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Dietitian Zoe Wilson delivers the latest in health and food news.

#### HAVE YOU TRIED?

Suncoast Gold Vitality extra virgin macadamia oil. Macadamia oil, from Australia's native macadamia trees, is high in monounsaturated ('good') fats so it's a great, heart-healthy choice. It's versatile, and can be used for stir-fries or roasts as well as making a nutty base for dressings. Visit suncoastgold.com.au.

#### Down with red

Aussies may be known for a love of red meat - but maybe not for much longer. Check out how our preferences have changed over the last 25 years.

We're eating less **beef** and **veal**, down from 40.5kg to 35.9kg per person per year



We're eating less **lamb**, down from 23.3kg to 10.9kg per person per year

We're eating more **pork**, up from 17.3kg to 24.6kg per person per year

We're eating more **poultry**, Increased from 21.9kg to 44.3kg per person per year

ABARES, 2012



#### Threat of exercise may help better food choices

If you knew you had to walk briskly for two hours to work off a burger, or for half an hour to work off a salad, which would you choose? Most of us would go for the salad to avoid the longer walk, a new study suggests.

#### Three-hundred men and women were asked to choose from menus that featured either kilojoule counts, the amount of brisk walking required to burn off

each item, or nothing at all. They found there was

no difference in the choices made by people with menus displaying the kilojoule counts and menus with no signage. However, the people who had the exercise-related menu ordered items with significantly fewer kilojoules and ate less, too. So, the threat of exercise could prove to be an effective deterrent to overeating or making unhealthy food choices.

Check out these five common sandwiches and how long it takes the average person to walk them off - which would you choose?

- Toasted ham, cheese & tomato
- 1800kJ = 90 minutes
- Curried egg & lettuce
  1400kJ = 70 minutes
- Chicken, mayo & salad
  1700kJ = 85 minutes
- Tuna & salad wrap
  1800kJ = 90 minutes
- Chicken schnitzel wrap 2600kJ = 130 minutes Experimental Biology, 2013

#### Did you know?

Whole fruit gives you a bigger-sized snack than the same amount of fruit when it's dried, for the same amount of kilojoules.



#### "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food" – Hippocrates





#### 🕞 Hall of shame

This month's award for the most unhealthy takeaway goes to... **Domino's double bacon cheeseburger Edge pizza** with ground beef, rasher bacon, mozzarella, mayonnaise and BBQ sauce on their cheesy garlic buttery crust. If you eat half the pizza, you're looking at half your day's worth of kilojoules and *all* your day's saturated fat and salt. No thanks!

### FEELING SLEEPY at 2pm? z<sup>z</sup>

It could be related to the fatty food you've eaten, says a new study. Healthy adults who ate larger amounts of fat reported feeling sleepier during the day, while those who ate more carbohydrates felt more alert. These findings were regardless of how much sleep the participants were getting and their total kilojoule intake. So if you're feeling slightly snoozy, reach for an apple or grainy roll at lunch and ditch the pie and chips. Sleep, 2013

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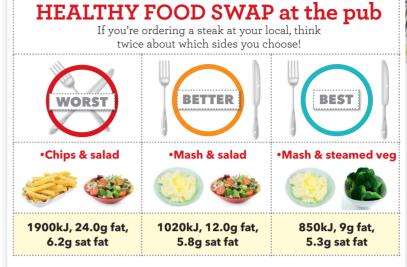
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#### CHOP IT!

Research has proven what mums already know – kids are more likely to eat fruit if it's cut up for them. Sales of apples in US primary schools jumped an average of 71 per cent when the fruit was sold sliced, instead of whole. AJPM, 2013



Healthy tip: Ask for sauces and dressings on the side to control how much you add.

#### COOK WITH ZEAL!

Need to brighten up vour kitchen? Zeal's new, colourful silicone mitts, gloves and pan handle covers will do the trick. They're heat resistant to 250°C, machine washable and come in lime, violet. pink and red. Priced from \$10.95, call 1800 650 601 for stockists.

# **QUIT** the fat talk

Women who put themselves down with critical 'fat talk' are less likeable, says a new study. It found the most likeable were women who were overweight and made positive comments about their bodies. So, regardless of your shape or size, let's get positive! MPA Annual Conference, 2013

#### Do you shop on an empty stomach?

Watch out! It's often noted that being hungry when you shop makes you more prone to impulse buys. But, now comes evidence that we not only buy more food, we also buy more of the wrong stuff. That means we buy more kilojoules because we choose the creamy pasta sauce rather than tomato-based and ice-cream rather than yoghurt. So, for a healthier shop, have a hunger-busting snack before you go. JAMA Internal Medicine, 2013

What smart cooks know **Swap eggs for** 

psyllium seeds! Can't eat eggs? Try replacing two eggs in any recipe with the following: Place two teaspoons of psyllium husks into a small bowl and pour over half a cup of boiling water and stir well. Set aside for five minutes until a gel-like consistency is formed. Health bonus - you'll add extra filling fibre, too! The Allergy Menu, 2013



#### We love...

The new cook book. Ancient Grains, by Nutritionist Catherine Saxelby, one of our Editorial Advisory Board members. You'll

find useful information and delicious recipes using a wide variety of heart-healthy grains like guinoa, teff, buckwheat and wild rice. Arbon Publishing. RRP \$34.99



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#### A fresh way to help lower cholesterol now available in the fridge.



Two serves of Vitasoy Oatmilk can help actively lower cholesterol through the goodness of beta-glucan<sup>t</sup>. Getting your two serves is easy, just add some new, fresh Original Oatmilk to your cereal or grab a flavoured 250ml pack on the go.

Find out more at soy.com.au



<sup>1</sup>based on 2 x 250mL serves of Vitasoy Oatmilk (provides 3g of beta-glucan)

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#### Grate stuff!

This handy tool zests and juices straight into your favourite dishes. The Kilo 2-in-1 citrus tool is available from independent kitchenware stores for \$14.95, call 1800 650 601 for stockists.



#### LEAFY GREEN BOOSTER

Now, there's even more reason to eat your leafy greens. Aussie scientists have found these vegies help encourage immune cells in the digestive system that play an important role in protecting the body from infection. Maybe, the next old wives tale to ward off the common cold will be 'eat your greens, dear'... Nature Immunology, 2013

#### Feed the man... lots of vegies, olive oil and fish

Looking to beat cholesterol? Eating a Mediterranean-style diet has been proven to help men lower their cholesterol levels, regardless of whether they lose weight. That means meals with lots of vegies, oily fish and healthy fats (like olive oil, avocado and nuts) and fruit for dessert. Delicioso! AMA ATVB Scientific Sessions, 2013.

#### top 3 **NEW WINTER SOUPS**



La Zuppa Traditional chicken and sweet corn has only 419kJ per serve. RRP \$3.79.

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#### Hansells

All Natural vegetable tagine is one of the lower sodium soups out there - you'll get 580mg per serve and only 426kJ. RRP \$4.29.



Pitango Organic vegetable & guinoa is packed with lots of filling vegies but only 477kJ per serve. Priced from \$7.10.



Overweight women food diary lost three times the weight of those who recorded their progress in a paper diary. University of Leeds, 2013

