Hi friends and families of Upper Sandy Creek Primary. It’s great to be back to see the familiar faces. A lot has changed over the time but one thing has remained the same. The wonderful students of this great school. I was greeted with excitement and warmth and the familiar morning ‘hello’ from all the students which made me feel instantly welcomed. This term we have some really exciting things on the cards and I am looking forward to once again working with you all.

It was a big week for Lucas in the first week back as he headed off to camp. This years 3/4 camp travelled to 15 Mile Creek. Despite the cold weather, rain and snow, Lucas had a wonderful time at camp. He made many new friends from the other schools that went and participated in some great activities. On the Thursday I visited the camp and went mountain bike riding with Lucas and his group. It was a great activity, which finished with the challenge of riding through a giant puddle.

Thanks very much to Deanne who ventured down with Lucas and stayed with him to make sure he was comfortable.

Bluearth
It was great to go with the students to Eskdale and participate in the Blue Earth sessions. I really liked the way the students mixed in with the Eskdale students and participated in all the activities. The writing workshop that was run by the Eskdale teachers was also very good. These days are very rewarding for our students.

Indonesian day
Next week on Wednesday we are once again combining with our cluster schools to participate in an Indonesian Cultural Day. These days have always been thoroughly enjoyed by all those who go and I know the kids are looking forward to going. Please make sure that permission forms are returned to school by Monday.

Winter Sports Carnival
Next Friday the students in Years 3-6 will be participating in the Wodonga Winter Sports Carnival. Our students will be participating in tee-ball. The students will be travelling by car with me (Mr V) and the students in F-2 will be staying back at school for some fun activities with Mrs B. A permission form will be sent out Monday.

School Council Meeting
On Tuesday the 2nd Of August there will be a School Council meeting commencing on at 6.00pm. An agenda will be sent out next week. If you can’t make it please let the school know in advance. As always non-members are always welcome to attend and give input at the meeting. See you all there.

Have a great week. Matthew Vincent
HOME READING

Home reading is a vital part of a child’s development. There is very strong research to suggest that children who read or are read to at an early age have a significant advantage at school. For example: ‘Students who read on average 2000 or more words per day will be in the top 2% of all students in literacy. Students who read on average 20 words per day are in the bottom 2%.’ Having a strong foundation in reading early on hinges on having set time during the week where Mum and Dad are engaged in listening to, talking about and reading to your children. All our students in Prep-2 have a reader folder, a recording book and a new book each night. Please take the time to explore these books with your children.

STUDENTS’ THOUGHTS

Meadow: We are knitting for the homeless people. We have been doing knitting at school. It’s fun and all the other schools are doing it too. We have knitted lots of blankets.

Evie: Mr V made some alphabet cards for me. I am going to play some games with my Mum.

Tyler: We went to Blue Earth at Eskdale. It was great fun. I really like playing the games. The writing activity is also really good.

Lucas: Camp was great fun. My favourite thing was the flying fox and the bike riding. Canoeing was good but the water was cold!

Ben: I had a three week holiday!!! We travelled to Pilliga. The thermal pool smelt like my sock after 1 week of constant wearing, which is not very pleasant. Bye.

Warrick: I am really looking forward to the second half of the year. My last 6 months of Primary School.

Jack: Mr V is back at school. It is good to see him back. I look forward to some movie making with him. I am looking forward to going on the Indonesian Day excursion.

Bryson: I have really enjoyed doing the free writing. I like it because I can write about anything I want. I can write stories about space and stuff like that.