At Lismore South Preschool we acknowledge the importance of play to a child’s learning, development and wellbeing. Our preschool is aiming to improve its outdoor environment to provide high quality, engaging and stimulating opportunities for our children to learn through play.

To help us achieve our goal we are holding a family movie night under the stars on Friday the 13th of June at Lismore South Public School. The night will include a BBQ dinner, raffles and watching a movie at our ‘outdoor cinema’. Please lock this date into your calendar and stay tuned for further details. We hope you can join us in supporting this venture and very important cause.

“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”
- Fred Rogers

Preschool Committee meeting: Our first preschool committee meeting will be held next Thursday, 3rd April at 3.15 pm in the preschool. We encourage new family and community members to attend. We will be discussing our preschool fundraiser and would love your ideas and feedback. Please pop in for a cuppa and a chat.

Healthy eating: As you are aware our preschool believes strongly in promoting healthy eating for our children. At your child’s orientation you received our food and nutrition guidelines which influence our practice at preschool. The guidelines state that we will ‘Encourage children to eat the more nutritious foods provided in their lunchbox, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese and yoghurt, before eating any less nutritious food provided’. We would appreciate your support in educating our children about this, a good way to do this might be to have a discussion in the morning when packing your child’s lunch about the types of food in their lunch box and what to eat first.

Sick children: If your child is feeling unwell or has a cold where their nose is not running clear, the best place for them is at home where they can recover and return to preschool when they are well. Keeping your child at home when they are sick ensures the safety and wellbeing of other children and staff.

Easter Hat Parade: Parents and carers are invited to the Easter Hat Parade. It will be held on Friday, 11th April commencing at 9.45 am under the COLA on the oval across the road from the school.

Children are welcome to create a hat at home or wear their ‘Spectacular Hat’ they have created at preschool.

The children will be involved in a dance routine and may wear casual dress for the occasion.
**Lamington and Hot Cross Bun orders:** The lamington and hot cross bun orders may be collected from the school hall from **11.20 am on Friday, 11th April** or sent home via your child if indicated.

**Autism Awareness Day:** On **Wednesday 2nd April**, our school will be acknowledging Autism Awareness Day. Children may wear something blue and make a gold coin donation to support Autism Awareness. The Echidna group are welcome to participate in blue day.

**Easter Raffle:** The P&C is holding an Easter Raffle. The eldest child in each family has been issued with a book of tickets to sell. Please return raffle books (sold or unsold) by **Wednesday, 9th April**. The raffle will be drawn on **Friday, 11th April**.

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

Our project on ‘Sun safety’ has led to wonderful experiences and learning opportunities at preschool. There was an idea by the children that the sun only does bad things to us e.g. getting sunburnt. So we have begun exploring positive effects of the sun and why we need it and started a little investigation. We planted sunflower seeds and put some of them in the sun and some of them in the shade to see what would happen to them.

**Link to learning outcomes:**

**Outcome 2:** The children are using their play to investigate and explore the effects of the sun. They are exploring relationships between living things and responding to changes.

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**Dates to Remember:**

- Lantern making workshop (children & parents who indicated to participate) Friday 4th April, 9–11am
- Easter Hat parade Friday 11th April at 9.45 am
- Last day of Term 1 – Echidna group Tuesday, 8th April
- Goanna group Friday 11th April
- Please note preschool is closed during the school holidays