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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BOOK WEEK

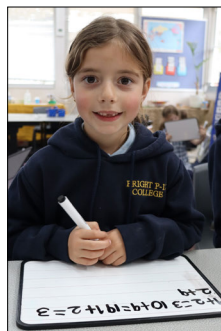
We celebrated Book Week by dressing up in costumes relating to our favourite book. There were so many amazingly creative outfits on display! Congratulations to everyone involved - our staff and students certainly marked the occasion in style as we celebrated our love of books, reading and imagination. More photos on pages 8 & 9.



PREP MATHS

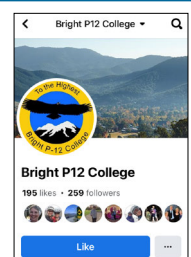
Prep students have been using cards and counters to help them in their addition and subtraction number sentences. We are mainly using numbers to ten to help us with this. Using the cards and learning with a friend makes it fun and the counters help with our counting.

See page 3 for more photos



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Jean will be on leave for the remainder of Term 3 and will return at the beginning of Term 4. I will continue in the Acting Principal role during this time.

Renee Tanaskovic has stepped into the Acting Assistant Principal role in Primary, while Phil Rigby will continue supporting our Secondary school as Assistant Principal.

I appreciate the support of our leadership team, staff and wider school community as we continue through what has been a very busy Term 3.

A quick reminder to families to please label or relabel personal belongings. We are seeing an increasing amount of lost property across both Primary and Secondary, including jumpers, beanies, drink bottles and food containers. Clearly labelled items make it much easier for us to return belongings to their owners.

Work continues in the Primary playground. A huge thank you to the McConnachie family for their generosity and community spirit. Marc has donated

his time, materials, knowledge and expertise to craft a new nature playground for our Primary students. His craftsmanship and care have transformed the space, and generations of children will enjoy the benefits of his work. We are deeply grateful to Marc and Rikki for their ongoing support of our school community. Thank you also to Tim Martin from Excelsior Builders for providing the temporary fence.

Last Sunday marked the final day of the 2026 Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) season at Mount Hotham. A huge thank you to our BCST Committee, parents, students and Hotham Snowsports for their commitment and support throughout the season. Programs such as BCST rely heavily on the contribution of our community, and we greatly appreciate everyone who helped make another season possible.

And finally, congratulations to all our students who competed in the Victorian Snowsports Interschools recently. More info & photos will be in the next newsletter.

Mathew Gray - Acting Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR

**All calendar events are subject to change.
Please check Compass for most up-to-date calendar.**

SEPTEMBER

1-6 SEP	National Interschools Snowsports, Perisher
3 SEP	Secondary O&M Athletics, Albury
3 SEP	Parent / teacher / student meetings
3 SEP	6pm Yr 7 in 2027 Information Night
8 SEP	8A Wangaratta Tech School excursion
8 SEP	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed MTB excursion, Beechworth
9 SEP	Student free day
10 SEP	8B Wangaratta Tech School excursion
10 SEP	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB excursion, Beechworth
10 SEP	1:45-4pm Yr 5/6 Passion Projects expo
10 SEP	5pm Japanese host family info session
13 SEP	BCST End of Season presentation
14-18 SEP	Unit 3/4 VCE formal practice exams
15 SEP	Yr 7/8 Interschools Sport
17 SEP	Yr 9/10 Interschools Sport
18 SEP	Last day Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

NEXT STUDENT FREE DAY: Wednesday 9th September



Year 7 in 2027 Information Night

6 - 6:45pm, Thursday 3rd September at Bright P-12 College



Starting Secondary school is a big step and we're here to help make the transition as smooth as possible. Students and parents/carers are invited to join us in the school library for our Year 7 in 2027 Information Night to learn everything you need to know about the transition process and what to expect next year.

This is a fantastic chance to:

- Get valuable information about starting Secondary school
- Ask questions of our staff, current students and other families
- Connect with others who are also making the transition

We look forward to seeing you there. If you can't attend, but would like to see our school, please contact us to arrange a tour.

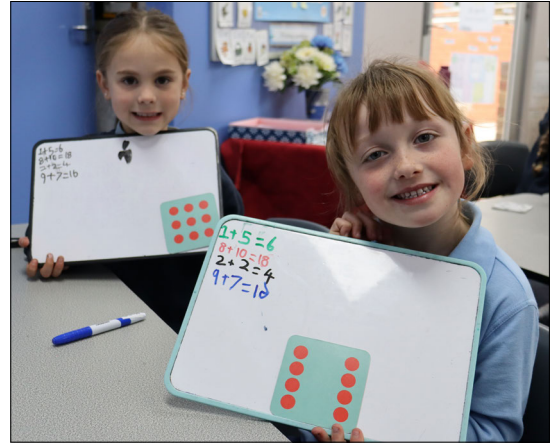
Transition day: Tuesday 8th December



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SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week was a blast! With daily jokes and quizzing, the focus was celebrating all the achievements Australians have made, along with our native animals.

Science Week also saw the return of our Beat the Teacher Quiz. Students from Year 4 to Year 12 were invited to sign up as a team and try and beat the teacher team. There were several rounds that included science-themed music and science-themed TV/film. Once again, we didn't allow any of our senior science teachers to form a team (although Mr Rigby tried to compete alone) but we were joined by a formidable team from the English/Humanities faculty ('Totally Lit!'). While initially it was tight and the teachers were on top for most of the rounds, the Year 12 student team were the winners - the media and music round really showed their strengths. Congratulations to our Year 12 team!



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our annual Father's Day Stall will be held on Friday 4 September. A big thank you to our P&F Committee for the time and effort they have put into organising the stall and creating a special opportunity for our students to celebrate their fathers and other important role models in their lives.

We would also like to thank Sixpence Coffee for creating our very own coffee blend & label (designed by Yr 4 student Hazel P) for the occasion. Pre-ordered bags will be available for collection on Friday, with a limited number of additional bags also available to purchase on the day.

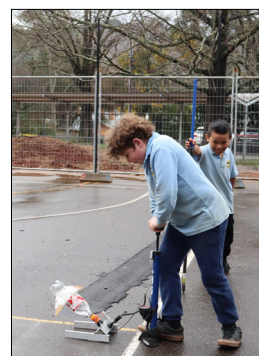
Students will have the opportunity to visit the stall and purchase gifts ranging from \$5–\$15 for their dad or another special person in their life.

Yr 3/4 SCIENCE

Students in 3/4O, along with some special guests from 4G, headed outside for some explosive STEM learning with bottle rockets.

Using water, a bike pump and plenty of scientific thinking, students investigated air pressure, forces, thrust and gravity. They learnt how increasing the air pressure inside the bottle creates the force needed to send the rocket shooting into the sky. The launches ranged from impressive to slightly unpredictable, with plenty of cheering, laughter and the occasional rocket heading in a direction nobody quite expected! Students had a fantastic time putting their learning into action and watching science quite literally take off.

There was only one minor casualty... Mr O, who somehow finished the experiment significantly wetter than when he started. It was a fantastic afternoon of science, teamwork and high-flying fun!



GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION

AGTV German Poetry – Regional Finals event

As part of the core curriculum in Years 7-9 German, students prepared for their CAT task: Poem Recital. For this task, students practised an authentic German poem selected by their teacher. They were assessed on their pronunciation, intonation, fluency, interpretation and accurate recitation of the poem. Students who were assessed as eligible and expressed an interest in extending themselves were invited to compete against students from Cathedral College in the Regional Final of the AGTV German Poetry Competition. This event was held live online. During the competition, students individually recited their chosen poem to a panel of two judges. Congratulations to our students who took on the additional challenge of memorising and performing their poem and representing Bright P-12 College at this event. Well done to all of our participants! Results were:

Year 7

- 3rd Place - Frankie L
- Participation - Jagger B, Hunter S, Emma M, Annie B, Josie M

Year 8

- Participation - Harvey D, Luke M, Archie H

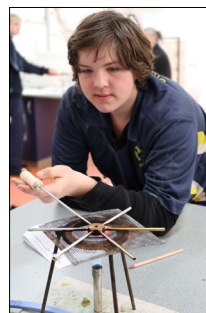
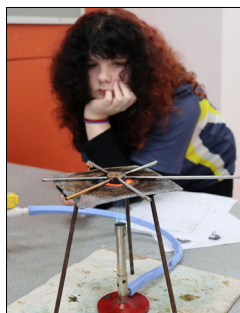
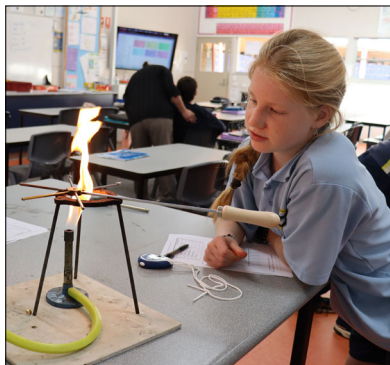
Year 9

- 1st Place - Stephanie A
- 2nd Place - Claudia C
- 3rd Place - Tom B



Yr 8 SCIENCE

Year 8 students investigated the heat conductivity of different metals and timed how quickly heat conducted from the centre of the spindle down the 5 different metals. Students then had to link speed of conduction to the particle model theory relating to all matter.

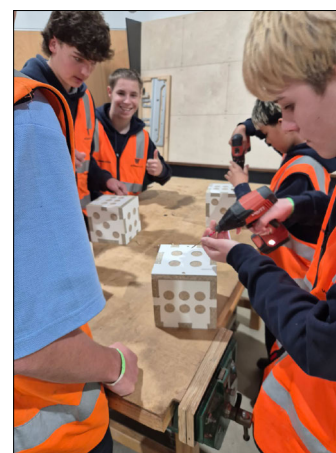
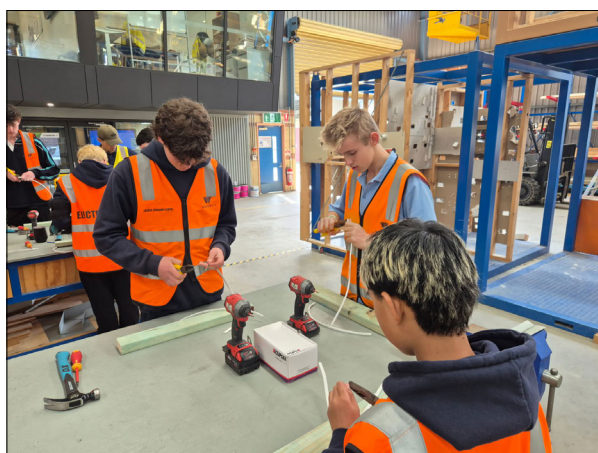


CAREERS - TAFE EXPERIENCE EXCURSION

Wodonga TAFE hosted local Victorian Year 9 students at their annual School Experience Day. Nine students from Bright P-12 College attended. The different workshops included:

- Engineering - mechanical, fabrication, fitting and turning
- Agriculture and horticulture
- Trades including: carpentry, plumbing, electrical and cabinet making
- Childcare
- Outdoor Education

Workshops included an introduction to the industry, a practical task for students to participate in, a discussion on relevant TAFE courses, and a chance to speak to experts in the field. Feedback from all students was that it was a very useful day - they were able to see what opportunities are available at TAFE and that the VDSS (Vocational Education and Training in Secondary Schools) can be a useful and engaging aspect of their future learning program at school.



Yr 5/6 PE

Year 5 and 6 students are developing their netball skills through passing, pivoting and shooting drills. They are strengthening their collaboration and teamwork skills by supporting one another and working together during competitive drills and team games. These skills will be particularly valuable as they prepare for our Year 5/6 Netball House Tournament in Term 4.



VCE VM WORK PLACEMENT REFLECTION



My name is John C, and I am working towards becoming a plumber. As part of the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VM), I spend 1 day each week at TAFE and 1 day on work experience with a plumbing business. These opportunities have helped me gain valuable knowledge and practical skills before starting a plumbing apprenticeship. At TAFE, I have learnt a wide range of plumbing skills, including cutting PVC and copper pipes, drilling through tiles, measuring and fitting pipework, and working safely with different tools and equipment. The skill I have enjoyed learning the most is welding, as I find it both challenging and rewarding. It has become my favorite part of the course because it requires precision and gives me the chance to develop a



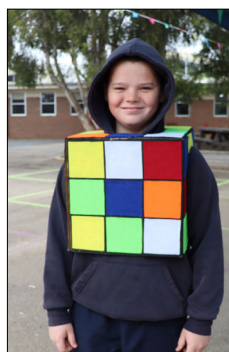
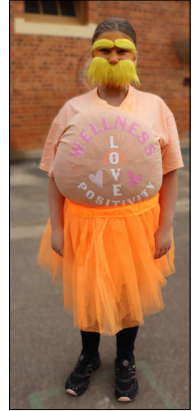
valuable trade skill. During my work experience, I have gained experience on a worksite, learning how to solve problems, work as part of a team, lay and glue pipes, use plumbing tools correctly, and understand how a professional worksite operates. Being on-site has also taught me the importance of communication, safety, punctuality, and working efficiently. In conclusion, if you are thinking about starting a career in the trades, I would recommend the VM program. Having one day at TAFE and one day on work experience is a great opportunity because it allows you to build practical skills, gain confidence, and experience what working in the plumbing industry is really like before beginning an apprenticeship.

Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 Outdoor Education students worked on their mountain bike skills. Using our basketball court as their training ground, they worked in pairs to develop their bike control, body positioning, brake control and weight distribution. All students increased their skill level and confidence during this session.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES

TERM 2 & 3 JUNIOR NETBALL COMPETITION

Join our Junior Netball Competition & Skills Clinic!

Starting Week 2 of Term 2 - 30th April - 10th September 2026

When: Thursday afternoons - 4:30 - 5:45pm
Skills clinic for 30 mins, followed by games from 5pm

Age: Grade 4 - Year 7 (Turning 10-14 years)

Where: Bright P-12 College Outdoor Netball Courts

Please fill out the attached Google Doc & EOI Form ASAP - Minimum numbers required!

Register Your Interest Now!

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpwASWZY2B2MQ0j3HcG6-BH4CM3NmvFv2A6HYGKX0UyZEhg/viewform?usp=public-editor>

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Films from 7pm

Book: <https://events.humanitix.com/north-east-canoe-club-paddling-film-festival>

Make a weekend of it.....

Saturday 7th of September, 10.30am - 11am - Tea planting on King River followed by BBQ
King River Working Bus, Cheshunt Community Hall

Sunday 8th of September, 10.30am - 11am - Paddle the King River

Join us for a fun, social paddle down the King River. Meeting at carpark below Lake William Howell. Let us know if you need help to get on the river, we will have some places to offer for people with previous paddling skills.

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After School Care (3:00pm - 6:00pm)	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Out of School Hours Care (7:00am - 8:30am)	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Out of School Hours Care (8:30am - 9:00am)	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$1.00	\$1.00

Concessionary Fee: All fees are subject to concessionary fee. BACAC offers 48 hours of concessionary fee. \$5.00. Holiday Program: Book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00. Same day concessionary fee is out-of-pocket session fee.

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