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Issue 4

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

GALA DAY

Join Bright P-12 College for Gala Day on Saturday May 3rd. Students need to arrive at the bus stop on Park Street by 1:15pm and an adult will be required to collect all students at Centenary Park at the end of the parade (approx 2:30pm).

2025 Bright Autumn Festival

This year, the theme for the Gala Day Parade is 80's Movies, and we have chosen Karate Kid!

The Karate Kid overview is in line with our school values:

As you go through life, remember to find balance, learn the basics first when learning new things, find a way to accomplish your goals no matter what, put all of yourself into everything you do. Stand up for yourself and what you believe, be mindful of others and you can overcome anything and remember, be respectful, never put passion in front of principle, even if you win, you lose.

Students are requested to wear white karate suits if they own one.

Or either **all black, OR all white.**

These can be black singlet/t-shirt and black pants/leggings or all white singlet/T-shirt and pants.

NO LOGOS! If students wear all white, the school can provide them with a lotus headband and black belt just like Daniel from the movie.



GALA DAY SAT MAY 3RD

KARATE
Kid



WEAR ALL WHITE/KARATE SUIT WITH A BLACK BELT (SCHOOL CAN HELP/PROVIDE)

OR

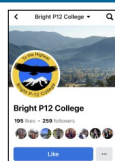
ALL BLACK - NO LOGOS



MEET AT THE BUS STOP ON PARK STREET BY 1:15PM



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Thank you to the parents who attended the Review meeting – your feedback is essential in shaping the future of our College. Staff and students at Bright P-12 College have had the opportunity to speak directly to the independent review panel and members of the panel have also visited classrooms to observe our classes in progress. At the end of the process, the Review panel (comprising Lead Reviewer, Challenge Partners, Bright P-12 College Executive Team, College Councillors and our Senior Improvement Education Leader) will evaluate all collected information to develop a strategic plan that ensures continued growth and excellence in education.

This year, our students and staff are working together toward an important sustainability goal: reducing our environmental footprint by being more mindful when printing and photocopying. We're already making great progress, and it's been wonderful to see everyone embracing this initiative.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 1, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support so far this year. There is much to celebrate in Term 1 and our students deserve a well-earned break after all their fantastic efforts within the classroom and beyond.

I wish you all a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming our students back to school in Term 2.

BREAKFAST CLUB

From next term, Breakfast Club will move to Tuesday mornings, starting in Week 2 (April 29th).

Starting at 8:15am in the Secondary cooking room, there will be a range of food available including toast, cereal, milo, fresh fruit and fruit cups.

A big 'thank you' to Woolworths and the Beechworth Bakery, who provide the food for our Breakfast Club.

All students from Prep to Year 12 are always welcome!

And finally, a huge 'THANK YOU' to each and every member of our staff at Bright P-12 College. Every day of every term, your dedication to supporting our students inspires me.

Jean Olley - Principal

NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MARCH

24-28 MAR	Yr 10 Work Experience
25-28 MAR	Yr 7 Camp, Coolamatong
26 MAR	Primary Kangourou Sans Frontières Maths competition
27 MAR	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport, Wangaratta & Wodonga
28 MAR	VCE/VM Work Related Skills industry visits, Albury / Wodonga
31 MAR	Yr 3/4 Nightingales excursion

APRIL

1 APR	Yr 7&8 O&M Sport
1 APR	Yr 5-12 Progress Reports published
2 APR	Primary talent show auditions, Bright Community Centre
2 APR	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed caving & abseiling excursion
4 APR	Prep-Yr 12 Cross Country
4 APR	12:15pm Prep-Yr 12 Celebration of Success Assembly, Bright Community Centre
4 APR	Last day Term 1 - school ends 2:30pm
22 APR	First day Term 2

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 20 June

BRIGHT COMMUNITY FUN RUN



Registrations Are OPEN for Bright Fun Run 2025!

Get ready to run, laugh and make memories in one of Bright's favourite community events! Whether you're chasing a PB, tackling the trails, or just in it for the fun, there's a race for everyone. 3km, 8km or 18km... pick your adventure.

- * Lock in the date – Morning of April 26, 2025
- * Run, walk, sprint – you do you!
- * Sign up now & join the fun!

Let's make this the biggest, best Bright Fun Run yet! All proceeds go to Bright P-12 College!

EARLY BIRD PRICES UNTIL 31st MARCH. Register today! www.brightfunrun.com.au



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 12 student Emlyn C has been successful in gaining a place in the immersive 4-day STEM program Young Women in Aerospace and Defence at RMIT in Melbourne.



It's an extremely well-resourced and eye-opening program which includes industry visits and plenty of hands-on tech programming. The program includes activities such as drone flying, coding, aerodynamics and electronics. They will also get to visit top aerospace companies, meet engineers and explore cutting edge technologies. We congratulate Emlyn on being successful with her application and can't wait to hear all about it.



INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

Hello again! For those who don't know my name is Olga, I am an exchange student from Finland. I have about three months left of my year-long exchange. During these last 8 months I have learned a lot. I have also gotten some amazing experiences and seen a bunch of new places. There are of course things that I would change, I guess everybody's life has those things. My summer was full on. I started my summer with holiday homework that we never get in Finland. So, it was a bit of a shock. Next thing in my calendar was a sailing camp with school. This Christmas I didn't see white snow from my window. It was completely different, and I am glad I got to experience it. Soon after, we flew to Perth with my host-family and went to Southern WA for a road trip. We ended our trip supporting my host brothers cycling road nationals which were in Perth. Finally, I can't leave the Australian Open out of my summer summary. I went there for two days, and it was great. I would say that the weather has been quite hot for me, even though I wouldn't want to complain :) For the rest of my time I will try and enjoy every day, because it is gonna go quickly.



Hi, my name is Joël, I'm from Switzerland. I'm not an exchange student but, I am doing a world trip with my Dad and we are staying in Bright for 1 Term. I'm in Year 6 and I'm staying with a friend of my Dad out in Buckland. I like it here very much and I am enjoying the nice weather. I see kangaroos a lot it's something new but I am getting used to it. I really like going to Sinclair's Waterhole after school or biking.

In Switzerland, I play a lot of soccer but in Australia my friends and I play basketball together. School is quite different here; in Switzerland my school day starts at 7:10am and ends at 4:30pm. It has been enjoyable to be able to have more time for hobbies and sleeping.

I am looking forward to spending the next few weeks in Bright before I head off to Thailand.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL, WORKSHOPS & DONATIONS

This year, the Bright P-12 College Parents & Friends Committee is excited to announce that we will host a Mother's Day stall on Friday the 9th of May. Just like last year, it will be a fantastic event, where we will offer beautiful handcrafted items perfect for gifting. All funds raised will be dedicated towards the redevelopment of the Primary playground.

We Need Your Contributions! Donated craft items (drop off at front office) to use at our workshops could include:

- Empty food tins for succulents/plants
- Epsom salts

Craft Workshops. We will be running 2 workshops on Tuesdays for anyone who would like to contribute their time. No skills are required! Come for a chat, a cuppa and to make some beautiful pieces to sell at the stall. It isn't necessary to come for the entire duration... even just pop in for an hour on your lunch break? Your support is immensely appreciated, not only by the school committee but by the mums receiving the gifts and by the kids who get to choose them!

Workshop info: Tuesday 1st April (clay work); Tuesday 22nd April (candle making) 10am - 1pm. Location: TBA. Contact Amy: 0498 059 423

Thank you in advance for your kindness and contribution. We welcome any new ideas as well. We're looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you all.

Bright P-12 College, Parents & Friends

SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Year 10 Bright P-12 College student Tasmyn C competed in the Hume Regional Swimming Championships recently, representing our school.

She came 3rd in 50m Fly, 3rd in 50m Free and 3rd in 50m Back.

She didn't make States but she was happy with her results.

Congratulations, Tasmyn!



Over 3 weeks in Term 1, Year 12 student Lachie R attended the trials for the under 18 Vic schools' baseball team. Lachie was able to test himself against peers from all across Victoria, with most trying out coming from large schools in Metropolitan Melbourne who get to play all year round. 50 students attended the try out with 17 spots up for grabs, unfortunately Lachie did not make the team but found the experience very valuable to his continued growth in the sport.

Well done Lachie, keep working hard, great things are to come.

Yr 1/2 JAPANESE



Students are learning about traditional Japanese toys.

They had an opportunity to practice Kendama. This skill toy consists of a handle (ken), a pair of cups (sarado), and a ball (tama) attached to the handle by a string. This requires good balance and patience trying to catch a ball with one of the cups.



Yr 7 METALWORK

Year 7 Metalwork is all about developing accuracy and precision - key skills in any hands-on trade. Students put these principles to the test by creating a Colorbond carry tray from sheet metal, quickly discovering the importance of measurement tolerance.

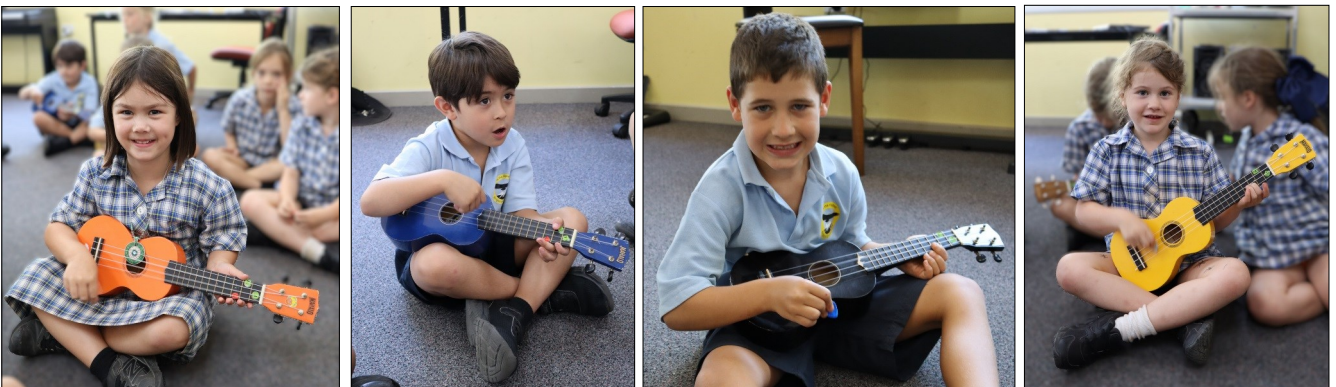
Every marking-out step must be within 1mm of the plan. For example, if Jimmy rules a line at 22mm when the plan specifies 20mm, he'll need to rub it out and redo it to meet the strict tolerance requirements.

Once students have mastered accurate marking out, they move on to cutting, folding, and pop riveting their tool trays together, transforming a flat sheet into a functional masterpiece. It's a lot of fun!



PREP/Yr 1 MUSIC

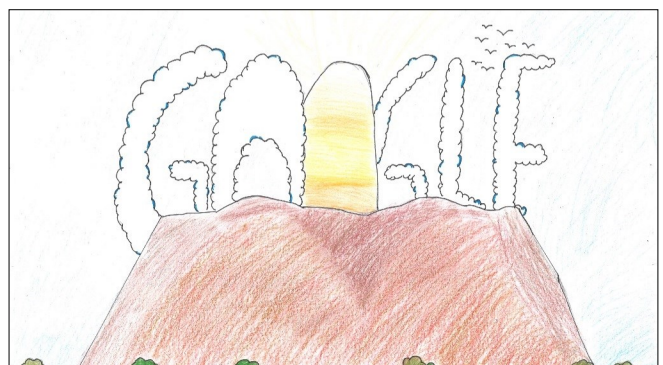
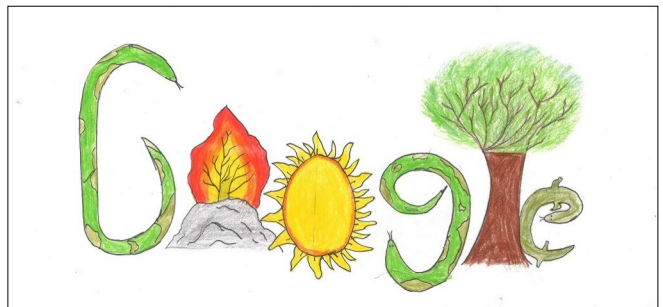
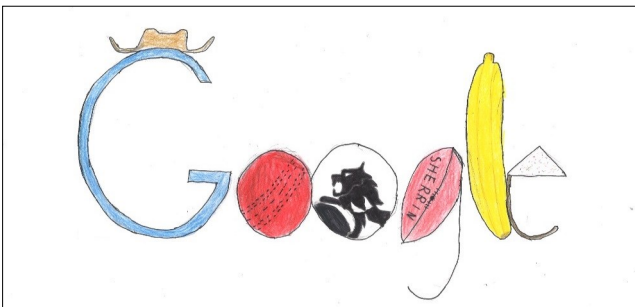
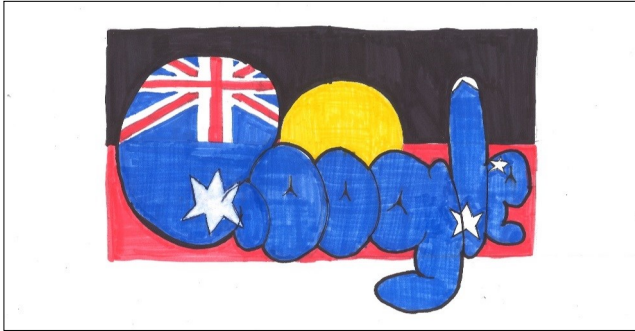
Prep/Year 1 students have been learning to play the ukulele. Strumming C major chord, they sang along to 'Row, row, row your boat' and had fun shouting out during the last verse "... if you see a crocodile, don't forget to scream!"



Yr 8 VCD

The Year 8 students look at typography in Visual Communication Design. They were asked to imagine that they were a designer for Google, who wanted a new Google Doodle Logo to commemorate Australian holidays, public figures or other notable events.

They researched different elements of Australian culture, finding photographs or images that could be manipulated to create the various letter shapes or an engaging background. They then carefully measured a title block to showcase their best concept and rendered with pencils, pens and fine liner. Here are some of their final efforts.



Yr 10 SPORT COACHING & THE COMMUNITY

Students of the Year 10 elective class of Sport Coaching and the Community have been busy so far this year covering many different aspects of the curriculum. Students have been participating in a variety of local community sports and fitness activities.

They've been learning new skills and techniques, as well as building positive connections with different members/volunteers/instructors of our local sporting clubs and fitness centres. Each week, students complete a journal entry, analysing how accessible the activity is by looking at the influences (enablers & barriers) as well as the different benefits of participating in the activity. Concurrently, students are also completing their online AIS Community Coaching course, whilst also developing their understanding of coaching styles, key characteristics of an effective coach as well as how to plan a good coaching session. In Term 2 they will have an opportunity to coach junior interschool sport teams.

We'd like to thank the volunteers and instructors from Bright Croquet Club (John, Hilly, Dot and Jan), Bright Sports Centre (Vanessa) and Bright Tennis Club (Michelle & Wally) for their enthusiasm, time and effort in working with our students. Your support is much appreciated!



SUSTAINABILITY - NEW TEAM MEMBER



Introducing Ben the Scarecrow: a superhero for your garden! His special superpower? Attracting and housing beneficial insects like ladybugs, wasps, spiders, assassin bugs and lacewings—the ultimate warriors against caterpillars, slugs, aphids and beetles that nibble on your precious fruit and veggies.

Ben's vibrant colours call these good insects into the garden and provide them with a cozy home. Made entirely from 100% recycled treasures sourced from op shops, workshops and art rooms, Ben is not only eco-friendly but a symbol of creativity and teamwork.

A huge thank you to the amazing staff and students who contributed their ideas, inspiration, and hands to bring Ben to life!

Now, Ben is off to the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show at Carlton Gardens, where he'll compete for up to \$1000 in prizes. Wish him luck, and go cheer him on and vote if you can!

INTERSCHOOLS MOUNTAIN BIKING

Earlier this month, the Interschools MTB event was held at Thredbo. It was a huge event with approximately 1,500 entrants and difficult dry and dusty riding conditions. They should all be proud!

Bright P-12 College was well represented by 8 students - Nyoka C, Shem C, Jack H, Millie H, Oliver K, Xavier P, Malachy T and Murphy T. There was a real sense of team spirit and camaraderie, and students watched each other's races. All students were supportive of each other, got on well and did the school proud. We had one student on the podium, with Year 10 Millie H coming third in the Division 2 Downhill and many other great results. Some races had over 300 entrants in the category.



SUSTAINABILITY - Yr 4 PLANTING

Primary students have embarked on a hands-on learning adventure in the outdoor classroom, using plant growth to explore measurement. On the 4th of March, they planted broad beans and have been tracking their progress. Some have already grown up to an impressive 20cm tall! Each week, students check on their seedlings and make predictions about how tall they will be. This activity builds scientific curiosity and also sharpens their estimation and observation skills. Words such as germination, photosynthesis and tendrils have been added to their vocabulary. The beans will soon find their new home climbing a trellis in the College garden, where they will continue to grow and flourish as the students learn about fertilisers, soil and PH. By early Term 3, we expect to harvest the pods and enjoy the fruits of our labour with a cooking and tasting experience. It's a fantastic way to celebrate teamwork, patience, and the joy of nurturing nature. Stay tuned for updates on how our broad bean journey blossoms!



Yr 6 BIKE/HIKE/CAMP

Our Year 6 students recently went on an exciting adventure for our 'Bike Hike.'

They rode a total of 54km, starting from Bright and making their way to Harrietville. Once they arrived, everyone set up tents and enjoyed roasting marshmallows under the stars. The next day, they hopped back on their bikes and rode all the way back to Bright. The students showed incredible determination and teamwork throughout the ride, supporting each other along the way. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to challenge themselves while enjoying the beautiful outdoors and strengthening friendships.



2025 ALLAN J FINDLAY MEMORIAL BURSARY



Once again, applications are open for the Allan J Findlay Memorial Bursary, proudly established by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Bright. Allan J Findlay, better known as Big Al, was well known for the support he gave to many organisations and individuals, for connecting with folk of all ages and backgrounds, and for making a huge difference in the lives of so many. He was a genuine friend to all who had the good fortune to have encountered him until his untimely death in 2019 at the age of 63.

In recognition of Al's life and generous contributions to his community, his relentless efforts to support and mentor, and his unwavering dedication to assist anyone in need, this Bursary has been established primarily to assist young people in continuing Al's philosophy of selfless community contribution, and to assist them to fulfill their aspirations of giving back to their community. It is also a fitting way to remember Allan – the epitome of "friend" and also of "volunteer".

The Bursary application process is open to students in Years 9 to 12 levels, residing in the Alpine Shire – this includes young people who school out of the area, are home-schooled, or are no longer school-based. Young people who are helping to make the world a better place are ideal candidates for this Bursary. A total bursary of \$2000 will be made annually (by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Bright) to support a young person with financial assistance to reach their goals and/or further their studies, expand their networks to reach out and connect with others in their area of commitment and/or concern.

Applications for 2025 will be accepted from 10/3/2025 until close of business 11/4/2025.

Visit the Bright Lions Club website for more information. Download the application form and once completed, email to admin@brightlions.org.au or send by mail to Attention: AJF Bursary, Bright Lions Club, PO Box 100, Bright, 3741.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Current Vacancy: School Crossing Supervisor in Bright

This is a chance to make a difference in our community by supervising our school crossings during school terms in the morning and/or the afternoon to assist students and families to travel safely to and from school. For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/about-us/careers/current-vacancies/school-crossing-supervisor-bright>

For any queries, contact Toby Seymour, Facilities Officer on (03) 5755 0555



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- Australian Rules umpires in all 3 disciplines (field/boundary/goal) are required for the coming 2025 season
- The BUG trains in Albury at Noreuil Park on a Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm, and at the same time in Wangaratta at Barr Reserve
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Commencing Monday 22nd April (April 2025) at MCNAMARA RESERVE

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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10 APRIL 2025

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SENIOR NIGHT NETBALL COMPETITION

Commencing Tuesday 23rd April at MCNAMARA RESERVE

Please bring this program for registration details & eligibility. Cost: \$100 (includes \$70 VMA Insurance)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 11 APRIL 2025

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EARLY YEARS OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Early Years Outreach Program is a free service that supports families from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) background who live, play, work or study in the Alpine Shire.

Our CALD Early Years Officer works directly with families and local service providers to support inclusion and ongoing participation in education.

We can assist to:

- Enrol children in Kindergarten
- Connect with other early childhood supports
- Support families to transition from Kindergarten to Primary School

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