Assessment and rating: Our preschool has received notification that it will shortly undergo its assessment and rating process in line with the National Quality Standards under the National Quality Framework. The assessment will take place in term 2, we are yet to be notified of the date. We will be holding a preschool committee meeting on Monday, 21st July at 3.15 pm in the preschool. The aim of the meeting is to provide you with information regarding the assessment and rating process and answer any questions you may have. We invite all families to the meeting for a cuppa and a chat.

Craft materials: We really appreciate the donation of recycled materials for craft (such as cardboard boxes, yoghurt containers, paper towel rolls etc). We ask if you could please make sure they are clean, keeping in mind we have children with food allergies.

Sick children: Now that the cold and flu season is upon us it is important that children be kept at home if they are unwell and return to preschool when they are better. Keeping sick children at home ensures the health and wellbeing of other children and staff.

Parent helpers: Thanks to Penny (Jasmine’s mum) for coming in and doing a craft experience with us last Friday. We had a fantastic time making puffy paint! We love having our families involved at preschool.

Saucepans and pots: We are seeking donations of old saucepans, pots and pans of any size to create a new music wall for the children.

Holidays: We would like to thank all the children and families so much for a wonderful term 2. We have had such an enjoyable and rewarding time and would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. Preschool resumes on Tuesday, 15th July for the Echidna group and Wednesday, 16th July for the Goannas.

PALS Program: Next term preschool will be implementing the Playing and learning to socialise (PALS) program. Each week the children will be engaged in small group experiences that focus on the development of positive social skills. An information sheet is attached to the newsletter with more information. Each week you will receive information regarding the skill focus for that week and ways you can support your child at home. We think this program is extremely beneficial for all young children’s development. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to see Miss Mel.
What’s Been Happening at Preschool?

This week preschool and the whole school have been celebrating NAIDOC week. On Tuesday the Echidna group was a part of the whole school NAIDOC week celebrations, what a fun, fast paced day we had! Activities we enjoyed included screen printing, playing Aboriginal games, listening to Aboriginal Dreamtime Stories and creating Aboriginal art works for display around the school. We learnt a lot about Aboriginal Culture and it was wonderful having parents Sally and Sarah with us to celebrate this special day.

Link to learning outcomes: Outcome 2: Children are connected with and contribute to their world. The children engaged in experiences within the Lismore South Community. The responded to diversity with respect, exploring Aboriginal culture, heritage and tradition.

Rethink sugary drinks – would you eat 10 teaspoons of sugar?

We are learning more and more about sugary drinks all the time. Lots of drinks contain sugar. This includes some flavoured milks, fruit juices, energy drinks and of course soft drinks. Soft drinks can contain up to 10 teaspoons per can! Sugary drinks are a poor choice for kids. Sugary drinks can lead to health problems including unwanted weight gain, tooth decay and chronic disease, especially when consumed in large amounts. While children may prefer the taste of sugary drinks like fruit juice, soft drink and cordial, water is the better choice.

Dates to Remember:

Pyjama party – Goanna group Friday, 27th June
Last day of preschool for term 2 – Friday, 27th June
Echidnas resume term 3 Tuesday, 15th July
Goannas resume term 3 Wednesday, 16th July

Happy Birthday

Isaac McLean 3rd July
Laura Pagotto 6th July