





This question is a very important one now that we are all at home for the next few weeks. Try out these lunch ideas to add variety.

CHICKEN MINESTRONE

(from our River cookbook)	
1 tablespoon olive oil	1 onion diced
1 leek chopped	2 cloves garlic crushed
1 large sweet potato peeled and diced	3 large carrots peeled and diced
2 celery sticks finely chopped	4 skinless chicken breasts
3 zucchini diced	1 red capsicum diced
2 cups shredded cabbage	2 1/2 cups chicken stock
1 can diced tomatoes	3/4 cup macaroni
1/2 cup rice	1 can cannellini beans
Finely chopped parsley	grated parmesan cheese

Heat oil, add onion, leek, capsicum and garlic and cook for 2-3 minutes. Add to the pot the sweet potato, carrots, celery, shredded cabbage. Cook for 5 minutes. Cut chicken into bite sized pieces and add to pot. Cook to seal on all sides. Add zucchini, chicken stock and tomatoes. Simmered covered for 1 hour. Add rice, macaroni and beans and simmer a further 15- 20 minutes. Serve topped with parsley and parmesan cheese.

SANDWICH FILLINGS-

Sandwiches can get a little boring so here a few different ideas to try out.

- 1. If you have left overs from the night before, they can be turned into tasty toasted sandwiches—eg chow mein or chicken casserole mixture.
- 2. Left overs from the night before can also be turned into tasty pies using a pie maker and putting shortcrust pastry sheets on the bottom and puff pastry sheets on the top.
- 3. Egg filling is extra yum if made by hard boiling eggs, mash with equal quantities of cream and mayonnaise and add finely chopped parsley and salt and pepper. This is the way the yummy egg sandwiches we make at the Royal Melbourne Show each day are made.





- 4. Spread gherkin spread on sandwich bread slices, add ham and tasty cheese.
- 5. Mix any flavour chutney with grated cheese and use as a tasty sandwich filling. Turn into a tasty salad sandwich by adding sliced tomatoes and finely shredded lettuce.
- 6. Finely diced cooked chicken, finely chopped celery and finely chopped walnuts mixed together with mayonnaise to bind.
- 7. Don't forget to vary things with different varieties of bread and rolls or flat breads.

To finish your lunch try these...

CURRANT ROCK CAKES

(From our Rooster cookbook) 310gm butter 250gm sugar 250gm plain flour 250gm currants 2 eggs

250gm self raising flour

Sift flour, add sugar, rub in butter, add currants (or sultanas, craisins or a mixture). Mix to a stiff dough with the beaten eggs. Mixture may need another egg if using small eggs. Place balls of dough onto a greased baking tray and bake in a moderately hot oven until golden brown. If your oven is fan forced cook in a moderate oven so they don't burn.