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Issue 14

# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

## NATIONAL HEALTH & PE DAY

We celebrated National HPE Day but we didn't limit ourselves to just a day! We put together a few different activities across the week. In Secondary assembly Ms Worth highlighted the importance of advocating for HPE in schools and maintaining healthy habits and movement in our daily lives.

During Homegroup, students and teachers participated in an Olympics and Paralympics themed quiz on a variety of sports and events. We held a 3 v 3 basketball competition. The sun was shining, and it was an amazing atmosphere with the basketball court alive with activity, the Gaga ball pit action in the background, students kicking the footy on the oval and a soccer match on the top oval.



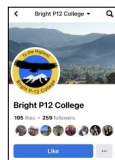
## RU OK DAY

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**RU OK?**

Our Wellbeing team arranged a number of activities, including a disco for students at the end of last week to raise awareness of R U OK Day. Students voted on which songs they wanted to hear and everyone had a lot of fun joining in dancing to their favourite tunes.



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## Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

As I walked around the school at the recent Parent/Teacher/Student conferences last week, I was impressed at how engaged our students are with their learning. The conferences also reinforced for me how committed our staff are to providing the very best for the students in our care. Primary students embraced the new format of student-led meetings and we received overwhelmingly positive feedback from families.

Well done to everyone involved with the Year 11 Formal. The event was a huge success and loads of fun. Students should be very proud of their impeccable conduct. It was wonderful to hear of so many students taking the time to thank our staff for the work that went into organising the event. Thank you also to the parent volunteers.

## DRESS UP & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Dress up theme is AFL finals / favourite sport. Vegetarian and GF options also available. All profits will be going to the Bright P-12 College Sustainability fund. We were fortunate to be granted funds from the Alpine Shire Council to build a greenhouse to support our gardening program. Funds raised on Thursday will go towards our greenhouse fit out, including irrigation, potting benches, growing beds and propagation equipment.



Congratulations to the Bright Under 14's footy team who won the Grand Final. The Bright players have shown incredible commitment, putting in countless hours of training and exemplifying true teamwork throughout the year. We are especially proud that of the 24 players on the team, 18 are current students and 3 are past students of our school.

Wishing everyone a restful break over the school holidays and I look forward to sharing another action-packed term with you in Term 4.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 18 SEP Yr 6 Victorian Space Science Education Centre STEM Workshop
- 19 SEP Dress up day & Sausage Sizzle fundraiser
- 19 SEP Yr 9&10 O&M Sport, Albury/Wodonga
- 19 SEP Whittlesea Tech School excursion
- 20 SEP Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB Day, Beechworth
- 20 SEP Last day of Term 3  
School ends 2:30pm**

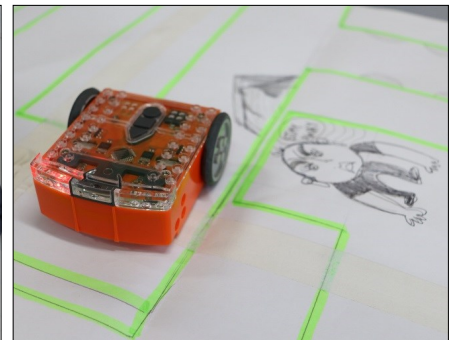
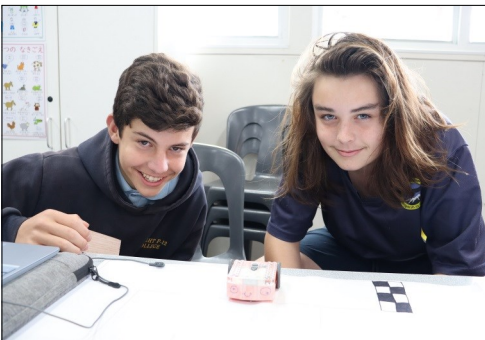
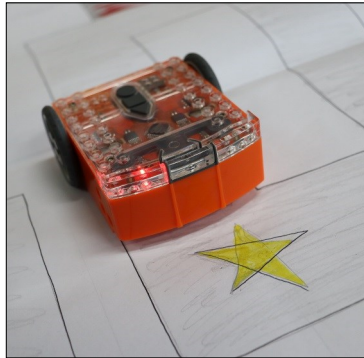
### OCTOBER

- 7 OCT First Day Term 4**
- 7 OCT 7pm Prep 2025 parent information session
- 8 OCT Yr 5/6 Alpine Shire offices excursion
- 8 OCT 5pm Respectful Relationships parent session
- 13 OCT-14 DEC Yr 9 Marlo Leadership School
- 9-11 OCT Yr 5/6 Camp, Canberra

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

## Yr 8 DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

In Year 8 Digital Technologies this term, students gained an understanding of the Python programming language in both computer and robotics contexts. The term concluded with a coding challenge where students programmed their Edison robot to navigate a maze that they had designed.



## SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP

Year 11 student Luke A has started his career journey in automotive by taking up a School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship (SBAT) position at Alpine Auto Repairs after a great work experience placement. Luke will be studying a CERT III in Light Vehicle Automotive Technology at GOTAFE Wangaratta and spending two days per week hands-on in the work place.

An SBAT for Luke means he can further his vocational studies while still completing school, he will also be supported by the Bright P-12 College Careers Team, Shane from HeadStart SBAT and Jess from Busy at Work Apprenticeships, ensuring a strong support structure for SBAT students.

Employer Daniel said it was so good to have a young person of Luke's maturity so interested in the automotive field.

Luke said *"this opportunity provides me with the opportunity to provide for myself in the future and learn great skills along the way."*

We are very proud of Luke for exploring his pathway in a trade. We thank Daniel and the Alpine Auto Repairs team for providing a supportive work place.

For information on how to become involved in an SBAT program, please contact our Careers Team.



## LUKE KENNEDY - GUEST SPEAKER EXCURSION

Recently, our Year 6 to 10 students attended a guest speaker event with Luke Kennedy at the Bright Community Centre.

Luke is Australia's most requested motivational speaker. He specialises in speaking about topics such as resilience/ mental health/self-care/ motivation & inspiration/ reducing fear, anxiety, and stress and much more. His approach to talking to students is through "on the edge of your seat" stories and engaging talks, interactive workshops, and immersive experiences. He inspires students to believe in themselves, build resilience, reduce negative beliefs, unlock their potential, and pursue their dreams fearlessly. His talks & workshops have impacted audiences all across Australia by instilling a growth mindset and equipping students with the tools they need to navigate challenges and seize opportunities.

More info here: <https://www.lukeskenedy.com/>



## WHOOPIING COUGH

The Ovens Murray Public Health Unit (OMPHU) is monitoring a significant increase in Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases in our region this year, particularly among school-aged children. In Victoria and NSW, there have been over 10 times the number of Pertussis cases in 2024 than for the whole of 2023. Children aged 9-12 years account for nearly 40% of all notified cases.

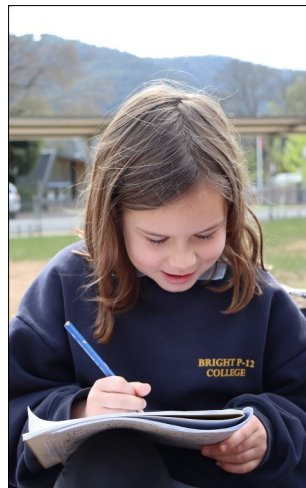
Anyone can get Pertussis. Infants less than 6 months of age are at greatest risk of severe disease, hospitalisation, and death. These infants are too young to be fully immunised. Many infants who get Pertussis catch it from older children and adults who might not even know they are infected.

For more information, read the Fact Sheet on the Ovens Murray Public Health website:

<https://www.awh.org.au/services-departments/ovens-murray-public-health-unit/ovens-murray-public-health-factsheets>

## Yr 2 LITERACY

Year 2 students are learning about Poetry elements and structures. We explored the natural environment using our five senses to incorporate into our poems.



## Yr 12 ALV - MARRUNG LEADERS DAY

On Wednesday 4th September students in the Year 12 Aboriginal Languages of Victoria (ALV) class provided an informative presentation at the regional Marrung Leaders Day.

Each school has a Marrung Leader whose role it is to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrolled at their school as well as all staff and students to assist them in providing an inclusive environment at school that considers Aboriginal perspectives. Natasha Tough is the Marrung Leader at Bright P-12 College.

There were approximately 25 Marrung leaders from different schools within our region in attendance at the regional Marrung Leaders Day. Jody Grimmond, Senior Education Improvement Leader (SEIL) invited our students to present to the group about the VCE Aboriginal Languages of Victoria subject offered at Bright P-12 College. Our school is the only school in the state that offers this subject to students, which makes their learning and experiences quite unique at a VCE level.

Students spoke about the Dhudhuroa language - its history and present state, the history of the subject being taught at Bright P-12 College, some of the assessment tasks they have completed during the course and their personal learning highlights from the course. The Marrung leaders posed several questions, some which were reasonably challenging, however our students responded with confidence and interesting details.



## Yr 9 SCIENCE



Year 9 students have been investigating the types of chemical reactions. They have now begun exploring acid and bases, and how we can test if a substance is one of these by using indicators. There are so many natural indicators in the world, and the students were able to make their own using Red Cabbage and test various everyday substances.

Students then went on to test the same substances using universal indicator and aligning the results to the pH scale.



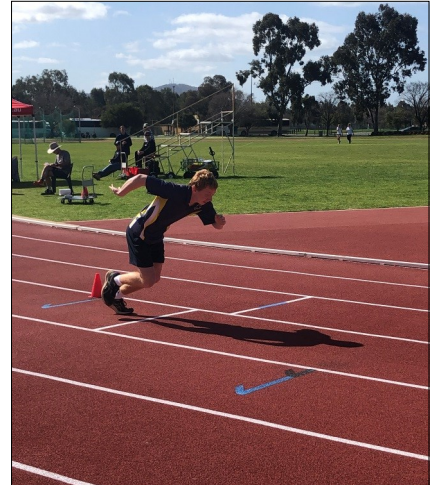
## PREP JAPANESE

Haru – Spring is here!!! We are now in the season of beautiful blossoms all around. The Prep students had a picnic under the blossoms, and they are learning about spring festivals and cherry blossoms in Japan. After listening to the story of the monkey and the crab, the students enjoyed onigiri (rice balls) as a treat – a perfect picnic under the beautiful blossoms!



## OVENS & MURRAY ATHLETICS

A team of Secondary students attended the Ovens Murray athletics competition where they represented Bright P-12 College exceptionally well. School pride was clearly in evidence and our students cheered each other on as they participated in a range of activities.



# PREP ART

Prep students designed windmills using exciting patterns to create visual effects as the colours blended together. They took their creations outside to test their designs in the wind.



## Yr 11 CROQUET

On National HPE day, during their usual PE theory lesson, the Year 11 PE class participated in a Croquet session at the local club. Students had such a great experience with the volunteers in Year 10 they've been keen to have another session all year and so it was only fitting on National HPE Day that we organise a community excursion. Thank you to the volunteers at the Croquet Club for giving up their time to create a positive experience for our students and enjoy the session with them. It was a beautiful morning to be out interacting with our community in such a positive, and slightly competitive way. The Bright Croquet Club are always keen for new members or all ages and abilities, it is such a great social and strategic game to be involved in.



## Yr 12 CAREERS / PATHWAY SUPPORT

The careers team are working alongside our current Year 12 students to support them with their plans post-Secondary school. For students interested in applying for University and Tafe, a series of Victoria Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) information sessions have been held during Term 3, to provide information on how to apply for courses, special consideration and scholarships.

We currently have students exploring courses from Engineering to Veterinary Science and Aviation to Sports Management. Students are applying for courses in Melbourne, regional Victoria and interstate. A number of Year 12 students are also pursuing vocational careers in industries such as cooking, childcare, forest fire management and dance. Our careers team also support students with GAP year opportunities by giving them ideas and helping with applications when needed.





## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 12 student Ruby B was selected to compete at South America's largest and most prestigious international indoor showjumping competition, Longines São Paulo CSI-W Sociedade Hipica Paulista. This experience was incredible.

The journey started by travelling to a world class stable where Ruby trialled 3 different horses - the owners and Chef d'Equipe would decide if they thought the combination was a match. SI Baltar, a tricky but incredibly talented horse, was selected to be Ruby's competition horse. Horses were transported to the facility where Ruby had one more day of training. The next day, Ruby competed in a training competition where she placed 3rd. Ruby then prepared for the three days of competition. Final results: 3rd in the final 1.15 speed class; all three classes points were combined, Ruby placed 3rd overall; best international junior rider over the three days. An amazing performance! Congratulations, Ruby!



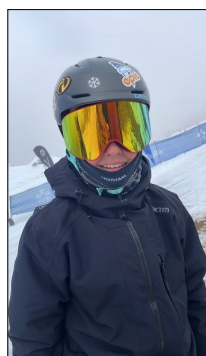
What is Freeride? Some say Freeride is the ultimate expression of all that is fun and liberating about sliding on snow in winter! The Freeride World Tour showcases riders competing on legendary and challenging alpine faces at renowned



ski resorts across the globe. For the first time this year a Freeride World Tour event was held at Mt Hotham. Bright P -12 College students Neve W and Jess S took the opportunity to take their talent to New Zealand, following up the local event by participating in the NZ Junior FWT 3\* event at the Remarkables on the stunning south island. The event had a last minute course change and the juniors competed on the same face as the 4\* FWT Qualifying event the week before on the Alta Chutes face. Neve claimed second place after her solid run in the Snowboard Women's Under 18 event! On the back of her first place at Mt Hotham, her points gained for the FWT Junior Region for Europe/Oceania 2025 rankings has her currently sitting in second for Snowboard Women's Under 18 tally. Congrats Neve! Well done to Jess who also had a great run in the Ski Women's Under 18's event.

Year 8 student Zeke T applied for and was awarded a scholarship through The Chumpy Pullin Foundation. The scholarship gave him a season of coaching and training with Team Hotham. He was at Team Hotham every chance he could, while still participating in the BCST (Bright College Snowsports Team) program. He attended Snowsports Australia's Snowboard Cross Futures Camp and was coached by some riders from the National Team. He also went to Jindabyne with Team Hotham and trained at the National Snowsports Training Centre. Victorian Interschools were held at Mt Buller and Zeke finished 6th in Snowboard Cross and 9th in Snowboard GS (Giant Slalom). He then went to the National Interschools Event in Perisher and finished 15th in Snowboard GS, and 20th in Snowboard Cross.

Personally, Zeke reached a number of goals he had set for himself prior to winter and successfully learned many new jumps and tricks. He has had a very busy, but extremely rewarding winter.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

As an eager participant in the Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) program, Year 8 student Sophie M was one of many who represented Bright P-12 College at the Victorian Interschools Competition held at Mount Buller in late August, 2024. As a skier, the two events she competed in were Giant Slalom and Skier Cross (which is a little like a BMX track with skis). There were around 220 other competitors in her Year 7-8 - known as Division 3 Girls in each of these events.

She finished 28th after two runs in the Alpine Giant Slalom, with the Top 20 going onto Perisher to compete in the National Titles, so just missed the cut (by about 1 second).

In the Skier Cross, the first run was timed and the top 32 skiers competed in the Final with the Top 20 going onto Perisher to compete in the National Titles. Sophie finished 20th, so she qualified to compete for the National Title Div 3 Girls Skier cross, held in early September.

Held at Perisher ski resort in NSW, some of the best skiers from around the country gathered to compete for the National Titles. The course was narrow and fast - and the competition between the 60 qualifiers was fierce. The girls had two timed runs, with the fastest of the two runs determining their placings. Sophie finished in 35th place.

From Sophie's parents *"We were delighted to cheer on the many other participants from Bright P-12 College. And in fact, we were one of only a handful of Public Schools who had competitors competing at the Interschools National Titles. That's a great testament to the excellent BCST program - and the volunteers who help make it happen."*



## DINNER PLAIN UPDATE



Our Dinner Plain students recently enjoyed a special Behind the Scenes Tour of Mount Hotham. Students were lucky enough to meet the man behind the Mount Hotham snow reports, Head Ski Patroller Bill Barker, and even had their own snow report published. Thank you to everyone who made the Behind the Scenes Tour possible.

While it was bittersweet to see the lifts close for the season, our teachers were busy planning an action-packed finish this term. Highlights from the last two weeks included a SnowGum Silent Disco in the forest, Pancake Day, Dinner Plain Olympics, hiking in the local area and pizza-making at the Hotel High Plains.



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 or  
 Roundtable 2: Wednesday 25 September 2024, 7:30 - 8:30pm

Details  
 Both roundtables will cover the same content. Places are limited; attendees will receive an invitation and link to participate.

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