



St Joseph's School

Birthday Celebration Procedure

School Birthday Celebration Policy

To support a safe, healthy, and inclusive learning environment, our school welcomes simple birthday recognition while maintaining consistent expectations for all students. There is no obligation to provide a treat at school for your child's birthday, but if you would like to do so, please review the following guidelines for celebrating student birthdays at St Joseph's school:

- **Prior Notice**
To help teachers plan and avoid interrupting teaching time, parents/guardians must contact the classroom teacher, via the Seesaw App, at least 24 hours before sending any birthday items.
- **Send Items with the Child**
To prevent classroom disruptions, birthday items should be **sent to school with the child** in the morning. Parents should not deliver items directly to the classroom during the school day.
- **One Small Wrapped Treat**
Families may send **one small, individually wrapped treat** for their child's class only, not both year level classes. Examples include a small wrapped cookie, a small chocolate bar, a lolly, a lollipop, a fruit snack or similar single-serve item. We are a nut aware school, so nothing containing nuts please. All treats must be **store-bought** and remain **sealed in their original packaging and including the ingredients**, if the ingredients is not on the individual packaging please send a copy to the classroom teacher and they will distribute this via Seesaw to families.
- **No Homemade or Unwrapped Items**
For health and allergy safety reasons, homemade items, bakery cakes/cupcakes, or unwrapped treats may **not** be distributed in classrooms.
- **Instructional Time**
Birthday treats will be shared at the end of the school day to ensure minimal interruption to academic learning. Students are requested to take the food item home in its wrapper to allow families to choose if and when they would like their child to eat the item.
- **Non-Food Option**
Families who prefer may send a small non-food item. Examples may include, stickers, pencils, erasers or bookmarks.

Motto: *To work is to pray*