Dear Parents and Guardians,

5 February 2015

RE: Allergies of children at Killara PS

Please be aware that within our classes we have students with severe, and in some cases LIFE THREATENING, allergies to food items. These include allergies to a range of nuts, sesame, peanut butter, Nutella/nut based spreads, eggs and some dairy products.

These life threatening reactions can also occur to those with allergies if they are near a child eating the foods above or if they come in contact with someone who has touched them. Because there are many instances in our school program where students from another classroom come into contact with each other we ask that ALL parents avoid sending the following items to school:

- Peanut Butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Packets of nuts of ANY kind
- Eggs
- Kiwi Fruit
- Sesame

We understand that this also has implications for the way in which we celebrate birthdays in the classroom. So, for the safety of children with food allergies, we ask that if you would like your child's class to celebrate their birthday, rather than making a food choice for children other than your own, please send along other party items such as balloons or party hats.

There are a number of other foods and items that children at our school have some allergic reaction to. To minimise the risk to our students all parents will be advised of any potential risk activity by letter before the event is held.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter,

Yours Sincerely

Philip Clinkaberry
Principal