Secondary Studio Arts & Photography
2012 has been a busy year for the music department at Bright P-12 College. A lot has been happening during this year and I would like to congratulate and thank everyone for their hard work and dedication throughout the year.

This year we have welcomed three new music teachers to the school. They are Ray Robertson—drums, Joe Davis—vocals, and Rachel Campbell—beginner piano. They join Howard Kovesy—guitar, Rudi Katterl—guitar and Jill Chalwell—piano. All of these teachers have worked really hard throughout the year and have provided many musical opportunities for the students at the school. I would like to thank all the music teachers for their work and support throughout 2012.

The Concert Band has improved and this year has performed at a number of venues around Bright. They performed at the autumn and spring Festivals in Bright. They also have performed at the Primary Concert and at our term 2 and term 4 Soirees. These students have worked hard and practice twice a week as well as having a lesson. Some students in the group are only in grade 3 but have done extremely well in the group. I would like to thank all the students and their parents for their support over this year with these students. Some students have begun playing this year and have developed their skills on brass and woodwind instruments. They will begin playing with the Concert Band in the New Year.

Our Soirees this year have continued to be successful and have grown in size. In Term 2 we held our first Soiree for the year at the Community Centre. This Soiree had over 40 acts and showcased the talents of students from Prep-Year 10. The night went for over 3 hours and was huge. In Term 4 there were two Soirees; a Primary (pictured at right) and a Secondary Soiree (featuring on the Back Cover). Both nights were enormous and again showcased the talents of students in the primary and secondary school. I encourage all music students to get involved in the New Year as it is a great chance to perform in public.

This year we have had students involved in two primary choirs at Prep-Year 2 level and also at Year 3-6 level. A combined choir performed at an Australian Citizenship ceremony earlier in the year at the Bright Council chambers. The choirs rehearse once a week at lunchtime and have been a hit at both the Soirees and at the Primary Concert.

The Primary Concert was again successful and featured every student in the primary school. This concert also featured the choirs and the concert band. Each class performed a piece of music of their own choice and came up with their own choreography and costumes to go with their music. I would like to thank the primary staff for all their hard work and time they put into getting this concert together.

Students from the school have supported a number of events throughout the community this year. These include students busking during the autumn festival. Some students played and sang during the fireworks night. Several of pianists supported the 20th birthday celebrations at Hawthorn Village. Numerous students also played at the opening of the primary and secondary art exhibitions.

Hannah and Robert Merret were successful in gaining an ‘Alpine Shire’ award for ‘Arts’. They are both extremely confident singers and guitar players and have developed into quite professional performers. Congratulations to both of these students.

We have seen many diverse musical acts develop this year including a marching drum group, a Celtic ensemble and also many duets throughout the school. I encourage the students to continue to get involved in making music with other people and take part in these opportunities in the future. This year we had 117 students in the school learning different instruments. This doesn’t include some students who are in choir or who learn outside of school.

Once again I would like to thank all the music students and people who have supported the department in 2012. Music is a great thing for a student to get involved in, so I encourage you continue to be involved in these activities in the future.

Jason Campbell
Primary Soiree
In preparation for the School Snowsports days, Mr Steer’s classes practiced their cross-country skiing skills on roller skis around the school.

Alpine Shire Youth Forum on Climate Change
The youth forum was a great educational experience about climate change and how young people can make a difference. The AYCC (Australian Youth Climate Coalition) provided two excellent, young speakers to talk about their time and experience at the AYCC and teaching young people how to speak up about their views on climate change. The next lesson was about recycling and how things have changed since the ‘olden days’. The third and final lesson was about the Tea Chest to Timor, where the Alpine Shire is creating a box to send to a kindergarten in East Timor. The college students helped the Tea chest to Timor by making a box filling a box full of toys to the Kindergarten in Timor.

The 25th July was the first of the Year 5/6 Water Watch sessions with Trevor Danger of Upper Ovens Landcare. Students walked across to Somer Park to take water samples and analyse the quality of our waterways. Two groups were formed, one group were in charge of testing the water for pH, temperature, turbidity and salinity. The second group took samples to look for macro invertebrates (critters) in the water, another indicator of water system health. Our students were contributing to the data collected by Upper Ovens Landcare and the Water Watch Victoria.

Jenny Young
August

On a ‘Casual Day’, Mrs Winslade's Year 1/2W made ‘fraction pizzas’. Students made their own pizzas (with the help of Kaz Paternotte and Kylie Wickham) and were creative with toppings. The pizzas were then divided into fractions and consumed with relish.

Year 9 students had a presentation from Motorcycle Victoria on motorcycle safety.

Bright gymnasts, trained by Matt Pywell, diligently preparing themselves for the Gymnastics Victoria Inter-School Gymnastics (ISG) competition in September.

Year 7 explored the concept of Flight in Science.

Leading Senior Constable Helen Parfatt visited the Year 5/6 students to talk about cybersafety.
We had five Year 12 students studying Health & Human Development via Distance Education in 2012. Teacher Annette McGowan visited the College to meet with Erin Graves, Kayla Harris, Joanna Jinnette, Ryland Jordan and Darcy Martin, to go over current work and answer questions in relation to the end-of-year exam.

Marlo Leadership School 2012 students Felix Blazek, Indy Wickes, Bella Losch-Hickey and Alex Shem organised the Community Head Shave as part of a fund-raising effort to provide equipment to the Bright District Hospital. Volunteers including John Pryor, Matt Pywell, Ryan Kent, Austin Wickes and College Councillor Mark Ditcham, Leigh Mitchell, John Walsh and Josh Hoare raised an impressive total of over $4,000.

Thanks went to Big Al, Graham Gales, Kerrie Manning and Kirstie Iaria from She’n’He Hair Design and Alannah Tesoriero from Bright Coiffure.
Secondary Interhouse athletics was first off with the weather frosty in the morning but turning to a good day. There was plenty of enthusiasm especially from our senior students who dressed in their house colours. They certainly added a highlight to the day. When the results were tallied the winner was Ovens!!! Ovens – 1869, Kiewa – 1756, Buckland – 1672

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Primary Interhouse athletics The weather for the Primary athletics was not as kind. Students, staff and parents had to make a couple of dashes to the stadium to avoid showers of rain. The participants were unperturbed and were back at it as soon as the rain passed. All events were completed by the end of the day much to the relief of Sport Coordinator Bianca Dooley. The enthusiasm from all competitors was outstanding. Thanks to all parent helpers and well done Bianca for all your work under difficult conditions.

A special mention to two people: Steven Jenvey who spent a lot of extra time on the ride-on mower making sure the track was cut to perfection. Thanks Steve. To John Dodd who acted as starter for both events and assisted with organisation with the Primary sports. Thanks Doddsy!

Age group champions: John Pryor

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Primary District athletics

On September 11th 2012 Bright P-12 College, Porepunkah, Wandiligong and Harrietville Primary School came together on a perfect sunny day to compete in the Alpine District Interschool Athletic Sports Carnival.

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