It has been a very busy last fortnight, with the kids participating in some wonderful activities. Last week we had the Indonesian Cultural day which was held at the Sports Ground in Tallangatta. The day was great with all the small schools coming together. The kids participated in a range of activities from riding the be-caks, shadow puppet making, learning traditional martial arts dances and being part of a Gamelan orchestra. We all finished with a great shadow puppet show of two traditional Indonesian stories. My favourite was dressing up in traditional dress and learning some traditional Indonesian dances. All the kids and adults had a great time. A big thanks to Julie Butler from Eskdale for her organisation of the day.

At our last School Council meeting we discussed the need to have some subcommittees. The first Sub-Committee we formed was a policy subcommittee. This group will meet for 30min prior to the School Council meeting and look to ratify policy. Thanks to Marianne Deery and Bridgette Geisseler for volunteering to be part of this group. We will also be meeting again next week on Wednesday the 10th at 5.30pm to discuss our 125th Anniversary Celebrations. This meeting will be open to anyone who wishes to attend. We really would like some ideas and assistance from community members to plan and deliver the event. Please feel free to come down for this meeting.

Tomorrow’s hot lunch won’t exactly be hot, but no less yummy! Fumiko Millichamp will be making sushi for the students. Sushi and prima drink will be $5.00. Thanks to Fumiko for making this once again for all the students. Please send along $5.00 if you wish your child to have some yummy sushi for lunch. The following week will be Tacos.

Next Monday our students in years 4-6 will be venturing to the Secondary College to participate in some science activities. Tallangatta Secondary College has been running these science days now for about 5 years and each time we go, the students are always commenting on how good they are. We are really looking forward to going.

The word ‘resilience’ is used to describe the capacity people have to cope, learn and thrive in the face of change. Some children find it harder than others to cope with the challenges they face in life. However, all children and young people develop coping strategies to help them deal with stress and challenge. At Upper Sandy Creek we will be looking at developing our students mindfulness, gratitude and empathy. These will be discussed in coming newsletters and the students will discover how these three things can help them to develop a positive mindset and therefore develop new approaches to difficult situations.
STUDENTS THOUGHTS

Meadow: We have been knitting blankets. We will be knitting blankets at school tomorrow. I hope my mum can come and help tomorrow. I am going home with Lucas today. It will be fun.

Evie: I am learning how to add numbers together. I really like learning about that.

Tyler: I like Blue Earth because it is really fun. On Blue Earth days we play games which I really like.

Lucas: I like the project we are doing at the moment. It is about being money smart. We are making PowerPoints and learning how to use hyperlinks, which has nothing to do with being money smart, but is a lot of fun.

Ben: I really liked the becak races especially when Mr Hogan nearly fell over at the start. I also got to dress up as an eagle in the Indonesian play. It was a good day.

Warrick: I really liked wearing the sarong on the Indonesian day, which is like a skirt. The dressing up was a lot of fun. Mum said she would buy me a becak to give people a lift around in.

Jack: I liked riding becak and racing them at the Indonesian Day we recently went to. I also liked dressing up as an Indonesian Warrior. We learnt some Pencak Silat moves which is the traditional Indonesian martial arts form.

Bryson: It is fun doing the Blue Earth. Today we played Fox Tails where you have to grab other peoples tails and wear them like medals. When you lost your tail you weren’t out, you could still grab other peoples tails. I enjoyed playing.