



21st March 2017

## STAYING IN TOUCH

Dear Parents & Friends,

We have been informed that a child in KM has been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever.

Please read the information below and if you have any concerns please contact your doctor.

### **Scarlet fever is a rash illness caused by a bacterium called Group A Streptococcus (GAS)**

The disease most commonly occurs with GAS pharyngitis ("strep throat") [See also Strep Throat fact sheet]. Scarlet fever can occur at any age, but it is most frequent among school-aged children.

### **Symptoms usually start 1 to 5 days after exposure and include:**

- ⇒ Sandpaper-like rash, most often on the neck, chest, elbows, and on inner surfaces of the thighs
- ⇒ High fever
- ⇒ Sore throat
- ⇒ Red tongue
- ⇒ Tender and swollen neck glands
- ⇒ Sometimes nausea and vomiting

### **Scarlet fever is usually spread from person to person by direct contact**

The strep bacterium is found in the nose and/or throat of persons with strep throat, and can be spread to the next person through the air with sneezing or coughing. People with scarlet fever can spread the disease to others until 24 hours after treatment. Treatment of scarlet fever is important. Persons with scarlet fever can be treated with antibiotics. Treatment is important to prevent serious complications such as rheumatic fever and kidney disease. Infected children should be excluded from child care or school until 24 hours after starting treatment.

### **Scarlet fever and strep throat can be prevented**

- ⇒ Cover the mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- ⇒ Wash hands after wiping or blowing nose, coughing, and sneezing.
- ⇒ Wash hands before preparing food.
- ⇒ See your doctor if you or your child have symptoms of scarlet fever.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 or visit the New South Wales Health website [www.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au)

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### **Mufti Day – This Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2017**

Don't forget this Thursday is the P&F Easter Mufti Day to raise money for our Raffle prizes, gold coin donations will be collected by class teachers in the morning.

### **School Disco – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017**

Thankyou for everyone who has returned their note for the school disco which is coming up on the 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. All wrist bands will be sent out to children in the week of the disco. Don't forget to include payment when returning the notes and when selecting food it's only one option per child.

We highly encourage pre ordering your tickets to avoid large cues on the night however there will be an option to pay on the night with the only food option for your child being the beef or chicken sausages. Unfortunately all orders for Hot Chips must be received and ordered by Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2017. For those parents attending our P&F Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> March, feel free to bring your notes and money along then J

### **Volunteers:**

As you all know these events are only possible with the assistance of our Parent Helpers. If you're able to spare some time at the disco to help out we would be greatly appreciative. Just contact Kris or Leanne on the numbers at the top of the page J Thankyou

### **Easter Raffle Tickets**

The raffle tickets for Easter will be sent home this week and need to be returned by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 ready for the draw on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. Cost for the tickets is 50c each or 3 for \$1.00 and there will be plenty of yummy prizes J

Please also feel free to return them on the night of the disco.

### **Easter Card Competition**

Don't forget to encourage your children to get started on their Easter card. To give us enough time to sort through the cards and give to the judges to decide on some winners we will need them returned by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. Please feel free to drop them off at the Disco if it makes it easier for you J