Trend Task: School Lunches

NEMP Access Task

Approach: One to one

Focus: Nutrition

Resources: Menu, recording book

Questions / instructions:

Sunny buys lunch most days, so it's important that he buys healthy food.

Show menu.

This list shows all the foods available at lunchtimes.



Marking Criteria Least healthy list: Most healthy list: (most often) (least often) Yoghurt Potato crisps Sandwiches **Biscuits** Filled rolls (salad) Cakes Hot chips Sushi Sausage rolls Nuts and Raisins **Icecreams** Chocolate bars

1. Which foods would give Sunny year 4 year 8 a healthy lunch? **Number of foods mentioned** from "most healthy" list: 6 30 (7) 44 (36) 5 27 (26) 30 (29) 26 (33) 13 (24) 4 3 8 (15) 4 (10) 3 (3) 0-2 **Number of foods mentioned** from "least healthy" list: 0 81 (61) 88 (82) 1 17 (29) 11 (17) 2 (10) 2. Why do you say that? not marked 3. Which foods shouldn't Sunny buy too often because they are not so healthy? **Number of foods mentioned** from "least healthy" list: 7 15 (10) 25 (11) 6 22 (12) 20 (21) 21 (20) 22 (25) 5 19 (25) 19 (14) 4 3 11 (21) 10 (16) 0-2 9 (12) 7 (13) **Number of foods mentioned** from "most healthy" list: 0 93 (91) 78 (72) 1 17 (21) 6 (9) 2-7 4. Why do you say that? not marked 5. You've told me which foods would give Sunny a healthy lunch, but are they your favourite foods on the list? not marked 6. If you were given a free choice to buy whatever you like, what would you buy? not marked **Total score:** 17 (7) 12 - 1330 (16) 10-11 30 (14) 30 (31) 8-9 25 (26) 23 (29)

Year: 4 & 8

18 (30)

10 (23)

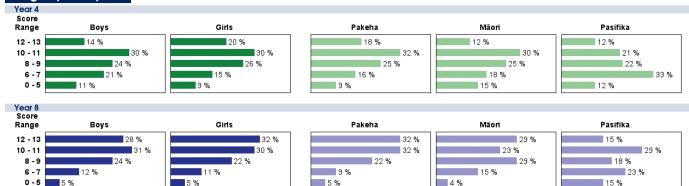
12 (16)

5 (8)

6-7

0-5

Subgroup Analyses:



Commentary:

Most students scored well on this task. Muesli bars and fruit juice were often put in the most healthy list, while attention to fat content had many students putting hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza slices into the least healthy list. Year 8 Pasifika students scored distinctly lower than other year 8 groups. There was a marked improvement from 2002 to 2006, especially for year 4 students.