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FOOD SAFETY

Dear Parents and Carers,

A number of our students at Chapman Primary school have a range of allergies to **specific foods**. The eating of these foods, or foods containing them, poses a serious risk to these children’s health.

As you are aware some people are highly allergic to some foods and can have life threatening **anaphylactic reactions** if they eat or are in close contact with the food. In our school the following foods can cause an anaphylactic response for particular children.

Year level	Foods that cause anaphylactic reactions for some of our students
Preschool	Nuts, sesame seeds, cashews, pistachios, dairy, nuts, peanuts
Kindergarten	Dairy, egg, soy, peanuts, sesame seeds, peanuts, pecans and walnuts
Year 1	Dairy
Year 2	All nuts, Kiwifruit,
Year 3	All nuts, (especially peanuts), raw egg, kiwi fruit and dairy.
Year 4	All nuts (especially peanuts) and raw eggs.
Year 5	All nuts, eggs.
Year 6	All nuts, eggs, raw potato, raw tomato and dairy products.

Our school has defined procedures in line with directorate policies to guide us in designing a management strategy to cater for children with severe allergies. We are asking for your cooperation in assisting us to minimise the potential of an allergic reaction for these children.

We request that parents support our school safety procedures by **not** supplying the following foods in children’s lunchboxes:

- **All nuts** = Cashews, Pistachios, Peanuts, Hazelnuts, Almonds, Pecan & Walnuts
- Peanuts – peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches or treats etc
- Energy/snack bars – that contain nuts
- Whole eggs /egg sandwich/quiche
- Mayonnaise – containing egg
- Kiwi fruit (Yr 5)

Children who are highly allergic or anaphylactic to dairy products are monitored and closely supervised by their teacher during eating times.

Many other students are allergic or sensitive to other foods not listed in this note. All class teachers are made aware of these students' medical needs and work with their other students to support the daily wellbeing of each child.

If you have a child who has a newly diagnosed 'serious' food allergy (anaphylactic reaction) that needs to be added to this list, please phone the front office 6142 2400.

Please talk to your child about the importance of **not sharing** their food with their classmates during eating and play times at school. We encourage children to only eat the food that they are provided from home.

We have been talking to the children about these issues at school. We also encourage regular washing of hands before school and after eating times during school.

We look forward to your continued support with protecting the wellbeing of our students.

Yours sincerely

James Barnett

Principal

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