

# Celebrations at Mt Compass Preschool

*Birthdays, Christmas, Easter, Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day*

During the preschool year all these events/celebrations take place, however each family will choose to celebrate them or not in their own individual ways. We acknowledge each of these times and their importance for some families and children; however they can become very commercialised in our society and are not a dominant feature of the education and care program.

## Birthdays

We will celebrate and acknowledge each child's birthday during their time at preschool with our own special traditions. These do not include cakes/treats sent in from home as not all families are able to, or wish to, do this, and it does not always sit well with the department's nutrition policy. We believe this approach is equitable and inclusive,

## Christmas

Christmas is celebrated in different ways by families and in some families not at all. Our focus at this time of year is the summer holidays and celebrating the years' achievements. We do however, usually offer some Christmas craft and share some Christmas traditions.

## Easter

Easter is celebrated in different ways by families and in some families not at all. Our focus at this time of year is the Easter holidays. We may however, offer some Easter craft.

## Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day

As some children live in single parent families these days do not mean the same for all. However, we usually give children the option of making a card for someone special in their lives during these times of year.

## Give Aways, Invitations and Christmas Cards

Please be aware of the possible effects of distributing invitations etc at kindy when not all children are included. Please do not distribute edible treats as gifts that do not fit in with our nutrition policy, for example Christmas candy canes.