

Birthday Celebration Guidelines

GUIDELINE TITLE: Throsby School Birthday Celebration Guidelines

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In many cultures, the anniversary of the day that someone was born is a time for celebration with family and friends. We encourage all families to share their culture, traditions, and celebrations. These guidelines have been developed to ensure that birthdays are celebrated in an appropriate manner with respect to individual children's home traditions, educator's time, all children's dietary requirements and prioritising teaching and learning time.

Each learning community acknowledges birthdays in different ways.

Provision of birthday treats from home

Families often like to provide birthday treats to be shared with their children's friends. The time to distribute the birthday treat is at the teacher's discretion. Teachers are happy to facilitate this and will do this prior to a break or at the end of the school day.

If providing birthday treats, please keep the following in mind:

- Please liaise with the class teacher **at least two days prior** to provide birthday treats to allow time to review dietary requirements of the children in the class. Children at Throsby School have diverse dietary requirements and there are students that cannot have any foods with nuts or eggs in them.
- Classes have 18-30 children. It is best for families to provide treats to cater only for the children in the class to ensure that nobody is disappointed. Please check with the class teacher for the total amount of students.
- Birthday treats are to arrive at school in single portion serves as teachers do not have ready access to knives for cutting and plates and serviettes for serving. For health and safety reasons candles cannot be used.
- Throsby School promotes healthy food options. Some suggestions for more healthy options include fruit icy poles, fruit kebabs, cheerio necklaces, popcorn, and healthy muffins.

For your information

Students are required to wear Throsby School uniform when at school. A birthday badge or hat can be worn to celebrate what a special day it is so that all children and staff can acknowledge the birthday.

No party items (e.g., piñatas, balloons, lolly bags, other party food & drink) are to be brought to school; unless discussed with the class teacher. These should be reserved for home or family celebrations.

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