



ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
No.2608

# ASCOT VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL (AVPS) CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS GUIDELINES

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## **RATIONALE:**

Birthdays are special events for young children and a time of celebration. However, with consideration given to our Anaphylaxis Management policy and Healthy Eating policy, students and parents must not share and distribute ANY food as part of birthday celebration.

In making this decision, we ask you to support us, to be respectful of the fact that many families in this school community value the development of healthy eating habits and that children at AVPS have nut and other food allergies. The practise of sharing food increases the risk of allergens being present and can also cause disruptions to classroom teaching and learning.

## **THE SCHOOL WILL:**

Acknowledge individual birthdays as they occur in the classroom. Ascot Vale PS staff will consistently follow these guidelines to ensure that food is not distributed to celebrate student birthdays.

## **THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL:**

Adhere to these guidelines. The Ascot Vale P.S. School Council, Teaching and Principal teams expect that parents and caregivers will counsel their own child/ren around the reasoning for these guidelines.

## **References:**

- 1) DET 'Healthy Eating' -  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/health/pages/healthyeatingadvisor.y.aspx>
- 2) AVPS Healthy Eating policy -  
<http://avps.vic.edu.au/documents/HealthyEatingPolicyAVPS2014.pdf>
- 3) AVPS Anaphylaxis Management policy –  
<http://avps.vic.edu.au/documents/AnaphylaxisManagementPolicyAVPS2017FINALSC.pdf>