



SHARED FOOD AT SCHOOL POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure that Plenty Parklands takes a leading role in developing students' healthy food habits. This means that we need to model these habits.

OBJECTIVE

To explain to Plenty Parklands Primary School parents, carers, staff and students the processes and procedures in place to support students to develop healthy food habits.

With the alarming increase of food allergies amongst students and the risk of sharing food and anti-discrimination laws (ie. must provide food which doesn't discriminate against diabetics etc.), it is important that we do not provide food in the classrooms.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- all staff, including casual relief staff and volunteers
- all parents
- all students

There is an expectation that both staff and parents support this policy, as it is part of how we demonstrate CARE for our students by:

- Providing a non food alternative to celebrate birthdays.
- Using non food rewards with students.
- Not purchasing food from the canteen for other students.

IMPLEMENTATION

- No food is to be distributed at school by staff, students or parents.
- No food is to be shared by students.
- Celebrating with food for very special celebrations can continue in some special circumstances. These include our end of year Fun Day, as part of a cultural celebration day or unit of work, and the year 6 Presentation.
- If this is to happen all parents must be notified and have had the opportunity to clarify any special requests or concerns and written permission is given.

Birthdays and farewells to students and pre service teachers, etc:

- If held, a celebration is not to include food. There are many creative alternatives that teachers, students and parents can devise, such as: party hats, a favourite story or song to share etc.
- If you choose to do this, the class teacher will set aside 10 minutes within the day.
- All celebrations need to be approved by Principal and/or Assistant Principal with appropriate written notification to parents.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings, as required
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from the school office upon request

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed in line with best practice and Department guidelines.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August 2023
Consultation	Leadership, School Council
Approved	Principal and endorsed by School Council in September 2023
Next scheduled review date	August 2026