

Ordering made easy

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FORGET the morning madness when getting the children ready for school.

Lunch orders at Rouse Hill Public School have been made easy.

Through an online ordering system, parents can log on until 9.30am the day of the order.

FlexiSchools general manager Stephen Austen said the technology was turning around tuckshop's fortunes.

Knowing what students need in advance means the canteen can now make to order, eliminating expensive food waste.

"The \$9500 loss in 2008 is now a major source of P and C fundraising in 2009 and will no doubt continue this year," he said.

Canteen manager Karren Newbert said the reaction from parents was extremely positive.

"Everyone just loves it," she said.

Parents visit the website and sign up for an account for the first visit and charge their account with some money.

They register their child/children and select the school.

"Following visits to the website are as simple as signing



Karren Newbert said the new system saves volunteers a lot of time in the canteen.

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in," Mr Austen said. "It saves time from the parent's end and for the canteen too."

From the canteen's end, Ms

Newbert prints off the orders and they are on a sticky label with the child's name, class and order.

At the same time an automated tally sheet is created so she knows what needs to be made.