Our last fortnight has been a very busy one with the swimming sports and an excursion with Mitta and Tallangatta Valley to the Bandiana Army Museum. Our excursion to Bandiana was great. There is a lot to take in at the museum with our kids really interested in the military vehicles. We also enjoyed reading some of the stories about medal winners from the first world war.

The swimming sports were very well run with all the kids having a go at a few events. Our kids did very well, with Jack and Ben only just missing out on the age group medals and Sophie winning her age group and progressing to the Zone sports. Sophie competed last Friday in the breaststroke and butterfly and placed mid field. Well done Sophie for making the next level and having a go at Zones.

Last week Jack had his first school council meeting at Beechworth. Jack had a great day meeting the other councillors. Both Jack and Warrick will also be travelling to Melbourne with me and the other Indigo Shire representatives for the Halogen Young Leaders Day. Apart from our departure time of 4.30am, we are all looking forward to going.

Our next school council meeting will be held on Tuesday the 17th at 4.30pm. If you still have council nomination forms to be filled in, please do so and drop them off this Friday.

Don’t forget to visit the Tallangatta show this weekend to view the students work. Thanks to Deanne for helping the kids get some entries and Debbie for dropping them off.

Thanks very much to Vin D’Alessandro who came down to the school and sprayed some of the blackberries that have been recently growing nearly out of control.

I will be away for the rest of the week. Sherril Hodgens will be replacing me on Wednesday and Thursday and Deanne on Friday. There will be no swimming this week. If your child/ren will be away or late, please call the school 60718526.

Happy 11th birthday to Sophie Shiels today. We hope you have a great day.

**JACK’S JUNIOR COUNCIL REPORT**

Hi, my name is Jack and I am the school’s Junior Council Representative. At Beechworth we had our first meeting. We went to the Bourke Museum. We did a look and find activity and there were heaps of cool things like stuffed animals, aboriginal weapons and some old shops.

At the meeting we where given a folder to keep our notes in. We discussed what the money we fund raise was for and it is for composting toilets. We also get to choose how we spend the rest of the money. I had a great day and met lots of new kids. I am looking forward to being the Junior Councillor.

By Jack D’Alessandro.
Have you ever been to the Bandiana army museum? A few weeks ago, Warrick and I went. At the museum there were lots of things to see. We saw vehicles, machine guns, models of soldiers and medals. We got to sit in an army jeep and we also got to wear army helmets that were used in world war 1 and 2. It was interesting to learn what they had to use and fight with. After the museum we had Maccas for lunch and went back to school. We had a good time.

By Jack

SWIMMING SPORTS

On the 18th of February the Valleys Cluster Swimming Carnival was held at Eskdale. Jack D'Alessandro came second in all of his races, but decided not to do the butterfly. Jack also came second in the medley. Ben Shiels came first in the breaststroke and Butterfly, but was second in Backstroke. I, Sophie Shiels came first in breaststroke and backstroke and butterfly. The weather wasn't the best, with some drizzle, but we still finished the carnival. I got the 11year girls age champion medal, but sadly Jack and Ben narrowly missed winning one as well. There's always next year!

By Sophie Shiels