

This year was the first time that the juniors were able to ride on runs other than centre valley for many years. This made the weekend for everyone involved much more fun and interesting than in previous years. There were many new faces which proved at times to be quite challenging to locate and identify our juniors on the hill.



The children skied in groups with parents tagging along due to the young age of our junior training participants. It is good to see so many new juniors beginning the start of many years of junior training weekends.

If you talk to these children's parents; they too began their love for the white frozen flakes and a place referred to by my grandfather as "the pleasure ground". We too were able to reminisce over junior training weekends that we had all attended and began friendships over all these years.

We commenced our Saturday morning with the children skiing runs on the V8 while waiting for some to hire equipment and purchase tickets and I was able to assess the standards and group them in 3 groups.



Lunch time came around quickly and we met our wonderful lodge manager Clarke and the National Parks building for some sausage sandwiches, drinks and fruit. This spot proves to be the best spot for lunch meetings on these weekends as the place is warm, has toilet facilities and is quite handy for Clarke.



After lunch the children jumped onto the ski tube to join their arranged 2.5 hour ski lessons provided by the winter sports club at Blue Cow. They provided some of their best instructors and the children enjoyed their lessons.



The children returned to Perisher upon the completion of their lessons via the ski tube. Clarke met everyone at the terminal to swap the children with the après boots and load the children's skis/boards and boots into the Skidoo trailer this enabled the children to walk up to the lodge with not too much bother in their après boots.



There was the usual snow play fun around the lodge especially after the flakes started to fall heavily.

The children did not want to go to bed and there were numerous discussions with their parents on why they should stay out in the snow after 8.00pm to make sure they were completely drenched and continue the quest for the perfect snowball and snow angel and work on that snowman before going to bed.



The next morning it was early up again; breakfast was at 7.00am instead of the usual 7.30am to account for those excited children that don't sleep in on their holidays.



2.5 hour Lessons were also booked for the Sunday morning with the same instructors with the inclusion of 2 snowboard lessons for the 2 older juniors.



The following photos were taken over the weekend:



Gemma Frew and Heath Barnes



Clarke at lunchtime with Clarke at the NPWS Room





All the crew at lunchtime with Clarke



At the lessons



Caleb Barnes and his snowman



Heath, Andrew , Michael, Briellen, Karen, Izzy, Di, Jasmine, Ameli, Jemma, Sarah, Lucy, Olivia, Bryson, Astrida and Drew

