School Entry Immunisation Certificate

Please note that the statement issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) to be a valid school entry immunisation certificate, it **must** have on the bottom of the statement the clause
'This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.'
If the statement does not contain this line, it will not be accepted by a primary school, as the child's immunisation status/records are incomplete. School entry immunisation status certificates can only be obtained from:

- € the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)
  Telephone 1800 653 809
  Email: acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au
- € Medicare Australia Office - Online at www.medicareaustralia.gov.au
- € Your GP
- € Your local council immunisation service.

Parents of children with the following circumstances need go to their **local council immunisation service** to obtain a school entry immunisation certificate. Children with medical contraindications who are unable to be fully vaccinated

- € Children whose parents are conscientious objectors to immunisation
- € Children who were immunised overseas but have no documentation
- € Children who have not received a statement from ACIR

It is a legal requirement as stated in section 144(3) of the Health Act 1958 that: 'a parent must present an immunisation status certificate to the person in charge of each primary school… before the child first attends that school'.
Once you have obtained one of the valid immunisation certificates mentioned above please bring it to the school office as soon as possible.

Matt Coughlan

Principal