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Notification and Care of Head Injuries

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Recently we have had a number of children suffering from head injuries both at school during break times and on the weekend with sport.

The wet weather does lead to more accidents and we do check playground equipment regularly to ensure it is in working order. However, the playground injuries have been caused by children's inattention, taking risks and running around corners. Unfortunately some groups of students have made poor choices throwing stones and playing ball tag in crowded areas of the playground which the children have now been reminded is not appropriate for playing safely.

Sadly the ball tag game led to two girls, not involved with the game, getting hit in the head with the ball twice. Subsequently one of the girls is still off school two weeks later with delayed concussion which is very concerning.

Some of these incidents at school have gone unreported so we are requesting that the children who have any accidents in the playground inform the staff when it happens. Any head injuries we know about at school are always followed up with immediate care for the child and a message is sent to parents. Information from the Ministry of Health on Head Injury care is also sent home.

Most importantly please can you support our school values and talk with your children about the need to be careful with other student's welfare. If your child suffers any head injuries on the weekend please inform the school as this will allow us to put a care plan in place for school activities.

Your children's safety and well-being at school is paramount to us so your support with this would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards



Bryce Coleman
Principal