

AUTHOR VISIT

Thank you to award-winning author and illustrator Sarah Allen who visited our school last week. Sarah shared the story of how she became a writer and illustrator. During the workshops, students from Prep to Year 4 learnt how to create an Australian bird artwork inspired by Sarah's book, Busy Beaks.

Thoughts from our students: "It was fun because we were making birds" Leo H, Prep. "It was so cool when we were doing the drawing and the birds we made were very beautiful. It was really great to meet the author" Mackenzie H, Year 1. "The author taught us how to draw birds step-by-step. She told us the story of how she came up with the idea for Busy Beaks: she was living in Melbourne but house-sitting for a friend in the country. She noticed how many birds there were in the country compared to the city and that's how she got inspired to write her book" Riley D, Year 2 "It was fun to create a collage while Sarah talked about her book. She explained that it's non-fiction, and that she also included facts about birds in her book" Sean F, Year 4







BOOK WEEK PARADE

The annual CBCA Book Week begins next week and we're planning many book-related activities throughout the week. Primary and Year 12 students are invited to dress up as a character from a book of their choosing and join in our Book Week Parade on the morning of Tuesday 19th August. If they would like to bring along the book as well, that would be great! Costumes can be homemade, bought, or whatever works.

Families and friends are also invited to join us to watch the parade (and dress up too if you like!) from 9:15am on the Secondary Basketball Courts. We're looking forward to seeing lots of great costumes!



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Principal's Message



Is your child starting school in 2026?

You're invited to our Prep Parent Information Evening.

At Bright P-12 College, we provide excellent learning opportunities, thanks to our experienced teachers, small classes, specialist art, music and language programs.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

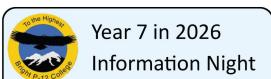
Tuesday 19th August at 7pm or Tuesday 14th October at 6pm

PREP TRANSITION DAYS

Tuesday 25th November (Half day 9:15am - 12:30pm) Tuesday 2nd December (Half day 9:15am - 12:30pm) Tuesday 9th December (Full day 9:15am - 3:00pm)



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6 - 6:45pm, Thursday 4th September at Bright P-12 College



Starting high 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 2026 Information Session to learn everything you need to know about the transition process and what to expect next year.

This is a fantastic chance to:

- $\ensuremath{^{*}}$ Get valuable information about starting high school
- $\ensuremath{^{*}}$ 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.

Transition days: Tuesday 2nd December & Tuesday 9th December



Bright P-12 College, Bakers Gully Rd, Bright 3741 Email: bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au

Ph: 03 5755 1166 www.brightp12.vic.edu.au Dear students, parents and carers,

I am delighted to share with you our recent NAPLAN results, which reflect the outstanding academic abilities of our students and the dedication of our staff. Across multiple year levels and learning areas, our students have performed exceptionally well, with many results significantly exceeding both similar schools and the wider network.

In Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Numeracy, our students have demonstrated strong skills and a deep understanding of the curriculum. Highlights include exceptional results in Reading and Numeracy in Year 9 with 85% of students in 'Exceeding' and 'Strong' for Reading and 97% for Numeracy. Students delivered 'Strong' performances in Reading, Numeracy, Grammar and Spelling across several year levels. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students and also to the supportive and engaging learning environment we have built together.

We know that NAPLAN is just one measure of a child's educational journey, and we remain committed to developing the whole child - fostering creativity, critical thinking, resilience, and a love of learning. These results reinforce that our approach is setting students up for success both now and into the future.

I am incredibly proud of our students for their effort, our teachers for their expertise and care, and our parent community for the encouragement and partnership you provide. Together, we are ensuring every child has the opportunity to thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support in making our school a place where every student can achieve and develop accomplishment of skill and knowledge across many areas of learning.

Jean Olley - Principal

COLLEGE CALENDAR

AUGUST

25 AUG

28 AUG

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

28 JUL-19 SEP Yr 9 Dinner Plain Leadership School 11-15 AUG Science Week **14 AUG Secondary House Athletics 14 AUG** Hands On Trades Careers Expo, Winton Raceway 15 AUG **Primary House Athletics** 19 AUG 9:15am Book Week Dress-Up Parade **19 AUG** 7pm Prep Parent Information Evening 21 AUG Yr 10 Outdoor Ed MTB day, Yackandandah

Yr 5/6 Marine Science Webinar

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Thursday 28 August

Student free day

PREP - 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

Our Prep students had a fun day celebrating 100 Days of learning. They dressed up as 100-year-olds, bringing smiles and creativity to the day. We took time to reflect on and celebrate all their wonderful achievements so far this year. The excitement filled the P-6 assembly as the kids received a big round of applause from their peers and teachers. To top it all off, everyone enjoyed decorating and eating tasty treats, making the day a memorable milestone for all!



PRIMARY TREE PLANTING

In celebration of National Tree Day, our students took part in a special environmental event. Students walked down to the Pump Track at Pioneer Park, where they were joined by Alpine Shire Council staff for an engaging and hands-on learning experience. Students learnt about the importance of revegetation projects and how these initiatives help to protect and sustain our local environment. They explored ways they can contribute to the health of our natural surroundings and took part in a meaningful activity by planting their own tree or plant - leaving a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy.

This was a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with nature, understand their role in caring for the environment and make a positive impact in our community.



Yr 8 ART

Last term, Year 8 students used blank skateboard decks as their canvas. After researching different artists and styles, they created an original design that reflected their creativity and individuality. The wide range of finished decks highlights each student's unique expression.



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Our College Garden continues to develop. The Greenhouse has provided a warm growing space for our veggies and ornamental plants and the winter veggies such as cabbage, lettuce, beans, broccoli and snow peas are enjoying the cool temperatures outside. We have a weather station outside the greenhouse and a monitor inside. It records rainfall, humidity, light, pressure and wind speed/direction.

Our snow peas and lettuce in the greenhouse were planted at the same time as the ones outside, a great way to see the impact of environmental change and compare results.







KINDNESS DAY

"In July, Year 3 students ran a Kindness Day. Year 3 students were set into four groups and they had to run activities to all the Primary classes. The activities included making posters and a kindness chain. The aim of the day was to spread kindness, make everyone feel included and have a good time. The chains are displayed in the hallway and the kindness posters are in the Primary Wellbeing Room and the other hallway. We hope all the primary students had a great time. Spread the kindness! Koko and Zozo signing off." Kokoda D and Zoe R, Year 3.

We asked other students what they enjoyed about the Kindness Day: "I liked making the rocks and chain", "Being teachers with my friends", "I enjoyed teaching other students what kindness really is".

We also asked what they learnt from the Kindness Day: "I learnt to be kind and to never give up", "I learnt that kindness is a really good thing", "Kindness is everywhere", "Not to be embarrassed by anything".















Yr 8 GERMAN

Year 8 students have started working on a new topic in German - das Wetter (the weather). The first challenge when



we start a new topic is to practise and memorise key vocabulary words. This happens through repetition and using a variety of methods. The 'hexagons' are an interactive and physical way for students to engage with the vocabulary.

By matching the German/ English vocabulary translations together, students can self-check their familiarisation with the new words, by putting the puzzle pieces together and finishing with a hexagon shape.











WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL INCURSION

Earlier this term, we welcomed Peter Ogunyemi and Luke Grikepelis from WheelTalk to our school. Peter coached our students in how to play wheelchair basketball. His talk was inspiring for our students, who were prompted to reflect on notions of diversity, acceptance and inclusion. He encouraged students to have a go, even if things seem difficult; to see themselves in a positive light; to not worry about what other people think of them. All students - including those who are not normally first in line to join in with a sports activity - had great fun battling their peers during games of wheelchair basketball.

This incursion reinforced messages for our students from the Resilience Project around Empathy and Gratitude and our Respectful Relationships work around inclusion and embracing diversity.

























GO TO THE SNOW



Our students have made the most of the fantastic start to the snow season through our Go To The Snow program. Despite occasionally facing challenging weather conditions, they have shown incredible progress. Working in groups alongside their friends and skilled instructors, the students have been developing and refining their skiing abilities at an impressive pace. "The snow program is awesome because I get to ski with my friends." (Will K, Year 3).

We can't thank our parent volunteers enough as well as the broader school community for helping facilitate this amazing opportunity.





Yr 12 MEDIA







Year 12 Media students have undergone 'feedback week'. They need to present 50% of their product for feedback to their class and experts to help refine their products.

Beck Sanders, the Group Marketing Manager for Alpine Resorts Victoria, joined us to help provide feedback and advice as the Year 12s improve their products ready for publishing.

Year 12 Media products will be finished and published mid October, stay tuned to see their final pieces!



BRIGHT FOOD CO-OP

The Bright Food Co-op is located in the school stadium and is open between 10am and 12pm on Saturdays and 4-6pm on Thursdays. The Co-op is a food hub for fresh produce and bulk organic dry goods direct from local farmers. Shop for weekly essentials, pre-order online for pickup or shop in-store. From bread to broccoli; from laundry powder to lentils; from beef to brazil nuts, the Food Co-op has everything!

For more information, head to the website or follow the Bright Food Co-op on Facebook or Instagram. https://brightfoodcoop.com.au/

BRIGHT FOOD CO-OP









ALBURY/WODONGA EISTEDDFOD

40 of our students from Prep to Year 6 performed at the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod recently. Students performed very well on the day – they'd been attending rehearsals in the lead up and practicing their music pieces. We are very proud of our students for all their hard work! Congratulations to our students, our Music Coordinator Jason Campbell and our team of musical instrument teachers.

Results from the Eisteddfod: 2nd - Concert Band; 2nd - Ukulele group; 2nd - 3-6 Choir; 3rd - P-2 Choir









WINTER SPORTS - NETBALL & SOCCER

Our Year 3-6 students headed to Wangaratta for the O&M winter sports day.

Netball. Some of our Year 5 and 6 students played netball in the Winter School Sports at the end of July. They did an amazing job and won all 6 games making the finals which they won and finally into the grand final which they also won!

Soccer. Our soccer team started the day with amazing sportsmanship by subbing into the Wandiligong team who had come short of players. The team had a great fun day in the sun playing 3 competition games with 1 win and finished the day with a friendly match with the Wandiligong students.



Hume netball. After winning at O&M level, our mixed Year 5/6 Netball team made the trip to Benalla to compete at Hume level. With only 1 other team at the event, our team was able to play a full 40min game. The 8 students who



come along all had an impact on the day. After starting slow, Mansfield jumped to a 0-2 lead. Our team settled into their game and finished the quarter in the lead at 7-5. The lead never changed from there, with our team's quick ball movement, inception defence and sharp shooting allowing them to extended the lead at each break. The final score was 21 -11, giving us the Hume title and the right to compete at the State Championships.



CAREERS INFORMATION

Tertiary Institution Open Days. Whether at a university, Tafe or other tertiary institution, open days are invaluable for providing insight into future study and career options, particularly for students and their families in Year 10, 11 and 12. Year 12 students considering further study after completing their VCE are encouraged to attend open days to help them finalise their post school plans. A list of Term 3 open days has been sent to all Year 10, 11 and 12 families or visit each institution to find out more.

VTAC open for applications. The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) is the central way apply to Victorian universities, TAFEs and independent Tertiary Colleges for tertiary courses in the state. VTAC opened for 2026 course applications on Monday 4th August. All Year 12 students interested in applying through VTAC can join a lunch time session run by our Careers Practitioner, Jane Mildren, to learn about the process and key dates. The careers team are also available to support Year 12 students applying for interstate tertiary courses, using the various state/territory tertiary application centres.

Some of our students shared their thoughts about visiting tertiary institutions:

"I visited three universities when I was in Year 11 and this year, I'm going to re-visit the one I liked best. I'd already visited a uni on school excursions, so I knew a bit about it. For me, physically visiting places gave me the opportunity to check out the vibe, which is really important." Jenna S, Year 12.

"I went to see two tertiary institutions in Year 11 - Swinbourne in Melbourne and AIS (Academy of Interactive Entertainment) in Canberra - and I'm planning to visit two more this year. I found it very useful to see the accommodation options and I learnt a lot about what uni life might be like for me." Daniel K, Year 12.

"I visited Monash, LaTrobe and RMIT this year. It was great to check out the environment and atmosphere to compare the three. I much preferred Monash - it felt like a better fit for me and the courses were more interesting. I might have a look at some more options this year." Dot M, Year 11.

"I'm very happy I went to check out three universities in Year 11 as it was great to see what places feel like when you're physically there. I went to Victoria University in the city and it didn't feel right. Visiting Bendigo was very different - it had an atmosphere that suited me." Sam G, Year 12.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Year 12 student Cooper Northey has been selected in the ARA Australian Cycling Team junior downhill squad for 2025 UCI MTB World Championships in Valais, Switzerland.

The team announced by the AusCycling National Selection Panel includes seven men and three women, with four returning athletes who made their World Championships debut in 2024.

One of those is Bright P-12 College alumni Zac Bradley, who has showcased his early season form with two top 10 finishes at four of the UCI Mountain Bike World Cup races in 2025.

Cooper finished 14th in three of the finals appearances at Leogang, Val di Sole and Pal Arinsal UCI Mountain Bike World Cup rounds. Northey notably finished in the top 10 at last year's UCI Mountain Bike World Championships.

Cooper has recently returned from Europe and is now preparing to return in August to attend the Les Get UCI Mountain Bike World Cup and the 2025 UCI MTB World Championships being held on September 6 in Champery, Switzerland.



SEEKING VINTAGE PROPS FOR Yr 12 ART PROJECT

My name is Riley C, and I'm a Year 12 student at Bright P-12 College, working on my final art installation for the end-of-year exhibition. The piece is inspired by an old-fashioned detective's workspace, and I'm hoping to borrow some vintage items to bring the scene to life.

I'm looking for things such as:

- An old desk or table with a "detective" feel
- A vintage wooden or metal chair
- An older-style desk lamp
- A typewriter
- Any other items that fit the theme

If you have any of these items and would be willing to lend them, I would be extremely grateful. All borrowed pieces will be handled with great care and returned in the same condition after the exhibition.

For reference, please see example images of the style I'm aiming for.

If you can help, please contact me at 0492 814 582 or rileychalwell@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting local student art!

Riley C



INTERSCHOOL SKIING



The Interschool Skiing Carnival events were held at Falls Creek in the last week of July.

Students from Year 2 to Year 7 represented Bright P-12 College.

Congratulations to all students involved - Eleanor C, Blake B, Sophie J-B, Matilda G, Nicholas H and Olivia H.

A special mention to Olivia H who came 1st in the Division 5 Female Alpine. Olivia also took out 1st place in the Division 5 Female Skier Cross.



THANK YOU

"I wish to thank three Bright P-12 College students who came to the rescue of my 89 year old sister, Mrs Ruby Cherry.

As the boys were walking past Ruby's house, they heard her calling out. She had fallen and she feared she would be laying out there all night. Ruby then asked the boys to come and get me (we live close by). I didn't hear the door, so the boys returned to her and she then asked them to ring my house. Fortunately I answered the phone and they asked me to come to Ruby's aid. The boys then called the ambulance and stayed with her until she left for Wangaratta Hospital where she had a full hip replacement. The next week she returned to Bright Hospital where she was able to meet the boys and give them a gift. Ruby said "You saved my life as I certainly would not have been found until sometime the next day." The three boys were Audie W, Lachie R and Luke C.

A grateful 'thank you' to the boys parents and to Bright P-12 College - you should be proud of how these boys acted. Ruby is having a couple more weeks respite in Hawthorn village before she returns home."

Margaret Wilson (grateful sister)

Yr 11 ENGLISH

Students studying VCE English, Unit 2 completed a whole day incursion with their teachers to write and perform a persuasive oral presentation to a group of peers.

They selected one of three issues (speed limits, 'acceptable' protest or fact checking on social media platforms) and spent the morning preparing and developing their point of view for an afternoon performance. Public speaking can be nerve-wracking but it was fantastic to see the level of effort put into this task and the support the students offered each other - especially during our alfresco rehearsals in the sunshine!

Our students demonstrated impressive presentation skills, as well as the ability to use a range of language devices to persuade a target audience. We are immensely proud of how these students performed and look forward to next year!







Yr 8 SCIENCE

Students in Year 8 are investigating different forms of energy and how energy is transformed from one form into another. They made rubber band racers to test how elastic potential energy is transformed into kinetic energy.















FROM OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL NURSE

Donating Blood. Who can do it? You can donate blood or plasma if:

- You are aged between 18-75 years
- Have not had a tattoo in the last 4 months
- Not pregnant or have recently given birth
- Don't have a heart condition
- Not low in iron
- In the last 3 months, have not had sexual activity that increases your likelihood of serious infection (although sexual activity wait times have been removed for potential plasma donors)
- Have not injected recreational drugs in the last 5 years
- Have not travelled overseas within the last 4 months

How long does a donation take? Plasma donations – take 90 mins and can donate every 2 weeks. Blood donations – take 60 mins and can donate every 12 weeks

Where can you donate?

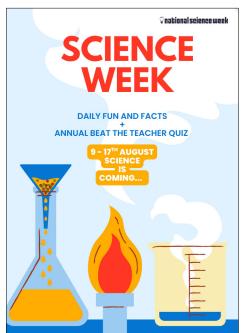
- Wangaratta Donor Centre 17a Norton Street, Wangaratta VIC (near McDonalds).
- Albury Donor Centre 528 David Street, Albury NSW (near Myer and the Cinema).
- Melbourne CBD Level 1, 367 Collins Street, Melbourne (not far from Southern Cross and Flinders Street Station).
 Often doesn't require a booking, will take walk in appointments.

100,000 new donors are needed every year to meet the ongoing need for blood.

Reasons people may need a blood or plasma transfusion. Cancer, surgery, anaemia, iron deficiency, bleeding disorders

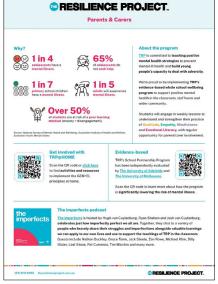


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Self defence - Discipline - Fun For all fitness levels, ages 6 and up Classes:

Monday (Myrtleford Dojo) Tuesday (Tarrawingee or Wandiligong Dojo) Thursday (Porepunkah Dojo)



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