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Dear Parents

There have been reports of head lice in your child's class. To break the cycle we ask that you check your child's hair and if needed treat it accordingly (see below). A copy of the Department of Health "Head Lice Fact Sheet" can be obtained from the office.

PREVENTION

- Comb hair twice daily.
- Wash regularly with normal shampoo.
- Check hair each week – Friday to allow weekend treatment.

TREATMENT

- Examine hair in bright light.
- Use an insecticide product purchased from the pharmacy. It is important to follow the directions. This is a quick treatment, but it is still important to go through the hair systematically to remove lice or nits.
- Use the hair conditioner method for cleaning the head of lice by thoroughly saturating dry hair with conditioner, followed by combing with a metal tooth comb through the hair to remove the trapped lice. This can be an effective method of clearing the lice but is more time consuming as it needs to be done daily.

Children are to be excluded from school until treatment has commenced and all live lice have been removed from the hair.

The school recommends that you check your child/children's hair every Friday night to allow for treatment to be undertaken before returning to school on Monday.

For more information you can also contact the Communicable Disease Control Branch of the Department of Health on 9388 4999 or visit the website on www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice.

Kind regards

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