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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BRIGHT COMMUNITY FUN RUN



Registrations Are OPEN for Bright Fun Run 2025!

Get ready to run, laugh and make memories in one of Bright's favourite community events! Whether you're chasing a PB, tackling the trails, or just in it for the fun, there's a race for everyone. 3km, 8km or 18km... pick your adventure.

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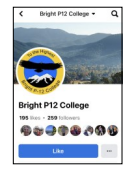
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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Now we are in the second half of the term, this is a good time to pause and reflect on our accomplishments. We have had a very busy and productive year so far, thanks to the vibrant learning environment we foster at Bright P-12 College. It has been wonderful to see our students' enthusiasm and resilience shine through in their learning engagement and growth. Keep up the great work!

You may be aware that there has been a change in the Department of Education publicity policy. You now need to make a decision about whether you would like photographs of your child to be displayed at school, on our website, on social media, in the newsletter and the yearbook. You can choose one or more of these places. There are three categories – Inside the Physical School; The School Community; Publicly Available. Thank you to those of you who have completed the Course Confirmation on Compass. If you have not yet filled in the form, we will be sending a paper copy home with your child in the coming weeks. Please fill in the form and send it back to school with your child. If you would prefer to contact us via email, please let us know at bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au If you have any questions, please email or call 5755 1166.

Please note:

- 1) Within the Publicly Available category, you have the choice of saying yes or no to the options of Newsletter, Social Media and Website.
- 2) We won't identify your child by name in any publicly available environments without asking your permission first.

Many thanks for your cooperation in helping us align with this updated policy.

This week, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be participating in the annual NAPLAN assessments. While these tests will bring some adjustments to the daily routine for these year levels, for most students, school life remains the same - same uniform, same classroom, same start and finish times, and most importantly, the same friends and teachers supporting them. There is no need to prepare for NAPLAN tests—we encourage students to simply put in their best effort, as with all school activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to a positive and productive rest of term!

Jean Olley - Principal

NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE CALENDAR

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MARCH

12-24 MAR	NAPLAN assessments
12 MAR	Yr 11 VET Sport & Rec Mt Buffalo climbing excursion
14 MAR	Secondary Hume swimming, Wodonga
17-21 MAR	Yr 8 Camp, Bogong Outdoor School
17 MAR	7pm Snow Programs parent info session
19-21 MAR	Yr 11 VET Sport & Rec 3-day hike, Alpine National Park
19 MAR	6pm Yr7-12 VCE parent info session
21 MAR	Interschools MTB event, Falls Creek
24-28 MAR	Yr 10 Work Experience
24 MAR	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed caving & abseiling excursion
25-28 MAR	Yr 7 Camp, Coolamatong
27 MAR	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport
28 MAR	Prep-Yr 6 Activities Day

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is taking place every Thursday morning in the Cooking Room in the Secondary Area from 8:15am. We have toast, cereal, milo, fresh fruit and fruit cups available, supported by Woolworths and the Beechworth Bakery. All students from Prep to Year 12 are always welcome.

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 20 June

SUSTAINABILITY

Exploring Murrnong: A Tasty Educational Adventure for Students

Murrnong Yam Daisy is a native plant that was once a staple of the Indigenous people's diet, providing essential carbohydrates, and tasting much like a potato or parsnip. The Murrnong almost disappeared from the landscape due to the introduction of cattle, sheep, grain and rabbits in the 1800's. Early settlers reported seeing vast terraced fields of yellow flowers that were cultivated by the Indigenous people. Thousands of the yams were harvested in late summer, roasted in clay ovens and shared amongst the families.

In July 2024, we planted 50 plants that are now ready to harvest. Students got hands-on with the yams, learning about their cultural and ecological importance along the way. After digging them up, we tried roasting, frying, and steaming the yams. Roasting was the clear favourite, with many saying it made the yams taste like potatoes when cooked well. Here's what some students said:

"It tasted like a cross between a potato and something totally new!"

"Roasting brought out the best flavours."

"I never thought a plant that looks like a weed could be this tasty."

This project connected students with Indigenous peoples culture, and taught them about sustainable practices and the joy of growing and eating their own food. It's an experience they'll remember for years to come. Stay tuned for more exciting discoveries in our school's garden.



Yr 7 & 9 ALPINE HEALTH INCURSION

Recently, our Year 7 and 9 students took part in sessions run by Alpine Health. The purpose of the sessions was to promote wellbeing and positive behaviours among students. The clinicians ran the students through activities which got students thinking about:

- Mindfulness, kindness and creating a growth mindset
- The impacts of substance use on mental health
- Daily practical steps to care for their wellbeing
- Support services and resources available to them



Students found the sessions useful—here's some feedback from a selection of Year 7 and Year 9 students: "I found the tasks interesting. We had to choose from a list of pre-written compliments to say to someone sitting next to us as an exercise in kindness." "Some things, I already knew, so they were a useful reminder. But there was also some new information. I liked the pie chart activity, where we had to make decisions about finding time in our day to make a balanced, healthy life. Some examples of activity options in the pie chart were physical exercise, sleep, play and downtime." "I learnt to think about myself a bit more - like how important it is to look after myself." "I found it interesting that we were prompted to think about how others feel. Everyone could be going through something you don't know about so we should all be careful with how we treat people."

Yr 8 HUMANITIES

In Year 8 Humanities, students have been investigating Vikings. To encourage students to examine their pre-existing perceptions about Vikings, students were tasked with creating a Viking title page by drawing an image with annotations of a Viking based on what they understood about them. Some of the drawings are below. Students then shared their drawings with the class and compared notes about what their Vikings were wearing and carrying, and what influenced them to draw their Vikings the way they did. Most students included helmets with horns in their drawings. But.. in real life, Vikings didn't have horns on their helmets! This prompted discussions around why so many of us think Vikings wore helmets with horns. It was a very interesting way to introduce the topic of our perceptions vs historical reality.



EASTER EGG DONATION / RAFFLE

The Parents and Friends (P&F) Committee is thrilled to announce our upcoming Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser, and we're counting on your generous support to make this fundraiser a sweet success! Your participation will directly contribute to creating a more vibrant and enjoyable playground space for our Primary students.

Donation Collection: Until Friday 21 March, we will be collecting donations of easter eggs, chocolates and other Easter items from our wonderful school families. Donations can be made straight to the College Office.

Raffle Ticket Stall: From 24 March to 3 April, the P&F will set up a raffle ticket stall under the Primary shade sail. You can purchase tickets before and after school.

Raffle Drawing: The highlight of our Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser will be the Raffle Drawing, which will take place during the Celebration of Success Assembly on Friday morning of the last day of term.

Raffle Ticket Details: Cost \$5 per ticket. Available at the stall and through designated P&F representatives. On behalf of the P&F Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support. Let's come together as a community and make this Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser a hopping success!

Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm. Warm regards, Parents and Friends, Bright P-12 College.

PREP/Yr 1 MUSIC

Prep / Year 1 students had a fantastic music lesson where they sang along to 'Roar' by Katy Perry. Several students knew the words and everybody joined in - they all did a great job!



Students also had a turn at playing the traditional African djembe drums, learning how to treat the instruments in the Music Room with care and showing enthusiasm for developing their skills of keeping in time with the music.



SNOW PROGRAM PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Monday 17th March 7pm in the Bright P-12 College Library

New families to the College or those session.

We offer two snow programs.

Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST)

This program is run through the Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) for students in Prep–Year 10. This year the program will involve 10 days of downhill skiing or snowboarding (depending on program numbers). The program will consist of five midweek days and five weekend days. Students MUST travel to and from Mount Hotham in private cars with their parents. Each day's program involves students skiing or snowboarding with their parents in the morning and then participating in a lesson. Parent participation in the program is compulsory.

Go To The Snow

The Go to the Snow program is an opportunity for students in Years 3-10 to be involved in learning or further developing skiing/snowboarding skills. Students have the opportunity to head up to the snow either two or five times in term three. The program is run as a school excursion and as a result, all students involved in this program must leave and arrive on the bus with teaching staff and parent volunteers. Parent participation in the program is not compulsory but we do require volunteers each week.

Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 Outdoor Education students took part in kayak training sessions on the Ovens River in preparation for their overnight kayak trip to Eildon. Whilst on the Ovens River, students learnt stroke technique and river safety skills.



Yr 7 WOODWORK

I really enjoy teaching Year 7 Woodwork and the energy that comes with all the new faces and personalities. This year, things are a little different, thanks to Wayne. Wayne has spent time with the students in Years 5 and 6, making door knockers and wooden boats. As a result, when the students arrive in the workshop for Year 7, they have a solid foundation to build upon—which is fantastic. Thanks, Wayne!

From there, we build on their skills by making a pencil box with a sliding lid and a wooden mallet. I enjoy encouraging students to think outside the box, especially when it comes to designing unique and innovative lid shapes. The challenge is to come up with a design I've never seen before! This year, we've also introduced some life skills around money and saving. Students try to guess how much cash they could fit into their pencil box, the answer is surprising! A staggering \$121,000. So, that's \$9 a day from now until they are 50. A simple pencil box made in Year 7 can become so much more with some discipline and creative thinking. ByMr Jackson



SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP

Sophie Gillham, a Year 11 Bright P-12 College student is part of a new wave of agricultural trainees, young individuals eager to bridge the gap between modern knowledge and traditional farming wisdom by commencing her Head Start School Based Traineeship. As the sun rises over the rolling pastures of Alpine Angus, Sophie pulls on her boots and steps into another day of hands-on learning. She's not just working in a prestigious family's cattle business—she's building her future by studying Certificate III in Agriculture.

Sophie has a great work ethic and is motivated to have a long-term career in the agriculture sector. She is looking forward to the balance between the workplace, her school studies, and the Wodonga TAFE requirements for her qualification.

"We look forward to supporting Sophie as she progresses with her SBAT and school studies" said Head Start SBAT Coordinator Shane Crispin. "Well done to Sophie, her family, the Bright P-12 College Careers staff, Apprenticeship Support Australia Industry Training Consultant Danny, Chris & Jim, and the Alpine Angus team."



Bright P-12 College student Wilden Murray is taking the big step into the ever-evolving world of technology in the role of a Head Start SBAT IT trainee with the worldly knowledgeable Bruce Hore at GRC Matters who has provided this crucial stepping stone for Wilden to embrace his aspirations to build a career in the information technology industry. IT traineeships like this provide hands-on experience, technical knowledge, and professional skills that prepare individuals for various roles in the tech sector.

An IT traineeship is an excellent way for aspiring tech professionals to gain valuable experience and establish themselves in the competitive IT sector. With dedication, continuous learning and hands-on practice, IT trainees can



transition into full-fledged IT specialists, software developers, network engineers, or cybersecurity professionals. Investing time and effort in a traineeship can lay the foundation for a rewarding and dynamic career in the field of information technology.

Wilden has the drive to be successful in this pursuit with a dedicated family, strong support from school staff, mentoring from Danny from Apprenticeship Support Australia, Shane Crispin Head Start Coordinator and the expert training team at Integrity Business College who will oversee his Certificate 4 Information Technology. Congratulations Wilden.

3x BASKETBALL VICTORIA SCHOOLS CUP

Our students played 9 x 12min games (Division 2) across the day at Nunawading Stadium, only losing 1 game in the first round of three games to the number one side from Essendon. They went on to beat this team in the semi final and play off against the Strong Box Hill Secondary College team in the Grand Final.

The Grand Final score was Bright 18 Box Hill 8, which mean the team has now qualified for the State Final to be played at the State basketball Centre on the 30th April.

Good luck boys!

Yr 9 ART

This term the Year 9 Visual Art students are full of creative energy, eagerly exploring and expressing themselves through their artwork. With a keen interest they are refining their painting skills and techniques and further developing their own unique styles. Their passion for creativity shines through in the impressive works they are producing.



O&M SWIMMING CARNIVALS

The O&M Swimming Carnivals were held on the 24th and 26th of February. The Secondary team, a small group of 6 students travelled to the waves pool in Wodonga. The Primary team of 16 students travelled to the YMCA pool in Wangaratta.

All students competed in at least one individual event each and the majority were able to be part of a relay teams as well.

The Primary students all gave every race their absolute best, with some stepping outside their comfort zones by swimming in the 50M butterfly for the very first time, we as a school are super proud of them all. Unfortunately, this year we don't have any Primary school students heading on to Hume Region.

The small group of Secondary students also pushed their limits at the carnival competing against some quality swimmers from other schools. Our highlight for the Secondary carnival was Tasmyn C qualifying for Hume region this month. We wish her the best in all of her events.



Yr 5/6 ART

Year 5 and 6 students are working on a 3D streetscape project. Working in pairs, they designed and are currently building a detailed street scene from cardboard. Each pair decided where their street was set - either make-believe or real, and if it was set in the past, present or future. Props, architecture, and various materials help each street tell a unique story!



VCE PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

***** Year 7-12 parent VCE information session - Wed 19/3 @ 6pm in the school library *****

Parents/carers are invited to an information session on all aspects of the VCE with Careers Practitioner /Teacher Jane Mildren. The presentation will be held in the College Library and go for 45 minutes, followed by questions.

The presentation will include information on:

- understanding the VCE
- understanding the VCE Vocational Major (VM)
- a brief overview of ATAR & Study Scores
- CHES opportunities (Centre of Higher Education Studies)
- VET (Vocational Education and Training)
- SBATs (School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships)

If you are interested in learning about the current and future pathways available for your child at Year 10, 11 and 12, then please attend this important session.

Senior secondary education in Victoria now gives our students greater pathways and choices to explore their world of passions and talents. It's all about having the flexibility to choose the right pathway for each individual, opening post-school opportunities and careers in Australia's most in-demand industries.

Please note: this session will not be covering subject selection options for 2026 and processes. There will be further information sessions, support provided and course counselling in Term 2 & 3 that will cover this in detail. To help gauge numbers for the evening please respond via email if you plan to attend. Thank you!

Mel Worth - Teaching & Learning leader; Jane Mildren - Careers Teacher/Practitioner

BRIGHT FOOD COOP

One of the members of the Bright Food Coop has found a great recipe for delicious no-knead bread and they wanted to share it with the school community. This bread is gluten-free and nut-free, so it's great for school lunches. It's also vegan and all the ingredients are available from the Coop. Check out the recipe here:

<https://elavegan.com/oatmeal-seed-bread/>

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2025 ALLAN J FINDLAY MEMORIAL BURSARY



Once again, applications are open for the Allan J Findlay Memorial Bursary, proudly established by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Bright.

Allan J Findlay, better known as Big Al, was well known for the support he gave to many organisations and individuals, for connecting with folk of all ages and backgrounds, and for making a huge difference in the lives of so many. He was a genuine friend to all who had the good fortune to have encountered him until his untimely death in 2019 at the age of 63.

In recognition of Al's life and generous contributions to his community, his relentless efforts to support and mentor, and his unwavering dedication to assist anyone in need, this Bursary has been established primarily to assist young people in continuing Al's philosophy of selfless community contribution, and to assist them to fulfill their aspirations of giving back to their community. It is also a fitting way to remember Allan – the epitome of "friend" and also of "volunteer".

The Bursary application process is open to students in Years 9 to 12 levels, residing in the Alpine Shire – this includes young people who school out of the area, are home-schooled, or are no longer school-based. Young people who are helping to make the world a better place are ideal candidates for this Bursary. A total bursary of \$2000 will be made annually (by the Lions and Rotary Clubs of Bright) to support a young person with financial assistance to reach their goals and/or further their studies, expand their networks to reach out and connect with others in their area of commitment and/or concern.

Applications for 2025 will be accepted from 10/3/2025 until close of business 11/4/2025.

Visit the Bright Lions Club website for more information. Download the application form and once completed, email to admin@brightlions.org.au or send by mail to Attention: AJF Bursary, Bright Lions Club, PO Box 100, Bright, 3741.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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<https://www.alpineshire.vic.gov.au/about-us/careers/current-vacancies/school-crossing-supervisor-bright>

For any queries, contact Toby Seymour, Facilities Officer on (03) 5755 0555

BORDER UMPIRES GROUP

- Australian Rules umpires in all 3 disciplines (field/boundary/goal) are required for the coming 2025 season
- The BUG trains in Albury at Noreuil Park on a Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm, and at the same time in Wangaratta at Barr Reserve
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COME & PLAY

REGISTER NOW - COMMENCES WED 30 APRIL

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

JUNIOR DOMESTIC COMPETITION

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This competition is for girls & boys in Grade 3+ & above.
Cost: \$100 (includes \$70 VNA Insurance)

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 10 APRIL 2025

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REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

SENIOR NIGHT NETBALL

Commencing Tuesday 29th April @ Myrtleford Indoor Sports Stadium
Please view the 2-page form for competition details & eligibility
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