



Dear Principal,

FREE HYGIENE PROGRAM for PRE-PRIMARY TEACHERS

LINK - <https://www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au/education-support/kiddy-canter/>

For the past 6 years we have been offering our Telethon sponsored program to childcare centres and pre-primaries.

Our kits include a large story book, lesson plan and resources for teachers and students.

This year we also invite schools to access this program from our website and download the resources electronically. The story can be played as a slideshow on a smart board.

The theme for 2019 is **Keep Bad Bugs Away From Our Picnic Day** (a story, featuring the character Melrose Mare that emphasises the importance of good hygiene to keep us healthy).

The program for children is strictly about good hygiene practices and the word meningococcal is not mentioned. Teachers can let parents know a hygiene program has been run in the classroom – emphasising

- Wash your hands before you eat and after you have been to the toilet
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Do not share anything that has been in your mouth

Teachers can also direct parents to our website for information.
<https://www.amandayoungfoundation.org.au/meningococcal/video/>

It is vital that young children understand basic hygiene rules to avoid the risk of infectious diseases. Equally, parents need to be aware of meningococcal disease symptoms because it can become life threatening in less than 24 hours from the onset of the disease. It is a bacterial disease, not a virus. If contracted, the child needs to have urgent medical treatment.

Please feel free to contact me at regional@amandayoungfoundation.org.au or 0433 615 656 for further information about Kiddy Canter. You can also organise a free professional learning presentation, about meningococcal disease, for your staff and/or parents.

Kind Regards
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