

# Birthday celebration protocol at Dohertys P-9 Creek College

Birthdays are important and exciting milestones for children each year.

As a school we acknowledge birthdays by providing birthday certificates to all children on their birthday. Teachers also have various ways to acknowledge and recognise birthdays within their classrooms.

Parents should check with the teacher for approval of any celebration they would like to plan. To support the celebrations of Birthdays at Dohertys Creek P-9 College, the following is recommended:

1. When purchasing food stuffs please be mindful of the fact that some of our children are allergic to nuts, eggs and fish, however there are some whose triggers are yet unknown.

Home-prepared foods are not permitted. If treats are brought to school for activities such as birthday treats, class parties, special rewards etc., they must be commercially prepared items preferably individually wrapped in individual paper, a box, with ingredients listed, e.g. a bag of Freddo Frogs individually packaged; lolly pops individually packaged etc.

2. Parents of Children with known allergies are encouraged to provide a treat box to the class room in order for the child with allergies to participate by receiving a safe treat from their own box, as per the Dohertys Creek P-9 College Strategies to Avoid Allergens plan.
3. It is certainly not required or expected that you send treats to school. However, if you choose to do so, we would greatly appreciate you following these guidelines. If not adhered to the items (will not be distributed) may be sent home for consumption.