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Issue 11

# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

## CANTEEN UPDATE

Students have been enjoying delicious fresh home-made hot lunches thanks to our Canteen Manager Christian.



Pasta Of The Day is a firm favourite, as are toasted sandwiches. Vegetarian and vegan options are always available and our Canteen is nut free.  
Parents / carers can pre-order through Compass for Primary students. Secondary students arrange payment through the office.



## NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

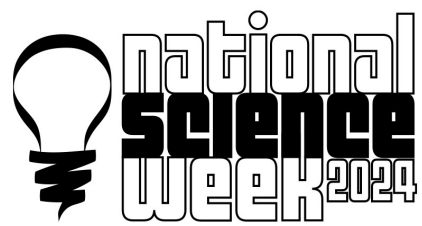
To celebrate National Science Week (10-18 August), we'll be holding Daily Quizzes & Jokes for students in Prep to Year 12 at school.

We're also hosting a Science Quiz on Wednesday 14th August 2024 at 1pm in the school Library.

Students in Years 5-12 can enter a team of 3-5 students to try and beat the teachers at a Science Quiz.

Different categories and knowledge of science/tv/film/music is an asset.

Student sign up in the school library.



**SCIENCE QUIZ**

During National Science week

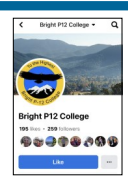
Join us in the library

Wednesday 14th August 2024 1pm

Are you ready to beat the teachers?  
Enter as a team of 3-5 students  
Multi-year level is great, open for years 5-12  
Sign up in the library



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## Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Students are in the process of arranging their subject selections for Years 9-12 in 2025. At Bright P-12 College we are committed to providing comprehensive guidance to both students and parents throughout this journey of choosing suitable subjects for the senior years. To support this, we have organised a series of Information Nights, year-level assemblies, taster sessions, and career guidance sessions.

We have a strong focus on careers at Bright P-12 College, supported by an exceptional team of staff - Jane Mildren, Chris Blazek and Michelle Porter, who have built a highly successful Career program. Career guidance is crucial for our students to make informed decisions about their futures that align their subject choices with their interests, strengths and passions, and prepare them for jobs of the future. It also provides them with the tools and knowledge to explore various career paths, understand the qualifications required, and set realistic and achievable goals. Please reach out if you have any questions.

I am thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our music program here at Bright P-12 College. We competed at the Albury Eisteddfod and produced some amazing results up against strong competition. See pages 4 and 7 for the details.

## HOMework CLUB

Secondary students, this is a reminder that Homework Club is happening throughout this Term. Every Tuesday, 3:30 - 4:30pm in Room 15/16. It's a great opportunity to get homework done before heading home. Teachers are available if you have any questions about your school work.

BYO mug for hot milo.

Keep Australia Beautiful Week (5 - 11 August) has an anti-litter theme: "When You're Out and About, Leave Only Your Footprints." KAB Week aims to raise awareness around the biodiversity impacts from litter in Australia while engaging, challenging and inspiring the community to adopt long-term behavioural changes that extend beyond this special week. Our Year 6 students have adopted Bakers Gully Creek. We are cleaning up rubbish, measuring the water quality and looking at ways we can stop rubbish coming in from the school drains. Please help us by putting your rubbish in the bin, picking up rubbish and reducing your food packaging choices.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### AUGUST

7 AUG	North East Health Forum
8 AUG	Primary House Athletics Carnival
9 AUG	Secondary House Athletics Carnival
11 AUG	Victorian Japanese Speech Competition, Melbourne
13 AUG	Yr 2-4 Cricket Clinics
13-21 AUG	Yr 5/6 Somers Outdoor Leadership Camp
14-16 AUG	Yr 10 & 12 Outdoor Ed Caving Trip, Wee Jasper
15 AUG	Hands On Trades & Careers Expo
15 AUG	6:30pm Yr 5-12 Music Soiree, Bright Community Centre
16 AUG	6:30pm Prep-Yr 4 Music Soiree, Bright Community Centre
20 AUG	Book Week parade
23 AUG	Wodonga TAFE School Experience Day

**NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 6 September**

# BRIGHT COLLEGE SNOWSPORTS TEAM

The Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) is well underway for season 2024, with 84 keen students representing on the slopes of Mount Hotham. BCST is an integral part of the local winter community. Designed as a 10 session ski and snowboard training program, BCST brings together pupils from Bright, Porepunkah, Wandiligong and Dinner Plain. The spirit of cooperation and camaraderie is outshone only by the joys of students enjoying the snow with their mates. Taking all from groms to shredders, the team will build the skills of our talented members - many going on to represent Bright P-12 College at the upcoming Interschools Championships. Look for the wash of blue BCST jackets as they take over the mountain on program days!



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Year 6 student Maisy C performed at the Albury / Wodonga Eisteddfod recently.

Maisy played three pieces in the Silver solo piano sections and she played them beautifully, winning a bronze medal and a highly commended.

Congratulations, Maisy!



# Yr 11 BIOLOGY

## Unit 1 Biology rat dissection

As part of their study of different body systems, students dissected a rat to explore its digestive system. They were particularly fascinated with the length of the small intestines!



## CONCERT BAND NEWS

On the 31st of July students in the Bright P-12 College 'Concert Band' competed in the Albury/Wodonga Eisteddfod.

They played two pieces 'Beethoven's 9th' and a selection of popular songs called 'Popular Riffs'. The students played very well on the day and represented the school well. The crowd particularly enjoyed their second piece and were humming and tapping their feet along to the performance.

Congratulations to the students involved! They were awarded a 'Highly Commended' ribbon for their performance.



## VCE/VM - SUSTAINABILITY

Our school garden bed project group, comprising Luke, Sonny, Jayden, Billy, Henry and Ryley, has been diligently working to create sustainable and eco-friendly garden beds. We've embraced a hands-on approach, using organic materials and recycled items to ensure our project is kind to the environment. From repurposing old wooden pallets, recycling fence materials kindly donated by Bright Mini-Golf to incorporating mulch from local arborists, each step reflects our commitment to reducing waste and promoting environmental stewardship. Our collaborative efforts not only aim to beautify the school grounds but also to foster a deeper appreciation for nature and sustainable practices among students and the community.



## Yr 9 ENGLISH

In Year 9 English, students are part-way through their study of Shakespeare's iconic play *Romeo and Juliet*. So far, students have been eager to engage with some pretty tricky Shakespearean language and come to terms with themes that apply just as much in the 16th century as today.

9B were treated to a special guest appearance from Friar Lawrence, who gave a jumbled warning about the dangerous nature of young love and impulse before giving his full consent marry the two eponymous and fiery adolescents. Thanks to Charlie for playing the role with gusto and fearlessly tackling one of the longer soliloquys in the play.



## PREPS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Friday the 2nd of August our Prep students celebrated their 100th day of school. Students dressed up as 100 year old people which created much excitement for our day. They had a fun filled day full of different activities all around the number 100. Students reflected on what they have learnt in their 100 days of school in a writing piece, played maths games around the number 100, made special crowns and decorated biscuits with the number 100.



## ADF INCURSION

On Thursday 18th July, a group of Year 9 to 12 students learnt about career opportunities and pathways with the Australian Defence Force (ADF). The talk was given by two ADF members, who shared their stories of the ADF and spoke about entry requirements and different careers within the defence force. Students asked engaging intelligent questions, well done. The talk was part of a suite of opportunities students can elect to participate in when exploring future study, work and training options. Topics covered included:

- Roles available in all services across the Australian Defence Force
- Salaries, benefits, and lifestyle
- Entry requirements, including academic standards
- Options for sponsored university degrees and the higher education options available with Defence through the Australian Defence Force Academy (degree from University of New South Wales)
- What a Defence Gap Year can offer



## Yr 9 SCIENCE

This Term, students in Year 9 have been studying human responses. This includes examining the central and peripheral nervous systems. During this topic, the students have had the opportunity to dissect a lamb's brain. Students were able to identify the main lobes of the brain and even find the pituitary gland.



## GO TO THE SNOW

Our Go To The Snow program (GTTS) is currently in progress again at Falls Creek. Students have been enjoying working on their skiing and snowboarding skills during their group lessons while having fun with their friends. Thank you to the Falls Creek instructors, parent volunteers and Bright P-12 College staff who make this program possible.



## P-2 & 3-6 CHOIRS

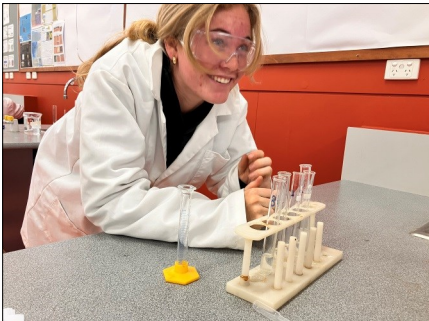
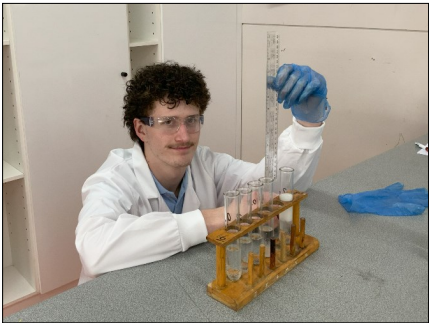
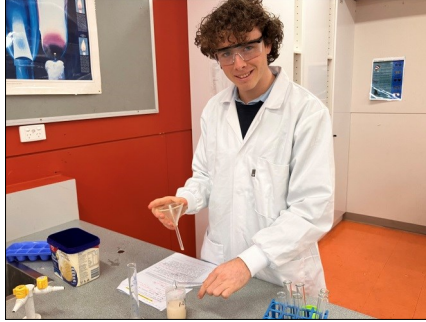


On Thursday last week, students in our Prep-Year 2 Choir and Year 3-6 Choir travelled to Albury to perform at the Albury / Wodonga Eisteddfod. Both groups did a great job. The P-2 Choir came in first in their section and the Yr 3-6 Choir came third. Congratulations to all students involved!



## Yr 12 BIOLOGY

**Unit 3&4 Biology Student Designed Experiments.** As part of Unit 4 Area of Study 3, students designed their own experiment to investigate a factor affecting the activity of an enzyme. Specifically, students investigated the action of the catalase enzyme in breaking down hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide is a toxic by-product of metabolic reactions in many organisms that use oxygen, and the catalase enzyme breaks this toxic substance down into harmless water and oxygen. Students investigated catalase activity in yeast, celery, carrot, potato and beef liver. They selected different independent variables to manipulate, including temperature, pH, enzyme concentration and substrate concentration.



## DINNER PLAIN UPDATE

Hello from Dinner Plain! All classes have been immersed in an enriching exploration of the Paris Olympics. This thematic unit has been educational and engaging, offering our students a comprehensive understanding of this historic event while fostering teamwork, creativity, and global awareness. We are exploring themes including Exploring Olympic History; Discovering Paris; Australian Athletes and Uniforms; Following Events and Medal Tallies; Mini Dinner Plain Olympic Games.





## Yr 9 & 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our Yr 9 and 10 Outdoor Education students have been participating in a series of preparation activities ahead of their cross country ski days at Falls Creek. Roller skiing is a great way to develop skills in cross country skiing. This was challenging for all students but they all did well learning the skills required.



## NAIDOC WEEK

This year, we celebrated NAIDOC in the first two weeks of Term 3. From Prep to Year 12, students engaged in myriad different activities, including reading, storytelling, art and movies.

On Friday 26th July, we held a collaborative art session for students across the school. The design for the art piece was based on this year's theme 'Keep the fire burning! Blak, loud and proud'. To create this, we used our painted hands to create the image of a growing flame. The upper Primary students then wrote the theme across the piece. Whilst this took place, we were listening to the NAIDOC 2024 playlist and discussing the artists' varied songs. It was a fantastic learning experience where students worked collaboratively and respectfully. Overall, the school-wide activities supported the children's awareness and understanding about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and history.

Also, students in Years 7-9 Japanese decorated the 'fire' kanji using Aboriginal flag colours and symbols to share their creative energy in support of NAIDOC Week. These collaborative words are on display in our school library.



## Yr 10 CAMP

Year 10 Camp always goes to Melbourne for a city experience, this is also the last year level camp for these seniors in high school. We had a great camp! Students went Ice Skating, to the old Melbourne Gaol, toured the MCG and went out for a fancy dinner at William Angliss. We also completed the TAC Drive to Survive program at the Melbourne Museum. Students got to create ads in the studio and trial the VR experiences in the program. Lastly, students visited the Salvation Army and dropped off the incredibly generous donations for the homeless as well as see what the Salvation Army does to help Melbourne's Homeless Youth.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**2024**  
TAFE VICTORIA

## OPEN DAY

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Entrants must be women or non-binary, in Grades 10-12 in 2024. You must be from a rural or remote area - check our website for more details

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# SINGING LESSONS!

## TERM 3 LESSONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Half hour lessons \$30  
Hourly lessons \$50

- Lessons are online via Zoom or Google Meet
- Focussing on pitch, breathing, vocal tricks & performing!
- All ages welcome

**BOOK NOW**

Claire: 0481387127

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## Ski De Femme

Saturday August 10th 2024  
A community cross-country event for women at Falls Creek

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12pm 1km, 2km and 3km races

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CONTACT: Ronice Goebel 0409 332 642 or secretary@birkebeiner.org.au

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Every Friday from 10am
- A range of school holiday activities for all ages to enjoy!**

Keep an eye on **Alpine Shire Council's Facebook page** for updates and news on upcoming events at the **Bright Library!**




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