Dear parents, grandparents and care-givers,

Thanks to all for a lovely term. Some great learning has occurred this term and some of these moments are recorded on the fireplace wall as well as in the children's portfolios. There is also art work and other bits and pieces for you to read and look at around the kindy, both inside and outside. Please have a look around and talk to your child about what they have been doing.

Some of the highlights have been:

• The new chook “Chickadee” who has settled into her new home. It was interesting to watch how Rosie took her time to adjust to her, but they seem to be co-habiting well now and she is even laying eggs. Thank you to Henry Salter and his family for giving her to us.

• Our sustainable practices have been continuing - planting vegetables, recycling bottles and cans, using only rainwater for use in the sand pit and water play. I was quite thrilled when some children raced over to me to say that the tap had been left on and lots of water had been wasted. They were very concerned! I thought “Wow, the message is getting through”.

• The trip on the Dolphin Explorer went very smoothly. It was a wonderful chance to observe our community from the river and the staff were interested to see that many children knew about the different places they could see from the boat, for example, where dad goes fishing, the submarine corp. Thanks to all who helped on the day. You made it a great success!

The Chook Roster: Each weekend and in the holidays we need families to feed our chooks. This is a twice a day visit - once to let them out of their coop and then returning later on in the afternoon to give them food and water in their pen and put them away for the night. The holiday roster is up now, if you could
put your name on it for even one day, it would be greatly appreciated. We often leave a few sand toys out, so you can stay and play for a while and you get to keep any eggs! Could you also write in the chook book? It is a way of recording your visit and modelling literacy for your child. We also love to read your witty comments!

**The Garden:**

The garden often needs a bit of care. We have a gardener who mows the lawn and does a bit of tree trimming. If gardening is your thing, or you would like to spend a bit of time at kindy and do some weeding etc - anything you like, could you have a think about it over the holidays and talk to Jane next term. I would love to have a dedicated gardening team - it is a very important part of our curriculum and also to help with the aesthetics of the kindy. Grandparents are welcome to volunteer as well!

The last day of Term one is Thursday 5th April.

The kindy invites you to come along for a coffee or tea and a hot cross bun at the end of the day on Thursday 5th April, from 1.30 pm. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at this time. If your child does not normally come on a Thursday, please bring them along to join in the fun.

Kindy resumes on Monday 23rd April. Remember Anzac Day is on Wednesday 25th April.

Bev Cheryl Liz Louise Jane

P.S. Possible closed day next term Tuesday 12th June, 2012. Largs Bay School also has a closed day on this day and we thought to align them would be useful for many families.