

BIRRONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Food Allergies and Birthday Cakes at School

Dear Parents/Guardians

We have a number of students enrolled at our school who have food allergies or intolerances. These students are allergic to foods such as peanuts, fish products, kiwi fruit, egg and dairy/milk products.

Some of these students allergies and food intolerances can be LIFE THREATENING (Anaphylactic) and over exposure to some food products can cause these students to go into anaphylactic shock. Anaphylactic shock is a serious medical emergency, which requires immediate treatment with adrenaline (an EpiPen injection) to prevent permanent injury or loss of life.



After discussion with the staff, canteen and parents at the P&C meeting we are ensuring the contents of food at school is brought to the attention of all concerned.

The canteen will publish food contents on the permission notes sent home for ordering and all food items at the canteen can be checked when ordering.

BIRTHDAYS



Some parents like to bring a cake to school to celebrate their child's birthday. If you do decide to do this, it is essential that you include a list of all ingredients used. A photocopy of the recipe or the ingredients list could be cut off the packet and brought in with the cakes. If an accurate ingredient list is not available or supplied the cake/s will not be distributed.

Cake shops are able to give you an ingredient list if you ask.

To make it easier and cause minimal disruption to learning, individual cupcakes for each child are the best idea. Birrong Public School does not allow the distribution of lolly bags or other party items.

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to participate in any birthday cake celebrations, please inform your child's class teacher.

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