Hello friends and families of Upper Sandy Creek Primary School. Welcome back to another year. This year we welcome back all our families who were here in term 4 last year as well as our new family, the Parkins. Meadow, who is in Prep, Mum Carmella, Dad Chis and brother Geordie we welcome them to our school community. We are very excited to have them at the school and look forward to a great year. The school now has 8 students at the school. We have 2 Preps, 1 Year 1, 1 Year 2, 1 Year 4, 1 Year 5 and 2 Year 6 students. We are really excited about the year and already the students are showing a lot of interest and enthusiasm about school. Our topic this term will be Gold Rush. The P-2 students will also be learning about Friendships and Families. Soon we will have an operational gold field in the classroom for the students to experience what life might have been like for the people during the gold rush. It’s a great topic and some former students will remember the same topic and activity we ran almost 5 years ago. The kids are very excited!

This year we have Bob returning to the school to continue guitar and singing. Bob has been coming to the school now for about 15 years. He is very popular with the kids and the singing sessions are usually extremely robust! As well as Bob, Deanne will be teaching the students on Monday and Tuesday including teaching Art and Music. Deanne has also been at the school now for 15 years in different capacities. She is also here every Wednesday and Thursday providing student support in literacy and numeracy. Noeline has returned from her family visit to South Africa and will be here every fortnight starting today Tuesday the 2nd. Noeline has been at the school coming up to 20 years! We really are very lucky to have such a great, committed staff at our school.

Swimming will start tomorrow with the program being changed from swimming with Eskdale to Tallangatta Pool. Our swimming dates are listed. On these days we have lunch at the park and the kids have the chance to spend some money at the take away shop if parents wish. We are then at the pool between 1.30-2.30pm arriving back to school at around 3.00pm. Parents are very welcome to join us for lunch and at the pool. We also have our annual Valley’s Swimming sports on Friday the 19th at Eskdale Primary school. Please read the permission form and return to school tomorrow.

This term the 5/6 students will be venturing on school camp with Tallangatta, Mitta, Eskdale, Talgarno and Bethanga Primary schools. We will be heading to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat. It is an excellent camp and the kids really have a great time. The camp dates are the last week of term Monday 21st—Thursday 24th. More information and permission forms will be sent home later in the term.

Book club has been sent home. I encourage all families to sit down and look at the great range on offer. The kids love getting new books and it is a good encouragement for reading! The book club orders and any money is due back to school on Friday the 5th. Please call the school if you have any questions about book club.

2016 TERM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Term 1: 27 January to 24 March (as 25 March is public holiday)

Term 2: 11 April to 24 June

Term 3: 11 July to 16 September
OUR NEW PREP STUDENTS

Evie D'Alessandro

What do you like so far about school?
Well you get to read. I like doing some maths. I can play with my brother at school all day now.

Have you learnt anything so far?
No.

Who do you play with?
I play with the boys and with Meadow.

What do you play?
I play poison ball and I play on the basketball court.

What is your favourite game?
My favourite game is Samurai. I love jumping around.

Meadow Parkin

What do you like so far about school?
I like learning about music, I like music. I really like catching the bus.

Have you learnt anything so far?
Yes, I have learnt how to read. Actually I already could.

Who do you play with?
I play with Olivia, Tyler, Evie and the boys.

What do you play?
I play ball tiggy, poison ball and in the sandpit and on the big slide.

What is your favourite game?
I like to play the same ones as Evie.