

## **Head Lice**

The school is obliged to invoke Queensland Health Department's Public Health Guidelines with regards to infection control. This may include containment by students not attending school during the infectious period determined by Queensland Health. Advice will be sent home to parents/carers where an infection of communicable nature is detected. Detection and treatment of head lice is the responsibility of families. Our school supports families in that role in a number of ways. These include:

- An information sheet
- Recommending that children tie back long hair to reduce the chance of transmission
- Keeping families informed. When we are notified that there is head lice in your child's class, you will receive an alert notice
- Providing information through our school newsletter

### **What happens if your child gets head lice?**

- DON'T PANIC – anyone can get head lice and help is available
- Begin treatment immediately and check for effectiveness
- Send your child back to school as soon as effective treatment has commenced. Your child is not a risk to others as long as treatment has begun.
- Let your child's class teacher know that your child has head lice. It is most likely that others in the class also have head lice. We can then advise all families to check every 2 days (and treat if head lice are found). This decreases the chance of your child getting head lice again.