

ROLE OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Dear Parents,

This year, I will be attending your school as your community school health nurse, and hope the following information may be useful for you.

Students are better prepared for learning when they are healthy, safe and happy. The school health service is a free and confidential service. Please feel free to contact me on 97540603 to discuss any concerns about your child's health or development.

SCHOOL SCREENING

All students are offered a health assessment before the end of their first year of primary school, and usually occur during the kindy year. This includes an assessment of hearing and vision, and if needed, speech, language and general development assessment. If you or your child's teachers have specific concerns at any point throughout primary school, an assessment can also be conducted. Parental consent is sought prior to assessments. Parents are advised of assessment results and recommended action or referral.

IMMUNISATION

Part of my role is to assist in updating the immunisation records of all students within the school community, which includes the date your child received their 4 year vaccinations. Please send updated immunisations forms into the office as soon as your child has any new immunisations (able to be given from 3.5 yrs of age).

HEALTH

If your child has a medical or health condition it is important that you inform the school and discuss a care plan for your child. The school health service can assist you with the planning and support for the management of your child. If your child is unwell, they should remain at home.

HEAD LICE

Head lice can be a re-occurring problem within school environment. It is important your children have regular checks at home. Information on head lice and the recommended treatment can be obtained from the Head Lice Fact Sheet from the front office or downloaded from www.health.wa.gov.au/headlice

CHILD DEVELOPMENT TEAM

I work in conjunction with a Child Development Team, which consists of a speech pathologist, occupational therapist, physiotherapist, podiatrist, enuresis nurse (bedwetting and soiling), dietitian, and social worker and am able to refer your child to any of these services if you have any concerns. I am available to confidentially discuss with you any health problems or behaviour problems related to your child.

More detailed information can be obtained from the School Health Services pamphlet at the front office.

Regards
Karen Bryen
Community Health Nurse