Dear Parents/carers,

Last week at school Mrs Thurgar injured her ankle. Unfortunately what she originally thought was just a sprain, was actually a fracture. Mrs Thurgar rang me on Monday to tell me the news and that she was waiting to see the specialist and have a cast put on.

Therefore, Mrs Thurgar will not be back until after Easter at the earliest. In her absence, I’m relieving in her position until 28th March. During this period Mrs Senior is Relieving Assistant Principal, supervising stage one. Mrs Black is Relieving Assistant Principal supervising stage three. I will be supervising stage two and Mrs Toumazo continues as Relieving Assistant Principal, supervising early stage one for the remainder of the year. Miss Tellis will be teaching 5/60 until Mrs Thurgar returns.

There has been a number of students coming to school with headlice. Please check your child’s hair today and treat it immediately if required.

When staff are on duty in the playground, they will be easier to see as they will be wearing an orange fluorescent vest. This hopefully alleviates any issues with students not being able to find the teacher on duty.

Lastly, could parents NOT drive in the school carpark. I know Mrs Thurgar and I have asked this on many occasions but parents still seem to think they can drop off and pick up their child from either carpark. You are placing your own child, yourself and the school community in danger as we constantly have trucks bringing deliveries to school. PLEASE help keep our school safe and follow the rules.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs O’Connor
Relieving Principal

Message from the P&C

Just a reminder about the parent dinner at Dundas Sports Club tonight at 7pm. Come and join us for a chat and meet some new parents!
Steps to Combat Headlice

1. Detect:
   Use Metal Comb & Combing Solution (for untangling long hair) to detect, remove lice & their eggs.

2. Treatment:
   There are 2 major commonly used headlice treatments in Australia:
   a) Medicated (Malathion or Malathion).
   b) Natural (Pyrethrins Extract, Pyrethrins I & II). Use medicated or natural treatment to kill headlice & break their life cycle. Always apply the treatment on dry hair.

3. Prevent:
   Use egg remover to kill eggs & metal comb to remove them from head.

4. Precaution:
   Repeat the process after 7 days to effectively kill the cycle.

5. Lice Free Home:
   Wash bed linen & clothes in warm water with soaking solution to get rid of lice from home.

How to identify Headlice?

✓ Headlice vary in colour from Greyish White to Brown, they are about the size of a sesame seed but with six legs.
✓ Nits are the eggs, yellowish white in colour & are found on the hair shaft at the nape of the neck, where adult headlice may be found anywhere on the head. Red bite marks or scratch marks are often seen on the back of the neck.
✓ The eggs are sometimes mistaken for dandruff, or residues of shampoo. Sometimes itching may simply be a result of dry air, so ideally, the lice need to be identified.
✓ It typically takes several weeks exposure to the lice before itching develops, so lack of itching does not necessarily mean that the person does not have head lice.

Headlice Facts

✓ Headlice are bloodsuckers and live exclusively on humans.
✓ It has nothing to do with one’s hygiene.
✓ Headlice don’t hop, jump or fly, 95% of lice are transmitted by close contact. Don’t share Hats, Head Bands or Pillows.
✓ Especially common in school children between the ages of 3 to 12 yrs.
✓ Headlice don’t like short & plaits hair. Keep hair short and for those children with long hair, always keep them plaited.