Welcome back to all families and friends of Upper Sandy Creek Primary. This term will be a short one, only 8 weeks, but we have many exciting things to look forward to. We will be commencing our swimming program with the students very soon. As part of the swimming program our kids will be having lunch at the park on these days with Tallangatta Valley Primary school. The swimming program will give the students 4 weeks to practice for the Swimming Carnival which will be held at Eskdale on Wed the 18th of February.

Our topic for this term coincides with the 100 year anniversary of the Gallipoli landings. The kids will be learning about Australia’s involvement in the war, including what life was like in Australia in 1914. The kids are very engaged and have started immersing themselves into this topic. As part of this topic we will also be visiting the Bandiana Army Museum with Mitta and Tallangatta Valley Primary.

Given the unique numbers at a few of the schools in our cluster, we feel we are in a great position to do some combined specialist days with a few schools merging for consecutive days. We will be planning for this to happen during the middle of the term. The specialist days might include Science, Music, Arts, collaborative projects and Health and Physical Education. We will look to engaging our kids as much as possible with students from the cluster.

For our art projects this year we need small recyclable items such as small boxes, bottle tops etc. If you have any of these things, please send them down to the school.

This year also given our numbers, it is vital that you contact Jude or Jim regarding any bussing changes, day to day. Their numbers are: Jim - 0407052436 Jude - 60273396

Thanks.
VEGGIE GARDEN

Deanne and the kids to the rescue. Our veggie garden has really benefited from the summer rains we have receiving over the last month. I am not much of a gardener, only expert at growing weeds, so I was very happy to see the kids and Deanne getting their hands dirty and giving the veggie garden some TLC!

OUR LEARNING SPACE

The kids started last week by putting their own slant on the classroom and rearranging the furniture. They have created some great work spaces. The lounges are still by far the most popular places to work! The new layout of the room feels great and the kids have been very enthusiastic.