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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

Years 5 & 6 Social Enterprise Project



L-R: Year 5 & 6 students Olivia L., Jaslyn B., Bella P. & Zach C.

The Year 5&6 classes have started up a social enterprise called "Stripy Paws". Some of you may have been to our stalls, which have been a great success. We raised over \$300.00 during our first two stalls which were both held at the school stadium during gymnastics. We sell cupcakes with tiger faces on them.

Our plan was that lots of little kids and older kids go to gymnastics with their parents and they can buy a cupcake as a treat or snack before or after gymnastics.

All money raised will go to the Fauna Flora Save the Tigers Project, an organisation which saves tiger habitats.

We think that tigers are important and they are beautiful animals that need to be saved and looked after. We hope that later, our social enterprise will adopt a tiger. That will not only help one tiger, but generations of tigers to come. This will be a big step for "Stripy Paws" and one that will be known for a long time.

Keep an eye out for posters and news on Compass and Skool Bag as we strive to achieve our goals. We hope to see you at our next stall so that you can help us save the tigers!

Our Motto: HELP US, HELP THEM!

By Jaslyn B. 5/6M

College Calendar

MON 12 DEC-FRI 16 DEC -Activities Week.

THU 15 DEC - Year 5/6 Class Parties and Movie.
Muddling Magician Performance Prep—Yr 2.
11.00am—12.00pm.

FRI 16 DEC - Year 3/4 Class Parties and Movie at Cloud 9.
Secondary Awards Ceremony. 10.00am-11.30am.

MON 19 DEC - Primary Awards Ceremony. 1.00pm-2.30pm.

TUES 20 DEC - LAST DAY OF TERM 4—2.00pm FINISH.

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FRI 27 JAN 2017- Book Collection Day -General Office -
8.30am-4.00pm.

- Uniform Cupboard Open 10.00am-1.00pm.

TUES 31 JAN 2017- Students return to school. (Except New Preps).

WEDS 01 FEB 2017- New Preps begin school.



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Principal's Report

This being the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The year has flown by and it is hard to believe we are this close to the end of another school year. Once again, we have had a very busy and productive year with a tremendous variety of learning experiences both inside and outside the classroom available to our students. When I reflect on the number and variety of events and opportunities open to our students P-12 it is with great pride and gratitude that I acknowledge the efforts made by staff, parents and students to enable these to happen. For a smallish school, we provide an exceptional educational experience to enable the growth and development, emotionally, socially and academically, of all our students.

Our academic results have been excellent across a wide variety of subjects at Year 12, with many A+s in the coursework. Overall our students have excelled in their NAPLAN tests with many individual scores well above the State mean.

We held a very successful Art Exhibition showcasing the artistic excellence of our students P-12 and our Music program is extremely strong with a large number of our students now playing a range of musical instruments or singing.

Students in Years 3-12 have been involved in year level camps to venues such as Apollo Bay, Coolamatong, Melbourne and Canberra. We have had a number of our Year 9 students involved in various Leadership experiences at the School for Leadership, visiting China as part of that program, and Year 6 students attending the Halogen Leadership excursion. This year we have

also visited Germany, Japan and Wadeye as part of our languages immersion excursions.

Our students have been involved in many projects connecting with our local community. For example: donating blood, visiting Hawthorn Village and sharing stories, volunteering to collect funds, Careers Big Day In, Marngrook Football, Alpine Country Fair, Primary Concert, Twelve Bright Vines, work experience and for the first time this year, Social Enterprise at years 5 & 6.

Bright P-12 College students, both Primary and Secondary, have participated in sport and outdoor education activities, with many representing not only Bright P-12 College but also the District and State, in varied sporting codes. Our students have been involved in our Snow Sports programs, learnt to sail, skipped and abseiled.

The importance of public education cannot be overstated and I thank you, parents, students, staff and the wider Bright community for your continued support of our school, enabling us to grow, thrive and flourish within the township of Bright.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward returning in 2017 to another fabulous, exciting and productive year.

*Jean Olley,
Principal,
Bright P-12 College.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Assistant Principal's Report

As this is the final newsletter for 2016, I would like to use this opportunity to thank students, parents and staff for their efforts throughout the year. Thanks to those families and volunteers that attended our BBQ at the Primary Concert last week. This was our opportunity to formally acknowledge the efforts of many of our regular College helpers, but there are of course many other parents and community members who contribute in a range of ways to the success of College programs.

Thank you to our teachers and support staff who have worked tirelessly within and beyond the classroom. A particular thanks to our College Councillors for their significant contribution and hard work over the year.

Finally, thank you to our students, who have worked hard to achieve personal success and have been friendly, active citizens of the College. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe summer break.

Congratulations to **Cooper Thomason** who has been selected in the U13 Country Cup for cricket. A fantastic recognition for a talented young cricketer.

Headstart

This week our students in Years 7 to 11 for 2016, have been involved in the Headstart program. As mentioned in the last newsletter this allows students to familiarise themselves with the requirements of their new subjects and to start the first assessment tasks for the 2015 academic year. This program is a very important part of the curriculum at Bright P-12 as it supports our aim for all students to set high learning goals for themselves and have high expectations for their overall achievement at school. Your influence at home is also very important in nurturing our young learners to achieve their goals. We value your support for this important program and welcome any feedback you may have, which could be sent to the college by email at bright.p12@edumail.vi.gov.au, phoning myself at the college on 0357551166 or sending in a note with your child.

Transition Days

This week saw the last of three days of transition for our new

Prep and Year 7 students and I had the pleasure of spending some time in the morning with the new students and their parents. During these days students familiarised themselves with the college, their teachers for 2017 and the other primary and secondary students. I very much enjoyed spending time with the students on that day, and in particular the Year 7's where, together with Rosemary Bunge, I attended the Peer Support Program. The 2017 Year 10 students did an amazing job in establishing key relationships with these students. I look forward to dropping in to their classrooms regularly next year to be inspired by their enjoyment for learning. Well done to everyone involved in these transition days.

Secondary and Primary Awards

The Secondary Awards Assembly will be held at the Bright Entertainment Centre on Friday 16th December from 10:00am to 12:00pm. All parents are very welcome to attend this celebration of student achievement for 2014.

The Primary Awards will also be held on Monday the 19th of December from 1.00pm.

Students End of Year Reports

Teachers are currently finishing their assessment of students and are preparing end of year reports for each student. Reports will be active on COMPASS for students and their families on the 16th of December.

Activities week for Secondary students

Sign up sheets have been posted in the Student Lounge. Students need to sign up and pay for any activities. Notes for particular events like the Movie Day can be collected from the front office. As the movie is rated M students will need to return the form as soon as possible.

LAST day of school

Just a reminder that Tuesday the 20th of December will be the last day of the 2016 school year. **School will end at the new time of 2.00pm for all our Primary students.** Our secondary students will be dismissed from the Entertainment Centre at 12pm on Friday December 16th.

*Kelli Jacobsen
Assistant Principal
Bright P-12 College*

Merry
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY
New Year



Assistant Principal's Report

A REMINDER ABOUT OUR NUT MINIMALISATION POLICY

Purpose

Bright P-12 College is committed to providing a safe environment that meets the special needs of our students. Students enrolled at our school who suffer from significant health problems require a supportive and flexible school environment that understands and responds to their individual needs. The purpose of this policy is to put procedures in place that **minimise the risk** of an anaphylactic reaction by students in our care.

Definitions

What is anaphylaxis?

Anaphylaxis is a severe and sudden allergic reaction. It occurs when a person is exposed to an allergen (such as food or an insect bite). Reactions usually begin within minutes of exposure and can progress rapidly over a period of up to two hours or more. Anaphylaxis is potentially life threatening and **always requires an emergency response.**

Policy

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. When students are enrolled at Bright P-12 College who are at risk of an anaphylaxis reaction the policies will be followed.

Bright P-12 College has developed a nut minimisation policy and guidelines in line with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Emergency response plans are in place for all school activities.

It is possible to minimise the risk factor within the school environment with parent/carer assistance in adopting the following strategies.

In the Year Levels affected by the possibility of an anaphylactic reaction, parents are asked not to send nuts or peanuts to school and students are asked not to bring them. There is an increased risk of other food allergies in peanut allergic children, and because of the risk of cross contamination it is recommended that peanut allergic children avoid **all** nuts and nut products.

In particular, peanut butter, hazelnut spread (Nutella), certain muesli bars, chocolate bars and biscuits containing nuts. This applies to items with nuts as a listed ingredient or containing nut oils such as peanut oil but does not apply to those foods labelled 'may contain traces of nuts,'

To ensure that others preparing their child's lunch (for example, Grandparents) are aware of the Nut

Minimisation Policy.

To avoid nuts and peanuts in birthday cakes or treats that may be brought to school.

Encourage the thorough washing of hands and face with a damp cloth if children have eaten these foods before coming to school.

Provide drink containers and lunch boxes which are clearly labelled with the name of the child for whom they are intended.

Discourage any trading or sharing of food.

Continue vigilance when there is a change from usual routines e.g. excursions, family picnic days at school, sports carnivals or discos.

A continuous awareness program will be provided through a range of strategies. Support of this initiative will be demonstrated through:

Teaching the children about the need for appropriate health and hygiene when raising awareness of the range of allergic reactions that may affect people in the community.

Highlighting values such as tolerance, understanding and an appreciation for the uniqueness of others and their needs through values education programs.

Reminders of our allergy friendly approach which will regularly appear in the school newsletters.

A letter outlining the points above is to be written to all parents in the grades of those children affected at the beginning of each school year with reminders when appropriate.

Please be mindful of this policy and make sure treats that you are packing for students end of year class parties are nut free.



BRIGHT P-12 PARENTS & FRIENDS

PRESIDENT'S REPORTS 2016.

2016 was a terrific year for the Bright P-12 Parents and Friends. We again raised more funds than we have for many years and set some clear goals and processes for the coming years. I would like to thank all those who served on the executive, Fi Forbes, Hayley Batters and Vanessa Burgess, as well as all the committee members who show up tirelessly for our meetings which take place twice a term.

As always, groups like the Parents and Friends only exist on the back of the volunteers that donate their time, commitment and passions to the school. I would very much like to thank everyone within the school and wider community that involved themselves. No matter whether you worked a couple of hours on a bbq or gave hundreds of hours across the school year, everyone's efforts should be recognised and praised. They make a real difference.

In 2015 the Bright P-12 Parents and Friends set some very clear fund raising goals in taking a leading position in the redevelopment of the play ground in the primary school area. We had set out to raise a minimum of \$15,000 a year for the next three years towards this project. The goal is to also maintain our financial position for the Parents and Friends Foundation and also for the Wish List program and as many as possible of the other worthwhile programs and events we are asked to contribute to across the school community. In 2015 and again in 2016 we have had an exceptional years in fundraising, exceeding our expectations.

As part of handing responsibility back to those groups who are looking at the Parents and Friends to help fund their endeavours, we have opened up the BBQ to be used by any groups involved with the school for the use of fund raising in 2016. So far this year this has proved to be a very successful option with many groups using the BBQ to raise funds for their projects.

The Bright Fun Run was again a huge success in 2016, being our major fund raising event for the year and all involved are to be congratulated on putting on such a professional event that had over 550 competitors running across all the events on a beautiful Bright autumn day. Of special mention are the following who put in so much time and effort to make it such a fantastic event for both the competitors and the wider community: Tracey Carey, Kim Murrells, Neil Kinder, Roshelle Harrison, John Signorini, Ty Caling and Marthijs Heuperman.

I am sure there are dozens more that deserve acknowledgement as these events take hundreds and hundreds of hours to bring to fruition.

2016 saw the second Alpine Country Fair which was held on the Melbourne Cup Weekend and involved not just Bright P-12, but also Wandiligong Primary, Porepunkah Primary, Harrietville Primary, Country Women's Association, Lions Club, Alpine Children's Centre, Alpine School and many local businesses. The day was a huge success, even with the very wet weather throughout the whole day, for everyone involved and helped raise over \$5,000 for Bright P-12. Many thanks go to all the parents and teachers who involved themselves on the day and the overall organisation of the Fair. In particular I would like to thank my fellow organisers, Lisa Flew and Luke and Hayley Batters.

There are many people to thank for the many events organised through the year, End of term lunches, Canteen helpers, 2nd hand book and uniform sales, Gala Day parade. Lastly I would very much like to thank the school council members and in particular Jean Olley's commitment to the aims and wishes of the Parents and Friends of Bright P-12 College.

Next year the current executive are all vacating their positions, as some have been with the P&F for many, many years and it is time for some new blood to come in and make a difference. Moving forward will be quite exciting for the next P&F executive as there is more project money than we have had before and we have set aside and are ahead of our fund raising goals for the play ground redevelopment.

Thanks again to the whole school community for their support.

Cheers,

Simon Head
President Parents & Friends
Bright P-12 College



Letter for Parents & Guardians

Dear Parents and Guardians,
Semester 2 Reports will be published via Compass on Friday 16th December at 3.20pm .

You will need to know your Compass Username and Logon in order to access the reports - please contact the front office staff if you do not have these. You can save and print your own copy of reports off Compass should you wish to do so.

The web address for Compass is <https://brightp12-vic.compass.education> .

Further advice on AusVELS reports is available at : <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/school/teachers/support/studentrptparentinfo.docx>

Please note, Year 12 VCE students do not receive written reports at the end of Semester 2.

Should you have any questions in regard to reports, please contact the front office staff who will direct your question to the relevant staff member.

Tim Webber
Reports Coordinator,
Bright P12 College.

CANTEEN NEWS

We would like to thank all the people that volunteered in the kitchen this year, especially Deb Gallagher, Kim Murrells, Dr. Anne, Fi Forbes & Leah Berlowitz. We literally couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to all the kids and teachers that have embraced all the changes we've made, your support means our canteen is now a super healthy and interesting place to eat.

A special fond farewell to our green army volunteers that have turned our veggie patch into a thriving success are Gill Paulsen, Pete Roso, Lee Paul, Marni Witts, Fi Forbes, Bianca Dooley and Chris Blazek.

A special fond farewell to our Year 12 kids that have been so amazing and are heading out into the world—Good luck guys, we loved feeding you!

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR. SAM & NAT.

CAREERS BIG DAY IN

On Thursday 24th November we ran our 2016 Career Big Day In with the purpose of providing our 30 Year 9 students with a range of activities to consolidate the career learning they have undertaken this year and to kick-start their formal career planning process. For part of the day we also included the 8 VCAL students.

The day commenced with a presentation by Peter Sacco, Program Manager for the Australian Centre for Rural Entrepreneurship (A.C.R.E.) based in Beechworth. Peter's role is to facilitate the delivery of entrepreneurial learning and development programs aimed at accelerating and supporting youth entrepreneurship throughout rural and regional Australia. Peter is highly experienced in community and stakeholder engagement, facilitation and project management.

Next we invited a number of past students and community members to talk about their pathways since school. The aim of this session was to demonstrate to students that career pathways are not straight lines based on a decision made at school but involves

many decisions, explorations and changes as a result of circumstances, changes of mind and lifestyle choices. This was an informal group discussion forum with plenty of questions.

As well as hearing from those who are on their career journey, students were involved in a workshop to start organising their work experience for 2017 which falls in the last week of Term 1 (March 27th-31st, 2017). During the work experience workshop, students were interviewed by professional career agency staff and Alpine Shire staff for one of three jobs they had previously applied for. For many this would have been their first formal interview in front of a panel.

Students often find it difficult to evaluate what they enjoy that could influence their future pathways. To assist this, Janmaree Duguid, our senior Art teacher, ran a creative values, dreams and aspirations workshop. Students brainstormed their future pathways in relation to their aspirations having explored their values, interests and skills during class. They

decorated a pillowcase with drawings and words to describe their future dreams and pathway aspirations to sleep on at night!

The day finished with the formal launch of the career website. The website is being used by all 4 senior secondary schools in the Alpine Shire and the Shire itself also has an active career website to service those needing career advice or looking for work after leaving school. The joint initiative has been spearheaded by Jenny Corser, their Development Officer (Youth & Communities) who was here today as one of our interview panelists so I wish to thank Jenny for her great support and foresight. The Alpine Shire is very kindly paying for the first 2 years subscriptions for all four schools and we thank them for this support.

The day was a resounding success with very positive feedback from the students and external participants. I wish to sincerely thank all those people who gave up their time to assist and the teaching staff who were involved on the day.

Christine Blazek



"Bright P12 College is a child Safe School. We promote the inclusivity and diversity of all students and school community members".

MUSIC NEWS

PRIMARY CAROLS CONCERT SPECTACTULAR!!

On the 1st of December students from the primary school put on a fantastic 'Carols Concert' in front of a large audience. Each class did a Christmas flavored piece for the appreciative audience. We had a wide variety of music from classics like 'Rudolf the Reindeer' and 'Jingle Bells', to other pieces like '6 White Boomers' and 'All I Want for Christmas is You'. Congratulations to each class, you performed very well on the night. Thanks to all the primary teachers for your work and support and to everyone who came along to make this concert a success.

YEAR 8 TERM 4 CONCERT

On The 30th of November students from the Term 4 Year 8 Music class put on a concert to a small but appreciative audience. The students played a number of class ensemble pieces on instruments such as the drums, bass guitar, electric guitar and the acoustic guitar. Some smaller groups then performed. Congratulations to Nathaniel West, Alec Hargreaves, Daniel Bitting and Marcus Kinthari for your efforts on the night.

P-2 CHOIR REMAINDER OF 2016

The P-2 Choir have two remaining performances for 2016. These include the Bright Carols on the 17th of December and the end of year Primary Awards on the 19th of December. Details about these performances have been sent out on a Compass email and also on a note. Please contact Mr. Campbell if you have any questions about these events.

NEVR MUSIC CAMP


Next year on the 28-30th of March there will be a '**Regional Music Camp**' at **Beechworth**. This camp is a great opportunity for young musicians or singers to rehearse for three days and receive some great tuition from some talented music teachers. Students have the chance to perform in the Senior Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Jazz Group, String Band or Pop Choir. On the 30th of March they will put on a concert in Beechworth. There are scholarships available for students to get all or part of the cost of this camp paid for, see Mr. Campbell for the details. The fee for the camp is \$290 if paid for by the 24th of February. This fee is higher after this date. This camp is only available to 120 music students from across the region so get in quick so you do not miss out. Again please see Mr. Campbell for the details and paperwork for this camp.



PLEASE NOTE:


The Canteen will NOT be open for the last 2 days of Term 4.

Monday 19th December
Tuesday 20th December



Office of the Children's
eSafety Commissioner

HOW TO REPORT CYBERBULLYING MATERIAL

-  **1** Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service
-  **2** Collect evidence - copy URLs or take screenshots of the material

If the content is not removed within 48 hours

-  **3** Report it to esafety.gov.au/reportcyberbullying
-  **4** Block the person and talk to someone you trust

If you are in immediate danger, call 000 (triple zero)
If you need to talk to someone, visit kids helpline.com.au or call them on 1800 55 1800, 24 hours a day 7 days a week



Health Corner with Adolescent Health Nurse —Rosemary Bunge

35 Gifts Your Children Will Never Forget:

I can't take credit for the following but I thought at this time of mad rushing around to buy the biggest and best gifts it was a timely reminder about what really can make a difference to our children- Merry Christmas from Rosemary.

- 1. Affirmation.** Make sure your children know how much you appreciate them.
- 2. Art.** With the advent of the Internet, everyone who wants to create... can. The world just needs more people who want to...
- 3. Challenge.** Encourage your child to dream big dreams. In turn, they will accomplish more than they thought possible... and probably even more than you thought possible.
- 4. Compassion/Justice.** Life isn't fair. It never will be – there are just too many variables. But when a wrong has been committed or a playing field can be leveled, help your child to be active in helping to level it.
- 5. Contentment.** The need for more is contagious. Therefore, one of the greatest gifts you can give your children is an appreciation for being content with what they have.
- 6. Curiosity.** Teach your children to ask questions about who, what, where, how, why, and why not.
- 7. Determination.** One of the greatest determining factors in one's success is the size of their will. How can you help grow your child's will today?
- 8. Discipline.** Children need to learn everything from the ground-up including appropriate behaviors, how to get along with others, how to get results, and how to achieve their dreams. Discipline should not be avoided or withheld. Instead, it should be consistent and positive.
- 9. Encouragement.** Words are powerful. The simple words that you choose to speak today can offer encouragement and positive thoughts.
- 10. Faithfulness in your relationships.** Be faithful and trustworthy in all relationships and in so doing be a good role model to your children.
- 11. Finding Beauty.** Help your children find beauty in everything they see... and in everyone they meet.
- 12. Generosity.** Teach your children to be generous.
- 13. Honesty/Integrity.** Children who learn the value and importance of **honesty** at a young age have a far greater opportunity to become honest adults.
- 14. Hope.** Hope is knowing and believing that things will get better and improve. It creates strength, endurance, and resolve.
- 15. Hugs and Kisses.** Know that your children are never too old to receive physical affirmation of your love for them.
- 16. Imagination.** If we've learned anything over the past 20 years, it's that life is changing faster and faster with every passing day. The world tomorrow looks nothing like the world today. And the people

with imagination are the ones not just living it, they are creating it.

17. Intentionality. Slow down, consider who you are, where you are going, and how to get there. And do the same for each of your children.

18. Your Lap. It's the best place in the entire world for a book, story, or conversation. And it's been right in front of you the whole time.

19. Lifelong Learning. A passion for learning is different from just studying to earn a grade or please teachers. It begins in the home. So read, ask questions, analyze, and expose.

20. Love. ...be happy to show and express love.

21. Meals Together. Meals provide unparalleled opportunity for relationship, the likes of which cannot be found anywhere else.

22. Nature. Children who learn to appreciate the world around them take care of the world around them.

23. Opportunity. Kids need opportunities to experience new things so they can find out what they enjoy and what they are good at.

24. Optimism. Pessimists don't change the world. Optimists do.

25. Peace. On a worldwide scale, you may think this is out of our hands. But in relation to the people around you, this is completely within your hands... and that's a darn good place to start.

26. Pride. Celebrate the little things in life. After all, it is the little accomplishments in life that become the big accomplishments.

27. Room to Make mistakes. Kids are kids. That's what makes them so much fun... and so desperately in need of your patience. Give them room to experiment, explore, and make mistakes.

28. Self-Esteem. People who learn to value themselves are more likely to have **self-confidence**, self-esteem, and self-worth.

29. Sense of Humor. Laugh with your children everyday... for your sake and theirs.

30. Spirituality. Whatever they may be for you be aware of your mind, heart, soul, and will.

31. Stability. A stable home becomes the foundation on which children build the rest of their lives. They need to know their place in the family, who they can trust, and who is going to be there for them. Don't keep changing those things.

32. Time. The gift of time is the one gift you can never get back or take back. So think carefully about who (or what) is getting yours.

33. Undivided Attention. Maybe this imagery will be helpful: **Disconnect to Connect.**

34. Uniqueness. What makes us different is what makes us special. **Uniqueness** should not be hidden. It should be proudly displayed for all the world to see, appreciate, and enjoy.

35. A Welcoming Home. To know that you can always come home is among the sweetest and most life-giving assurances in all the world.

Quote for the week *"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you*

2016 PREP-YEAR 4 ART

All current art smocks have been washed. For convenience, they will remain at school and be ready for 2017 Art classes. If your child thinks they have grown out of their current one, perhaps this will need replacing.

Sue Kovacs,
Primary Art Teacher.



BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Caitlin Smith of Year 11. She achieved a Credit Certificate in the Australian Biology Olympiad Exam, held in August this year. The exam was pitched at an advanced level and included questions on molecular biology, physiology, ecology and evolution.

Her achievement rates highly because of the large number of talented science students that participated. We wish Caitlin all the best in Units 3 & 4 Biology in 2017.



LOST PROPERTY

The primary lost property basket has been sorted. All items in there are currently unnamed. The box is overflowing. If your child is missing a windcheater/polar fleece, please check. Likewise, there is a box of drink bottles and lunch containers—unnamed. If you are missing an item, please claim it.

Thank you.



Japanese Tea Ceremony



Year 11 student Emma Feltrin and Japanese teacher Keiko Sanderink recently participated in the traditional Japanese cultural activity of tea making.

To make the ceremony as authentic as possible the pair wore beautiful silk kimonos, the national dress for Japanese women.

Emma was required to demonstrate her knowledge of this particular Japanese cultural ceremony as part of her Japanese studies.

For your next community or fundraising event

Bright Community Bank® Branch has the following items available for loan:

- Community Bank® branch branded marquee and banners
- Mobile Eftpos machine (to accept debit/credit card payments at fundraising events).

Defibrillator Machine (DeFib) (Community groups in the Myrtleford and Bright area now have access to a potentially life-saving DeFib thanks to the Bright Community Bank® Branch and Alpine Health. These are stationed at the Myrtleford Agency, Dickens Real Estate Office, and the Bright Community Bank® Branch.

For further information and terms of use, please contact Bright Community Bank® Branch on 5755 1932 or bright@bendigobank.com.au

2016 GERMAN EXCHANGE

Our Last Full Week in Germany! By Matilda Manning

Well this week is our last full week in Germany, what an amazing experience we have had. I have learnt so much about the culture and the language. I am able to understand and speak with people and it's such an amazing feeling being able to understand a language other than English. I couldn't have asked for a better host family; they have been amazing and I have seen so much and learnt a lot.

Christmas is close and Germany is getting ready. There are lights that fill the streets with color and when you drive through the towns it is so magical. I just wish there was snow as that would make it even more beautiful.

On Friday I went to the primary school in Rott Am Inn and visited my host brother's classes. I gave the class a presentation about Bright and Australia, we also made lamingtons to take to the kids. It was very different to our primary schools.

Martina took me to a Christmas market in the forest, it was amazing. The stalls were all made of wood and they had Christmas lights all over them and they just looked so beautiful.

Frankfurt:

Over the weekend Andrea and I travelled to Frankfurt with Andrea's Judo class because they had a tournament on the Sunday. We got up bright and early Saturday morning, hopped on the bus and then travelled about 6 hours to Frankfurt, I have to admit the Autobahn is great. We stayed in a town about 10km away from Frankfurt called "Maintal." On Saturday afternoon after arriving we took the train to Frankfurt where we looked around and shopped. We went to the tallest tower in Frankfurt, the "Main Tower". It is also the first weekend of the Christkindl Markt and Frankfurt was packed. There were so many people at the Christmas Market so it was quite difficult to look around, especially as the market was so big. Frankfurt is such a beautiful city and being there at Christmas makes it very special as they have the most amazing fairy light display.

Germany has been the most amazing experience. I am so grateful that our school can offer this program Thank you so much for the best time of my life.



An Exciting Weekend by Teagan Atherstone

Over the weekend Tilly and I went with some members of our families to an ice hockey game in Rosenheim. It was really cool to watch. One of the teams that played was Rosenheim and there was a lot of support for the home team.

At the start of the game the home team used their mascot as a big blow up arch that they all skated through. It was like before the start of a concert where a celebrity comes out. There was smoke, the lights all turned off with a spotlight on the entrance then they were each called out respectively. It was a little bit sad, in the last 3rd the opposing team scored 3 goals to Rosenheim's 0 and the home crowd wasn't happy with the result.

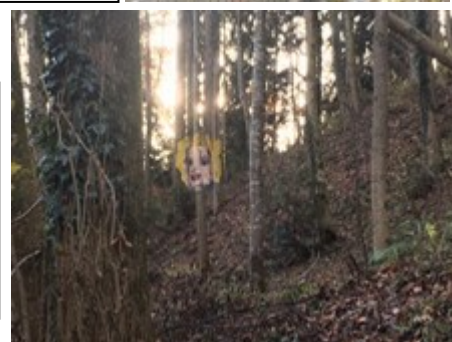
One of the things I am loving about Germany is the school times. School starts at 7:55am and finishes at 12:50pm. The only thing that I don't like so much is that we have to travel an hour to school every morning meaning waking up at 6. But what makes it all worth it is that we finish at 12:50. In Australia we eat lunch at 12:45 and then have all afternoon at school. Here they get up a little earlier, have not as long a break at school but they get to go home for lunch and do whatever they like in the afternoon. They still do about the same amount of school, they just have time for other things.

Today after school, Andrea, Till, Niklas and I caught the train to Munich for the afternoon. We went to Therme Erding which is a big centre with lots of pools and water slides. It had lots of inside and outside pools and water slides, "rivers", wave pools and lots of relaxation (google it). We spent 5 and a half hours there before heading home.



Teagan Christmas shopping.

We went on a walk through a forest and came upon a painting of Marilyn Munroe.



MARNGROOK FOOTY FAMILY DAY

On 19 November Bright held the annual Marngrook game. This year things were done differently to the previous years and it was the Warrabe Kurdawanga (One Talk) Festival. This involved various workshops and activities, including a language and an art workshop, both run by Indigenous language students from Bright P-12 College.

The game was attended by Dhudhuroa people, including Garry Murray, a Dhudhuroa elder, many from Wadeye and our local Federal MP, Cathy McGowan. Music was provided throughout the day by Nicky Bomba and the Dhudhuroa All Stars. The game commenced with a smoking ceremony and traditional dancing.

Marngrook is a traditional Indigenous game played with a possum skin ball. The aim of the game is to keep the ball in

the air as much as possible and to take extravagant marks to display skills. Marngrook is not a scored game and the winner is judged on the performance of both teams.

The two teams competing were Murrinh-Patha red and Dhudhuroa black. Both teams played extremely well with Stuart Dumoo and Shenah Murray getting players of the match. It was judged that the two teams were tied.

The whole day was a great success with much work put in by Bec and Justin Crawley, Andy Nicholas, Dallas, Nicky Bomba, Jason Reid and the Thathangathay and Kindred Spirits Foundations.

Next year's Marngrook game is scheduled for end of Term 1, 2017.



CHEMISTRY

Unit 1 & 2 Chemistry Self-designed Experiments

As part of their studies in Unit 2 Chemistry, students had to design a quantitative volumetric analysis to determine the concentration of a range of different active ingredients in consumer products. Using acid-base titration, students determined such things as:

- The relative concentrations of phosphoric acid in coca-cola original and diet.
- The effectiveness of different brands of antacids in neutralising stomach acid to relieve indigestion.
- The relative concentrations of citric acid in fresh lemon and orange juice; fresh orange juice vs supermarket orange juice; different brands of lemonade.

The relative concentrations of ethanoic acid in brown and white vinegar; different brands of white vinegar.



John Monash Science School (JMSS) Regional Science Exchange

Rahn Stavar & Ethan Murphy successfully applied to attend the JMSS Regional Science Exchange. This is open to Year 10 students each year and involves students staying with families in Melbourne for four weeks while attending JMSS and studying Emerging Sciences in fields such as:

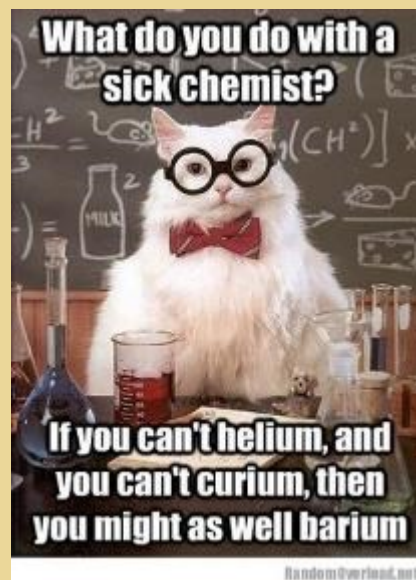
- Nanoscience and Nanotechnology;
- From Cells to Systems (Biomedical Science including Stem-cell technology);
- Our Dynamic Earth (Geosciences);
- From Logic to Magic (Enhanced Mathematics);
- Bioinformatics (Decoding the Genome);
- Imaging Science;
- Analytical and Spectroscopic Science;
- From Quarks to Quasars (Astrophysics); and Pharmaceutical Science.

Rahn & Ethan stayed in Melbourne for four weeks during Term 3, attending the JMSS. As a part of this program, students were required to complete an Extended Experimental Investigation on a research project of their choice. They presented their findings as a scientific poster, which was great practice for the new VCE Science Self-designed Experiment Poster Presentation assessment task, which is now a requirement in VCE Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology. Rahn's poster was presented at the JMSS Science Fair, where he won an award for 'Most thorough use of equations.' Due to his German exchange commitments, Ethan was not required to complete this task.

This is a great opportunity for Year 10 students from Regional Victorian schools with a talent, interest, curiosity and enthusiasm in the areas of Science, Mathematics and/or Technology. Current Year 9 students please contact Libby Dean at school if you would like to apply for this opportunity in Year 10 2017.

Photo: Rahn & Ethan pictured with Rahn's Emerging Science Project and his award.

Rahn's poster is on display at Bright P – 12 College, Front Office area.



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