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Important Sick children and school attendance.

Dear Parents,

There is a significant stomach bug, or number of viruses, going around at that moment. Like the rest of the community, our school is experiencing a large number of students who have been affected. While we always emphasise that students need to be at school in order to learn and attendance has a significant impact on student progress, **there is no benefit to any child attending school when they are sick. Their ability to learn is minimal and the impact of their attendance is to slow down their recovery and spread the germs to other students.**

We have had numerous children attend to the sick bay within the first hour and a number of children vomiting. Many of the children who come to the sick bay have told us that they weren't well before coming to school some even saying that they vomited the night before or in the morning before school.

It is important for your child to be at school everyday, however we also need to remember that we have some children who have significant health issues which may put them at risk of complications if they become too sick.

We are asking all parents to help minimise the spread of the current bugs by reinforcing with children hygiene around washing their hands and not sharing drink bottles or food. If your child has vomited the night before they will need at least 24 hours at home to ensure that there is no more vomiting and to help them recuperate and get their energy back. If they are complaining about being sick in the morning, consider the symptoms that we have described and check for these.

From the schools perspective, all class teachers will be revising the hygiene and germ control strategies.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in helping our community combat this illness and looking forward to healthier and happier days ahead.

Regards
Stephen Pink & Anne Douglas
Principal Class

Believe in yourself.