Child Safety: If you are waiting for preschool to open in the morning, it is asked that you keep your child with you at all times. The staff car park can become quite busy at this time of morning and we want to ensure the safety of all of our children and families.

Preschool committee meeting: A big thank you to those who attended our preschool committee meeting on Monday. It was wonderful to be able to discuss the upcoming assessment rating process and gain valuable feedback from you. If any families have any questions regarding the assessment please do not hesitate to see Miss Mel.

Kindergarten 2015: If your child will be attending Lismore South Public School in 2015, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Please return completed enrolment form no later than Friday, 15th August.

Documents that need to be sighted/copied are:
- Child’s Birth Certificate
- Proof of address
- Immunisation Certificate after the “Before School” Immunisation (4/5 years of age) is completed
- Any custody or court orders.

If you are unable to supply all documents with the completed enrolment form, please supply as soon as they become available.

If your child is attending another school could you please inform Miss Mel.

A Kindergarten Information session for families will be held on Thursday, 11th September at 10 am-11.30 am or a repeat session at 6 pm – 7.30 pm in the school hall. Further information will be advised as the date gets closer.

PALs Program: This week we have commenced the PALs Program. The skill focus for this week is ‘greeting others, saying hello’. Please find attached this week’s parent information sheet with tips you can use to support your child at home.

Book Character Parade: Next week is Education Week and as part of the celebrations there will be a Book Character parade on Tuesday, 29th July in the school hall from 9.30 am. The Echidna group will be participating in the parade and may come to preschool dressed as their favourite book character or the theme ‘Connect to Reading’. Parents/family are welcome to attend. Goanna group children are welcome to participate but must be under the supervision of a parent/carer at all times. There will be a Book Fair in the library on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8.30 am – 9 am where books can be purchased.

Family meetings: Thank you to the families who have made time to discuss their child’s progress at preschool. If you would like to make a time, please see Miss Mel.

Hats: Even though the weather is cool, it is important that your child has a hat each day for preschool. We want to support our children to develop positive sun safe practices.
Term 3 fees: Please find attached your Term 3 fees schedule. Payment is due by Wednesday, 3rd September. Payment must be made to the school office by cash or cheque. Fees can be paid in instalments throughout the term.

NAIDOC Week: During Term 2 we read the book “When the Snake Bites the Sun” and all the children created some beautiful artwork from the story which was displayed during our NAIDOC Week Celebrations. Congratulations to Shelley Martin, from the Echidna group, who won a prize for her drawing. As well as creating these pictures preschool also engaged in many wonderful experiences to celebrate NAIDOC week in week 9 of Term 2 and week 1 of term 3. This included screen printing, playing traditional Aboriginal games and listening to Aboriginal Dreamtime stories.

What’s Been Happening at Preschool?

Superheroes!

The Echidna group of children are very interested in superheroes! This week we have started making our own superhero capes. Using material, needle and thread the children have begun sewing their capes, what a fantastic job they are doing! If any parents or family members would like to help the children with this experience we would love to have you in the preschool with us. Please let Miss Mel or Miss Beck know.

Link to learning outcomes:
Outcome 3: The children have a strong sense of wellbeing. The children are developing their fine motor skills, practising using the needle to sew with increasing skill.
Outcome 5: Children are effective communicators. The children are following and extending their own interests with energy and enthusiasm. They are expressing their ideas and thoughts through the creative arts.

Congratulations to the Sharon and Brett Restall and family, (Daniel, Echidnas) on the birth of Jessica and also to Sarah and Scott Gough and family (Ellie, Echidnas) on the birth of Cameron.

Dates to Remember:

Education Week 28th July – 1st August
Book Fair in the library – Monday, 28th, Tuesday, 29th & Thursday, 31st July 8.30 – 9.00 am
Book Character Parade – Tuesday, 29th July 9.30 am