



Glenroy Central
Primary School

BIRTHDAY POLICY

Endorsed by Staff:
August 2024

Review Date:
August 2027

Rationale:

One of the milestones each year for students is celebrating their birthdays. Celebrating student birthdays is important and should be acknowledged. Glenroy Central Primary School is an Open Learning Environment therefore student birthdays are celebrated within Learning Communities that include all students in that learning space.

Aim:

To ensure that birthday celebrations are conducted in such a way as to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and do not conflict or interfere with the school's education programs.

Implementation

- Birthdays are a special occasion acknowledged by singing a Happy Birthday song by their peers and/or wearing a birthday badge/sticker for the day.
- Students will be made to feel 'special' on their birthday in ways suitable to their age group.
- The safety and health of our students is of utmost importance therefore food treats are not an option for birthdays.
- Student birthday whose which occur over the weekend or holidays, will have their birthday acknowledged on the following Monday.
- Birthday cakes will not be permitted for sharing at school as students with a wide range of moderate, severe, or life-threatening allergies to various nuts, milk products, wheat, soy, strawberries, kiwi and much more may be part of the school's Learning Communities. It is exceedingly difficult to verify the ingredients in every food product that is brought to school.
- Birthday party celebrations will need to remain out of school hours. Cakes, lollies or toys provided by parents cannot be distributed by staff. This is in order to comply with the schools Whole School Healthy Eating Policy and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, so that no student with an allergy feels discriminated against as they cannot participate.
- Birthday invitations must be distributed by parents/caregivers before or after school. Teachers are not responsible for distributing party invitations.
- Parents/guardians will be informed of this policy through a yearly reminder in the school and area newsletters and through the distribution of this policy to all new families joining our school community.
- Any parent who prefers that their child's birthday is not celebrated or acknowledged is responsible for informing the school staff before that date occurs.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.