This term is certainly passing by very quickly. With 3 weeks left, the students have been quite busy in the classroom, working on and finishing their projects. Our skiing program continues to be a very enjoyable experience for the students. Yesterday was another great day with Mitta at Falls Creek. The weather was great and there was still quite a bit of snow around. The students have greatly improved their skiing abilities and thoroughly enjoyed the games and activities ran by our instructor, Bob. Some of the students got the opportunity to do some tobogganing. Thanks to the Deerys for loaning us some toboggans. We have 1 more skiing day which has been changed to Thursday the 10th of September.

Last week we travelled to Tallangatta Valley Primary school to participate in the Blueearth sessions. Despite it being the coldest and windiest day of winter, the students continued to show their enthusiasm and positive attitude for the Blueearth and Indonesian sessions. The participating schools have all noticed an increase in participation levels, increase in resilience, persistence and attitude towards fellow students. The benefits are flowing back to our own schools with students being more positive towards their school work and tasks.

Last Friday our students travelled to Albury to watch the performance of I am Jack. A stage play adapted from the book I am Jack written by Suzanne Gervey. The play, which featured actor David Hynes, was about a boy who is a victim of bullying. After the show, all the students were given time to ask some questions to the actor and director. The students, Deanne and I really enjoyed the play.

On Monday the 7th of September, our students will travelling to Wodonga Leisure Centre to visit the Spirit of Anzac exhibition. This exhibition is only on for a limited time in our area. Our students are really looking forward to going, especially given that they did so well, and learnt so much on the topic ANZACS in term 1.

We are still waiting for donations of wine from our school families for our fathers day raffle. If you haven't yet sent a bottle in, please do so. Tickets are still available for sale. If you would like to purchase a ticket or sell some books, please drop into the school. Raffle books and money are due back to school by next Thursday. Thanks.
The students here at Upper Sandy Creek have been very engaged in learning about writing a biography. We have been combining this with our topic of Extreme Sports. The students have chosen an extreme sport and commenced some investigations into how their particular sport runs. The students have chosen a famous athlete from their extreme sport and we thought we would highlight one in our newsletter, who also happens to be our Blueearth coach!

I have been researching water-skiing as my chosen extreme sport. I discovered that an Australian Champion water-skier was Cathryn Humphrey. She is our Blueearth coach as well which is pretty awesome. She competes in water-skiing competition which have 3 events. The slalom, tricks and jumps. Catheryn is an 8 time Australian champion. My favourite event she does would be the jumping. They can jump along way. Cathryn’s record is 42.7m. She has competed overseas many times. I am looking forward to interviewing her shortly.

By Warrick Deery.