A MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL HEALTH NURSES

Welcome to the new school year from the Child and Adolescent Community Health Nurses. We are based at the Community Health and Development Centre in Armadale, and will be visiting the school regularly throughout the year.

My name is Jane Skoll and I am available to discuss any health concerns you may have about your child. I can be contacted on 9391 2289, 9391 2220 or through the school. I am also available on email: jane.skoll@health.wa.gov.au

IMMUNISATIONS
Is your Child attending Kindergarten?
The National Health & Medical Research Council (NH&MRC) recommends that children attending Kindy have the following booster immunisations:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (whooping cough) and Poliomyelitis (one vaccine).
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (only for children who have not already received 2 doses of MMR vaccine).
- And any other WA schedule vaccinations.

Your child can have these immunisations from 3 ½ years of age.

If you need more information about these vaccines please phone one of the following:

- Armadale Immunisation Clinic – 9391 2220
- Central Immunisation Clinic in Perth – 9321 1312
- Australian Childhood Immunisation Register – 1800 653 809 or www.humanservices.gov.au or email acir@humanservices.gov.au

Please provide the school with an updated copy of your child’s immunisation record, once completed. This can be obtained from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register.

If a measles case occurs in a school, the Principal has the right to exclude non-immunised children from school for 14 days.

HEAD LICE
Head lice outbreaks occur frequently in primary schools during the school year. The Department of Health recommends the following method of treatment:

10 day Hair Conditioner treatment
If you do use insecticide treatment, it must be applied and then repeated as per the manufacturer’s recommendation.

Parents’ can assist in the prevention and control of head lice by checking their children’s hair frequently using the hair conditioner method and treating appropriately when necessary. Friday is a good day to check hair as treatments can be commenced over the weekend, if needed, and no school time is then lost.

For more information please see http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/F_I/Head-lice

Please consult your School Health Nurse if you require further advice on head lice management.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS
Please advise the school if your child has a medical condition that may require treatment during school hours.

A care plan will need to be completed / updated by your GP and provided to school.

Thank you.

Jane Skoll  Clinical Nurse, Community Health.