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Level 1 Social Studies RAS 2023

92050 Demonstrate understanding of decisions made in relation to a contemporary social issue

Credits: Five

PILOT ASSESSMENT

RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for Social Studies RAS 92050.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–4 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

YOU MAY KEEP THIS BOOKLET AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.

DECISIONS MADE IN RELATION TO RISING FOOD COSTS

INTRODUCTION: Rising food costs

New Zealand food prices were 12% higher in February 2023 than they were a year earlier, Stats NZ says.



The cost of food has been accelerating since the pandemic, pushed up by higher transport, energy, and labour costs, and disruption to food production from the recent flooding and Cyclone Gabrielle has put even more pressure on prices.

Source (adapted): <https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/300828656/food-prices-increase-at-fastest-rate-since-1989>;
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/131628720/massive-upswing-in-kiwis-wanting-to-grow-their-own-kai-as-costs-surge>

Image: <https://www.allselfsustained.com/food-prices-continue-skyrocket-america-get-ready-grow/>

RESOURCE A: Decisions made by individuals

A steep increase in the price of veges has seen people flock to establish their own gardens as they seek out more affordable ways to feed their families.



“The biggest thing has been trying to teach our daughter about where food comes from and how to grow her own food. Just trying to better the soil and leave the world in a better place for her.”

Kate Parker has established a flourishing garden at her Waitara home.

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Image: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/131068997/though-junk-food-is-more-available-to-rural-people-they-have-a-healthier-diet>

RESOURCE B: Decisions made by the Government

The Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme aims to address the issue of rising food costs by providing access to a nutritious lunch in school every day. Around a million lunches are provided each week. By August 2022, over 63 million lunches have been delivered in 950 schools and kura, to over 220,000 learners.



Research indicates that ensuring access to healthy food for children and young people:

- improves well-being



- boosts learners' overall health.



A meal provided by local iwi / tribe Ngāti Rārua to Nelson's Victory School as part of the Ka Ora, Ka Ako | Healthy School Lunches Programme.

According to one school principal: "Healthy [School] Lunches have literally changed ... our kura over the last couple of weeks. Prior to lunches we had a lot of tamariki / children coming to school hungry and looking for kai / food from their friends and teachers. A lot of our tamariki were disengaged and unmotivated. Now, after two weeks of free lunches, we have happy kids and happy teachers. Our children seem to be more motivated to learn and are more engaged."

Source (adapted): <https://www.education.govt.nz/our-work/overall-strategies-and-policies/wellbeing-in-education/free-and-healthy-school-lunches/>

Image: <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/129846200/free-lunches-an-investment-not-handout-says-iwi-provider>