Last week our students travelled to Wodonga for the Winter Sports Carnival. We joined forces with Mitta, Eskdale and Tallangatta Valley to form a T-Ball team. The students played 6 games of T-Ball on the day. The games were very tight with 5 of the 6 being decided by 2 runs or less. I was really pleased to see our students supporting each other and having a great go despite little practice. In each of the games we played the students improved, until finally in the last game, the kids tasted victory.

This term we are running a Fathers Day raffle. We have sent home ticket books to all families. Tickets are $1 and the raffle will be drawn on Friday September the 4th. Could all raffle books be returned to school, sold or unsold by Wednesday September the 2nd. Again there are many prizes including choice of wine and wine rack or beer and beer cooler. A huge thanks to Sophie and her family for driving this raffle. All the money we raise in the raffles through the year go towards a charity or causes as picked by our students. We encourage our students to identify a local and global cause to support each year.

We had a very productive working bee on Tuesday night. There was a large amount of pruning and some trees and bushes removed. We are planning on having another one before the end of the term. Thanks to all those who came down to chip in. The school looks great!

This week we have had former student Nadia (now in year 10) visiting us for some work experience. The kids have really enjoyed the quizzes she has been creating using Kahoot. Kahoot is a free website for creating quizzes. We are looking forward to the next one she makes. Thanks Nadia for coming up to the school to help out.

Although cold, skiing yesterday was one of the best. This time around we ate lunch in the warmth of the Windy Corner lodge. After lunch the students picked if they wanted an extended ski, or have a play with some toboggans (kindly lent to us from the Deery family). The students were set new challenges from their instructor Sally, and had a go at a few different games on their skis. A very big thanks to Miss G for driving the support car up once again.

We were very lucky last week to have a visit from Monkey Baa acting group. Chris had travelled down from Sydney to spend some time with our students playing various drama games. Here is what Ben thought of the morning with Chris: *We did some really fun activities such as making shapes and scenes from the book I am Jack [not our Jack, a character named Jack]. We had a bullying scene, an embarrassing scene where Jack’s mum called him darling at school and a lunch scene. It reminded me of the book *Diary of a Whimpy Kid*. I really enjoyed it. I can’t wait to see the play next Friday.*

Parents don’t forget to phone the school if your child is absent from school.
SCIENCE AT THE SECONDARY COLLEGE

The students were very lucky to travel down to the Secondary College on Tuesday to participate in some science sessions using the Secondary College Science Lab. The sessions were very interesting with the students making a simple battery and then conducting some renewable energy tests. Our students were very engaged in the tasks and enjoyed the hands on nature of the sessions. Here are a few thoughts from the kids on the day:

**Sophie:** We had a lot of fun doing the experiments at Tallangatta High.

**Warrick:** I learnt heaps of stuff on the day. I really liked the experiments where we made power from wind and light.

**Ben:** I learnt heaps of stuff about electricity. For example I learnt about volts and wind power.

**Luke:** I liked how we got to make the batteries. The coat and gloves were too big for me!

**Jack:** I really enjoyed learning how to make a battery and learning about solar and wind power. I liked wearing the lab equipment, as you can see from the photo below!

**Zak:** I thought that the science sessions were interesting. I liked making the battery the best. Our battery worked.

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**JACK’S JUNIOR COUNCIL NEWS**

Today I travelled to Chiltern Primary for another meeting with the Indigo Shire Junior Council. At this meeting we talked about a few competitions we could enter. It was interesting to hear from the other school about what they have been doing. We then walked to the Chiltern Athenaeum Museum. There was a lot of WW1 equipment and the history of Chiltern. It is an old gold mining town. I am looking forward to my next meeting.

By Jack.