



Isabella Plains Early Childhood School Birthday Guidelines

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In many cultures, the anniversary of the day that someone was born is a time for celebration with family and friends. At IPECS we respect and acknowledge the traditions for each individual child and celebrate accordingly. During the Getting to Know You Interview, parents are invited to share family culture, traditions and celebrations. This information equips educators with the knowledge they require to celebrate your child's birthday appropriately with respect to each individual's family cultures and traditions. These guidelines have been developed to ensure that birthdays are celebrated in an appropriate manner with respect to individual children's home traditions, educators time, all children's dietary requirements and prioritising teaching and learning time.

Each class acknowledges birthdays in different ways which may include:

- Birthday hats & crowns
- Group singing
- Card making
- Gem of the day
- Cooking together
- Planning an event

Provision of birthday treats from home

Families often like to provide birthday treats to be shared with the class. The time to distribute the birthday treat is at the teacher's discretion. Educators are happy to facilitate this and generally will do this prior to a break or at the end of the school

If providing birthday treats, please keep the following in mind:

- Please ensure that you liaise with the teacher at least two days prior to providing birthday treats to allow educators time to review dietary requirements of the children in the class. Children have diverse dietary requirements
- Birthday treats are to arrive at school in single portion serves as educators do not have ready access to knives for cutting and plates and serviettes for serving. For health and safety reasons we cannot use candles.
- We are a Fresh Tastes school and promote healthy food options at all times.
- No party items (eg piñatas, lolly bags, other party food & drink) are to be bought to school. These should be reserved for the home or family celebration.