Welcome back! We have the last intake of 16 children ready to begin their new kindy experience for this year as we prepare for the one year intake of 2014. I hope it will be a wonderful and positive learning experience for both children and their families. I also hope that all our current families have had a chance to have that 'decaf and no kids' opportunity I mentioned in the last newsletter…..you just might need it this term! There are so many lovely and wonderful community events which are going to impact on our kindy environment that it is indeed going to be a very stimulating and exciting ride, not to mention the usual chaos which abounds with such high numbers and engagement ….just check out the dates on the side!

Holidays…what is it about holidays, which causes people to smile more easily. Is it the chance to relax, rest or catch up with friends and family in friendly chats and banter? Possibly all of the above! However it is the chance to chat which makes me reflect on the importance of social skills, grammar and mastery of oral language, which we adults always take for granted. Are we born with these skills? No! Did we go to school straight after we were born? No! However, by the time we reach school age, we have already developed amazing literacy skills. How you may ask? We were busy observing, listening carefully and mimicking those important adults in our lives. I mean how many of us have witnessed children engaged in a wonderful tea party or birthday party in full swing in a sandpit, dirt patch or mud pit and have been amazed at the depth of conversation? The children constantly mimic and practice skills they have learnt through observation of adults around them. That is why it is so important to be very careful and conscious of what and how we say anything. I am not just talking about the odd slip of an expletive (swear word) either! Conversations with others are the perfect 'classroom' for children to observe and store away information for later use. Children who are consistently exposed to and often included in conversations have the opportunity to build an amazing and extensive vocabulary. BUT do you know the most amazing thing about all of this? Is that it doesn't take any extra time or special effort by us adults. Food for thought isn't it? Actually it's enough to make a banquet! 😊
Invoices (yay I hear you all say 😊)

All invoices are in your communication pockets along with kindergym excursion notice and consent forms. It is always very much appreciated if payment could be made as soon as possible to assist with the general running cost of the Preschool. As I have suggested upon enrolment of your child, should you have difficulty raising these funds please come and see me before the bill escalates. We are always very happy to receive your fees in smaller allotments if it makes it easier to budget and are very willing to set up an instalment plan if needed. Please be reminded that our fee policy set out by our Governing Council, which is also included in your pocket each term, that outstanding fees can affect your child’s attendance with excursions or require future siblings to remain on a waiting list until past fees of siblings are paid.

I am very approachable and I definitely don’t bite …just ask the children 😊

Other important notes in your communication pockets!
- Form re bus/childcare/before kindy care access (yellow colour)
- Woolies ‘earn and learn’ – don’t forget we have special bin here as well 😊 (green colour)
- Car safety (white colour)
- Fee policy – (white colour)
- Extra support to aid specific developmental areas of children (pink colour)

Kernewek Lowender

The Kernewek Lowender Cornish Festival is celebrating 40 years this year. So don’t forget to start hunting out those costumes and get ready to join in the fun and celebrations of the amazing heritage of our District. It is held during the week of May 20 – 26th 😊

We will be dressing up in this week and it is always a wonderful sight when all families are involved.

Days for this term

In your communication pockets and letterboxes (for those who have just joined) you will have received a calendar printed with days highlighted when your child will attend. Please don’t forget to put it somewhere for easy access and if you have already misplaced it or would like a copy for another member of your family don’t hesitate to ask me 😊