Welcome back! We hope you had a relaxing and safe break. We look forward to another wonderful term. 😊

Committee Meeting: The next preschool committee meeting will be held next **Monday, 21st July at 3.15 pm**. At this meeting we will be discussing the preschool assessment and rating process. The dates for the assessment and rating process have been set at Tuesday, 12th and Wednesday, 13th August. If you would like to know what this means for your child, you and our preschool, we urge you to come along to the meeting on **Monday, 21st July**.

PALs Program: Don’t forget preschool will be implementing the PALs program this term where each week the children will be engaged in group experiences that focus on the development of positive social skills. Each week you will receive information about the skill focus for that week and ways to support your child at home. The PALs program will begin in week 2. If you have any questions regarding the program, please don’t hesitate to see Miss Mel.

Education Week: As part of Education Week celebrations, a Book Week Parade will be held on **Tuesday, 29th July** with the theme ‘Connect to Reading’. Echidna group are encouraged to come to preschool dressed as their favourite book character as we will be participating in the parade and parents and families are invited to attend. Children from the Goanna group are welcome to participate but must be under the supervision of a parent/carer at all times. More information will be in next week’s newsletter.

Fees: Term 1 and 2 fees are well overdue. We ask that any outstanding monies be paid to the school office as soon as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty making this payment, please contact the school on 6621 3433 to make an appointment to see Justine Coyle, Relieving Principal, or email her justine.l.coyle@det.nsw.edu.au to discuss your payment options.

Term 3 fees: Fee schedules will be attached to next week’s newsletter. If you need to discuss your fee schedule for semester 2, please contact Justine Coyle as above.

What’s Been Happening at Preschool?

Preschool celebrated the end of a wonderful semester with a Pyjama Party where we all rolled out of bed and into preschool in our pyjamas! We had a wonderful and fun day with dancing, games, movies and popcorn! What a great way to end the term.
Link to learning outcomes:
**Outcome 1: Children have strong sense of identity.** The pyjama party was a great way to recognise and celebrate all of the children’s wonderful achievements throughout the semester.

The best start for your new baby
Breastfeeding is the healthiest way to give your newborn baby the best start is life. Breast milk contains all the essential nutrition and other important substances that can help reduce risk of infection. It can also help reduce the risk of asthma, eczema and other allergies as well as childhood overweight and obesity.

It’s good for mum too!
It can help your recovery from birth and return to your pre-pregnant state more quickly.

Breast milk is inexpensive, convenient, instant, pre-warmed, ready-to-serve and safe.

Prolonged breast feeding can also reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes.

**Your Child Care Service can support you to continue breastfeeding**
Many Child Care Services and Preschools support breast feeding mums and can provide a quiet, comfortable and hygienic place for mums to breast feed or express milk.

If your child attends Child Care or you have an older child already attending, be sure to let them know your preference to breast feed and ask for their support.

**Dates to Remember:**

*Education Week  28th July – 1st August*

*Book Week Parade – Tuesday, 29th July*