Turkey and kūmara soft meatballs

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Yield: 20 mini balls · Provisional 10 snack serves · Ages 3–5

INGREDIENTS

340 g lean turkey mince

165 g cooked peeled kūmara mash

35 g soft wholemeal breadcrumbs

1 egg

90 mL water



Illustrative serving; follow ingredients and serving-texture guidance.

PREPARATION

Mix mince, kūmara, breadcrumbs and egg. Form 20 small balls and simmer gently in a shallow covered pan with water until fully cooked under the centre’s validated process. Break each ball into small moist pieces and serve two per starter portion.

ALLERGEN CHECK

Egg, wheat (gluten)

Verify product labels and serving texture before service. See page 2 for review and kitchen checks.

MENU DESIGN

Use the morning tea column as an alternative to the morning tea already scheduled in the annual programme. Offer evening tea as an optional late snack. Check the day’s breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea to avoid repeating preparations. Seasonal produce substitutions are changes to the same recipe.

NEW ZEALAND REFERENCES

Healthy Food and Drink Toolkit for Early Learning Services KidsHealth New Zealand breakfast and meal ideas Bowen Early Childhood Education Centre meal examples Ministry of Health early learning choking guidance

SERVING FOR TAMARIKI

Provide drinking water. Use starter portions and adjust for the child. Serve food seated and supervised, with age-appropriate textures and sizes. Keep bread tender and fillings moist. Review each individual feeding or allergy plan before service.

KITCHEN TESTING

Weigh prepped edible portions, check actual yields, verify ingredient labels and cross-contact controls, and test the methods in the centre kitchen. Apply the centre’s food control procedures to cooling, reheating and service. Supplier costs and qualified review are pending.

https://menunio.com/kindergarten/tea-menu/recipes/nzte-027/

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