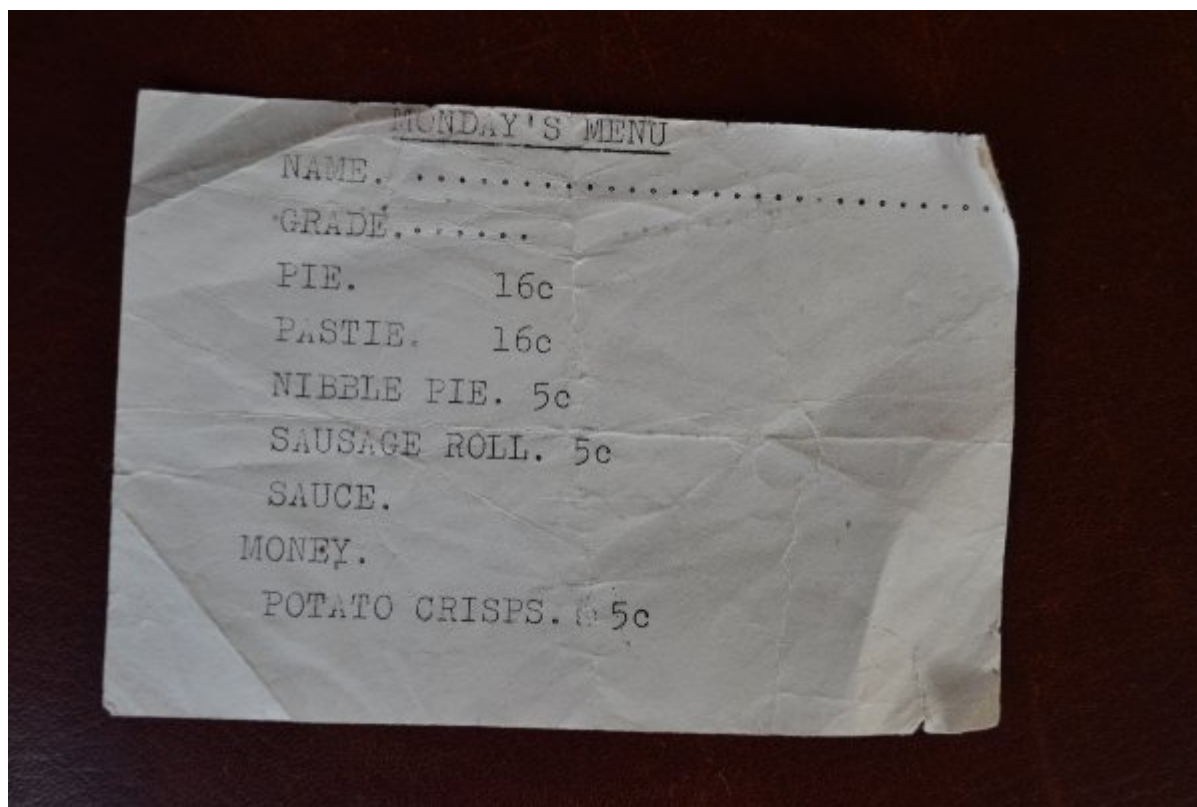


Lunch order, 1975?



REMEMBER THE SMELL of hot pies warming in the pie warmer of the school canteen? Irresistible!

Everyone had their favourite school pie: in Warrnambool it was usually a Chitticks. In Port Fairy, Cobbs pies. In Mortlake, Clarke's. In Timboon, the Timboon bakery...

For those lucky enough to be able to "buy their lunch" – wow! – the canteen ladies (and they were all ladies) would squirt the pie with a squiggle of tomato sauce (it was free) and slip it into a crunchy brown paper bag ready for it to be devoured while sitting on a bench in the shelter shed.

Some of us may have even had a pie AND a finger bun.

And to think, there was no such thing as childhood obesity back then – we just ran it all off.