



25 August 2020

Dear St Mary's Primary Bowraville Families,

Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) Services are important entities provided by the Lismore Diocese established to serve and support children and families in our community, in response to community needs.

As the foundational unit of society, the Church acknowledges parents are the primary educators in the nurturing and growth of their children.

There is an opportunity for the Lismore Diocese to increase its leadership in, and engagement with, early years and out of school hours contexts for children and their families.

To this end the Lismore Diocese is undertaking a study of Early Childhood Education and Outside School Hours Care Services operating in the Diocese. This study will help us develop a plan for future involvement that is mindful of the views of all stakeholders.

Your responses are key to this study and we welcome and value your input.

The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and can be accessed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQVK6M3>

If you have any questions or additional feedback please email Marina Hynes, Early Childhood Education and Care Officer at marina.hynes@lism.catholic.edu.au.

All responses are confidential and will not be identified by way of reports or discussions.

Please return your responses by Friday 4 September 2020

We appreciate the time you have taken to complete the survey, especially during a period of community and personal disruption.

Yours faithfully

Greg Isaac
Diocesan Business Manager