### **Red Lentil and Pumpkin Soup**

Recipe provided by Corrina Beal from Umina Child Care Centre

Serves 50 as a snack \$0.62\* per serve



# Ingredients

- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 onions, finely diced
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 4 teaspoons ginger, grated
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 2 kg pumpkin, peeled and cut into small pieces
- 2 kg sweet potato, peeled and chopped
- 3 cups red lentils, rinsed
- 4 litres vegetable stock, saltreduced
- 2 cans (400ml) light coconut cream

Fresh coriander (optional)

## **Directions**

- 1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat.
- 2. Add onion and cook without browning for 5 minutes.
- 3. Add garlic, ginger and curry powder and cook for a further minute.
- 4. Add vegetables, stock, lentils and extra water to cover.
- 5. Bring to the boil and simmer for 30 minutes or until vegetables are soft and lentils are cooked.
- 6. Allow to cool slightly then puree with a stick blender.
- 7. Add coconut cream and blend again until smooth.
- 8. Garnish with finely chopped coriander (if desired).

#### To serve:

Serve as a warming afternoon tea in bowls or mugs with wholemeal toast fingers.

#### Helpful hints:

Separate ingredients over two pots to make it quicker. You can add a dollop of plain yoghurt when serving.

## nutrition notes

Food groups per child serve: 1 serve of Vegetables, 0 serves of Fruit, 0 serve of Breads & Cereals (serve with bread to provide this food group), <1/3 serve of Meat & Alternatives, 0 serve of Dairy.

Extra iron containing foods in this recipe: legumes.

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