunately, the weather forecast isn't looking great for Friday, February 24th, so we have shifted Sports Day to Tuesday, February 28th. I look forward to seeing you all there so we can watch Tolmer win the day!





Primary Assistant Principal News



Mrs Kristy Clark

Welcome To 2023

The Primary Team are excited about the year ahead. The teachers have spent many hours preparing their rooms and learning programs for the term. It has been fantastic to see the students settling in well to new classroom routines and expectations.

We welcome Jessica McKinnon to the Primary Team, she has had a fantastic first few weeks getting to know our school, community, and students.

This term, teachers are working on improving our Word Work program. We have been focussing on explicit teaching of spelling rules and daily repetition of learning. Our Site Improvement focus in Primary is to improve the number of students meeting the National Benchmark in Maths. We are looking forward to upskilling our staff and working with students to improve our numeracy results.



Leaders

Well done to all of the new SRC leaders in Primary, we look forward to seeing your leadership skills develop over the first semester. Students have many opportunities this term to work on their leadership skills including working in the canteen and being a Reader Room volunteer.

Setting Up For Success

At Keith Area School, we recognise the importance of students having a successful start to their school year. It is vital that they develop the routines, attitudes and habits of a successful learner. We started the term with our traditions Setting up for Success program.

Our Setting Up For Success program has six key components:

- The Me I Know
- Working Collaboratively
- Respectful Relationships
- Learning with a Growth Mindset
- Code of Conduct
- Rules and Routines

The aim of the program is to set up safe and positive learning environments that engage, challenge and empower every student to flourish.

Swimming

What a fantastic day it was for our Swimming Carnival. A big thankyou to Miss Pado and the Sports Committee for their organisation of the day. It was fantastic to see all of the students participating and displaying great sportsmanship throughout the day.

Meet The Teacher

It was lovely to see all of the families at the Meet the Teacher Night. We hope you enjoyed getting to know the team and looking through the classrooms.

Overviews

Term Overviews will be going home in Week 3. We hope you enjoy looking through all of the learning that your child will be doing in their classes this term.



Daymap

Keith Area School has a new program that they will use for parent communication. Daymap will replace Skoolbag and Seesaw. If you are having any issues logging on or understanding how to use Daymap please contact the Nick Norman our IT Manager. He is very happy to assist families through this transition phase.

Secondary Assistant Principal News

Ms Chantelle Lucas



WELCOME MESSAGE

Hello and welcome back to the 2023 school year. My name is Chantelle Lucas and I am new to Keith Area School this year as the Secondary Assistant Principal. I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the staff and students and getting to work to ensure 2023 is a successful year. I look forward to working with families and the school community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

PHONES

A reminder that mobile phones are not to be used while students are on school grounds. They need to remain in lockers during the day. Our staff will confiscate phones if they are sighted, and they will need to be collected from the Front Office by a parent or caregiver.

If parents or caregivers need to contact students through the day, please phone the Front Office and a message can be delivered to the student.

Please be aware that the school phone policy also applies on school event days, camps and excursions.



11/12 CONFERENCES

These will be held from 3.30pm-5.00pm on Monday and Tuesday of Week 6.

Bookings will be open from the 20th of February to the 3rd of March.

If you need assistance making a booking, please ring the school on 8755 1177 and we will be happy to assist.

LEARNING OVERVIEWS

All secondary subject teachers have posted a learning overview on Daymap which gives a brief outline of the learning and assessments students will be completing. These may be for the term, semester or year depending on the year level and subject.

Teachers will post all assessment tasks and homework on Daymap, which is visible to students and parents.

All learning and assessment is now done through Daymap.

HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Students will receive homework and are expected to complete it by the date set by the teacher. This may include work not completed during class time and separate tasks to complement in class learning.

Consequences for incomplete homework will be set by the teacher.

Homework will show up on Daymap and is visible to students and parents.

The amounts of homework students should receive:

- Year 7/8 - 25 minutes per night
- Year 9 - 30 minutes per night
- Year 10/11/12 - no time limit, they will have ongoing assessment tasks to complete and possibly short-term homework tasks

7-10 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will be held from 3.30pm-7.00pm on Monday and Tuesday of Week 9.

Bookings will open from the 13th to the 24th of March.

If you need assistance making a booking, please ring the school on 8755 1177 and we will be happy to assist.

BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS

School Card

The Department for Education can provide financial help for families to cover the cost of school fees.

Applying for a school card is easy and can be done online or via a paper form. For more information go to:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.

School PHOTO DAY



Wednesday
1st March

HOW TO ORDER

- Order envelopes have been sent home.
- Follow the instructions on how to order and pay (payments are made directly to Academy).
- All envelopes **MUST** be given to the photographer on the day. Even if an order is not placed.
- Family photo envelopes are available from the front office.
- Years 7-12 Secondary ID photo orders are available using the blue form (payment is made to the school).



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

School
Photo
Day



Hire Of School Facilities

If a club or business are interested in using the school facilities such as the COLA – Hall – Ovals etc

All you need to do is contact the school to arrange a booking. A hire form and copy of insurance is required.

Thank you!

NEW STAFF OF 2023



Emilee Stone
Front Office



Jessica McKinnon
P1 Teacher



Troy Esdale
Technologies Teacher



Angela Oliver
Student Support



Chantelle Lucas
Secondary Assistant Principal



Rachel Harkness
Science & Math Teacher



STUDENT

Leaders 2023



F - 6 SRC SEMESTER ONE

FOUNDATION SMITH

Finley B
Lila S

YEAR 1 THOMPSON & O'CONNOR

Jack R
Rylee B

YEAR 2 OSBORNE

Shaylee A
Scarlett W

YEAR 3 CULLEY

Lexi A
Elsie C

YEAR 4 - 5 PRICE

Charlie N
Lucy M

YEAR 5 - 6 LAMONT

Cooper W
Jade H

YEAR 5 - 6 MCKINNON

Ryan T
Kensie D

7 - 12 SRC FULL YEAR

YEAR 7/8A

Libby C
Evie W

YEAR 7/8B

Kody S
Lucy M

YEAR 7/8C

Tori E
Maddie A

YEAR 9

Sarah B
Eva F
Bethany D

YEAR 10

Ky G
Mikayla W

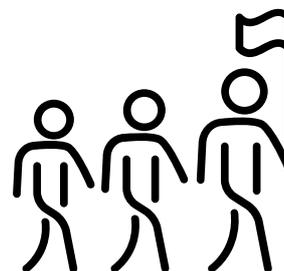
YEAR 11

VICE PRESIDENT

Chloe C

PRESIDENT

Mia H



STIRLING

SENIOR CAPTAINS

Jed S
Macy L

SENIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Mitch C
Kali D

JUNIOR CAPTAINS

Hugo S
Pippa M

JUNIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Austin S
Grace H

MADDISON

SENIOR CAPTAINS

Tilliee J
Tyson R

SENIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Isabelle H
Jack H

JUNIOR CAPTAINS

Aria R
Rex T

JUNIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Lucy M
Hayden G

TOLMER

SENIOR CAPTAINS

Levi S
Mia H

SENIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Travis W
Millie R

JUNIOR CAPTAINS

Alex B
Hazel B

JUNIOR VICE-CAPTAINS

Hudson R
Ashlyn O

SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2023

What a lovely day it was for the Keith Area School Swimming Carnival. The date change left us with the perfect conditions for a day of swimming. The day was a great success with many team and individual accolades.

Congratulations to Stirling, who were the overall winners. It is important to note that taking part, having a go at getting points for your team is what the day is all about. A big thank you to our wonderful Sports Committee who worked hard behind the scenes to get this event up and running. It is always a big job at the start of the year, when the teachers are all busy getting learning underway, so we appreciate their dedication and effort placed into running the successful day.

A special thank you to Phoebe, Brayden, Sarah and Nick whose organisation and planning made the day run smoothly.



SCHOOL NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



THE RESULTS

Stirling 1398
Maddison 1377
Tolmer 1338



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Age Group	Winners	Runner-Ups
U9	Elsie C, Jack M	Tess S, Max A
U10	Lucy M, Zach S	Ruby D, Jackson W
SJ Cup	Elsie C, Jack M	
U11	Aria R, Hayden G	Hazel B, Austin S
U12	Ashlyn O, Jerry W	Lily A, Hugo S
J Cup	Ashlyn O, Jerry W	
U14	Libby C, Oscar B	Maddison A, Beckham D
I Cup	Libby C, Oscar B	
U21	Sarah B, Nash H	Emma L, Tyson R
S Cup	Sarah B, Nash H	



School News Interschool Swimming



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Keith Swimming Team who competed at Interschool today. We came away with the Senior Shield and a close second in the Primary Shield. Well done to everyone who represented our school with great sportsmanship. Thank you to all our parent and teacher helpers, these days could not run without you.



School News

Year 12 Agriculture

In Week 2, Year 12 Agriculture students from Keith, Bordertown and Naracoorte joined together for a cattle marketing excursion. We visited the Naracoorte saleyards and watched the cattle sales. We then went for a tour of the processing plant at Teys. Finally, a visit to the Nampara Bull sale completed the day. It was a great experience for the students to see the prices and quality of cattle available at different sales and watch the auctioneers and their selling techniques. At the abattoir, students learnt about animal welfare and the process the animal goes through to make it to our table.

A big thank you to Helen Altus and Emma Phillips for organising the day and also to all of the businesses for having us.





KEITH AREA SCHOOL

KEITH AREA SCHOOL AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Looking For New Members!

We are looking at gaining some new members for our Agriculture Committee. We usually meet twice a term in the Agriculture classroom and discuss all things Agriculture within the school and how we can support our students and the Agriculture area. We would love to hear your ideas and have your support, so please come along!

Meetings this term are:

- Monday 27th Feb at 6pm
- Monday 3rd April at 6pm

For more information please contact Russell Wotton or Deb Sanders at the school.

If You Are Unable To Be On The Committee...

Please also contact us if you think there are ways in which you might be able to support Agriculture at school.

Examples include:

- guest speaker - let us know what you can come and talk to the students about
- hosting an excursion at your business or have a contact that could
- donations of hay/feed
- assist with the show team
- time at a working bee
- and the list goes on.....
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More information will be published soon about ways you can help Agriculture at the school.

SPORTS DAY BBQ PRICE LIST



- Sausage in Bread \$2.50
- Hamburger \$4.00
- Steak \$5.00
- Onion \$0.50
- Coleslaw \$0.50
- Powerade \$4.00
- Soft Drink \$2.50
- Water \$1.50

School Canteen will be open during Sports Day. Please refer to Canteen Price List on the back.

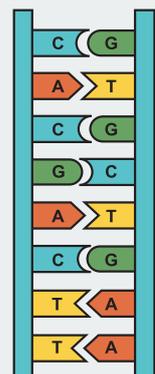
School News

Year 11 & 12 Biology



Extracting DNA

Year 11 and 12's have been learning about DNA and its role in the body. In Week 2, they were able to learn techniques to extract DNA from peas and strawberries.



MEET OUR WELLBEING TEAM 2023



Mrs Sanders



Aaron

How to contact us:

- **Drop into our office**
- **Phone:** 8755 1177
- **Grab a form** in JP classroom
- **Email:**

deborah.sanders1@schools.sa.edu.au

aaron.pietzsch212@schools.sa.edu.au

WELLBEING NEWS

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT IN YEARS 11 AND 12.

When you have a teenager completing the senior years of school, everyone in the family is doing Year 11 or Year 12. Here are a few ideas for coming through these years flourishing, and having everyone's dignity intact.

Parents have a vital role in helping students:

- manage time
- manage energy
- manage stress
- manage to get everything in at the right time and in the right place.

In addition to this you have to manage yourself.

DEVELOPING THE SYSTEM

Regular planned times for study throughout the year creates better results. Short regular sprints of learning are more effective than long study marathons. To create this, you need to work out a system.

Sit down with your teenager and map out an ideal week, including:

- times for sleeping (at least eight hours a night)
- times for unwinding and relaxing
- best breakfast foods
- the best times for study
- the best time of the week for consolidating notes and extending memory
- time to catch up with friends
- required school hours
- time for part-time work (less than 10 hours a week)
- how to handle invitations around exam times.

Without a plan, you are simply left with doing what you like when you feel like it, and often, feeling like studying is not probably the most likely emotion in teenagers' lives.

Study sprints should be ideally 20 minutes long and never longer than 50 minutes, with a 10 minute break between study sessions.

Usually on the weekend, have some time set aside for organising information and testing memory of new information.

Patiently, talk through the system until you all feel that you have the best plan. Ask them how often you should remind them of the system when they don't seem to be following it.

You may also need to discuss minimising distractions – excessive social media use, listening to music while studying, multi-tasking or chatting with friends online is not compatible with studying. Multi-tasking is just splitting your attention and means you'll need to study four times longer than you need to.

Next Newsletter – Part 2: Steering student back to the system and what to do if the system breaks down.



FROM THE WEBSITE:
ANDREW FULLER CLINICAL
PSYCHOLOGIST

Community News

Junior Colts 2023

To all Parents, Caregivers, and Players. Preseason will commence Tuesday 7th March at 5:15. Training is open to everyone born 2009, 2010, and 2011 only at this stage. Training will be held Tuesdays 5:15 and Thursdays at 5:00. Please bring your sneakers and football boots to training.

This season looks like there will be a high number of players. Selection will come down to all players doing the right thing attending training, jobs around the club and other criteria. I'm confident we can have a fun and successful year if we all give our best.

Thanks,
Karl Qualmann JC Coach

Bordertown Inter-Church Council

You are invited to join us for our community

Easter Sunrise Service

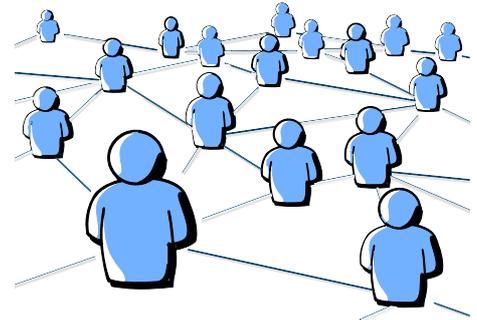
Sunday 9 April 2023 @ 6:30am

Bordertown Recreation Lake

If inclement weather meet at the Uniting Church Hall

Please bring a chair

Followed by a Cupper & Hot Cross Buns



Social Group

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SOCIAL GROUP LEADERS ARE INVITING YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 14-18 TO JOIN THE GROUP IN OUR ONGOING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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\$5 ENTRY FEE - JOIN THE SOCIAL GROUP LEADERS EVERY MONDAY 5.30-8.00 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEEK 1 - QUIZ NIGHT
WEEK 2 - SOCIAL KITCHEN
WEEK 3 - CREATIVE CORNER
WEEK 4 - HORROR MOVIE CLUB (MEET OUTSIDE COUNCIL LIBRARY)

CHECK US OUT @SOCIALGROUPTATIARA ON INSTA

Think about your next move

Dental Assistant Traineeship

SA Dental Service is offering up to 30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the state.

SA Dental Government of South Australia

Dental Assistant Traineeships

SA Dental is offering up to 30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the State. The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting (now listed as a fee free course) while earning \$18,101 - \$37,664 a year.

If you are 17 - 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) and have finished year 11, you may qualify for a Traineeship.

Applications open 26/02/2023 - 18/03/2023 for the June 2023 mid-year intake.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit: www.sahealthcareers.com.au
(Search Job No: 823310 at this website from 26 February - 18 March to apply)

KEITH TENNIS CLUB PRESENTS

HOTSHOTS TENNIS

COACHING & MATCHPLAY

DATES

1 FEB 17TH
MARCH 3RD, 17TH, 31ST
APRIL 17TH

TIMES

FRI 3:30 - 4 RED BALL (4-6)
FRI 4:00 - 5:15 MATCHPLAY
FRI 5:15 - 6:15 ADULT SQUAD
FRI 6:15 - 7:15 GREEN BALL(10-12)

SAT 9:00 - 10:00 ORANGE BALL
SAT 10:00 - 11:00 ORANGE BALL
SAT 11:00 - 12:00 DIV BALL

INFO@BLACKWOODTENNISACADEMY.COM.AU
PHONE SHANE: 0482 029 023

Volunteer

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Keith Area School



Are you interested in volunteering?

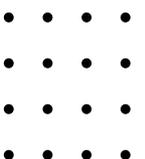
Volunteers play a vital role in our school helping to create an environment that supports the education and wellbeing of our children and young people.

We would love parents/grandparents or carers to consider ways in which they can support our school. We are always grateful for volunteers who are willing to listen to students read or help out in the classroom.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in the following areas:

- Listening to students read
- Literacy lessons
- Literacy and Math's lessons
- Learning Assistance Program
- Listening to students read

If you are able to help with any of the areas listed above, please email sarah.makin658@schools.sa.edu.au or phone the school on 8755 1177.



Canteen

Pricelist



Moosie

\$1.50

- Blue Moon
- Chocolate
- Banana
- Strawberry

Paddle Pop

\$1.50

- Banana
- Chocolate
- Rainbow

Everest Cup

\$1.50

- Vanilla
- Strawberry
- Chocolate

Icy Twist

\$1.50

- Lemonade

Red Rock

Chips

\$1.20

- Honey soy chicken
- Sea Salt

Mini Calippo

\$1.00

Quelch Fruit

Stick

50 cents



Prices as of 13/02.2023