HEAD LICE INSPECTIONS CONSENT FORM

Dear Parents,

In the event that a number of head lice cases are identified, the school may arrange head lice inspections of students. The management of head lice infestation works best when all children are involved in our screening program.

The school is aware that this can be a sensitive issue and is committed to maintaining student confidentiality.

Before any inspections are conducted staff will explain to all students what is being done and why, and it will be emphasised to students that the presence of head lice in their hair does not mean that their hair is less clean or well kept than anyone else’s. It will also be pointed out that head lice can be itchy and annoying and if you know you have got them, you can do something about it.

The inspection of students will be conducted by staff from Monash City Council. The person conducting the inspections will physically search through each student’s hair to see if any lice or eggs are present.

In cases where head lice are found, the person inspecting the student will inform the student’s class teacher and the principal. The school will send a written notice home with the child and provide parents with comprehensive advice about the use of safe treatment practices which do not place children’s health at risk.

Please note that the law requires that where a child has head lice, that child should not return to school until appropriate treatment has commenced.

Gillian Brookes
Principal

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I do/do not give permission for my child __________________________ Grade __________ to participate in the school’s head lice inspection program. Please note this authority is for the term of your child’s schooling at Jells Park PS. I understand and agree that should I wish to withdraw this authority, it will be my responsibility to inform the school in writing.

Signature of Parent/Guardian ________________________________ Date ____________

Parent’s/Guardian’s Full Name: ________________________________