PALs Program: This week our focus is on taking turns - talking and listening. During our group time we all had a turn at speaking. The children were encouraged to look at the person who was speaking, to be quiet and to listen. Attached is the parent information sheet which covers what your child learnt this week and ways in which you can support them at home to further develop this skill.

Assessment and rating: The preschool will be undergoing its assessment and rating process on the 12th & 13th of August. As part of the preschool’s assessment and rating we have developed a quality improvement plan. The quality improvement plan lists goals that the preschool is currently working towards achieving to continue the improvement of our preschool practice. The quality improvement plan is available for parents and families to view at any time in the preschool foyer. As suggested at our last preschool committee meeting we will be focusing on one goal at a time and opening the goal up for families to contribute to.

OUR GOAL THIS MONTH – We would like our preschool program and environment to reflect and celebrate the different cultures of our children and families. What are some ways in which we could do this? If you would like to have a say there is a slip attached to the newsletter which can be returned to our suggestion box located in the foyer. Please remember that our aim is to provide the best quality preschool education for your child, we really encourage and value your feedback.

Sick children: We have had a number of children coming to preschool quite unwell. If your child is sick, please keep them at home where they can rest and recover faster. This also reduces the risk of other children and staff also becoming ill.

Chopper Day: The SRC is fundraising for the Westpac Life Saver Rescue Helicopter. On Friday, 1st August children may like to wear red and yellow clothes and donate a gold coin towards the helicopter service.

Kindergarten 2015: Just a reminder if your child will be attending Lismore South Public School please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Completed enrolment forms need to be returned to the school no later than Friday, 15th August.

Lost property: There is quite a lot of unnamed items (particularly jumpers) in the lost property basket in the foyer of preschool. Please clearly label your child’s belongings so they can be returned at the end of each day.

New additions – Preschool has been very excitedly using its new mud pie kitchen. The squeals of delight from the children when they saw the kitchen said it all! They have been very busy baking up a storm, this week mud pies and stew have been favourite menu dishes. We must thank Miss Mel’s husband Michael for making this wonderful addition to our outdoor environment.
On Tuesday, 29th July the Echidna group celebrated Education Week with the whole school by participating in the Book Character parade. It was fantastic to see the children dress as their favourite book characters and parade up on stage for everyone to admire. Thank you to the parents and families that took the opportunity to join us after the parade to look at the wonderful things the children have been doing in our preschool.

Miss Beck – 30th July
Miss Bronwyn – 31st July

Chopper Day – Friday, 1st August

LSPS Kindergarten 2015 Enrolment form due - Friday, 15th August