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IMPORTANT NOTICE To all Parents



Dear Parents

We have students enrolled in our school with serious food allergies to a variety of foods. Three students enrolled in our school have **SEVERE** anaphylactic reactions to all nut and sesame products that can be **fatal** if emergency care is not administered immediately.

Their reaction to **ALL** nut products is so severe that a potentially fatal reaction can occur if they even come into physical contact with nut products (not just consume them) eg: if they pick up a pencil that another child has touched with minute traces of nut products on their fingers or sit on a seat that has minute traces of nut product on it. They all love coming to school but I'm sure that you will agree that this experience also subjects them to a whole range of dangerous situations.

PREVENTION is certainly better than cure. To try and ensure that we prevent as many potentially dangerous situations as we can, many procedures have been put into place including every child in class is to wash their hands with soap after eating recess and lunch. While we are unable to tell parents what to pack for their child to eat in their lunch boxes, we are appealing to our parents to avoid sending nut and sesame products to school for their child to eat if at all possible.

These products include:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella
- Nuts of any type
- Muesli bars containing nuts
- Nut Spreads
- Coconut
- Sesame

If you have any further questions about this situation please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Many thanks for your anticipated co-operation.

Woolgoolga Public School Staff