REFLECTIONS OF UPPER SANDY CREEK PRIMARY
BY PAULA BACH

My family and I moved to the valley about 5 years ago from Wodonga. Initially we continued to send our children to Wodonga for their primary school years. At the time we felt that our kids would get more opportunity at a larger school. The school’s newsletter interested us, particularly the range of activities the kids did. We visited the school and met some of the other kids. We were really surprised at how friendly and social the kids were, and at the amazing resources and activities that they got to do. We have 1 daughter who is now at the secondary college who went through years, 4, 5 and 6. She had no trouble with transitioning, apart from the normal amount of nerves. She knew a lot of other kids through the activities the school did with the cluster. She is thriving at Tallangatta and I feel that Upper Sandy Creek played a large role in developing her confidence and attitude towards school. I am proud to support the school. I have a young daughter who I would like to see attend Upper Sandy Creek when she is old enough. I think if people give the school an opportunity to show what they offer, people would give it a chance. Please support the school so all our kids can get the great education that is offered there.

Thanks Paula for offering to share your experience with the school to the community.

Also thanks to Ian Price for slashing the long grass around the school. And thanks to Trevor Holloway for collecting our bus from Wodonga and a big thanks to Sharlee Holloway for making a fantastic chocolate cake for us on our review day last Friday.

UPPER SANDY CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION
- is a place of excellence where children can achieve full potential in their academic, creative, personal, physical and moral development
- sets high standards of learning and celebrates the achievements of each child
- a caring place where children and adults feel they make a contribution and are valued as individuals
- a place of committed, shared values where children learn respect for themselves and others
- a partnership between children, parents, staff and the community as a whole.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Upper Sandy Creek Primary will be having a busy end to the term. The kids will be participating in Kanga Cricket, Life Education Van visit and a cluster excursion to Glenrowan. All these excursions compliment our program for developing the social opportunities for the kids.

The students here are also organising a Sleep Over and family bowling night for December the 5th. They are very excited about the new idea for the night, especially the chance for parents and all kids young and old to get together for some friendly competition.

Our Year 6 kids have the formal transition day, Science visits to the Secondary College, our community big breakfast and the end of year concert. We will be busy, but all the activities we are planning are very worthwhile.

We will also be hosting a Community Meeting for the School on Tuesday the 25th of November. This meeting will help our School Council establish our viability as an educational setting in the future. As the old saying goes, use it or lose it!