Food Sharing
POLICY

Purpose

- To support a school culture that consistently promotes nutritional food choices for students.
- To ensure that students who suffer from any form of allergy, food intolerance or medical condition are only offered foods approved by their parents or guardians.

Guidelines

- Respects the right of all children to be included in special occasions.
- Allows classroom teachers to practice and manage their duty of care for all students effectively and without complication.
- Respects the rights of parents to determine what food their child receives.
- Reflects the school's position that lollies and chocolates are sometimes food, to be provided at parent's discretion to their own child.

Implementation

- At Ocean Grove Primary School, we value the celebration of children's birthdays and special occasions in our classrooms. However, parents who choose to send treats for these occasions are asked not to send food. (This includes lollies, cakes, chocolates etc.) Alternative acceptable options include: bubbles, stickers, balloons, cards or other non-food items.
- Class teachers will discourage children from sharing food from lunchboxes.
- Teachers will give prior warning to parents before involving students in cooking programs, class parties, or food based rewards, to ensure these activities are inclusive of everyone in the class.
- Teachers or staff will not share lollies as rewards or treats with children.

Please note

Should your child suffer any food allergies or intolerances, we request the school is notified in writing, and provided with a copy of any management plan that may be required.

Further information on the management of allergies will be contained in our Allergies Management policy.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be made available publicly on our school website.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2023
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2025