Congratulations to the students who represented our school at the Northern Rivers Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25th February. All students displayed high levels of sportsmanship and should be very proud of their efforts.
Congratulations to Sophie Bates and Kailani Millane who auditioned for the Rivers Junior Dance Ensemble. This group is made up of gifted and talented dancers across the local primary schools in and around Lismore. Sophie was successful in making it into the performance group and Kailani made it onto the reserve list. This is an amazing achievement for the Year 4 girls and we wish them every success in their future dancing endeavours. Sophie will now begin rehearsing for a series of performances throughout the year.

Swimming Carnival
Ms Organ and I had the pleasure of taking our Zone Swimming representatives to the carnival last Thursday. It was a very hot day and all the students competed with great perseverance and sportsmanship. We were very proud of their achievements.

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Parent Teacher Interviews / Communicating With The School
Coming home with this newsletter is a booking sheet for our upcoming parent/teacher interviews. Please consider making a time to chat to your child’s classroom teacher about their achievements and goals for this year. Outside of parent/teacher interviews you are always free to make a time to talk to the teachers. Please remember, however, that approaching staff just before or just after school may not be the best time to talk in detail about a child’s academic or social progress, as teachers are often preparing for the day’s learning or are on duty ensuring safe exits in the afternoon. To make a meeting time please phone the school office, email the school or send a message through Class Dojo.

School Uniform
As requested by the P & C, we are now stocking ‘skorts’ as part of our school uniform. Girls may wear either shorts or the skorts. We have sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 and cost $22 each.

Have a lovely week.
Nickie Bartlett – Principal
What’s been happening in preschool?
We were busy, busy, busy in preschool last week. In the Echidna group, Harley and Cameron were “doing up” our bikes, they now have motors, flags and number plates! Jacklyn has made her own scene from a book she loved and Ben and Jasper are planning to create an airport for the preschool. The Goannas have also been extremely busy setting up an area in our indoor learning environment to look like a “Frozen” castle made by Ella, I mean Elsa! We have been talking about what a good friend is and how we can be good friends. If you come and visit preschool, we have been practising how to greet people. Number 1 is look, number 2 is smile and number 3 is say “hello”. We are really good at greeting people.

Name writing
When writing your child’s name, please ensure you only use capital letters at the beginning of their name. It is very hard to re-teach a child to write their name in lowercase letters, once they have learned to write it in uppercase.

Communication
Communicating with preschool educators is an important way of checking on your child’s progress and informal chats in the afternoon can be very useful to touch base. At times, however, issues to be discussed may be sensitive in nature and it is more appropriate to have these discussions in private. Please ask us to make a time to meet in the preschool office. The school counsellor is also available on Wednesdays and Fridays if required. As a general rule, preschool and school staff will not give out their email addresses, mobile phone numbers or Facebook details. Thank you from the Preschool Team.

North Coast Area Health Nurse Visit
Visits from, Area Health Nurse, Anna Tonkin, continue this week on Tuesday, 1st and Thursday, 3rd March. She will also be in preschool on Monday 7th, Wednesday, 9th and Monday 14th March. If you have not made an appointment for your child’s before school assessment with Anna, please see the preschool staff as soon as possible. These before school screenings are vital as they may detect any issues such as hearing, sight or speech that might affect your child’s learning.

Preschool Committee
The preschool committee consists of preschool staff and interested family members. The aim of the committee is to reflect on current preschool practice, gaining family member’s thoughts, ideas and opinions on relevant topics. The committee meets once a term. This term, the meeting will be held in week 7, Thursday, 10th March at 3.15pm, in the preschool. Please come along for a cuppa and an informal chat about preschool education.

Old CD’s and DVD’s
If anyone has any old CD’s or DVD’s that no longer work, please bring them into preschool. We would love them for craft activities.

Lunch Boxes
Please place all food that needs to be kept cold in the fridge, which is just inside the door at preschool, or use an ice pack in your child’s lunch box to ensure their food stays fresh throughout the day.

Easter Hat Parade
The Easter Hat Parade will be held in week 9 on Thursday, 24th March. Whilst the parade is held on a Thursday, ALL children from Echidna and Goanna groups are invited and welcome to attend. Children from the Echidna group will need to be signed in to preschool and signed out after the parade. Please help your child make an Easter hat or decorate an old hat for the parade. More details will be given in coming weeks.

Kellie Keed - Preschool Educator
## Dates to Remember

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### Rule of the Week
Be Safe, Respectful and Responsible in and around the toilets eg flush the toilet and wash your hands.

### Years 3 & 4 Swimming Program
We still have a number of outstanding payments ($20) for this program. Please make this payment by **Thursday, 3rd March**.

Each Friday, please remember to send your child’s swimming costumes, towel etc. If your child borrowed clothing/towel on previous Fridays, please launder and return as soon as possible.

### Update of Details & Parent Declaration
**Unfortunately, we still have a large number of families who have not returned this information.** Please take the time to complete and return this very important information **preferably by Wednesday this week**.

### Stage 1 (1/2C, 1/2N & 1/2W) Excursion to Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre
Students in Stage 1 have been given a separate note today. Please complete and return permission note with payment by **Thursday, 10th March**.

### Hot Cross Buns & Lamington Drive
Please ask your family and friends for orders and return with money by **Friday, 11th March**.

### CANTEEN ROSTER
**CANTEEN CLOSED WEDNESDAYS**
- Tuesday, 1/3 – Vanessa
- Thursday, 3/3 – Deanna
- Friday, 4/3 – Stewart, Penny
- Monday, 7/3 – Allan

Breakfast available from 8.30 – 8.55am daily.