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Issue 13

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

CRICKET VICTORIA INCURSION



Year 2 - 5 students were lucky enough to have the expertise of a member of Cricket Victoria and our local cricket club (Ovens Valley United) take them through some skill-based games for cricket. All students thoroughly enjoyed the chance to do some throwing, catching and batting across their 50-minute session. For more photos, see page 8.

Thanks to Nick and Brian for hosting a great day. If anyone is interested in having their child play cricket please reach out to Brian - ovucc.mail@gmail.com

NATIONAL KITCHEN GARDEN AWARDS

We are excited to announce that we have been selected as a top 3 finalist (in our category of 'Sustainable Solutions', with 517 entries) in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Awards for 2025. This is an Australia-wide award recognising our efforts in sustainable gardening and education.

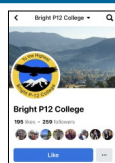
Please collectively cross your fingers and hope for a successful outcome on Tuesday 16 September when the winners will be announced.

The prize is \$5,000 towards our program and membership benefits.

Well done to everyone who has contributed to the garden program. Our staff and students have taken time to immerse themselves in our garden and we are all reaping the rewards.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Thank you for your understanding and support during the unusual circumstances occurring in the last two weeks. Your patience and encouragement made a real difference.

We are grateful for the partnership we share with you and look forward to a positive end to Term 3.

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage all families to participate. Our school will use the survey results to

help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. To complete the survey, please see Compass email sent on 18 August. The Survey is open until Friday 19th September 2025.

This week, we're holding our parent/student/teacher interviews, and we warmly encourage all families to take part. These conferences are a valuable opportunity to come together in support of your child's learning. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to ensure every child has the best opportunity to learn and grow through a strong focus on learning and wellbeing.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

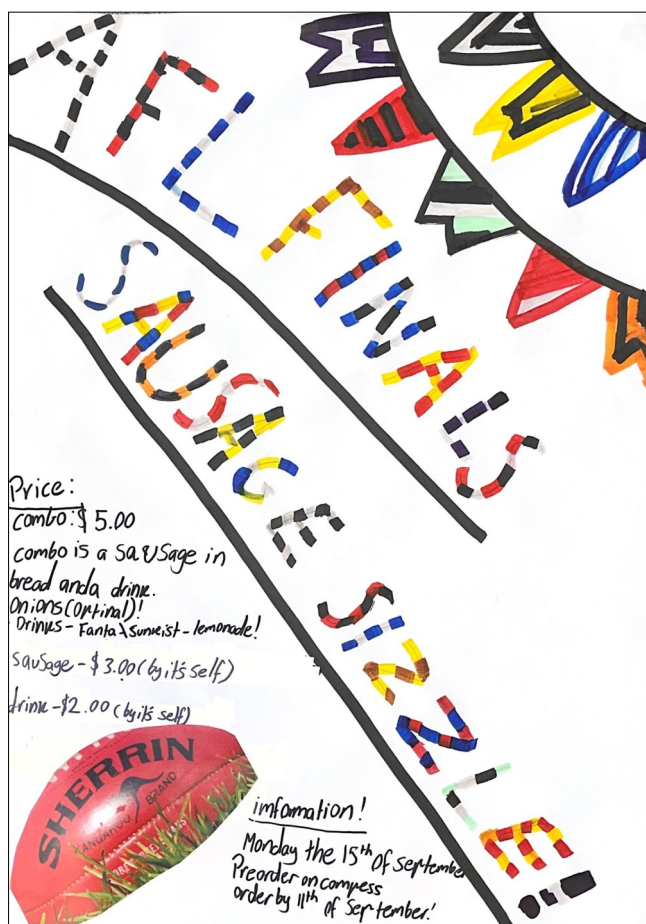
28 JUL-19 SEP	Yr 9 Dinner Plain Leadership School
10 SEP	Secondary Interschool Debating excursion, Myrtleford
11 SEP	Primary RU OK Disco
11 SEP	Parent/teacher/student conferences
12 SEP	Secondary excursion to Puckapunyal
15 SEP	AFL-themed sausage sizzle & dress up
16 SEP	Yr 7&8 O&M Sport
16 SEP	2:30-4pm Yr 5/6 Passion Project Expo
17 SEP	Yr 5/6 State Mixed Netball Championships
18 SEP	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport
19 SEP	12pm Celebration of Success assembly, Bright Community College

19 SEP Last Day Term 3 - school ends 2:30pm

OCTOBER

6 OCT Term 4 starts

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 5 December



Yr 10 ART



Our Year 10 Visual Art students are currently developing their own original paintings, drawing inspiration from the vibrant and contemporary style of contemporary French street artist Jisbar.

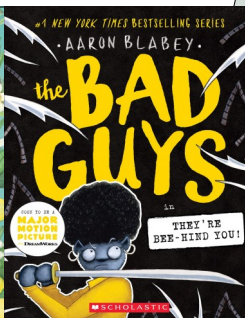
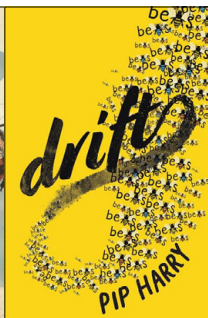
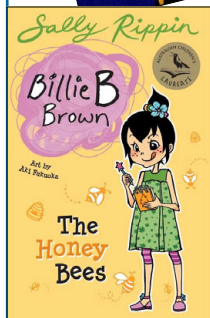
We're looking forward to seeing the results of their creativity in their completed works.



LIBRARY UPDATE

Our library has been a hive of activity! So far this term, we have loaned 1,790 books to students & staff (6,581 so far this year). We've hosted an author talk by Sarah Allen; welcomed our Parents & Friends who ran the Father's Day sale; presented to parents and students at several Information Evenings; and provided a space for students to study online courses of Astrophysics and Sustainable Technology with ESV (Emerging Sciences Victoria). We have also enjoyed playing board games and mindful colouring, where the library is a calm lunchtime option for students.

Our new bee-themed Spring display has been enticing students to borrow a bee-related book.



SUSTAINABILITY - PREP/Yr 1

Prep and Year 1 students visited the College Garden recently to check up on the progress of the broad beans that they planted in Term 2, and to sample some fresh veggies. It was a beautiful winters day, and there was a lot of excitement as the students went into the greenhouse and saw the early germination of our spring and summer crops. Our snow pea experiment has resulted in early snow peas in the green house which the students enjoyed. Snap dragons were in full colour, and the students enjoyed sniffing at their sweet scent. The fresh lettuce and baby carrots were a hit, with students happily munching anything on offer. I think we made a large dint in their vitamin and mineral dietary needs for the day! The broad beans were in flower and will set fruit any day now. We look forward to harvesting them in early Term 4.



VICTORIAN JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION

On 31 August, a number of Bright P-12 College students who had placed in the NE Regional Japanese Speech Competition travelled to Melbourne to contest the State Japanese Speech Competition run by the Japanese Language Teachers of Victoria. Students gave their own speeches, and the Years 5,6 and 8 students had to also recite a set speech. Students performed to a very high standard and were all commended for their performances. Special thanks to Keiko - Sensei and Kumi - San for all the rehearsals and help with preparations.

Students who participated: Arlo H, Yu Rou C, Kokoda DM, Zoe R, Alaska G, Reed S, Elsie F, Addison D, Emerson M, Sophie J-B, Hayley G, Agnes M.



SECONDARY O&M ATHLETICS

24 students headed to the O&M Athletics with over half (14) qualifying for events at the Hume event next term. The students all did an amazing job of representing our school during events as well helping with the running of the day.

Highlights - first place: boys Under 16 relay; boys Under 20 relay; Mason A (javelin & shot put); Gabe B (800m); Oliver G (triple jump); Ewan L (800m); Lexi M (long jump, discus); Bodie McC (800m); Seth M (long jump, triple jump); Fraser S (discus, triple jump); Harper W (200m)

Plus: Fraser S (16 boys) and Lexi M (20 girls) age group champions

A very successful day!



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS

In the past few weeks, we've hosted a visit from Independent Federal member for Indi Dr Helen Haines; enjoyed Book Week dress-up day; learnt about our local mountains by studying contours; had fun on our cross-country skis; enjoyed several art projects and read books from the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) 2025 shortlisted books.

As the term is nearly over, we've reflected on what a privilege it is to live, work, learn and educate in the Hotham/Dinner Plain community. Thank you to everyone who has supported our unique and fantastic school.



BRIGHT LIONS CLUB Yr 12 LUNCH

The Bright Lions Club treated the current Bright P-12 College Year 12 cohort to a celebratory sushi lunch prepared by Tingting and the talented Katsu team, with hot chips from Bright Takeaway a welcome accompaniment.

This has become an annual event following the inaugural luncheon held in the midst of the Covid pandemic, which was instigated to remind the students that the community recognised their incredible efforts to push through such trying times, and were there to celebrate and support them. The large current Year 12 cohort were congratulated by Lions Club representatives (Jenni and Stephen) on reaching their final year of schooling, and wishing them well for their future endeavours.



SUSTAINABILITY - Yr 5



Year 5 students ventured out to the garden on a beautiful winter's day to assist in the propagation of spring and summer vegetables. They filled their pots with soil and planted beans, pumpkin, zucchini, tomatoes, watermelon, capsicum, chilli and cucumber seeds. Pots were labelled with the date and the variety; students also added their initials so that they could follow their progress.

We expect germination in 7 to 12 days, with planting out to occur in Term 4. Once the pots were in the greenhouse, the misting system was turned on resulting in irrigated pots and students!



GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION

We wish to congratulate and celebrate students who participated in the Regional Finals of the AGTV (Association of German Teachers of Victoria) German Poetry recital competition. Our students competed against students from Cathedral College. Students were required to practise and memorise a set German poem by heart. They recited their poem with accurate pronunciation, fluency and demonstrated some interpretation of the poem. This required additional practice done at home and during lunchtimes. Yannick, our German language assistant, supported students with their preparations and worked as a judge on the day.

Congratulations to the following students:

Year 6 – Participation award: Erica B, Zoe C, Law Ya S

Year 7 – 3rd Place – Harvey D

Participation award: Maisy C

Year 8 – 3rd Place – Claudia C

Participation award: Sienna J, Tom B, Stephanie A



Yr 10 FORENSIC SCIENCE

In Forensic Science, we refreshed our microscopy skills by analysing an unknown thread sample 'from a crime scene' and comparing it to a collection of known fabrics to determine its origin. We practiced preparing a wet mount slide, using the coarse focus to locate the sample, and then fine-tuning with higher magnification for closer analysis.



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Yr 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

The Year 10 Outdoor Education class headed off for our Alpine Hike to the Cathedral Ranges. We were expecting substantial rain and cold temperatures, so were pleasantly surprised to begin the hike needing to de-layer jumpers and jackets in the warm temperatures. Early in the hike, we climbed significant elevation to reach a saddle between two mountains, where we paused as a brief hail storm rolled through. From there, the worst weather cleared and we were able to continue along the rocky and technical ridge line of Cathedral Peak. Day 2 saw us descend back to the valley for a cruisy stroll along the river bushland before packing up and making our way home again.



ALUMNI

We spoke to Eric English, who graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2012 and is currently teaching Yr 11 Biology, Yr 7 Science, Yr 10 Environmental Science and Yr 10 General Science, at a school in Melbourne.

What did you study at Bright P-12 College?

I started in Year 7 at Bright P-12 College, coming From Wandiligong Primary School. In VCE I did Yr 12 Psychology in 2011 and then Yr 12 Biology (Dux), Physics, English Literature, English and Maths Methods in 2012.

What have you been doing since leaving school?

Straight from school I went to study a Bachelor of Environmental Science (Marine Biology) at Deakin in Warrnambool. From there I worked in several jobs including at:

- An abalone farm
- A couple of Green Army projects (a government environmental initiative for young people)
- Parks Victoria in Mount Beauty, on the Hawkweed Project
- An 'environmental services' company in Melbourne that did several things including weed control, bushland management, planting plants, cutting grass and general council maintenance

In 2020 I decided to start studying teaching. I graduated from Deakin with a Master of Teaching in 2021 and have since been working at 2 schools in Melbourne as a Science Teacher including VCE Biology.

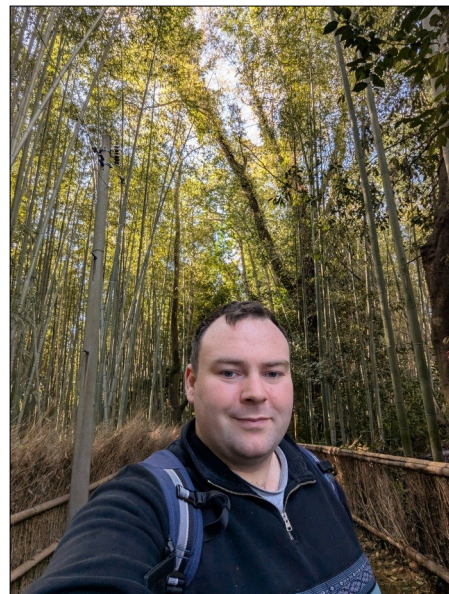
What inspired you to follow your current career?

After working several jobs roughly in the field of Environmental Science, I wanted a career change and I wanted to use and pass on the knowledge that I had learnt at school and University, as well as in the workplace. The master's degree was tough after 5 years of not doing academic writing, but I persisted.

Any advice for students at our school?

Find things you like to do and practice and improve them. You will be learning without realising it.

In school, work smart as well as hard. School isn't everything, but it can help you get to where you want to be and it teaches you important things that may be taken for granted that are used every day outside of school.



NEW SOCCER GEAR



Thanks to the generous donations from families across the school, the sports department has been able to add to these playing uniforms for the Primary school.

We have purchased new soccer tops, shin guards and keeper gloves for our students to enjoy.



WELLBEING STUDENT PLACEMENT

My name is Karla; I am very excited to be completing my student placement with Bright P-12 College.

I am in the final few months of completing my bachelor's degree for Social Work with Charles Sturt University. For the next 3 months, I will be part of the wellbeing team, learning all I can and offering my support.

My role outside of placement is working as a Family Violence practitioner with the Orange Door, supporting people who are experiencing family violence or who need support with the wellbeing of children and young people.

I live locally, with my young family. We moved from Sydney 4 years ago to be closer to family and to be closer to the mountains in the winter. When I am not working or studying, I enjoy being outdoors, seeing everything this beautiful region has to offer, and enjoying a coffee out and about.

If you see me wandering around, please come say hi!



GOTAFE INTERVIEW



We spoke to Kel Vincent, who works in Youth Engagement at GOTAFE in Wangaratta, and asked him some questions about his role. Kel visits Bright P-12 College and works 1:1 with some of our students to discuss pathways and opportunities post school.

Can you tell us a little about your role at GoTafe? I have been working within the Skills and Jobs Centre at GOTAFE for over 7 years and before that I worked at GOTAFE as a trainer and assessor in Building and Construction for over 12 years. My current role as a qualified careers practitioner enables me to assist with pathway guidance and advice for senior secondary school students, families and schools.

How do you work with schools and students in the North East? I work with a catchment of schools from Wangaratta to Benalla to Yarrawonga and the Alpine area. I visit schools and work directly with their careers/pathways

teams and their students upon referral. This may be one on one support or more broad group talks and presentations. I am also available to meet directly with students and their parent/carer on-site at GOTAFE Wangaratta for careers services.

What can VET offer students considering their pathway after school? Students accessing VET through either the VDSS program or SBAT's can gain meaningful exposure and access to formal training through certificate level qualifications. This not only helps them make informed decisions about post-school pathways but can also enhance their opportunities for employment and/or further study.

Is there anything new or emerging happening in VET that we can share with students and their families? VET is always evolving with a focus on current industry trends like green energy or demands in the health sector. Trades are a constant and often gain significant attention due to industry needs for a growing skilled workforce. Whilst we do see a lot of attention on the likes of carpentry, plumbing and electrical, its good to inform students that there is a multitude of other trades within that sector that are on the lookout for apprentices/trainees. For example, glass and glazing, concreting, cabinet making etc.

Anything else you would like to share? The information and discussions that take place when students are planning their 'next steps' from secondary school can be at times confusing and a little overwhelming, this includes for parents/carers. Working within the Skills and Jobs Centre enables us to assist families, students and schools with impartial guidance and assistance relative to not just TAFE options, but also University, employment and workforce opportunities.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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- MYRTLEFORD LIBRARY WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 3-5PM.
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65% of adolescents do not seek help.

1 in 5 adults will experience mental illness.

About the program

TRP is committed to teaching positive mental health strategies to prevent mental ill health and build young people's capacity to deal with adversity.

We're proud to be implementing TRP's evidence-based whole school wellbeing program to support positive mental health in the classroom, staffroom and wider community.

Students will engage in weekly lessons to understand and strengthen their practice of **Gratitude, Empathy, Mindfulness and Emotional Literacy**, with regular opportunity for parent/carer involvement.

Get involved with TRP@HOME

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to find activities and resources to implement the GEM-EL principles at home.

Evidence-based

TRP's School Partnership Program has been independently evaluated by [The University of Adelaide](#) and [The University of Melbourne](#).

Scan the QR code to learn more about how the program is significantly lowering the risk of mental illness.

the imperfects

The imperfects is hosted by Hugh van Cuylenburg, Ryan Shelton and Josh van Cuylenburg. celebrates just how imperfectly perfect we all are. Together, they chat to a variety of people who bravely share their struggles and imperfections alongside valuable learnings we can apply to our own lives and use to support the teachings of TRP in the classroom. Guests include Nathan Buckley, Grace Tame, Jack Steele, Zan Rowe, Michael Kim, Billy Slater, Lee Stone, Pat Cummins, Tim Minchin and many more.

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Our CALD Early Years Officer works directly with families and local service providers to support inclusion and ongoing participation in education.

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- Connect with other early childhood supports
- Support families to transition from Kindergarten to Primary School

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10AM START

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH STRATING @ 10AM

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