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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

College Calendar

MON 14 AUG— Secondary Athletics Day.

MON 14 AUG - FRI 18TH AUG—Apollo visitors at Bright P-12 College.

TUES 15 AUG - ICAS—Mathematics.

- Prep—Year 2 Sports Day.

- Yr 9/Apollo Bay Mt Buffalo Day.

WED 16 AUG— “Go To The Snow” Day 5.

- BCST Program Day 8—House Race.

- Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Ski Tour.

THUR 17 AUG— Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Ski Tour.

- Messenger Dogs: Tales of WW1— Primary Performance.

THURS 17 AUG -Wodonga Marngrook Game.

-Yr 9/Apollo Bay Falls Creek Day.

FRI 18 AUG - Primary House Athletics (Yrs3-6)

SAT 19 AUG - BCST Program Day 9.

MON 21 AUG—SUN 27 AUG - Victorian Snowsports Championships.

TUES 22 AUG— Yr 12 The Crucible, EMPAC Myrtleford. 11am-3pm.

WED 23 AUG—FRI 25 AUG— Yr 10 & Yr 12 Outdoor Ed Wee Jasper Caving Trip.

SAT 26 AUG—Year 11 Ball.

MON 28 AUG— Student Free Day (Professional Development)

CELEBRATING SCOUTS SCARF DAY

Members of Bright Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, and their leaders donned their scarfs last week to promote and celebrate Scouts Scarf Day.



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Principal's Report

This week started very chilly with a lot of snow in the Alpine areas which unfortunately interrupted our ski programs but as I write this now the sun is shining and the mountains are looking fabulous.

Dhudhuroa Waywurru Bright office

The grand opening of the Dhudhuroa Waywurru Bright office was held at Dumu Balcony Café on Friday 28th July. It was fantastic to see so many of our community there to offer support for the initiative and many of our students studying Indigenous Languages were present with Ed Guiney White speaking in language to acknowledge country.

Tim McCurdy Visit

Last Thursday, I had the pleasure of hosting a visit from Tim McCurdy, the Member of Parliament for Ovens Valley, to Bright P-12 College. I met Tim McCurdy at the grand opening of the Dhudhuroa Waywurru Bright office held at Dumu Balcony Café on Friday 28th July. After a number of inspiring and funny speeches from Gary Murray, Dallas Mugarra and Tim McCurdy, I invited Tim to visit the College and take a look at the wonderful work we are doing. He graciously accepted and came to visit the next week.

Tim toured the primary and secondary classrooms of the College and I believe was impressed with our programs, with particular reference to our language program, and calm and inviting learning environments. The visit was short due to his commitments elsewhere but he has promised to return.

Apollo Bay Visit next week

Next week we welcome the students and teachers from Apollo Bay, who are visiting Bright P12 College this week to experience the joys of skiing. This is a valuable exchange program that allows our students to experience the surf and sun and the Apollo Bay students to experience the snow and sleet. We are in many respects similar schools, both P-12s nestled in supporting communities; however, there are significant differences in environmental surrounds. Thank you, to all involved for your efforts in continuing this fruitful partnership.

Prep Transition Evening

Last week we held our annual Prep Transition Evening for families enrolling or considering enrolling in Prep 2018 at Bright P-12 College. The evening was a great success with many families attending in spite of the cold and wet, some ex-student parents returning to Bright P-12 College for the first time since they had left some years ago. Our P-2 program is exceptional, with proven success both academically and socially for the students, as evidenced by our Yr 3 NAPLAN and Victorian Curriculum Teacher Judgement data. I would encourage any prospective families to ring the College to book in a tour with me to see for yourself the opportunities Bright P-12 College can offer your child to thrive and grow.

Sam Leaving...

It is with great sadness we say goodbye to our wonderful Canteen Manager, Sam, who has tendered her resignation and will leave once the position has been filled. Sam, along with her sister, Nat, has transformed the canteen environment with home cooking and creation of a kitchen vegetable garden. Their approach to educating our students and community around healthy food options has had a huge impact on the way we view food. We wish Sam and her family all the very best for the future and thank her enormously.

*Jean Olley
Principal.*





Acting Assistant Principal's Report

It's been constantly busy these past couple of weeks with all students settling into routines and getting involved in many different activities amidst their busy daily schedules of school work. Here's what some have been up to.....

Hawthorn Village

Early last week a number of secondary students visited Hawthorn Village to continue with their connection and support of the aged residents who live there. Rosemary Bunge, our Health Nurse, has been the coordinator of such visits. The students who attend develop a deeper understanding and appreciation for ageing and aged care.

German Poetry Reading Competition

It was rewarding to see a small group of students extending their German language by partaking in a poetry reading competition last week. Students were represented from Year 4 through to Year 9. They were well supported by a couple of Year 11 students studying German and Frank Kusch, Katrina Ciolli and Elisa Ciliox, the German language teachers.

Battle of the Bands

Last Friday night at the Bright Courthouse, a battle of the bands event was organized and coordinated by Lee Rosser. It was a very successful event for all involved and those who attended. Students enjoyed performing and received good recognition and support for their efforts. Well done to all.

Year 9 Apollo Bay students visit next week

Some Year 9 students from Apollo Bay will be visiting next week. They have a busy schedule planned. This includes visiting Mt Buffalo, Mt Hotham and Falls

Creek all in the same week. Thank you to Heather Renoux, Mal Steer and all the other staff involved and also to all the families who are billeting out their students and staff.

Year 10 Health

As part of the Year 10 Health Curriculum, we have the opportunity to provide students with access to local health care professionals, including Dr. Katie Thomson, who will be presenting a session to our Year 10 cohort. The session will concentrate on providing students with the skills and knowledge to seek help from professionals for medical issues relevant to them. Thanks to Kate Brady for coordinating the logistics for this visit.

Prep Transition Night

I attended part of the Prep transition evening with Jean Olley to gain a better understanding of what our Preps and families experience when first attending our school. Thanks to Georgie Matters, Jayne Forbes and Tes Pederick who ran a very welcoming and professional evening.

Alpine Shire Youth Awards

The Alpine Shire Youth Awards aims to recognise and celebrate the contributions and achievements of a diverse range of young people with varying potential and skills. There are 8 categories this year:

- . Academic
- . Community
- . Endurance & Persistence
- . Sports and Recreation
- . Workplace
- . Rural
- . Performing Arts
- . Visual Arts and Media

Each nominee and finalist will be invited to attend the awards night on Friday 8 September at EMPAC in Myrtleford and will receive a certificate acknowledging their achievements; the finalist of each category will receive a trophy and cash prize.

The standard of nominees last year was exceptionally high across all categories

and it is a great pleasure to be able to recognise and celebrate the achievements and contributions of local young people. Staff have nominated a small number of secondary students for several awards this year.

MP Member for Ovens Valley visits our school.

Jean Olley, our Principal, had a visit last week from Tim McCurdy, Member of Parliament for the Ovens Valley to our school. He now lives locally in Cobram and the township of Bright is within his electorate. He was on a break from attending the Victorian Parliament and enjoyed being shown around our school.

When the cold and flu strike, what can you do?

Fighting those winter sniffles can be annoying and exhausting. As the temperature drops and the cold southerly winds pick up and we get run down, we become more susceptible to cold and flu like symptoms. Getting sick is not fun, nor is it when you pass your germs onto your colleagues or they to you. The same can be said for all of our students and members of our school community.

Last week I talked about the importance of getting good sleep, so adding to that, here's some advice to help beat the winter blues....

The Doctors say:

- Bed rest
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Avoid crowded places
- Wash your hands
- Take paracetamol or ibuprofen

The Naturopath says:

- Eat nutritious fresh fruits, vegetables and aromatic herbs like ginger and lemongrass.
- Drink plenty of water, herbal tea, bone broths and soups.
- Limit sugar and caffeine intake.
- Take a herbal supplement as prescribed by a qualified naturopath.

Russell Shem

Victorian Inter-School XC Ski Competition



Nicola & Callum Smith and Nicholas Paternotte competed in the Victorian Interschool XC ski comp at Mt Buller on 6th Aug in awful blizzard conditions which saw the track relocated due to high wind. The competition was also postponed at one point due to an electrical storm and the snow was falling so thick and heavy it was hard to get a fast run as groomed ski tracks disappeared! So overall, very trying and difficult conditions.

seconds ahead of 2nd place, a fantastic result. Callum (division 4 Yr5 & 6) 14th individual & 5th in relay with combined Bright P12 & Mt Beauty Primary team.

Nicholas P (division 4 Yr5&6) 5th in relay with Callum & Mt Beauty Primary.

Nicola & Callum progress to Nationals based on their individual race results. Big congratulations on a great job to Nick Paterotte, his first interschool competition in very trying conditions. The relay teams unfortunately are unable to progress to Nationals as all skiers must be from the same school.

Results:

Nicola (division 2 Yr 9 & 10) 7th in individual and 1st in relay with combined Bright P-12 & Mt Beauty Secondary team finished 25

VCE PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTENSION PROGRAM

Friday 21st July was the Phys. Ed. Department's inaugural VCE PE Extension Program visit to Charles Sturt University. Mr Power and Mr Pywell escorted nearly 20 VCE students from Years 11 & 12 to the university's faculty of science and biomedical science. The college has regularly attended a similar event at RMIT Melbourne but due to changes in their organisation they no longer run this event. "It was great to find something just as good close by here in the North East," Pywell said. "We were also lucky to have two of our students tested for their VO2 max which uses specialised equipment not available to most secondary schools." The two students were Teagan Atherstone and Will Shem, both of whom put in a mammoth

effort on bike and treadmill respectively. Their efforts and results will be referred to during the VCE course to give all VCE PE students a better understanding of the physical capacities of athletes and how their own personal chronic adaptations limit specific outcomes. From this, students can also make inferences about how specific training can influence the results obtained.

All attending students also enjoyed a guided tour of the university, its facilities and accommodation options.

Special thanks to Mr Power for his help in running this day and also to Teagan and Will for huffing, puffing and sweating to increase our knowledge base.

KANGAROO HOPPET

This year we are planning to enter a Bright P-12 team in the schools section of the Joey Hoppet. If there are any students that are planning to enter the Joey Hoppet this year can you please contact Peter Smith on 0401 340911 or peter@apcomm.com.au so that I can register your name against the school.

It doesn't matter if you are a complete novice, intermediate or advanced skier, the more students we have registered, the more points we get allocated.

STATE CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE...

Earlier in the term, a select group of Bright P-12 College students represented the school at the State Cross Country event in Bundoora. To qualify for this event is a fantastic achievement alone and these students should be congratulated for getting this far.

In an extremely competitive field, Tom Gray, Chloe Brain and Will Shem represented the College and performed well in their respective age groups. Well done to all Bright P-12 College students on their efforts during each cross country event.

We now move on to the next phase of the school sporting calendar - Athletics! The Secondary Athletics Carnival is scheduled for Monday 14th August. The Primary Athletics Carnival has been postponed and will now be held on Friday August 18. Please contact Daniel Saville if you are able to help on this day.

Matt Pywell & Daniel Saville
Sport Coordinators

GO TO THE SNOW...



A bluebird day at last -
 All students in the **Go To The Snow** program enjoyed a bluebird day on the mountain last week. Everyone is progressing extremely well and our complete beginners are now confidently enjoying nice turns down the green runs. Intermediate and advanced groups are continually improving their skills in lessons and during group skiing time. A huge thanks to all the teachers and parent volunteers that help with the program each week. They do an amazing job. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our ski day this week due to extreme weather and road closures. Let's hope our makeup day delivers awesome snow and blue skies.

National Tree Planting Day



Bright P-12 is proud to have been involved in National Tree Day.

On Monday 31st July, a number of hardy souls braved the cold and planted 85 trees up above the soccer oval, filling in the gaps between other plantings.

We need to thank the following people for their work in making this happen : Jewel Hall for organising trees for us to plant and the Alpine Shire Council for donating plants.

Steve Jenvey for his work organising the plantings, donating extra plants and encouraging the kids in their work.

Freeburgh Caravan Park for donating & delivering mulch.

Upper Ovens Valley Landcare Group for donating the use of their trailer & equipment.

Cr Kitty Knappstein for coming along and helping with the plantings.

Darren Ferrier's Year 7 science class and our Secondary SRC reps who all worked hard digging holes, planting and clearing brush.

Lisa Flew, Jess Birch, Frank Kusch & Darren Ferrier for their organisation and involvement on the day.



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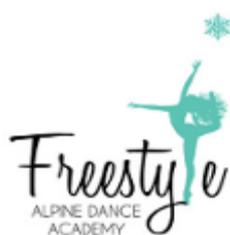
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4.00-5.00pm Beginner Tap
5.00-6.00pm Acrodance Level 2
6.00-7.00pm Beginner Contemporary Dance

TUESDAYS

4.00-4.45pm Level 2 Ballet/Lyrical Combo
4.45-5.45pm Beginner Jazz Dance
5.45-6.45pm Street Dance
7.30-8.30pm Open Tap Dance

WEDNESDAYS

9.30-10.30am Altitude Power Barre
4.00-5.15pm Level 6 Classical Ballet
5.15-6.15pm Acrodance Level 1
6.15-7.15pm Musical Theatre

THURSDAYS

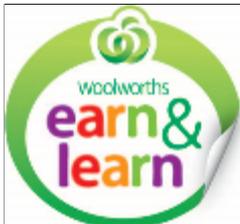
4.00-4.45pm Kinda-ballet
5.00-6.00pm Intermediate Jazz Dance
6.00-7.15pm Acrodance Level 3

FRIDAYS

9.30-10.30am Flexi Barre
4.00-5.00pm Lyrical Dance
5.00-6.00pm Level 5 Classical Ballet
6.00-7.00pm Pointework

SATURDAYS

9.00-10.00am Intermediate Contemporary
10.00-11.15am Competition Team
11.15am onwards Private Lessons



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At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive

and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library.

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Please collect your stickers when you shop and help us get some great new equipment for our school.

Community and School Notices

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

The college has been contacted by Parks Victoria regarding parents and guardians using the Courthouse car park in Park Street. With spring and summer not far away, use of the area by Parks vehicles will increase substantially.

Parks Victoria staff are concerned for the safety of children running around vehicles, particularly when these are reversing.

Most of the PV fleet, including the fire vehicles, have very poor visibility to the rear and small running children would be difficult to see. Please arrange to drop off and pick up your children from an alternative location.

Thanking you in advance.

2ND HAND BOOK SALE

WHERE: College Library

PRICE: 20 cents a book (bargain!!)

WHEN: Before and after school & 2nd half of lunchtime.



BRIGHT OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Monday 28th August, Pupil-free Day

Bright OSHC is offering care for children on this day. Hours of operation are 8.00am to 6.30pm.

For more information, call Carolyn Ryan, OSHC Co Ordinator, on 0468 343 452, or drop in to the OSHC room [red brick building on Park St side of school campus] between 2.15 – 6.30pm to collect an enrolment form.

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#YouthForIndi



To whom it may concern,

NESAY have developed the **#YouthForIndi** project in response to a recent Inquiry for Regional Development in collaboration with Cathy McGowan, Federal Member for Indi. **#YouthForIndi** is a project which aims to increase growth and success in the area by allowing young people to creatively express their opinions, & submit their ideas to ensure they can actively participate towards regional development in the Division of Indi.

NESAY is looking forward to receiving submissions from people aged 16-25 who would like the opportunity to be heard and make a real difference in the community! Young people are influential, and NESAY is excited to have them participate in the **#YouthForIndi** project!

We want to know:

1. What is working in our towns and why does it work?; or
2. What could be done differently to support our towns?; or
3. What do we need more of in our towns?

Submissions* can be made in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, videos, songs, story and multimedia. Be creative!

*Note: By completing a submission, the young person consents to their information to be submitted to the Inquiry and meets the terms and conditions as outlined on our website.

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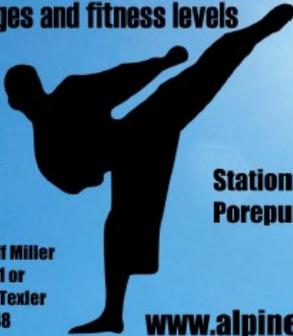
- Be aged 16-25 years
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- Upload your submission through Survey Monkey (Link will be provided on our website when submissions open, Tuesday 15th August 2017)

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