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# **Principal's**

Report

Welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and Easter. This term there are many planned learning activities for students to participate in and I hope each of you take every opportunity to maximise your effort <u>in</u> <u>all areas of your learning</u> in order to achieve your potential.

### We Are Listening

As you may remember, we sent out a parent survey last year to which many of you responded with your feedback and suggestions for how to improve our college. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your time in completing the survey and to let you know that as a key input to our continuous self-evaluation process, we will be distributing a new survey which we would strongly invite you all to complete near the end of this term.

Also, you may be curious to know what improvements we have put into place as a result of last year's survey and I am pleased to share with you all the work that has been done as a result of your feedback.

- Formal presentation of the survey results to all staff which was followed by a working session to identify ways we could implement the feedback
- Working established group consisting of parents, students, staff and college council members to identify and document our College and Purpose Values Statement that we are now using guide to the behaviours expected from all students and staff at our college. This new document will be made publicly available with the launch of the college's new website.
- <u>A brand-new website</u> has been created to improve how we communicate college news and information to you. We are scheduled to launch this website within a few weeks

so stay tuned for this exciting development.

However, we are certainly not finished. We are continuously looking at a number of improvements to how we deliver outstanding education and promote total wellbeing for every student at the college. We are also seeking ways to more effectively communicate with you during the process.

So thank you again for your feedback and support and as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime.

### Temporary closure of Primary girls' toilets

As of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 the Primary girls' toilets will be closed for repair. This is a pre-emptive measure to prevent any risk of asbestos breaking and students being exposed.

The toilet partition walls containing asbestos have been identified, during the school's regular asbestos inspection, as showing greater signs of wear and tear. The Department of Education & Training immediately Management Team was contacted following the inspection and they sent out specialists to assess the issue, plus undertake air-monitoring. Whilst no issue of exposure to broken asbestos has occurred, a decision was made to close the toilets to prevent damage occurring.

To ensure the absolute safety of students and staff, the school has arranged for the removal of this material to be performed by experts in accordance with Victorian Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. An expert Occupational Hygienist will supervise the removal process and perform air quality monitoring throughout the works.

The work area has been cordoned off and will remain so throughout the removal works that will be undertaken out of school hours.

Planning for remediation works to be completed as quickly as possible is currently in process and I will update you on the status of the repair works as they progress.

Female primary students will be utilizing the ladies' toilets in the Administration building in the short term and the Department has agreed to assist the school with the provision of temporary amenities until the asbestos remediation works are completed.

Bright P-12 College and the Department of Education will be working to have this

situation rectified as soon as possible. All asbestos is to be removed from the toilets and new partitions installed and following completion of the primary girls' amenities, the primary boys' amenities will also be repaired by the Department.

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact the school.

As can be seen, It has already been a very busy start to the term with a couple of our major annual events taking place over this week and next.

Below is a quick reminder of coming events;

### Fun Run

The Bright P-12 College Fun Run is a major fundraising event for the College and a great day for families. There are 6 events with various starting times and age categories. All the family can get involved and enjoy a walk or a run. I would encourage all our families to join in and support this event.

### 3-12 Cross Country Run

This is the only sporting event involving primary and secondary students currently on the Bright P-12 College calendar and as such is a special day for us. Last year was the first time we combined the two events into one and it was amazing, a very rewarding and symbolic event showcasing our P-12 status. This year we have sent home permission forms with the students to be signed by the parent/guardian as a way of ensuring all parents are aware of the run and, if possible, can come and join us on the day. Almost all the primary permission forms are returned but the secondary are lagging. Secondary parents please ensure your son/daughter has returned their signed permission form to the office immediately, as training needs to proceed. It would be hugely disappointing if we only had a small number of our secondary students running and the rest in normal classes.

### Autumn Festival Float

Well, this year, given the 'Alpine Kids are Active Kids' theme of the parade, we are not using a float; instead, we are walking, jogging, running in circles, our way down the main street of Bright. Doddsy is our motivator, ably supported by Teagan Nugent, Katie Ferrito, Sally Cocks and Chris Blazek, and he is actively recruiting active Bright P-12 students (primary and Secondary) to join us in representing Bright P-12 College. More information will be available on COMPASS and Skoolbag soon or have a chat to Doddsy.





### Newsletter article week 2 Term 2

Welcome back to a new term. I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break and school holidays and enjoyed the time they got to spend with their loved ones.

Anzac Day ceremonies are the College's way of acknowledging and thanking those members of our forces who fought so valiantly for our country. I would like to wish all of our student leaders who are going to be involved in the Anzac ceremony on Wednesday at the College all the very best.

# **Attitude to Schools Survey**

Students from Year 5 to 12 will be completing the Attitude to Schools Survey over the next couple of weeks. The survey asks students questions based on their personal wellbeing at school and also how they perceive the teaching and learning at our school. Once the data has been submitted, the school will use it to inform change and areas for priorities in teaching and learning and student wellbeing and engagement.

### **NAPLAN Testing**

The National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016 tests for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2016. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

A pamphlet explaining NAPLAN in greater depth will go home with students soon.

If you have any concerns please contact me on 57551166.

### Uniform

As we are seeing unseasonably warm weather this Autumn, School Council was happy to support the extension of the changeover period by a week (and longer if necessary). Updates will be sent to all families via the Skoolbag app and COMPASS.

However, as we move into the cooler months is it important to keep warm. It is important that over jackets, beanies and non-school uniform scarves are removed prior to period 1 in the morning. Students who are wearing these items to class will be asked to remove them, if they are continually wearing the item throughout the day a teacher

may ask for the item and hand it back at the end of the day. No hoodies are to be worn either over or under any school uniform item. The polar fleece jacket may be worn as an extra laver of warmth over either the windcheater or the V-neck jumper. Also remember that the long-sleeved polo t-shirt can be worn. School council has agreed to phase out the windcheater over the remainder of this year, with it not being available in 2016 (either for purchase or to be worn past 2016). If you require any more information about the uniform you can ask Wendy at the Uniform Shop or contact me at the College.

### **NESAY Counsellor**

Bright P12 College will be hosting a NESAY counsellor each Friday until 12.30pm. Trish will be available to see students with a parent signed referral form. Anyone who thinks they would need to see Trish can contact me at the office or send an email. Alpine Health are also close to completing the recruitment of a new adolescent psychologist and we can expect to be notified soon who has picked up this position and will be working with us at Bright P12 College.

Kelli Jacobsen Assistant Principal

# COLLEGE CALENDAR—APRIL/MAY

SUN 24TH APRIL	-	BRIGHT FUN RUN
MON 25TH APRIL	-	ANZAC DAY
THUR 28TH APRIL	TUES 3	RD MAY –Life Ed. Van Visit
MON 2ND MAY	-	Primary & Secondary X Country
WED 4TH MAY-FRI	6TH MA	AY—Yr 10 City Experience Camp

TUES 10 MAY — Yr 11&12 AFL—O&M Sport

TUES 10TH MAY-THUR 12TH MAY-NAPLAN YRS 3,5,7 &	
FRI 13TH MAY-	Primary District Cross Country

TUES 17TH MAY	
THUR 26TH MAY	

- ICAS Digital Technologies
- TH MAY O&M Cross Country
- TUES 31ST MAY ICAS Science

# The Amazing Race

# THE AMAZING RACE

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of April, a number of Year 9 and 10 students from Bright P-12, Myrtleford P-12 and Marian College came together to participate in the Amazing Race in Bright.

There were 8 different groups with 2 -3 different students from each of the three schools in each group. I was in a group with Kiana, William, Will, Jedd and Toby.

We took part in 7 challenges and we all worked together as a team to earn points. My favourite challenges were going to the op-shop and picking out blue things to wear (Kiana and I picked out the girliest things for the boys and we got heaps of points for it); performing a community service, which we captured on video.

On behalf of Bright P-12, I'd like to thank Jenny Corser and Elisha Hazeldine who organised the great day, it was so much fun! By Daisy Pellegrini



# **RECYCLING IS NOT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!**



During Term 1 the 5/6 students were looking at physical and chemical changes in Science. The term culminated in a visit from Sandra Light from the Alpine Shire.

Sandra helped the students understand what we, as residents of the Alpine Shire, can do to protect our environment through recycling and correct disposal of our household waste.

After a brief presentation the students participated in a Recycle Relay where they had to correctly identify green waste, general recyclables and waste for landfill.

Thanks to all of the teachers and staff for providing the rubbish for the students to sort through! The take away message was – Recycling is not a load of rubbish!

# VCAL CUPCAKES FOR K9'S DAY

We would like to inform all parents and students of Primary and Secondary that VCAL students will be holding a fundraising day to eliminate puppy farms on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of May.

We will be selling cupcakes at lunchtime outside the cooking room (located in the secondary area). \$1.00 for 2 cupcakes.

Everyone is welcome and we hope to see you there trying our delicious cupcakes to help us in raising money for this growing issue.



# HEALTH CORNER WITH ADOLESCENT HEALTH NURSE ROSEMARY BUNGE

# Immunisations

Year 7s first immunisations were carried out on Tuesday 19<sup>th.</sup> Prior to that I spoke to all the year 7s about immunisation and how research demonstrates that immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases. I let them know that adverse and allergic reaction rates for these immunisations are extremely low and they would be monitored by staff following their immunisation to further safeguard this. They also learnt it is normal to have some redness or swelling at the immunisation site, but this is only temporary.

Hopefully this information session gave the students a better understanding of why immunisation is important. I also reassured them about the process and hopefully this helped to reduce any anxiety they may have been feeling around immunisations.

Quote of the week-

"Take care of

your body. It's the only place

you have to live."

~ Jim Rohn

# Hawthorn Village

Name Gwyneth Millar DOB 10/5/17 **Favourite things** Food: all sorts of food Colour: blue and pink Place loved living at the sea side Sport swimming

Thing to do: walking and singing

Born in England just after the first World War Gwyneth is now 98 years old.

Gwyneth married and had two children a son and a daughter, her daughter runs a book shop in Bright.

Gwyneth and her family migrated to Australia after World War 2.

She became very involved with the Bright Historical Society, helping to create the museum in Bright. Her favourite pastime is walking. Prior to coming to live at Hawthorn Village she walked 5kms four times a week with a group of ladies.

Gwyneth likes to walk and sing (she has a lovely voice). She also loves chatting with people to pass the time and being happy!





# Bright P-12 College Snowsports Program

Thanks to all those who attended the information evening last week. A special thanks to Sally Cocks from the Bright P-12 Office for her behind the scenes help. If you missed the evening all of the BCST program information and application forms are available on the school website.

http://www.brightp12.vic.edu.au/?page id=969

# BCST Program Payments are due by Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April

# \* 2nd Hand Snow Gear Sale

An annual event, the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand snow gear sale is an onsell of pre-loved snow gear items. It is a great opportunity to buy and sell pre-loved quality gear. Run by the BCST this event raises funds to support the snowsports programs that Bright P-12 College provides for students and families of the college community.

The sale has grown from a few items sold in the basement in its first year to a full room of pre-loved, quality snow gear. We sell a wide range of boots, clothes, goggles, helmets, skis, snowboards, stocks, and accessories. Sorry – NO GLOVES

Register: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 3:00pm — 6:00pm Sale: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 9:00am — 12:00pm Venue — To Be Confirmed Terms and conditions apply — see poster



snow enviro	skills in a safe and affordable onment			
Important Dates for your diary				
BSCT Forms and Payments Due	Tuesday 26th April			
2nd Hand Snow Gear Sale	An annual event, where you can on-sell your pre-loved snow gear.			
Register	Saturday 14th May 3-6 pm			
Sale	Sunday 15th May 9am-12pm			
Early Bird Resort Entry Season Passes	Purchase between 1-30th Apri			
2016 Ski Season Opening Weekend	Saturday June 11th			
Jacket Allocation Day	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2016 3.30-6.30pm Stadium – Mezzanine			
School Holidays	25th June-10th July			
2016 Season Training Dates	BCST 10 Day Program			
Day 1	Saturday 16th July			
Day 2	Tuesday 19th July			
Day 3	Saturday 23rd July			
Day 4	Wednesday 27th July			
Day 5	Wednesday 3rd August			
Day 6	Saturday 6th August			
Day 7	Wednesday 10th August			
Day 8	Saturday 13th August			
Day 9	Tuesday 16th August			
Day 10	Saturday 20th August			
1st Make up day	Tuesday 30th August			
2nd Make up day	Saturday 3rd September			
Presentation Award Lunch	Saturday 10th September			
Victorian Interschool Cross Country Championship	Sun 7th August Mt Buller			
Victorian Interschool SnowSports Championships	Mon 22nd – Sun 28th Aug Mt Buller			
Australian Interschool SnowSports Championships	Wed 7th– Sun 11th Sep Perisher			

# **Donation Required**

The BCST is looking for a second hand phone for use during the training season. If anyone has a phone in good working condition, preferably one that takes a mini sim, which they no longer need and would like to donate it to the BCST please contact Andrew Forbes 0419 995 985

2016 Ski Season Countdown

50 Days to go!

# It's footy season with your club that will help cover each the best solution for your club and our again!

The Alpine Observer/Myrtleford Times will again cover four leagues Myrtleford in the Ovens and Murray, Dederang-Mt Beauty in Tallangatta, Bright and Whorouly in the Ovens and King and Bright and Myrtleford in the Wangaratta and District Junior Football League.

This year we want to up the ante on our junior coverage.

Logistically we are challenged by the fact that most of these games will be played at the same time and almost always several valleys apart.

Similarly we need to balance our post-match wraps with previews for the coming weeks.

We are hoping to develop a partnership guaranteeing weekly coverage provides and every team - each week.

On occasions we would also be looking In the coming days I will contact you in for photos.

In addition to maintaining a reliable, dependable report for readers it is also an opportunity for a budding journalist and/or photographer to get a byline in the newspaper that could help with future job prospects.

For Bright we would be looking for a 200-word football report on both teams.

We are also more than happy to offer constructive advice to your correspondents.

Both the report and any images would need to be emailed to us at the office by the Monday morning.

We believe that a strong partnership



# **BRIGHT SOCCER CLUB –** JUNIOR REGISTRATION **DAYS 2016**

Soccer is a great team sport for both boys and girls. We train on Saturday mornings at 9am at the P-12 College and every few weeks we have Gala Days and play games with neighbouring soccer clubs. The season will begin on the Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and will run to mid-September.

There will be two Registration Days - Saturday 16th April & Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9am followed by training.

The cost is \$70 for the season for the first child. Each child after that costs \$65. This includes FFA registration insurance and club membership. New players will require a uniform for training and gala days. The Compulsory Uniform pack is around \$60 for each player.

This includes a shirt with their name on the back, shorts, socks and shin guard.

sports coverage.

regard to this email and hopefully be

able to cement a relationship for the

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current season that benefits us all.

Observer/Myrtleford Times

T: (03) 5731 3308

Previous players can register online on www.myfootballclub.com.au - You'll need to find your child's FFA number or do a search. New players can register and create their FFA number on the same website. Our club name is Bright SC.

Payment is made directly to the club by cash or cheque at the Registration Days or by direct credit to the Bright Soccer Club. BSB 013 545 Acc Number 493978938 using your child's surname and initial as a reference. There are forms to be filled in on the Registration Day as well.

If you have any gueries, please call 0409 501 465 or email joshuahoare@bigpond.com

New players can register & create their FFA number on the same website.

Please bring your e-invoice on registration day. Any queries, comment below or PM me.

# HOMESTAY REQUIRED FOR

# **JAPANESE ASSISTANT TERM 3&4**

Ryo Nonomura a 22 year old university student will be working at Bright P-12 College this year. The College is looking for a family/s who are

interested in providing homestay for Ryo. Ryo will pay \$100 per week to cover expenses.

For further information contact John Henstridge at Bright P-12 College on 5755 1166.

# VCE STUDY CENTRE RENOVATION

# COMPLETED

Throughout the first term of 2016, the VCE Study Centre has undergone major redevelopment and refurbishment works, carried out under the supervision, direction and coordination of Year 12 VCE Coordinator Mr Justin Power, Building and Services Manager, Mrs Fiona Hurst, Maintenance Manager Mr Steve Jenvey, IT Specialist Mr Tony Brooks, the 2016 Year 12 students and a committed group of local trades, namely:

- Craig Martin Building
- Impax Painting (David Gough)
- Bright and District Electrical Services
- Gary Murray Plumbing
- Terry Cartwright (Geoff Mitchell)

This work has been a significant investment into the future of Bright P-12 College's academic standards and expectations of excellence by School Principal Ms Jean Olley and the College Council. This major investment reflects the high esteem in which the college holds its academic and professional standing and supports the work all our staff and students do on a daily basis to provide the highest quality educational experiences on offer at Bright P-12 College.

The VCE Centre is now an open, bright and professional space that provides a high quality study environment including:

- 5 new personal study spaces
- A new study bench taking in the views of the school grounds
- A centralised light filled conference style study hub
- Dedicated school classroom fitted out with the newest interactive whiteboard technology and sound system available
- New kitchenette and dedicated hot water service and plumbing
- Freshly painted surfaces throughout
- Newly laid high-traffic, hard wearing carpeting
- Freshly painted lockers

The works could not have been possible without the tireless work of those involved including

- Past fundraising and volunteering efforts of our active school community
- Financial management of the College to provide the funds to develop this unique and high quality Study Centre
- Patience and support of our Year 12 students and school staff who have flexibly adapted throughout the redevelopment and refurbishment process of the VCE Study Centre.

# COMMENTS BY STUDENTS

It's really good to have our own space—Millie K.

It helps me study better—Jed P.

It's as great as we thought it would be, we have been looking forward to this space all year— Josh R.

A nice environment to study in separately—Tasman C.

It's different! - Jess L.

A calm environment for everyone to study and bond in— Taylor C.





AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF Shotokan KARATE

Classes at the Freeburgh Community Hall Adults & Kids classes MONDAYS (Kids 5-5:45pm & Adults 5:45-6:45pm), WEDNESDAY (Adults 7-8:30pm)

& SATURDAYS (Adults 9-10:30am)

New students welcome, catering to all fitness levels Contact Sensei Katrina Ciolli on 0417 526549 for more information. Find us on facebook at ASSKAlpine and visit:

www.shotokan.com.au to read more about ASSK.



Year 12 students & Year 12 Co-ordinator, Mr Justin Power, are delighted to be in their 'new' study area.

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# **MUSIC NEWS**

# **GALA DAY MUSICIANS**

On Gala Day, Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, some of our very talented musicians will be performing near the Clock Tower early in the morning. This performance will take place at 9.00am in the morning and will feature the P-2 Choir, Senior Choir, Concert Band and some other performers. Please come along and support our talented 'musos' in action on Gala Day.

# **SOIREE TERM 2**

At the end of this term the music department will be running its first SOIREEs for 2016. The Primary Soiree will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June and the Secondary Soiree will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Both of these performances will start at 6.30pm and will take place at the Community Centre. Please put these nights in your diaries and come along and support our talented performers. Please return the notes in regards to these Soirees ASAP. Please talk to Mr Campbell if you have any questions.

# **REGIONAL MUSIC CAMP**

Last week seven of our students attended a Regional Music Camp held at Beechworth. We had students involved in the Junior Concert Band, Senior Concert 🥼 Band and the Pop Choir during this camp. I had the 🎵 pleasure of seeing a very professional concert in Beechworth on the last night of the camp. This had a smorgasbord of music and everyone on stage did a terrific job.

Congratulations to Joe Gray, Zachary Crawley, Alexandria Campbell, Carter Dines, Joshua Lindsay, and Rahn Stavar for Max Grav vour involvement. This is a terrific opportunity for music student, and would encourage more people to get involved next year.





# YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Year 7s Science students love to get SLIMED! Looking at physical properties of substances doesn't get any more exciting than making up a big blob of slime and investigating it's properties!









Looking for an after school activity for your children? Something fun? Something that develops confidence, coordination, flexibility and strength? Something that runs at a local hall? Well this might be just the activity you're looking for.

My name is Allison Watkins. I'm a local mum in Porepunkah. I have a passion for dance and have grown up dancing since I was 4yrs old. I have over 18 years experience teaching pre-school up to adults and

co-owned a successful dance school just out of Melbourne.

With a little push from some local mums after having my 2 boys I started "IDANCE FOR FUN AND FITNESS" in Porepunkah.

This is the first year and it has proven to be very popular. So if you are interested in finding out more please call 0411 106 323.

Also there is a brand new hip hop classes available this term for all ages and ability. These classes are on a Monday night at Porepunkah hall with Megan Astill who is amazing! So if you'd like to give it a try find us on

idance for fun and fitness or call the number above.

Allison Watkins.



# YEAR 9 EXCURSION TO APOLLO BAY

Last week our Year 9 students had an opportunity to visit Apollo Bay.

Students and teachers mixed in with students and teachers from Apollo Bay P-12 College to do various activities including mountain biking and learning the skills to do surf boarding.

From all accounts it was a very successful trip.













# Bright P-12 College

P.O. Box 30, BRIGHT Victoria 3741 PRINCIPAL: Ms. Jean Olley

Work Experience Placement: Ky Monshing

Work-placement:

Porepunkah Roadhouse

Work days/hours:

Monday 11.00am – 3.00pm

# Job Description:

- Mow lawns
- Leaf blowing out the front of the shop
- Filling the drinks fridge
- Clean the kitchen area
- Sort the junk mail into PO boxes
- Clean the dining tables

Why do you work here? To see what the business involves

Favourite task: Filling the drinks fridges

Least favourite task: Mopping the floors

# **Previous placements:**

CyclePath

Porepunkah Upholsterers

JRB Automotive & Offroading



Any employers wishing to employ a student for either work experience, a structured work placement or a school-based apprenticeship, please contact Chris Blazek (Careers Coordinator) at school on 5755 1166

# www.brightfunrun.com.au

Bendigo Bank



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**Bright VIC** 

**AUSTRALIA** 



**BRIGHT FUN RUN** 

\_ 3 km \_ 10 km \_ 21.1 km \_ 6.5 km Trail Run \_ 11.3 km Trail Run

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