It has been a fantastic few weeks here at Upper Sandy Creek Primary. We have had two more kinder visits with Kiewa and Tallangatta Kinders coming up for a day of activities. Both days were great. Our students were terrific leaders on the day taking the kinder children through a variety of activities. Also a big thanks to Deanne and Jess for organising and running the indoor activities. All the children had a great time and we are hoping to see them once again.

Yesterday was our first skiing day for the year. This year we are combining with Mitta Primary to offer our students 4 skiing days. The weather was perfect and all the kids who went along had a terrific time. The students received some expert training in cross country skiing before practicing the skills at the Nordic Bowl. There was plenty of snow and the students had a great amount of time on the mountain. Thanks to Mandy Gay and Jessica Glabbatz for supervising the kids on the day. We are already looking forward to next skiing day.

Last week we cancelled our planned working bee due to bad weather. At our last meeting we decided to have it before our next scheduled school council meeting. We have quite a few bushes that need pruning. Our school council meeting is on Tuesday the 11th of August at 5.00pm. We will be having a 1 hour working bee before hand. I hope to see all families come along. We will have a sausage in bread just before the school council meeting commences.

Next week we are very lucky to have a visit from the acting group Monkey Baa. Monkey Baa are in the North East touring their stage play titled “I am Jack” which we will be going to see on Friday the 21st. They are visiting Upper Sandy Creek Primary next Wednesday to take the kids through some drama games and have a bit of fun with acting.

Our Winter Sports day is tomorrow with the kids all eager to do their best. We will be playing T-Ball at Willow Park in Wodonga this Friday. We hope to see some parents come along to cheer the Valley’s team on. Students will be dropped of after the event on the way home.

Parent opinion surveys were sent out on Tuesday to all families at Upper Sandy Creek. We are hoping that you take the time to complete the survey. Please return them in the sealed envelope to school by Tuesday the 4th of August. Have a great weekend.
SKIING REPORT

On Wednesday, Upper Sandy Creek and Mitta Mitta schools went cross country skiing. We travelled via bus and went to Mt Beauty Secondary College to get our ski gear. The girls at the College were very helpful. Afterwards we went straight to Falls Creek and met our instructor Bob. Once we geared up, we all skied up the road, with many falls and tumbles and reached the Nordic Bowl. Whilst at the bowl we learnt how to stop, (snow plough) and turn. Many kids preferred to master the fall as a method to stop rather than the snow plough! I really enjoyed the game of duck, duck goose whilst skiing. Everyone kept falling over in their hurry to get around the circle. Lunch in the snow is an interesting thing. We just sat down in the snow and enjoyed our food and the sun. After a bit of playing in the snow we headed up towards the dam wall. The weather started to turn so we skied back down to Windy Corner. Again there were many falls. On the way back home many of us fell asleep. Thanks to the teachers for a great day in the snow, skiing.

By Sophie

MUSIC WITH BOB

Bob has been coming to Upper Sandy Creek now for about 16 years. In that time he has nurtured the musical talents and interests of hundreds of children. Some have gone on to pursue their music further in high school and at university. The students love Bob coming every Thursday to practice their guitar and sing a wide range of songs. Thanks to you Bob for your commitment to our children in the valley.