

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: **Parent – Managed Head Lice Program**

Whilst head lice is often considered a school issue, it is really a health concern that effects the whole community, and accordingly, there needs to be a community approach to its management. This is the basis of the “Parent-Managed Head Lice Program”.

This program aims to involve a number of members of the community including parents, the school, local council, local business and the Department of Human Services.

With the support of parental assistance, we aim to provide regular screening of each child and support other parents with their management and treatment. The school provides support for the program by ensuring guidelines and policies are in place to promote the best management.

We undertake this program at Billanook Primary School to help support parents and decrease the incidence of head lice within the school.

The program goals include to:

- Identify any cases of head lice infestation and ensure treatment
- Reduce the frustration and misinformation associated with head lice
- Decrease concerns regarding head lice within the school community
- Inform parents about recommended ways to treat head lice
- Promote regular home based screening using a conditioner and comb method.

The program involves parents donating time to help screen children for head lice. Our aim is ensure that each child each checked at least once a term and when reports are made regarding a problem at a particular year level.

For children to be checked by volunteer parents, a consent form must be signed and returned to the school. Volunteer parents must also sign a confidentiality agreement with the school to ensure privacy is maintained for each child and their families.

If you wish to be part of our Managed Head Lice program as a volunteer or have any queries or concerns please contact Kate on 9779 6919.

Yours sincerely,

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