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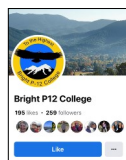
Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BOOK WEEK

Last week, we celebrated Book Week. Primary students and staff dressed up as a character from a book. There were some wonderfully creative costumes! Students visited the Library to browse through all the shortlisted CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) titles and teachers arranged in-class activities around these books. We contributed to our Library display by adding a leaf with the name of a book we've read. Our tree is flourishing as students continue to add leaves.



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We are now in Week 8 of this term and Spring is just around the corner. This change of season is a great time to remind our students of the incredible potential that is within each and everyone of them. Achievement is earned through effort, dedication and a relentless pursuit of knowledge and skills. It is the result of many hours of dedicated practice and pushing ourselves outside our comfort zones. It is the result of unwavering commitment to personal growth. Students, I urge you to set high standards for yourself, not because your parents or teachers expect it of you, but because you deserve it. We want the very best outcomes for you and are here to help support, guide and teach you to achieve your best.

Parents / carers and students, I encourage you to attend the Parent / Teacher / Student conferences next week. These conferences provide a very useful way to connect school and home life. Teachers work with parents / carers and students face-to-face to investigate areas of strength as well as opportunities for further focus and growth. Our staff are an amazingly dedicated group of professionals who welcome the chance to share their expert knowledge and advice with parents / carers and students. Teachers also welcome feedback about each student's education journey.

I would like to remind you that the parents/caregivers/guardians opinion survey is now open. If you have already completed the survey, thank you. The survey results help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. We encourage all families to contribute and share your thoughts on our school. A Compass email was sent on Monday 7th August with further information and details on how to complete the survey. It is open until Friday 8th September.

We have recently undergone a review of the Respectful Relationships Program at Bright P-12 College. I would like to extend my gratitude to all the parents who have engaged with the review process for this program. For more information, including useful links, please refer to my email sent to parents and carers on Monday 28th August. As always, if you have any concerns or questions regarding the Respectful Relationships Program at Bright P-12 College please contact either myself, Nick, Phil or Mat to have a chat.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

AUGUST

30 AUG	Secondary O&M Athletics
30 AUG	3pm progress reports published
31 AUG	6pm Yr 7 in 2024 Information Evening

SEPTEMBER

1 SEP	Puckapunyal work experience excursion
4 SEP	Bookings for parent / teacher / student conferences close at 3:30pm
6-7 SEP	Parent / teacher / student conferences
9-25 SEP	Japanese Trip
12 SEP	Yr 7/8 O&M Sport
13 SEP	Yr 2 Mt Buffalo excursion
14 SEP	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport
15 SEP	Last day of Term 3 - school finishes at 2:30pm
15 SEP	Yr 11 Formal

OCTOBER

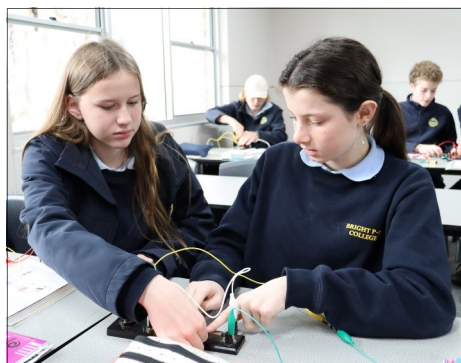
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Next student free day: Monday 6 November

SCIENCE WEEK

We celebrated Science Week by sharing some highlights of our year so far in Science classes and a couple of Science-related jokes.

- Why should you never trust an atom? ... because they make up everything!
- What do you call a bunch of Iron atoms at a carnival? ... a ferrous wheel!
- How does a scientist freshen their breath? ... with experi-mints!



ADF INCURSION

Bright P-12 College hosted a visit from members of the Australian Defence Force who presented an information



session to a group of Year nine to twelve students. LS Peter Williams from the Navy and CPL Josh Donnelly from the Army informed and entertained the group during lunch.

The students were told about the many and varied pathways open to them within the Army, Navy and Airforce. Students found out about trades, officer training and the travel options that are potentially part of the job.

Gap year options were also discussed and how it can be a way to find out if a longer commitment was the right fit for them.

Thank you to Harry and Seth for presenting the thank you chocolates to the visitors.

Yr 7 ART



This term, Year 7 Visual Art students are broadening their knowledge of colour theory and developing their drawing and painting skills. After researching their own choice of subject matter around the theme of 'movie characters', they have designed their own acrylic painting. The range of works covers a wide selection of movie genres.

Students were all engrossed in either their tonal pencil sketch or their acrylic paintings.



SNOW PROGRAM - BCST

Under clear skies and perfect snow conditions, the BCST (Bright College Snowsports Team) Club Race unfolded at Big D Hotham, on Wednesday, August 1st. Senior students brought infectious enthusiasm, spurring on participants of all levels in this thrilling ski and snowboard competition.

The event's success was a result of hard work and collaboration between the BCST Committee and the Hotham Race Department. Racers tackled the challenging course with finesse, showcasing their skills amidst cheers from their peers and parents. The event celebrated camaraderie, sportsmanship, and the joy of winter sports. Well done to all that competed and to the organizers for a memorable day of racing and community-building.



Yr 6 FLY FISHING

Year 7 student Joe recently made use of one of our outdoor classrooms last week, when he taught a Year 6 class on fly fishing. Joe taught the younger students how to create a fly. He did a great job in his role as teacher and imparted useful skills and an enthusiasm for fly fishing. Great job Joe and Year 6 students!



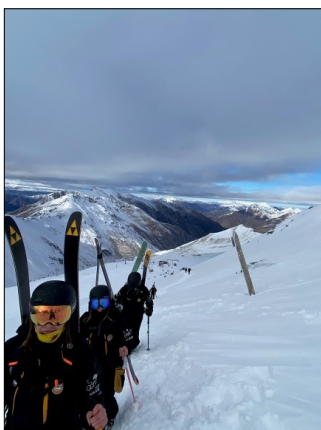
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Three of our Secondary students - Jessica S, Sophie H and Millie H - recently travelled to New Zealand to compete in the New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour. They raced in two competitions, representing Team Hotham, one at Treble Cone and one at the Remarkables. They have all had a great 2 weeks and have learnt so much, each of them improving their placing between the first comp & the second, which they are very proud of. The star rating (a difficulty rating for snow events) was higher on the second comp, meaning it involved more challenging, steeper terrain and more difficult features so they should be especially proud of their achievements.



Treble Cone 2 star event: Jess 9th in U18 ski girls; Sophie 10th in U18 ski girls; Millie 10th in U14 ski girls

Remarkables 3 star event: Sophie 6th in U18 ski girls; Jess 7th in U18 ski girls; Millie 8th in U14 ski girls



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS

Greetings from Dinner Plain School! It's been an action-packed month filled with exciting learning experiences and engaging activities that have truly enriched our school community. A couple of highlights from this term so far...

Build a Ski Resort Inquiry: Our entire school has been buzzing with energy as we immerse ourselves in the captivating world of the "Build a Ski Resort" inquiry. Students from all grades have been collaborating, problem-solving, and applying their creativity to tackle the multifaceted challenges that come with designing and constructing a ski resort. The enthusiasm and dedication displayed by our students are truly commendable, and I am confident that this hands-on learning experience will have a lasting impact on their education journey and appreciation of our mountains.

Embracing Change - Local Bush Walks:

The traditional Cross Country Skiing segment has been replaced with Local Bush Walks and Outdoor Exploration. This change not only allows our students to connect with nature but also emphasises the importance of health, fitness, and what is on offer around Dinner Plain.



VICTORIAN JUNIOR JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

This competition was held in Melbourne on Sunday, 27 August. Students from Prep to Year 7 participated. The P-4 section is not judged, but all of our students' performances stood out. Well done to the following students:

Edward H, Erica B, Hannah O, Magenta K, Penny B, Sapphire K, Sophie J-B.



HANDS-ON TRADES DAY

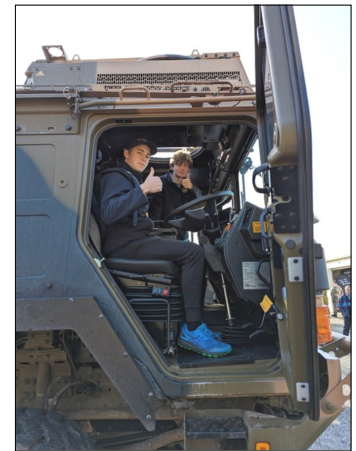
On the 10th of August a large group of Year 9 to 12 students travelled to Winton Raceway for the Hands-on Trades Day coordinated by the NE Tracks LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network).

Students were enthusiastic to try out a range of activities from welding, robotics, carpentry, and arboriculture.

Students spoke to industry employers including the ADF, Victoria Police, GOTAFE, Delatite Steel, SES, Municipal Courts, CFA, several universities, Boston Dynamics and Northeast Tree Service to name but a few.

The highlight was when Jake Hough had the thrill of a lifetime to ride in the Winton safety car for a hot lap or two at the end of the day.

Student feedback was very positive and many now know that their potential career pathways are diverse and exciting.



Yr 9 ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

The Year 9 Aboriginal Languages class has been visiting Dumu cafe each week for a language exchange with the trainees from Wadeye in the Northern Territory.

We have learned to introduce ourselves in Murrinh Patha, and have even managed to play 'Guess Who' in Murrinh Patha.



PRIMARY GIRLS SOCCER

"On Wednesday the 16th of August we (the House Captains) decided to host a girls soccer game to celebrate the Matildas.

The game was hosted on the primary basketball court with Years 3-6.

We were very happy with the amount of people that showed up. It looked like everyone had an amazing time. And we loved watching the game and everyone having lots of fun.

We hope to see everyone participate in our future events!"

By Millie and Mya



HEALTH FORUM

On Wednesday the 2nd of August, a small but enthusiastic band of students travelled to the Careers in Health Forum at GoTAFE in Wangaratta.



The day was organised by NE Tracks LLEN (Local Learning and Employment Network) who also supplied a very delicious lunch for all.

Students had signed up for a range of workshops covering such areas as nursing, paramedicine, physiotherapy, OT, speech pathology, psychology and medicine.

Feedback from students was very positive and they felt that the information was delivered in ways that were clear and inspiring.

GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION

During recent weeks, all students in Years 5 – 9 spent time in German class learning and practising to recite a set German poem. From this in-class activity, some students chose to enter the AGTV German Poetry competition. This required them to learn their set poem by heart and recite it to a panel of two judges. Our Regional Final competition saw students also compete against students from Cathedral College.

Congratulations to those students who rose to the challenge and competed. They each recited their poem and were judged on their accuracy with pronunciation, intonation, fluency and feeling/ interpretation. A special thanks to our guest judge, Leonie Gerke, who assisted Ms Ciolli on the panel. And another special thanks to Anna, our German language assistant for all her extra effort in preparing the special German snacks enjoyed by the students whilst they were waiting to compete and for the 'Schultüte' prize packs each students received. The special cone shaped Schultüte is traditional item that parents give their child when they begin school. It is usually filled with goodies such as stationery supplies and sweets.

First and second place getters are eligible to compete at the State Finals of the AGTV German Poetry Competition. Final results from the competition are:

Year 7: 2nd Place - Wade P; 4th Place - Annalyse M

Year 6: 4th Place – Stella T

Year 5: 1st Place – Scarlett S; 2nd Place – Ingrid B; 3rd Place – Blake B; 4th Place – Phoebe B-S



Yr 7 HUMANITIES - ANCIENT ROME

Year 7A students have been studying Ancient Rome, and have completed projects of interest. The students displayed these projects and took part in a Roman Festa this week.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

SUMMER PLANTATION WORKERS

Alexandra, Benalla, Myrtleford & Shelley

Applications are sought for Summer Plantation Workers for the 2023/24 fire season. The limited tenure positions will run from early November 2023 to late March 2024 and will include physical outdoor work and firefighting.

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Current accreditations in chainsaw use, chemical use, first aid, firefighting and a MR license are advantageous.

HVP Plantations is an organisation where diversity of thought, experience and background is acknowledged and celebrated. We welcome applications from all sectors of the community.

For a copy of the job description, general enquires and applications please contact: careers@hvp.com.au

Applications close: Sunday 10th September 2023



1. Scan the QR code to download and fill form
URL Link: [Summer Plantation Worker Skills Summary](#)
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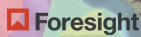
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