It has been another busy fortnight at Upper Sandy Creek Primary. Yesterday our students travelled into Wodonga to Galvan Hall to perform, in front of a huge crowd of students, teachers and parents, the concert item they have been practicing now for about 3 weeks. Glenda, Deanne and I were all quite nervous for the students as they had taken on a lot in their short performance. They had made their own instruments, wrote their own music and created their own costumes. For a few of our students it was their first time performing on stage and in front of a crowd. The students did a great job and we are very proud of their efforts. I have a video recording of the performance if anyone would like a copy, drop into the school with a USB and I will happily copy it over for you.

After lunch at Sumsion Gardens the students travelled WAW credit union. Ben wrote this eloquent recount of the visit. WAW was a great place to visit for our topic, “are you money smart?”. We also had a great tour guide, Jan, who showed us a quick slide show on the differences between a bank and credit union. We also got these gift bags and everyone adored the little piggy banks. By Ben.

A very big thanks to Deanne and Glenda. Deanne who organised our performance and guided the students through practice, creating costumes and giving them the confidence to perform. And Glenda who organised the WAW excursion, and very graciously collected the bus and drove the students on the day. Thanks to you both, we are all very grateful.

Last week our year 6 students had a great day of activities with all the year 6 students who are transitioning to the Secondary College next year in 2017. The students were placed in groups, and although our students expressed to me that they were nervous, they quickly settled in and found many familiar faces. The activities were a lot of fun and I was proud of the way our kids mixed with the other students. The next transition day will be Tuesday the 6th of December.

Tomorrow is scheduled to be the athletics sports at Albury athletics track. If the event is cancelled I will activate the phone tree, which is attached to the newsletter, and school will run as normal.

Friday is also a pupil free day. Our staff will participating in some professional development with the cluster schools on teaching students with Dyslexia.

Next Tuesday the students and I will be travelling to Eskdale for our annual Healthy Harold Visit. The kids really like seeing Harold and the health activities are always informative and popular. Please make sure the permission form is returned to school on Monday.

Please don’t forget we have a school council meeting on next week, Tuesday the 6th September, at 6.00pm with the policy meeting before hand at 5.30pm.
**STUDENTS THOUGHTS**

**Meadow:** On Thursday I am going to Layla’s house. She is my friend. We are going to play games and I am having a sleep over at her house. It is going to be exciting.

**Evie:** My Dad came home on the weekend. He tickled me. I laughed and laughed and laughed.

**Tyler:** We made a design for a bridge. Then we made a bridge out of straws and sticky tape. Our bridge tipped on its side and all the drivers fell off! If I was making a real bridge I wouldn’t choose my design.

**Lucas:** We are having the squash grand finals today. At the end of our game, we are having pizza. I am not playing in the grand final, but we are going to watch.

**Ben:** WAW was a great place for our money smart topic. Everyone did really well at the arts festival, Meadows expression was funny when she walked on stage and saw all the people in the audience. She did well to hold it together.

**Warrick:** I am looking forward to Secondary College next year. I pretty much know all the kids going and there are some pretty nice kids. I enjoyed the activities we did on the transition day.

**Jack:** I was really proud of our performance at the Arts festival. I also enjoyed going to WAW and learning about banking. We got free pens and a piggy bank.

**Bryson:** WAW was awesome. I liked it at the end when we got some presents in a bag. We got a pen, a juice box, books and a piggy bank.

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**OUR SCHOOL VALUES**

- **Respect**
- **Honesty and Fairness**
- **Care and Compassion**
- **Responsibility**

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**TYLER’S WORM FARM**

Tyler was very inspired last week. Together we read a book about how to build your own worm farm. Tyler was very diligent and after reading the book, wrote his own set of instructions! He and I decided that we should probably make a worm farm. Ms Boyer bought in the containers, Tyler bought in the apple and we used dirt from the veggie garden and some leaves as well. Tyler really enjoyed making his worm farm. It even inspired Warrick who along with Tyler resurrected the old worm farm at the school and together then preceded to dig up every worm they could find in the orchard. I am pleased to report that the worms are still alive! What a great learning experience, all from a book!