



# Gilgandra Public School

## Honesty & Courtesy



Safe, Respectful, Learners

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Dear Parent/Carer

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the school, and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child's hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away, the eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with specialised treatments which are available from your local chemist.

As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Further information on head lice is available in English on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/treatment.aspx> or through the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/student-support/student-health/conditions/headlice/index.php>

I appreciate your assistance in this regard.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'P. Howard'.

Patricia Howard  
Principal