Since the forming of a relationship with the Wadeye Community and the building of a relationship and understanding we saw the inclusion of Indigenous Studies into our curriculum. We also began the process of becoming a Reconciliation School. To celebrate our progress we had a Reconciliation Assembly which was organised and run by our Year 11 Indigenous Studies students. It was a great success. It was further supported by our Junior & Senior SRCs, who organised a casual dress day in the reconciliation theme with students dressing in yellow, black and red.
Bright P-12 College commends the Bright Lions Young Ambassador entrants; Shannen Cooper, Alex Mitchell, Abbie Bursill, Max Carter, Gill Deed and Courtenay Ford (with Lizzie Sellick) on their commitment to our community. The judging involved assessment of the Ambassadors’ speeches, community awareness, presentation and public speaking. **Shannen Cooper was awarded the title of Miss Autumn Festival.** Congratulations to you all!
The Prep-Year 4 students celebrated Bright’s 150th Birthday by dressing up in period style. Students each brought along a cupcake with a candle on it, making a huge number 150 and singing Happy Birthday to Bright. After this they enjoyed a morning of games and activities from days gone by. Some of the activities were: skipping games, hopscotch, egg and spoon races and sack race.

5/6Y students entered a competition for Water Watch on “How Bright P-12 College Values Water”

The outstanding entries included a cartoon from Max Gray (below). Robert Bartlett worked on an illustration of the Aboriginal native garden outside rooms 26 and 27 (right).
June

A Transit of a planet occurs when the planet passes directly between the Earth and the Sun so that as seen from the Earth, the planet appears to pass across the face of the Sun. Transits can only occur with planets whose orbit is between that of the Earth and the Sun; that is, Mercury and Venus.

The transit Venus on 6th June 2012 took about six and a half hours to travel across the face of the Sun. Venus must be above the horizon for the transit to be visible. Australia was one of the best places on Earth from which to observe the transit as the entire transit was visible from eastern and central parts of Australia.

Mr. Stratton set up some apparatus projecting the Venus transit onto a screen where some great images of the transit could be seen by large groups of students. Zachary West, a past student of Bright P-12 College, kindly came into the school and set up his specialised Solar Telescope for our students to safely view the transit; the images were amazing, even appreciated by those non-astronomers amongst us.

This was a great opportunity for the students and teachers to witness this event that will not happen again for some 104 years!

The students of 1/2W had a teddy bear picnic in early June. The students and their teddies had several sack races and a picnic together after playing on the primary playground. Thank you for the cheering of Miss Olley and Mrs Gowing from the sidelines and our official finish line expert Vanessa making sure all teddies and students crossed the line in their sacks.
Year 10 Work Experience
Going to Australia was a big decision. I had to leave family and friends behind, back in Germany. But I found new ones, not just friends also a family.

This all went very quickly. And so did my time here in beautiful Australia. I went on several camping trips and saw amazing things like the ‘Twelve Apostles’ and the ‘London Bridge’, ‘Lake Eyre’ and the Australian Desert.

In school wearing a uniform at first was a bit of a change. I’m looking forward to wear casual all day again but not having the problem what to wear every morning was great for half a year.

Netbooks at school are (/were in my case) a big bonus. And what I liked a lot as well was the size of the Bright P-12 College. It’s not too small and not too big (like my High School in Germany with about 1000 pupils).

I really enjoyed the sporting events. I loved the swimming and the cross country run was also good fun.

In our school we are not allowed to have more than two exams a week, that’s why I got a bit stressed when I had the midyear exams just recently.

Much too soon I’ll have to pack my suitcase and leave (which already freaks me out).

Being here has been the best opportunity for me to first; learn a second language properly, and second; experience a whole lot of new things. It has opened many new doors for me and if anyone gets the chance to go on an exchange don’t miss it!

President Kieren Jamieson, Vice-President Miranda Williams, Secretary Joshua Lancaster and Syndicate 1 Leader, Caroline Hodge attended the Victorian SRC Regional Conference in Wodonga.

The key theme was “Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone”. Delegates from the four schools represented participated in a number of challenging activities designed to motivate SRC members to engage others to participate in SRC activities.

Bright P-12 College entered 69 German language students from Years 7-12 in the online Language Perfect World Championships, achieving the placing of 88th in the world (out of 513 schools) for German. Closer to home, we placed 19th for German in Victoria (out of 84 schools). Two students received Credit Awards: Roisin Pryor and Eleisha Young, both from Year 12. Two students received a Silver Award. The outstanding results from Josh Kusch and Josh Raymond placed them in the top 5% of 140,000 students from around the world.
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