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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is held each year from 27 May to 3 June. It is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey:

- On 27 May 1967, Australians voted in a referendum to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and include them in the census.
- On 3 June 1992, the High Court delivered the Mabo decision, which legally recognised that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a special relationship to the land.

At Bright P-12 College, we have consistently acknowledged Reconciliation Week because we believe it is important to reflect, learn and take meaningful steps towards a more just and respectful future. We are proud to continue this tradition and educate our students about the significance of reconciliation in shaping a stronger, more inclusive Australia.

From Monday 2 June to Friday 6 June, students can wear splashes of red, yellow or black – the colours of the Aboriginal flag; wear any Clothing The Gaps apparel they may already own; collect and wear ribbons in red, yellow and black, which we will have available at school.

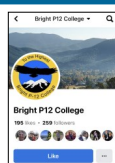


Yr 2 PE

Year 2 students practiced their throwing and catching in preparation for a game of Tee Ball. Tee Ball offers several benefits for our students, including developing ball skills, promoting teamwork and social skills and boosting confidence. Students develop hand-eye coordination, motor skills and strategic thinking.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Earlier this month, we held the BCST Second Hand Snow Gear Sale, and it was a great success - raising \$5,530 to support the BCST program. Thank you to the over 40 volunteers who helped out and made it successful. A big thanks to Alex Sinickas who had the massive task of putting together the online form for registration of over 650 items.

We celebrated Walk to School Day with three walking trains departing from different locations. It was a fantastic start to the day, with many students, parents - and even a few dogs - joining the walk. On arrival at school, students were welcomed with a hot chocolate



and muffin, generously organised by our P&F Committee. A huge thank you to the committee and to everyone who took part in making the morning such a positive community event.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MAY

27 APR-28 JUN	Yr 9 Marlo Leadership School
26-30 MAY	Yr 9 Morrisby careers interviews
26 MAY-23 JUN	Australian Maths Challenge
29 MAY	African Drumming concert 2pm @ Bright Community Centre

JUNE

2-6 JUN	Reconciliation Week activities
4 JUN	Secondary Japanese Speech Competition, Bright Community Centre (BCC)
4 JUN	Primary O&M Cross Country, Wangaratta
5 JUN	Primary Japanese Speech Competition, BCC
5 JUN	Secondary O&M Cross Country, Beechworth
6 JUN	Prep-Yr 2 Music performance at Hawthorn Village
6 JUN	Yr 3-6 Hoop Time Basketball, Wangaratta
6 JUN	Yr 3-6 Leadership Day
9 JUN	Public Holiday - King's birthday
10 JUN	Dinner Plain campus opens
10 JUN	5pm Dolly's Dream parent info session, school library
11-12 JUN	Yr 5 & 6 Dolly's Dream workshops



2026 Prep & Year 7 Tours

This term, we are offering tours to parents / carers of children who are starting Prep or Year 7 in 2026. Come and meet our teachers, see classes in progress and ask questions. No RSVP required. Everyone's welcome to attend. If you would like to visit at another time, please call the school office. Tour times are:

Prep in 2026 - Tuesdays 9:15am

* 29 April * 6 May * 13 May * 20 May * 27 May * 3 June * 10 June * 17 June
* 24 June * 1 July

Year 7 in 2026 - Wednesdays 9:15am

* 7 May * 14 May * 21 May * 28 May * 4 June * 11 June * 18 June * 25 June
* 2 July



At Bright P-12 College, we provide diverse learning opportunities, thanks to our experienced teachers, small classes, specialist art, music and language programs. Our subject choices for Secondary students include a broad range of options, from Outdoor Education to Psychology; from Physics to Media Studies; from Robotics to Aboriginal Languages of Victoria.



NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 20 June

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Thursday 26 June

Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Year 9 Outdoor Education class went out on an overnight bushwalk earlier this month. The trip started from Diamantina Hut on the Mt Hotham road and we walked out along the Razorback to Federation Hut and then back out again. On Friday morning all students woke up early to summit Mt Feathertop for sunrise. Students were responsible for catering and cooking their own meals and we saw many gourmet meals prepared, however, some students may have underestimated how much food and energy they would require. From this, they have learnt from their mistakes and have already identified what they would do differently in the future.

Overall, the class had a wonderful journey and came together as a team to help everyone through the two days.



2025 INTERSCHOOL DEBATING DAY

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2025 Interschool Debating Day, to be held at EMPAC Hall, Marian College (Myrtleford) on Wednesday, 10th of September.

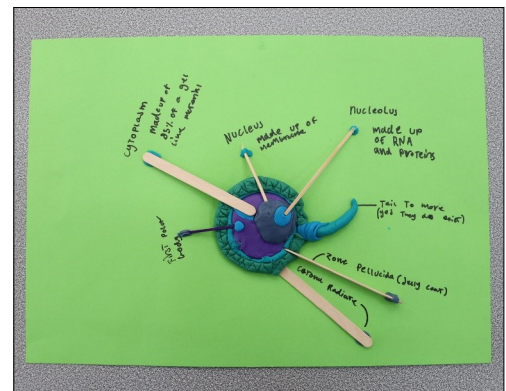
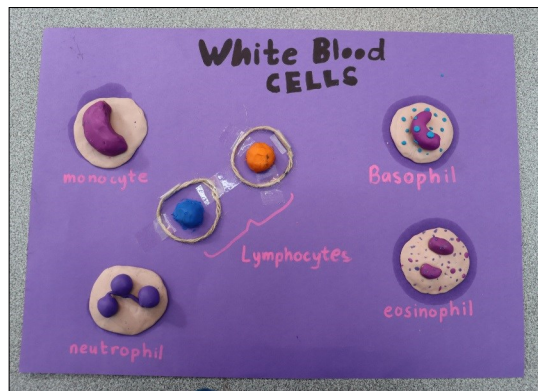
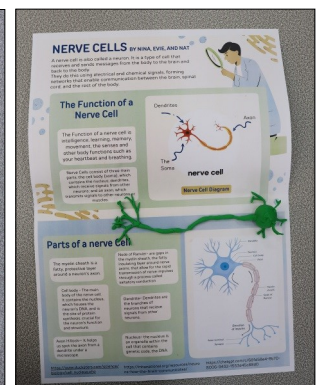
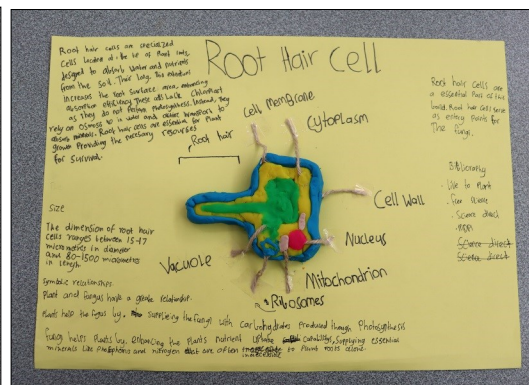
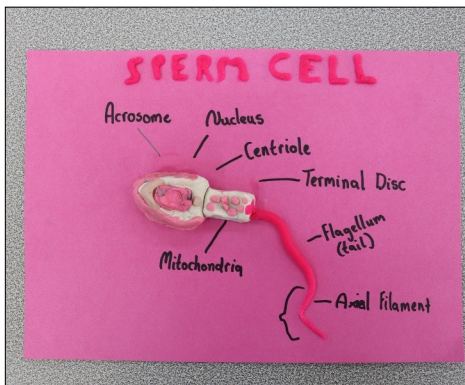
Students will compete in small groups against students from other schools, participating in 2-3 debate rounds on the day. To register, interested students from Years 7-11 will need to see Mr Harbison to sign up by Friday, 13th of June.

Please note that numbers for this event are limited.

Any questions can be forwarded to Adrian.Harbison@education.vic.gov.au

Yr 8 SCIENCE

Over the last week, Year 8 Science students have been investigating specialised cells. In small groups, they have selected a specialised cell and completed a deep dive research into that cell, how it functions, what makes to “special”, what organelles it possesses and what organ and body system does it belong to. Part of their research also includes constructing a model of their cell to show its specialisation.



DONATIONS ARE NOW TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

We are very excited to share with you that Bright P-12 College has recently been endorsed by the ATO as a deductible gift recipient for our Building Fund. This means that any donations made to our school Building Fund from now on is tax deductible to you. You can make a tax deductible donation to our Building Fund at the front office via cash or eftpos, or you can deposit funds into our Building Fund Account directly.

A school Building Fund can be used to pay for anything related to acquiring, constructing or maintaining school buildings, including capital improvements, installing & maintaining fixtures, painting, general maintenance, new carpets, plumbing, repairs etc.

See Compass post from 22nd May for more details. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Flew.

FUTURE DOCTORS AUSTRALIA

ATTN: Year 9-12 students & parents whose children are considering a career in medicine.

Places in 'The Future Doctors Australia' 2025 program are filling up fast.

The Future Doctors Australia program offers a unique opportunity for school students (ages 14-18) aspiring to pursue a career in medicine. 4 days of high-impact, engaging sessions led by experienced medical specialists, practical learning activities, and insights into the admission process, the program aims to inspire and equip students with the knowledge and skills needed to succeed in their medical journey.



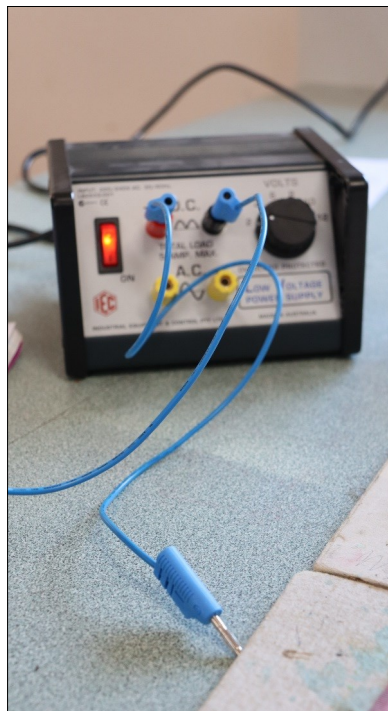
Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to gain valuable insights and guidance from medical professionals who are passionate about shaping the future of healthcare.

City	Date	Availability
Brisbane (Taringa)	3 - 6 July 2025	9 spots left
Brisbane (Taringa)	3 - 16 December 2025	17 spots left
Melbourne (Docklands)	2 - 5 October 2025	10 spots left
Sydney (Chatswood)	9 - 12 October 2-256	4 spots left
Sydney (Chatswood)	22 - 25 January 2025	18 spots left

For more information, including program details, fees, enrolment forms and details of guest speakers and presenters, visit <https://www.niecareers.com.au/future-doctors-australia>

Yr 9 SCIENCE

Students in Year 9 are developing their skills and ideas around electricity. They are using an analogy to help understand and explain the relationship between current and resistance, making the link to Ohm's law. Students also investigate the difference of series and parallel circuits and explain why and how the energy is distributed in each. They are allowed to try creating circuits in the lab and then can follow these creations using a simulation program.



CAREER CHATS

This term, our Careers Team have organised a series of guest speakers to come and chat to students about a range of careers. These chats are a great opportunity for students to explore different careers, speak to people who work in the field, ask questions about what a regular working day in the field looks like and learn about study pathways.

The talks will be held at lunch time, so students can bring their lunch and explore different career paths.

If you have any questions about any of these opportunities, please speak to the Careers Team. If students would like to register to attend one or more of the chats, please email michelle.porter@education.vic.gov.au

DATE	CAREER / FIELD	TIME	LOCATION
Thursday 22nd May	Social Work	1pm	Room 16
Friday 23rd May	Sports Industry Presentation by Richmond Institute, the Education arm of the Richmond Football Club. The presentation will cover course offerings, career opportunities within the industry, further work and study pathways, and provide students with a clear understanding of how to get into the sports industry.	1pm	Room 16
Monday 2nd June	Childcare careers	1pm	Room 16
Friday 13th June	Aviation Industry Guest speaker from RMIT's Aerospace Engineering Department	1pm	Room 16
Tuesday 17th June	Studying at Victoria University https://www.vu.edu.au/	1pm	Room 16
Tuesday 1st July	Law / Legal profession	1pm	Room 16
Thursday 24th July (term 3)	Health Care Profession University of Melbourne's Rural Students Club speaking about the broad range of careers and pathways into healthcare, including medicine, allied health and roles within a hospital.	1pm	Room 16

Yr 11 OUTDOOR RECREATION



Year 11 Outdoor Recreation students took part in the last of four climbing days.

At Mount Pilot in the Chiltern-Mt Pilot National Park near Beechworth, students got to showcase their skills and demonstrate the requirements of the course.

It was a great day for all students.



Yr 6 SUSTAINABILITY

Year 6 Students Harvest the Fruits of Their Labour in the College Garden

Our Year 6 students and staff have been getting their hands dirty - in the best possible way! Each Tuesday afternoon, they roll up their sleeves and dedicate time to nurturing the College Garden, tending our native plants and fresh produce for all to enjoy. Their hard work and enthusiasm have contributed to transforming the space into a thriving hub of greenery and growth.

Of course, the effort comes with some well-earned rewards! The organically grown fruits and vegetables are a testament to their patience and care - each bite bursting with freshness and the satisfaction of homegrown goodness. Whether it's spreading mulch to keep the soil cool and encourage beneficial microorganisms, filling wicking and raised beds, or composting cardboard, leaves and grass clippings to create nutrient-rich soil, these young gardeners tackle every challenge and are a joy to work with.

As we welcome the cooler months, it's time to bid farewell to our summer harvest. The zucchinis, pumpkins, tomatoes, eggplants and ever-popular Cucamelons have served us well, but their season has come to an end. In their place, a new lineup of winter vegetables is ready to take root - lettuce, Asian greens, broad beans, cauliflower, broccoli, cabbage, raspberries and snow peas promise to keep the garden bursting with life.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 students for their dedication and enthusiasm. Their work continues to inspire both our younger and older students and we can't wait to see what the next season brings!



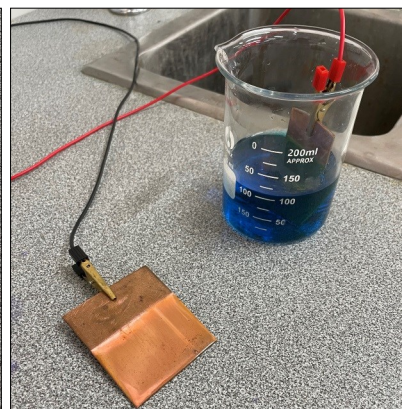
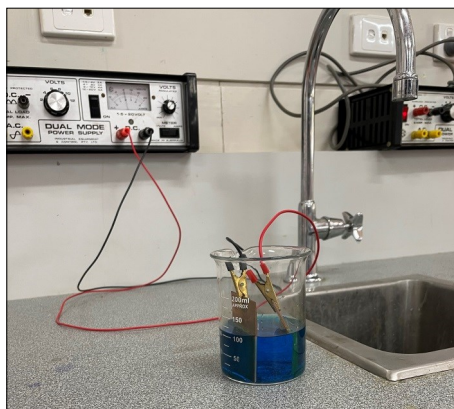
Yr 5/6 EXCURSION

Students from Year 5 and 6 recently went on an engaging excursion to the Mt Beauty Visitor Centre and Bogong Village as part of their Concept-Based Inquiry (CBI) unit on 'Energy'. During the visit, they toured the Bogong Power Station at Lake Guy, where they learned about hydroelectricity, how energy is transferred into the grid and how energy production has evolved over time. A highlight for many students was seeing the mini turbine in the visitor centre that uses pond water to generate electricity. They also enjoyed learning about the Indigenous connection to the land and taking a scenic walk around Lake Guy.



Yr 12 CHEMISTRY

Students in Year 12 have completed their extended investigations this term. Students had to develop an investigation into the production of a material or energy production. Many students chose to investigate the factors that influence the production of a metal through electroplating. The various investigations were conducted into the effect of temperature and concentration of electrolyte, as well as the impact surface area of the electrode used.



ALBURY/WODONGA EISTEDDFOD

Early in Term 3, students will be participating in the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod.

Mr Campbell has entered students in the 'Concert Band' and 'Ukulele Groups' in sections on the 5th of August. He has also entered the 'P-2 Choir' and '3-6 Choir' in sections on the 6th of August. Unfortunately, this is also a ski day. Please let Mr Campbell know if you would like your child to be involved and he will make sure they attend the rehearsals that run for each group.



Yr 10 CAMP

The Year 10 City Experience Camp is an opportunity for our young people to see possibilities beyond Bright and the world of school: visiting University and TAFEs, deciding which tram to catch, budgeting money, formal fine-dining, and all things 'life in the city'. It was a small window into their future independence and possible choices. This year's camp was an amazing experience for students and teachers alike. We are so proud of the young adults our Year 10s are becoming. They are on the cusp of making some big decisions regarding the paths they will take over the next couple of years, and on this camp they showed how ready they are for this next challenge.



Yr 2 PROGRAMMING



Year 2 students have been learning about giving directions.

They had a session using Bee Bots where they had to program the bot to create a shape or a letter, using forwards, backwards, right and left.

They then showed their Bee Bot to the class to see if they could work out what shape or letter it was.



ALUMNI

We love hearing about what our ex-pupils are up to and we caught up with Lachlan Hore, who graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2021. He was recently included in the Faculty of Engineering Dean's Honour List 2024 at Monash University.

We asked him some questions - here are his answers:

Q. What did you study at Bright P-12 College?

A. I studied a fairly broad range of subjects but focused mainly on maths and science.

Specifically, in year 12, I did maths methods, english, chemistry, product design and specialist maths. I also completed year 12 geography in year 11.

Q. What have you been doing since leaving school?

A. In 2022, I took a year off study and focused on work and other life pursuits after being at school for the majority of my life. Since then, I have started a bachelor of engineering (Honours) at Monash University and will start my accelerated masters soon. I am currently in my 3rd year of study.

Q. Can you explain a bit about the Monash Honour List and what it means to you?

A. The Monash engineering Dean's Honour List is a list of students that achieve a weighted average mark of over 80% across their core subjects in the previous academic year. I am happy about making this list as I enjoy pushing myself academically and want to prioritise getting the best possible skills/education that I can get.

Q. Any advice for current students at our school?

A. I believe that all students reading this should be ambitious and try to push themselves hard regardless of where they think their abilities are. I was just like you at one point. You are capable of a lot more than you think!



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Peter's paddle is not only a personal tribute but also a mission to raise vital funds for cancer education, research, and life-saving equipment at the **Albury Wodonga Regional Cancer Centre**.

Helen's legacy will carry forward with every stroke, helping to support others facing the same battle.

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

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- Enrol children in Kindergarten
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