

February 2014

Dear Parents,

HEAD LICE CHECKS

Under the Health Act only Municipal Health Officers or a Municipal Health Nurse may check children’s hair for Head Lice without parental permission.

Throughout a year there are often instances of children with Head Lice or nits (eggs) throughout the school. Medication is available through the local chemists and parents are encouraged to check their children’s hair on a regular basis. If nits or lice are present the school should be notified so we can remind other families to also check their children’s hair. The treatment must be comprehensive and even with thorough treatment re-infestation can easily occur. Treatment should be repeated in 7 days time in case other eggs have been missed.

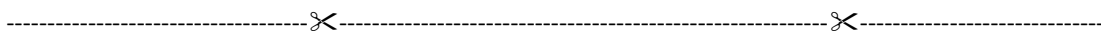
In order to help prevent the spread of Head Lice we would like the permission of parents to have their child’s hair checked when deemed necessary by members of the school staff or a qualified nurse. Organised visits by a Municipal Health Officer may not correspond to periods when your child may be in contact with head lice.

If your child’s hair can be checked occasionally, at times of problem in the school, it may assist us to minimise the infestation across the school.

We are not expecting all staff to undertake this task on a regular basis but it may assist us to minimise the infestation across the school.

Yours faithfully,

Debbie Nelsson
PRINCIPAL



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I authorise a nurse, medical officer or member of the school staff to check my child’s hair for nits or lice as deemed necessary.

PARENT’S NAME: SIGNATURE:

CHILD’S NAME: CHILD’S GRADE: DATE:

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PERMISSION WILL BE REGISTERED ON YOUR CHILD’S ENROLMENT DATA AND USED FOR FUTURE YEARS. IF AT ANY TIME YOU WISH TO RESCIND THIS PERMISSION, PLEASE FORWARD A LETTER TO THE OFFICE.