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Our vision at MPW is to foster a community of life-long learners. We strive to develop socially responsible and resilient individuals who are working towards achieving their full potential.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Head Lice**

7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has come to my attention that a student in Room 23 may have head lice and I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair today 7<sup>th</sup> March.

Head lice do not transmit infectious diseases – they are transmitted by having head to head contact with someone who has head lice. You may be reassured to know that head lice are commonly found in places other than at Moonee Ponds West Primary School. Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years!!!!

### What can you do?

I seek your cooperation in checking your child's hair and in those instances where head lice or eggs are found, treating your child's hair.

Please see the attached pamphlet *Treating and Controlling Head Lice*, from the Department of Health. This pamphlet has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

### How do I treat my child for head lice?

The attached pamphlet (as noted above) has informative guidelines regarding detecting and treating head lice and eggs.

### If head lice or eggs are found on your child's hair you need to inform:

- The school and advise when the treatment has started.
- Parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

### When can my child return to school?

Health regulations requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until the day after appropriate treatment has started. Please note, this refers only to those children who have live head lice and does not refer to head lice eggs.

Moonee Ponds West Primary School is aware that head lice can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining your confidentiality.

Kind regards,

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