



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

#6

18th June 2021



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JUNIOR ASSEMBLY



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ARTISTS OF THE WEEK



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BOOK FAIR 2021

CALENDAR 2021

Wed	23 Jun	Pie Drive orders to be collected 3-4pm
Fri	25 Jun	Last day for Term 2 - 2.30pm finish
Mon	12 Jul	First day of Term 3
Fri	16 Jul	Footsteps Dance Program Life Education visits commence
Thur	22 Jul	Foundation 2022 Information Night
Fri	23 Jul	Footsteps Dance Program Senior Assembly
Tue	27 Jul	Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thur	29 Jul	Life Education visits conclude
Fri	30 Jul	Footsteps Dance Program

ASSEMBLY DATES FOR TERM THREE

Fri	23 Jul	Senior Assembly (Years Three to Six)
Fri	13 Aug	Junior Assembly (Foundation to Year Two)
Fri	27 Aug	Senior Assembly (Years Three to Six)
Fri	10 Sept	Junior Assembly (Foundation to Year Two)

Principal's Report

Circuit Breaker Lockdown Effects Warragul North Primary School

There was a definite feeling of déjà vu when the students returned to remote and flexible learning from Monday 31st May to Thursday 3rd June during the circuit breaker lockdown. Thank you to our families for adapting once again to remote and flexible learning to make it as successful as possible for their children.

Staff at Warragul North Primary School put in a tremendous effort during remote and flexible learning to assist students and also provide on-site supervision. I commend them and thank them for their positivity.

Students in all year levels successfully returned to on-site schooling on Friday 4th June and it was so pleasing to see the children enjoying each other's company.

The cancellation of the Sovereign Hill Camp and the Melbourne Zoo excursion was very disappointing for all concerned. However due to the state's coronavirus restrictions there was no alternative. Thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding.



Amaanah (1/2D)

Principal's Report *cont.*

Junior Assembly

It was great to be able to welcome Foundation students to junior assemblies this term.

A big thank you to 3GA for performing Rock-a-Bye Your Bear and to 3CO for performing Fruit Salad. Both songs were thoroughly enjoyed by all the junior students at each assembly.

Another highlight was having the Warblers Choir, led by Miss Hunkin, sing the uplifting song 'Bring it all Back'.

Great to see and hear children happily singing together.



Warblers Choir



Grade 3GA

Welcome to New Staff

Following Ms Legg's departure at the end of Term One a contract position was advertised. Miss Alisha Hendrick was appointed as the class teacher for 6LE for the remainder of 2021. We welcome Alisha to Warragul North Primary School and wish her a successful year as part of the Year Six team.

During Term Two Mr Kyle Huggett and Mrs Jodie Mesaric joined Warragul North Primary School as Education Support staff. We wish them a fulfilling year as part of our Education Support team.

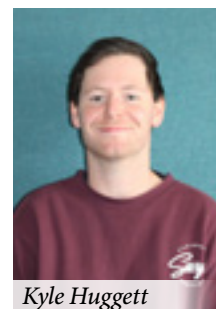
Corinne Collins, Principal



Alisha Hendrick



Jodie Mesaric



Kyle Huggett

Canteen Survey for Healthy Achievement program

Hopefully, you will have seen in recent newsletters, the work WNPS is doing around the Healthy Achievement Program, a program delivered by the Cancer Council of Victoria which help schools create a healthier environment for their students, staff and families.

Healthy Achievement Program Priority Areas:



We are currently focusing on:

'Healthy Eating and Oral Health'

Benefits of Healthy Eating:

- ***In childhood and adolescence, a healthy diet is essential for growth and development.***
- ***Healthy eating prevents health issues such as iron deficiency, dental issues, and obesity.***
- ***When children and young people eat well, they learn better, are more alert and are more likely to grow and develop to their full potential.***
- ***Good nutrition at school can help them establish healthy eating habits throughout some of the most influential years of their life.***



With the survey the Healthy Achievement Program Committee are aiming to gain an insight into our school community's thoughts on the foods listed on our current canteen menu and potential changes with the view to making food choices healthier.

The committee is considering:

- only offering foods that meet the DET school canteen and other school services policy
- less processed products such as dim sims
- increase healthy alternatives such as sushi or fruit
- using a commercial company, Alimentos Catering
- online ordering and payment using an app for parents to order lunch once a week for their child / children e.g. Foundation to Year Two one day a week and Year Three to Year Six one day a week
- permanently closing the school canteen for lunch orders and snacks
- the school would not continue to employ a canteen co-ordinator for 13 hours each week

As you can see completing the survey will provide the committee with data and evidence from our school community enabling the committee to make informed decisions.

Please complete the survey using the link below by Wednesday 23rd June, 2021.

For parents: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2H2WPSF>

We will appreciate your assistance.

Regards,

Healthy Schools Achievement Program Committee of WNPS





Hello from the *Acorn Room*



“A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” Proverbs 15:1

I came across a reflection on this proverb recently which drew attention to our heart motivation behind the things we say when we argue. We can speak to simply make the truth clear (which may be painful to

hear), or we speak specifically to inflict pain, to make the other person feel foolish or bad. We might tell ourselves and others the former motive is what drives us, but usually it is the latter.

In contrast, the gentle answer means speaking patiently, tenderly, as affirmatively as possible, and always calmly. One of the best ways to help an angry person is to surround them with non-angry speech. A gentle answer must still be truthful but filled with evident concern and no ill will.

To do this, we need to be calm ourselves. I often work with children to try to help them find ways they can calm and sooth themselves when they are feeling big feelings such as anger. We, as adults, may need to find strategies too if we are finding ourselves speaking harsh words in anger. Here are some ideas to calm down for both children and adults to try:

- Concentrate on taking small sips of water
- Go outside and focus on nature
- Exercise regularly
- Spend time doing something you enjoy such as playing a musical instrument
- Identify five things you can see, four things you can hear, three things you can feel, two things you can smell and one thing you can taste
- Name the emotion
- Run your fingertips down the palms of your hands for one minute

Some are strategies to instantly calm down and others are good habits to be incorporated into our routines. There are many different strategies you can try. I encourage you to find what works for you and your child.

*Mrs Sheryn Cutler,
WNPS Chaplain*

Warragul North Primary School offers chaplaincy and pastoral care to students and families in the Acorn Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Uniform Raffle

Warragul North Primary School staff will be issuing raffle tickets to children who are wearing full WNPS uniform. The raffle will be drawn at each assembly and the winners will receive a \$5.00 voucher to spend at the school canteen.

The winner drawn at the junior assembly on Friday 11th June was: Henry (2BA) ☺



Henry (2BA)

WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL



Foundation (Prep) 2022 Information Evening

**THURSDAY
22ND JULY, 2021
AT 7.00PM**



**IN OUR
WONDERFUL
FOUNDATION
LEARNING
CENTRE**

**Free child minding is
available on the night**



**Please contact us on 5623 4066 should you require
any further information regarding enrolment for 2022
or to arrange a personal tour.**

PARKING | TRAFFIC FLOW DISABLED PARKING



To assist parents with parking rules around the school, a map explaining legal parking areas and traffic flow was sent home in Term One.

Please be aware that the 'reserved' parking permit area near the

administration building is for staff use only and permits must be displayed on the windscreen.

If everyone adheres to the agreed parking areas and direction of traffic flow it creates a safer environment for children during drop off and pick up times.

Just a friendly reminder that the two disabled parking spaces provided outside the administration building are for people with a disabled parking permit only. It is also requested that you be mindful of other people who use this space and not double park across it. There has been reported instances of the spaces being regularly blocked not allowing access or allowing the vehicles parked to exit. Please do not park across these specially designated car spaces. Thank you.

To assist families to clearly understand the various parking signs displayed around our school, in our newsletters we will include detailed information from the VicRoads website.

Permit Zone Signs

Only vehicles displaying a valid permit issued by Baw Baw Shire can park or stop in a permit zone.



YEAR ONE & TWO MELBOURNE ZOO EXCURSION



Sadly, as a result of the coronavirus and the Department of Education directive regarding excursions, the Year One and Two excursion to the Melbourne Zoo scheduled for Wednesday 16th June had to be cancelled.

2022 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS



Enrolment forms are available from the school office for families wishing to enrol a child for 2022 in Foundation (Prep). Please enrol siblings as soon as possible to ensure all children are included in the

orientation program which will commence early in Term Four, and to assist with class planning for 2022.

YEAR FIVE BALLARAT CAMP CANCELLED



As a result of Sovereign Hill being closed to the public due to the current covid-19 restrictions, the Year Five

Ballarat camp scheduled for this week had to be cancelled.

'Catch 'em being good' raffle

Our 'Catch 'em being good' raffle winner is: **Jayden (OKL)**
Well done!



ABSENCE REPORTING LINE



Artist of the Week Awards

Artist of the Week Awards were presented at the junior assembly on Friday 11th June. Congratulations to these very creative and talented students.



Congratulations to Louie (1BO), Harry (0ME) and Mason (1SP).

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

The last day of school for Term Two is Friday 25th June and school will finish at 2.30pm. Buses will depart just after 2.30pm. The first day of school for Term Three is Monday 12th July.

STUDENTS USE OF MOBILE PHONES AND PERSONAL MOBILE DEVICES

The DET Mobile Phone Policy came into effect from Term One, 2020. The policy is a ministerial order formally issued by the Minister for Education. The ministerial order establishes that students who bring mobile phones or personal mobile devices to school must have them switched off and securely stored during school hours.

If your child brings a mobile phone or personal mobile device to school they are required to give the device to their class teacher for safe-keeping during the school day. The device will be returned to them at the end of the day.

If you need to contact your child in case of an emergency during the school day, please ring the office on 5623 4066.

SEMESTER ONE REPORTS AND STUDENT/ PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Semester One reports will be uploaded to Sentral during the last week of term. We endeavour to ensure these reports are grammatically accurate; however please feel free to contact the office if there are any corrections required.

Semester One Student Reports will not be issued to families as a hard copy. Student Reports will be available online using the Sentral Parent Portal or Sentral app. WNPS families should be familiar with Sentral having used it previously to book Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews and to view reports from previous years.

To give you the opportunity to discuss your child's report, Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 27th July from 3.40pm to 8.00pm. The booking process for the Parent / Teacher Interviews using the Sentral Parent Portal will open at 9.00am on Wednesday 23rd June. A note with full details on how to book your interview will be sent home in your child's report envelope.

P.E. 'Wall of Fame'

Every week in Physical Education one student from the Junior (Years 1/2), Middle (Years 3/4) and Senior (Years 5/6) school is rewarded with being named the P.E Wall of Fame champion for that week.

The P.E Wall of Fame champion is a student who has shown great determination, effort, encouragement, sportsmanship and resilience during their Physical Education class.

Mrs Lisa Pyle and Mr Drew Davey
Physical Education Teachers

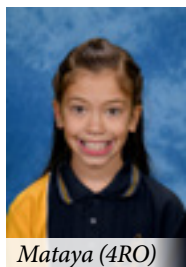
Term Two - Week 6 Champions

Junior



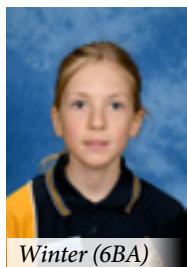
Cruz (1BO)

Middle



Mataya (4RO)

Senior



Winter (6BA)

Term Two - Week 7 Champions

Junior



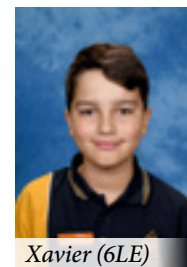
Chad (2JE)

Middle



Hunter (4RO)

Senior



Xavier (6LE)

CONTACT DETAILS AND COURT ORDERS

Parents are reminded of the importance of ensuring the school always has the most up to date contact details. In the case of an emergency it is imperative that we are able to get in contact with parents without delay. If your contact details have changed please advise the office as soon as possible.

Please also remember to advise the school of any Intervention Orders or Court Orders that may be in place relating to your children. A copy of the relevant orders must be provided to the school to enable us to follow the orders.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Children need to be in either summer or winter uniform, not a combination of both e.g. summer dress over pants or tights. A copy of the uniform dress code is available from the school office. Our uniform is available for purchase from Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Plain black footwear is part of the Warragul North Primary School compulsory uniform. There is a wide range of footwear available in black such as runners, t-bars and velcro styles.

Compulsory school uniform is a proud and distinctive part of the Warragul North Primary School identity. Our uniform is neat, attractive, practical and economical and wearing the uniform adds to the feeling of belonging and builds school spirit for students.

Please note the following items are not part of the WNPS uniform:

-  Leggings
-  Sports skirt



LOGO UNIFORM



SHORT SLEEVE POLO
\$30.00



LONG SLEEVE POLO
\$32.00



BOMBER JACKET
\$41.00



WINDCHEATER
\$29.00



SOFT SHELL JACKET
\$69.00

PLAIN UNIFORM



SUMMER DRESS
\$42.00



WINTER TUNIC
\$41.00



BASKETBALL SHORTS
\$21.00



GABERDINE SHORTS
\$29.00



RUGBY SHORTS
\$21.00



CULOTTES
\$25.00



KNITTED BOOTLEG PANTS
\$21.00



NYLON BOOTLEG PANTS
\$29.00



GABERDINE PANTS
\$32.00



STRAIGHT LEG FLEECE TRACK PANTS
\$27.00



FLEECE TRACK PANTS WITH CUFF
\$27.00

ACCESSORIES



HARD BRIMMED SLOUCH HAT
\$13.00



LEGIONNAIRES HAT
\$13.00



ACRYLIC BEANIE
\$11.00



MICRO FIBRE SCHOOL BAG
\$46.00



ARTSMOCKS
\$14.00



KNEE HIGH SOCKS
\$6.50



ANKLE SOCKS
\$5.50



TIGHTS
\$14.00

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WNPS Environment and Sustainability News

Mobile Muster

Round 'em up, hand 'em in.



Just a reminder that Warragul North Primary School is a "Mobile Muster" school. Please send your old mobile phones to your child's classroom, so that we can send them away to be recycled. About 90% of a phone (and phone products) can actually be recycled! You'll be doing your bit for climate change and the preservation of ecosystems where minerals for phones are obtained, for example cobalt from gorilla habitats.

Seeking Donations

Also don't forget the Environment and Sustainability Group is seeking 4 litre ice-cream containers with lids to collect the food waste from our classes. The lids are important as they keep any 'creepy crawlies' out. If you have any 4 litre ice-cream containers at home that you no longer need please send them to school with your child. We greatly appreciate all donations. Many thanks.

Mr Brendan Cox
Environment and Sustainability Co-ordinator

In the last newsletter we showed you how we planted seeds in upcycled Easter egg cartons. Here's an update at how the babies are growing! Soon to be planted in our school's vegetable garden!



School Council Report



The Warragul North Primary School Council meets each third Tuesday of the month throughout the four terms of the school year. School Council met last Tuesday evening the 15th June, 2021.

At the meeting the sub-committee reports from Finance,

Public Relations and Grants, Buildings and Grounds were discussed. Councillors also checked which policies were to be reviewed in 2021 and what progress has been achieved.

It was noted that the School Achievement Program committee were in the process of surveying parents, students and staff as part of the 'Healthy Eating and Oral Health' priority area.

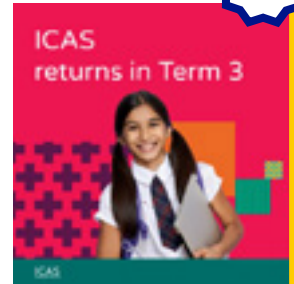
Projects to be completed during the next semester include a rearrangement and refurbishment of the administration area and the senior wing exterior will be cleaned and the fascia painted.

The excellent work of the Parent Club was also noted with the pie drive being the current fund raising activity. Thank you to this small but very effective group for the wonderful support they provide to our school.

Dr Terri Wilks, School Council President



I.C.A.S. ASSESSMENTS



Dear Parents/Carers,

17 June 2021

Warragul North Primary School is committed to providing opportunities for all students to be challenged and extended in their learning. In 2021, students in Years Two to Six will have the opportunity to compete in the highly regarded International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (I.C.A.S.). **The Assessments are not compulsory.**

In each competition, the students receive a certificate and an individual report indicating the skills that they have demonstrated. The student reports are useful for highlighting your child's strengths and areas for improvement, as well as charting their achievement against national and regional standards. They also provide students who possess a particular skill or talent in one or more of these disciplines with an opportunity for extension.

I.C.A.S. Assessments will be completed online this year, a move that reflects a sector-wide transition to computer-based assessment. This allows greater accessibility for students and faster delivery of results. Learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/>. The sitting dates and costs (inclusive of GST) are listed below.

SUBJECT	YEAR LEVELS	SITTING DATES	COST
Digital Technologies	3 - 6	9th to 13th August	\$17.05
Writing	3 - 6	9th to 13th August	\$21.45
English	2 - 6	16th to 20th August	\$17.05
Science	2 - 6	23rd to 27th August	\$17.05
Spelling Bee	2 - 6	23rd to 27th August	\$17.05
Mathematics	2 - 6	30 August to 3rd September	\$17.05

If you would like your child to participate in any of these assessments, please visit <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps> and enter Warragul North Primary School's unique access code **DPU983** to make a direct payment. Please note that online payments will close by 25 July 2021.

Corinne Collins,
Principal

Book Fair 2021

We had an amazing selection of books arrive from Lamont Books for our Book Fair which was held during Education Week. A huge array of lovely books was displayed in the BER Building so that children could visit during their library sessions. The children were keen to write a wish list of the books that appealed to them. Many students brought their families to the Book Fair open night where they enjoyed sharing the books and purchasing.

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual Book Fair. We were thrilled to sell \$7650.00 worth of books, which enabled the school to receive books to the value of \$2,677.50 for our library.

Mrs Ann Burton
Library Technician



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Earlier this term the children enjoyed the lovely autumn afternoons playing on the play equipment in the school grounds before going across to the house for their afternoon snack. With the weather turning cooler the children have now been enjoying some indoor activities. They have been creative with craft, playing games such as Mastermind, Chess and Twister.

Abbey Tyrell joined the OSHC at the beginning of this year but during Term Two has secured a full-time position elsewhere so is no longer with us. We were sorry to see her go but wish her well in her new position.

OSHC provides a healthy breakfast for children attending Before School Care and a fruit and vegetable platter with a healthy snack at After School Care. To keep children busy and happy our program includes a wide range of activities for all ages and abilities with our focus being on everyone enjoying their OSHC experience and feeling safe and secure.

Once you have a permanent booking you will be billed for that placement whether your child attends or not.

Phone numbers for bookings and cancellations are:

School Office 5623 4066

OSHC Mobile 0418 662 225

Hours for OSHC are:

Before School Care: 7am. to 8.45am.

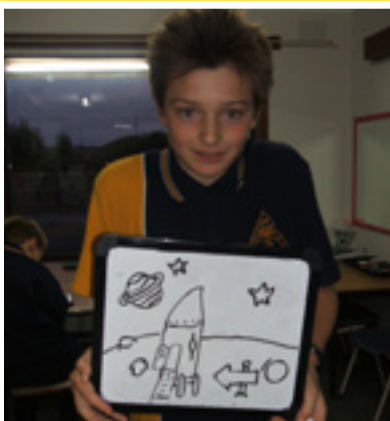
NO EARLY DROP OFFS

After School Care: 3.30pm. to 6pm

NO LATE PICK UPS

Judy Eastwell

OSHC Co-ordinator



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

**CLOSING DATE FOR
2021 APPLICATIONS
IS FRIDAY 25TH JUNE**

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



TREATING AND CONTROLLING HEAD LICE

A timely reminder to all families. Please use the forthcoming school holidays to check your child's hair for head lice. It is a good opportunity to get on top of this pesky problem. Thank you!

While children are at school many families will have contact with head lice. The information contained here will help you treat and control head lice.

Catching head lice

Head lice have been around for many thousands of years. Anyone can get head lice.

Head lice are small, wingless, blood sucking insects. Their colour varies from whitish-brown to reddish-brown. Head lice only survive on humans. If isolated from the head they die very quickly (usually within 24 hours).

People get head lice from direct hair to hair contact with another person who has head lice. This can happen when people play, cuddle or work closely together.

Head lice do not have wings or jumping legs so they cannot fly or jump from head to head. They can only crawl.

Finding head lice

Many lice do not cause an itch, so you have to **look carefully to find them**.

Head lice are found on the hair itself and move to the scalp to feed. They have six legs which end in a claw and they rarely fall from the head. Louse eggs (also called nits) are laid within 1.5 cm of the scalp and are firmly attached to the hair. They resemble dandruff, but can't be brushed off.

Lice can crawl and hide. The easiest and most effective way to find them is to follow these steps:

- Step 1** Comb any type of hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
- Step 2** Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb.
- Step 3** Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue.
- Step 4** Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs.
- Step 5** Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times.

If lice or eggs are found, the hair should be treated.

If the person has been treated recently and you only find empty hatched eggs, you may not have to treat, as the empty eggs could be from a previous episode.

Treating head lice

Treating head lice involves removing lice and eggs from the hair. There are two ways you can do this:

1. Buying and using a head lice lotion or shampoo, following the instructions on the product
2. Using the conditioner and comb method (described under 'finding head lice') every second day until there have been no live lice found for ten days.

If you choose to use a head lice product always read and follow the instructions provided with the product carefully. The following points may also be helpful:

- Head lice products must be applied to all parts of the hair and scalp.
- No treatment kills all of the eggs so treatment must involve two applications, seven days apart. The first treatment kills all lice; the second treatment kills the lice that may have hatched from eggs not killed by the first treatment.
- Cover the person's eyes while the treatment is being applied. A towel is a good way to do this.
- If you are using a lotion, apply the product to dry hair.
- If you are using a shampoo, wet the hair, but use the least amount of water possible.
- Apply the treatment near the scalp, using an ordinary comb to cover the hair from root to tip. Repeat this several times until all the hair is covered.

There is no need to treat the whole family - unless they also have head lice.

Concentrate on the head - there is no need to clean the house or the classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires washing - either wash it in hot water (at least 60°C) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

Community News

WHAT IS THE FLU AND SHOULD CHILDREN BE IMMUNISED?

Influenza, commonly called the flu, is an infection caused by a strain (version) of the influenza virus. It mainly affects the nose, throat and lungs, although it can involve other parts of the body. In healthy children it is much like a bad cold; however, influenza can cause more serious illness, especially in very young children and those with chronic medical conditions.



Read more about the flu at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne [Influenza fact sheet](#). It will give you information on when to seek medical attention and the benefits of flu vaccine for children. Remember the Covid vaccine is different to the flu vaccine.

There are also [fact sheets](#) on many other childhood diseases and conditions.

