

Celebrations Policy: Kenwick Child Care Centre

Quality Area 1: Educational program and practice

Standard 1.1: An Approved Learning Framework informs the development of a curriculum that enhances each child's learning and development.

Standard 1.2: Educators and co-ordinators are focused, active and reflective in designing and delivering the program for each child.

It is important for us to recognise the range of celebrations, both religious and secular, that take place through the year in our community and to have an understanding of, and respect for, cultural diversity in our services.

Religious celebrations such as [Christmas and Easter](#) will be recognised within the Service and reflected in our programs. At these times we encourage other cultural celebrations that are significant to our families and relevant to our broader community. We aim to embrace any cultural differences so that all children and families may experience and enjoy these special times.

- We believe that it is important for children to experience the fantasy that such celebrations create. Other special days such as Mother's Day, Father's Day and Australia Day will also be recognised. We realise that not all families celebrate the above mentioned and respect this ensuring that we cater for this choice.
- You are welcome to bring in a birthday cake for your child so that they will be able to share with their friends. Cup Cakes are recommended. Please ensure that you advise us if your child has any allergies or you would prefer they do not eat the cake. If this is the case we may ask you to bring in something special for your child so that they feel part of the celebration. We encourage that the cakes are store bought so the Service can guarantee the suitability of the ingredients
- If you would prefer that your child NOT participate in such celebrations please let us know so that we can make alternate arrangements. If this is the case we will respect the rights and feelings of this child and will provide an alternative experience for them to participate in so that they do not feel that they are being left out.
- Families are encouraged to share with the Service their own beliefs, values and special celebrations so that we are able to educate, embrace and celebrate cultural diversity.
- The Service has a 'Promotional Calendar' that is used to support such events throughout the year. We ask that families add their celebration to the calendar so Educators can prepare the program.
- **If families would like to be involved in the preparation and/or the celebration in the Service, this is not only encouraged but greatly appreciated!**

This Policy was made with consideration to Early Childhood Australia, Early Years Learning Framework and the National Quality Standards. Policy revised July 2014

