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Dear Parent

JOIN THE IEU DAY OF ACTION – WEDNESDAY 6 MAY

We need your support for IEU's Start Strong Pay Fair campaign by joining our **Day of Action** rally on **6 May** and:

- Wearing pink and attending the rally:
Sydney: assemble at 9.30am for a 10.00am start at the top of Martin Place
Northern Rivers: meet at 8.45am at Spinks Park, Lismore
- Writing to local state MPs seeking their support for fair funding for community preschools.

Many preschools will close for part of the day so staff can stand together and call for the much-needed funding. Please keep your child at home and come along and show your support.

IEU's Start Strong Pay Fair campaign

The union's campaign seeks increased funding from the NSW government for community preschools that will benefit preschools, like the one your child is attending, to deliver and maintain a high-quality service.

Community preschools rely on state government funding, supplemented by parental fees. The additional funding sought will enable preschools to provide fair pay and working conditions for their dedicated teachers and educators, without adding financial pressures on families. Without additional funding, community preschools may be forced to increase fees (if they have not done so) which adds to financial strain on families.

The Fair Work Commission has recommended that the NSW government "*take all necessary action, including reviewing and increasing funding to preschools*" to provide improved pay and conditions for preschool staff. Pay rates of teachers and educators employed in community preschools are significantly below the pay of teachers and educators in schools, public preschools, and those working in long day care centres. The pay disparities are resulting in difficulties in attracting and retaining committed and appropriately qualified staff.

Whilst the union continues to have ongoing discussions with NSW government, the NSW government has not made any commitment to increase funding. Our rally will show that the community values their preschools and will place additional pressure on the NSW government to act.

Thank you for your support for this campaign.

Yours sincerely

CAROL MATTHEWS
Secretary