We are Allergy Aware

At Forth Primary School this year you see this symbol

WHAT DOES THIS SYMBOL PROMOTE?
This symbol indicates we are an allergy aware school. This means some students in our school have severe allergies (anaphylaxis) and are at risk of life threatening emergencies and we ask for your support in caring for these four students.

We have students highly allergic to Jack Jumpers, Noodles and Beef Stock, Eggs (raw and cooked) and Nuts.

WHAT IS ANAPHYLAXIS?
Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction. In Australia, peanuts, tree nuts, milk, egg, fish, shellfish, sesame, wheat, and soy cause 90% of food allergic reactions. Other common causes of anaphylaxis include insect stings, medications and latex.

In January parents/carers of students in our Kindergarten received a letter outlining allergy awareness and risk minimisation strategies for two Kindergarten students diagnosed with Anaphylaxis.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN KINDERGARTEN THIS YEAR?
Nuts, nut products and egg are the anaphylaxis ‘triggers’ for the two students. Parents/carers of students in Kindergarten are encouraged to not send nuts, nut products and egg to school (morning tea, lunch). Hand washing is a routine practice where a student, at risk of anaphylaxis, has an Individual Medical Action Plan – this practice is adopted in Kindergarten. The school timetable specifies times for students to eat (morning tea break, lunch break) and the Kindergarten class teacher establishes a consistent time and consistent location for the class to eat, eg the covered Kinder deck. The sharing of food and drink is discouraged – each student eats her/his own food and consumes her/his own drink.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ALL CLASSES THIS YEAR?
The school timetable specifies the times for students to eat (i.e at recess and at lunch) and class teachers will designate areas where students eat recess and lunch food. The sharing of food and drink is discouraged – each student eats her/his own food and consumes her/his own drink. All students are encouraged to place uneaten food back into their lunch box which will minimise the risks of exposure. It will also enable parent/carers to know how much their child is consuming at school and will reduce the rubbish in the bins which attract wasps and bees.