Head lice management

Please use this template when communicating with parents of all students in a class where a student is suspected of having head lice.

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Dear parents

I am writing to advise that students in your child’s class may have head lice.

Head lice are tiny insects that vary in colour from cream to brown or black. Nits is the common name for the small eggs that are laid by the head lice. They are the size of a grain of salt, yellow or white in colour, and are found glued to the hair near the scalp. They are usually found behind the ears, the back of the neck and fringe.

To assist us in preventing the spread of head lice, please ensure you check your child or children’s hair and treat if required. Refer to the NT Government website, <https://nt.gov.au/wellbeing/health-conditions-treatments/parasites/head-lice>, for further information, including management and prevention strategies.

Your local pharmacy will also be able to offer some treatment options.

Nits hatch in 7 to 10 days. The key to success in getting rid of them is to repeat whatever treatment you use after one week.

In the case that head lice or nits are detected on inspection it is required that you begin treatment prior to your child returning to school. Please return the attached slip with your child to the class teacher to notify the school of the treatment you have started.

If you have any concerns or require further information, please contact the front office.

Regards

Principal

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| Child’s class |  | | |
| Child’s name |  | | |
| Date checked for head lice or nits |  | | |
| Product used to treat if necessary |  | | |
| Parent signature |  | Date |  |