**Pyjama party:** Next week we will be having a pyjama party day. The Echidna group will hold theirs on **Monday, 23rd June** and the Goanna group on **Friday, 27th June**. The children can wear their favourite pyjamas to preschool. We will be watching a movie and having popcorn during the afternoon.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations:** The school will be celebrating NAIDOC week next **Tuesday, 24th June** from 9.30 am. The Echidna group will be involved in workshops that include Aboriginal dance and music, Dreamtime stories, games, sports and creative art. Parents/carers are invited to join in the activities with your child throughout the day.

**Fundraiser night:** Thank you to the families that came and supported the preschool fundraiser on such a cold wet night. Your presence was very much appreciated.

**Lost property:** Please ensure all your child’s belongings are clearly labelled. It is difficult for us to locate the owners of unnamed jumpers, hats, containers etc at the end of the day. All unnamed items are placed in the lost property basket in the foyer of preschool.

**Warm clothes:** Now the weather has turned cold, please ensure your child has a jumper and warm clothes packed for preschool. Remember to label all items.

**Fees:** Please find attached to this week’s newsletter a reminder that Term 2 fees are now overdue. Thank you to the parents who have finalised this term’s fees.

**Holidays:** The last day of Term 2 is **Friday, 27th June**. The Echidnas will commence Term 3 on **Tuesday, 15th July** and the Goannas on **Wednesday, 16th July**.

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**What’s Been Happening at Preschool?**

Continuing our project on the sun, we have been exploring the Aboriginal Dreamtime story ‘The snake that bites the sun’. The children have enjoyed the story and using oil pastels drawn their favourite part of the story. Their artistic drawings are incredible! They are on display in the room and will also be on display in the Hall next week as part of NAIDOC week celebrations, we encourage you to have a look.
Link to learning outcomes:
**Outcome 1:** The children are developing their understanding of and respect for cultural perspectives. They were empathetic to the characters in the story as they expressed concern for their wellbeing.

**Outcome 5:** The children are learning to use different media such as oil pastels and different artistic techniques, such as rubbing/shading to express their ideas and thoughts.

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**Did you know?**
Australian Guidelines recommend that children aged 2 – 5 years should not spend more than **one hour a day** watching television or using other electronic media (DVDs computer and other electronic games). Children less than 2 years of age should spend **no time** in these activities.

**Tips to help manage screen time**
- **Leave the TV off** – only have the TV on when it’s being watched, otherwise turn it off and use music for ‘background noise’.
- **Eat at the table and leave the TV off** – try to eat at the table as a family, not in front of the TV.
- **Be selective about what your child watches** – most children will happily sit and watch whatever is on the screen for hours on end. Be selective. Use your child’s allocated screen-time to watch quality children’s programs they enjoy. You might want to record your child’s favourite programs so that they can be viewed at a time that suits you better.
- **Be an active role model** – monitor your own small-screen time and physical activity and make sure you are leading by example. Allow time to be active with your child.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **NAIDOC Week Celebrations** – Tuesday, 24th June
- **Pyjama party – Echidna group** Monday, 23rd June
- **Pyjama party – Goanna group** Friday, 27th June
- **Last day of preschool for term 2** – Friday, 27th June