Chickenpox Notification – Primary School

February 12, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

RE: Chickenpox

We have received notification that a student in the Primary School has recently been diagnosed with chickenpox.

As there are a number of our parents who are pregnant, it is important for you to be aware of the symptoms for chickenpox.

Chickenpox usually begins with:
- Fever.
- Fatigue.
- Loss of appetite.
- Followed by a generalised rash a day or so later and starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters.

A person is infectious from two days prior to the onset of the rash until the blisters have all crusted into scabs, usually about five days after they appear. Children with chickenpox must miss school until all remaining blisters have become scabs then exclusion is no longer required.

Please note that pregnant women and newborn babies should not be exposed to people with active chickenpox.

Should you require any additional information the following link is quite useful: http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/chickenpox-vaccination.htm

Should you feel that you need to seek medical attention please contact your doctor and let them know of your suspicions prior to your appointment. This will prevent further spreading.

Blessings,

MECS Administration