Head Lice Policy

As agreed upon by the school council on 2nd December, 2010

The effectiveness of the policy will be reviewed and modified as necessary

HEADLICE COMMITTEE

- Parents who have volunteered to be on this committee will sign a confidentiality form, forbidding disclosure of sensitive information to people outside of the committee.
- The group will be coordinated by the principal.
- The group will request the P&C purchase some nit combs and hair conditioner to have on hand, for family use.
- Will be trained by the School Nurse and updated yearly to maintain competency.

WHEN

- Four committee members will be involved in each check.
- Checks will occur in the first and third week of each term.
- Subsequent checks will occur at the discretion of the committee.

PROCESS FOR CHECKING

- Committee members will work as a team and use hands for checking.
- Hands will be washed between checking each child.
- Each year level will be checked first thing in the morning, individually.
- Notification of a head check will be placed in the current newsletter.
PROCESS FOR REPORTING

- Children with lice or eggs will take home a notification form, requiring listing of treatment and parent signature. This is required to be returned to the office the next day.
- Contact may be made by a committee member on request of the Principal if deemed necessary.
- Where a student repeatedly returns to school without evidence of treatment, the Principal may contact the parents and advise that the student is immediately excluded from school (live lice) until treatment has been undertaken and the school notified. The students will again be offered assistance by the Committee or Community (School) Nurse as per DET policy guidelines.

CURRENT HEADLICE COMMITTEE

- Principal (Coordinator)
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CHILDREN WITHOUT PERMISSION FOR CHECKS

In accordance with DET policy, the principal will check children whose parents have not granted permission for checks to the Head lice Committee, when deemed necessary.