Carrot muffins with garlic butter

Ingredients:

2 medium sized carrots

1 bunch parsley

120g cheddar cheese

440g self-raising flour

2 eggs

1 ½ cups milk

1 cup vegetable oil

Garlic butter

4 cloves garlic

Salt

250g butter

Equipment:

Measuring cups and spoons

Small saucepan

Pastry brush

2 small muffin trays

Grater

Chopping board

Knives- 1 small, 1 large

Tea towel

Scales

Bowls-1 small, 1 medium, 1 large

Whisk

Fork

Baking paper

Wire rack

Method:

- Preheat oven to 180c. Lightly spray muffin tins with cooking oil.
- 2. Peel and grate carrots- you will need about 1 cup. Rinse the parsley, and dry by rolling in the tea towel, then chop. Weigh out grated cheddar cheese. Mix together in the large mixing bowl cheese, parsley, carrot and flour.
- 3. In the medium bowl whisk eggs, milk and oil. Make a well in the dry ingredients and tip in the liquid mixture. Mix lightly, then spoon batter into the holes of the greased muffin tin, filling them two-thirds full. Bake the muffins for 20- 25 minutes until browned on top.
- 4. While the muffins are cooking make the garlic butter. Peel the garlic. Place the cloves on the chopping board and flatten by thumping with the side of the large knife. Sprinkle the garlic with salt, chop finely. Place the butter in a small bowl and soften with a fork. Work in the garlic and mash until smooth. Spoon the garlic butter onto a small piece of baking paper and roll up tightly like a small sausage, twisting the ends. Place the roll in the freezer to firm up so it can be sliced.
- 5. Remove muffins from the oven.

 Allow them to sit for a minute in the tin, before turning them out onto the wire rack to cool. Take the garlic butter roll of the freezer and slice finely. When the muffins are nearly cold, make a slit in the top of each muffin and insert a slice of garlic butter.