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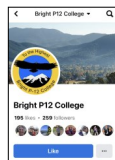
Bright P-12 College Newsletter

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to Term 4! It was fantastic to see our students coming back to school full of enthusiasm for the start of the new term. We have a very busy term planned, with several camps, incursions and excursions for Primary and Secondary students. We're looking forward to sharing stories and photos of all the exciting activities we have planned for the rest of the term.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Welcome to Term 4!

I am excited to embark on this final term of the school year with your children. As we launch into the new term with exciting learning experiences and activities, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership. This term promises to be filled with purposeful learning, exciting events, and opportunities for building relationships, engagement with learning and growth. I encourage you to stay involved and connected with your child's learning journey, as your encouragement plays a vital role in their success.

This week, we welcomed students and teachers from several schools in Gamagori, Japan. They're spending a week with host families and attending our school. This is a long standing exchange program between us and Gamagori. I am extremely grateful to our host families and language teachers for supporting this amazing program.

Bright P-12 College is about to embark on our 4 yearly review. The school review informs the development of the school's 4-year School Strategic Plan and the school reviewer also assesses compliance with the

Curriculum and Student Learning Minimum Standards. This term we will be holding parent sessions to gather feedback on various areas of our school as well as online questionnaires. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Thank you for being an integral part of our school community and I look forward to an amazing term ahead!

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

13 OCT-14 DEC	Yr 9 Marlo Leadership School
13-18 OCT	Gamagori (Japan) student visit
17 OCT	7pm Prep 2025 parent information session
18 OCT	Primary Hume Athletics, Albury
21 OCT	Yr 11 Geography Field Trip, Melbourne
21 OCT	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed kayaking excursion, Buckland River
21 OCT	State Athletics Championships, Melbourne
22 OCT	STEM/Tech School Ambassadors excursion, Beechworth
22 OCT	Yr 3/4 Buffalo excursion
23 OCT	Last day of Yr 12 formal classes
24 OCT	Yr 12 Celebration Day
24-25 OCT	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed 2-day hike, Alpine National Park
29 OCT	VCE exams start

NOVEMBER

1 NOV	P-2 Sports Day
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HAT REMINDER

As part of our SunSmart policy, all students are expected to wear a hat when they are outdoors in Term 4 and Term 1. This applies to recess, lunch and while doing outdoor activities. Students who are not wearing our school hats will be asked to sit in the shaded areas. Hats can be purchased from the front office or via our online shop <https://www.fcw.com.au/schools-online-shops/>



Primary students need to wear a wide-brimmed hat and Secondary students, a bucket hat. Hats cost \$13.50 each.



Parents / carers, please remember to label hats.

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 6 December

Yr 12 CHEMISTRY

Year 12 students completing the practical component of their experimental design task.

The students were required to choose an experimental technique to investigate a problem or question in Chemistry, design a method and undertake the experimental work.



PARLIAMENT AND CIVICS EDUCATION REBATE

Our Year 5 & 6 Students have recently undertaken an education tour of Canberra, the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$75 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Yr 6 STEM INCURSION

Last term, Year 6 students welcomed staff from the VSSEC (Victorian Space Science Education Centre) for a very special incursion. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) activity fosters critical thinking skills to teach students to understand, communicate and solve problems individually and collaboratively. Our students worked in groups to control 'Sphero SPRK+' robot spheres in a Mars-like environment. They planned a path for a survey mission on Mars, considering co-ordinates, angles and bearings, fractions and percentages at each way point of their survey in order to reach the next way point with their spheres.



This activity wasn't easy! Students had to overcome challenges and figure out the best way forward. This put their Maths, logic, communication and teamwork skills to the test. The rewards were well worth it with whoops of delight heard in the Year 6 classrooms. We are proud of how well our students worked together, using critical and creative thinking to explore a new environment and apply their learning to this fun task.



FIREFIGHTING TRAINING

Students from Bright P-12 College and Myrtleford P-12 College are currently undertaking 8 units from the nationally recognised Certificate II in Public Safety (Firefighting Operations) course.

During the first 5 weeks of this term, Melissa from Magenta Safety training will teach students the knowledge and skills associated with safety and firefighting. This course is transferable to almost any industry and will help prepare our students to transition to the work force, life and studying beyond school.



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

During the last weeks of Term 3, students from Year 3 up to Year 12 volunteered time during their lunch breaks to assist with planting in the new garden space on Deacon Avenue. Earlier in the year we planted 250 small trees and shrubs, which have mostly survived the frosts and are now thriving.

This time around we planted ground covers, climbers and perennial herbs to fill the understory. So far we have planted: 350 indigenous plants around the perimeter of the garden; 25 fruit trees; currants; raspberries; blueberries; rhubarb; strawberries; yam daisies; snow peas; onions (red, brown and white); and a canoe full of herbs and potatoes!

Many thanks to our volunteer students. It was great to see such a wide age range of students coming together and assisting each other. We look forward to seeing our plants grow, especially the fruit trees!



WORK EXPERIENCE

“Over the holidays I organised work experience at the Wangaratta Hospital, following a doctor around the emergency department for a day.

I got to see varying levels of medical emergencies ranging from a broken ankle all the way to a person getting defibrillated.

It was a fun and interesting opportunity that I’m very grateful I could partake in.” Yr 11 student Emlyn C.



Yr 5/6 PE - DANCE CLASSES

One of the focuses of Prep to Year 6 Physical Education in Term 3 was movement and coordination, so there was no better way for our upper Primary students to learn dance from the best – Year 11 students and dance teachers Maiya H and Holly H!

Spread over two classes, our Year 5 and 6 students learnt dance skills and technique, before showing off their best moves learning a choreographed routine to a Michael Jackson classic. Maiya and Holly took time out of their busy schedule to not only take these classes, but to create a detailed series of steps for our students to learn and rehearse. We are looking forward to developing more opportunities for our Primary and Secondary students to collaborate and learn from each other.



CHARLES STURT INCURSION

During the last week of Term 3, students from Years 7-11 participated in workshops delivered by staff from Charles Sturt University - Albury/Wodonga Campus. Students engaged in a range of activities (varied at each year level) that exposed them to a diverse range of careers and courses. They also learnt about life at university.

These workshops empowered our students to make informed decisions about their education and future pathways. The sessions were well received by all students, and we look forward to having an ongoing relationship in the future with Charles Sturt University.



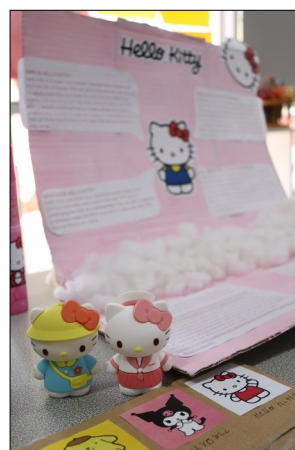
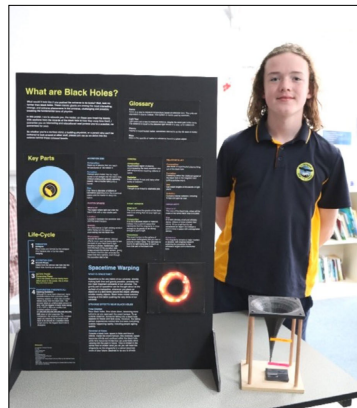
Yr 7&8 O&M GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This combined Year 7&8 girls team played basketball really well together and trusted and supported each other even though many of them were playing up a year level against Year 8 students. Our Bright P-12 College team won the first two qualifiers but lost the semi final against Yarra and ended up in equal third place against Sacred Heart Yarra after a 9-9 draw in the bronze medal match. These girls were awesome and were great ambassadors for the college. Thanks also to Year 9 student Tasmyn C for coming and being team manager/coach for the day.



Yr 5/6 PASSION PROJECTS

Towards the end of last term, Year 5 and 6 students held their Passion Project Expo. This event enabled them to showcase the individual research projects that they completed over the duration of Term 3. Each student identified a topic of particular interest, with an inquiry question to investigate in order to research and explore to gain new knowledge. They then presented this to their classmates in the form of a speech, and then followed up by presenting at the Expo. The topics were diverse and the presentation styles equally original and inspiring. Fellow students from across Bright P-12 College and parents came through the classrooms and were able to get a real sense of the interests, passion and talents that our fantastic Year 5 and 6 students were able to share!



Yr 9&10 O&M BOYS' BASKETBALL

In the last week of Term 3, two teams of Year 9 & 10 boys represented Bright P-12 College at the Ovens & Murray Basketball competition.

Both teams were supported by student leaders who provided fantastic team management and coaching during the day. Both teams were quite successful in their Pool division and played in the finals. Bright B team made it to the grand final match against Sacred Heart of Yarrawonga, which was a nail biter and we lost by 2 points. Bright team B came 2nd overall. Congratulations to all students who played extremely well and the students helpers. Thanks also to Nat Fillipi who accompanied us on the excursion as well.

Bright Team A. Coached / Managed by: Fraser S

Players: Charlie A, John C, Luke C, Isaac L, Lakitha S, Alex T, Noah W, Harper W

Bright Team B. Coached / Managed by: Cade McG & Tom R

Players: Tyson B, Leonard C, Cash G, Oliver G, Oliver G, Hamish J, Lachlan R



Yr 5/6 ALPINE SHIRE OFFICES EXCURSION

Year 5 and 6 students visited the Alpine Shire offices at Churchill Avenue, where they were welcome by CEO Will Jeremy and his staff.

The students then took part in a mock Alpine Shire Council meeting in the Council Chamber, bringing proposals before the mayor and seven councillors.

The experience offered great insight into the workings of our local government and connects with visits to Parliament and the Museum of Australian Democracy which we visited alongside other major attractions on camp in Canberra. Read our next newsletter issue for details of the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp.



SUSTAINABILITY FUNDRAISER

At the end of last term, the Vocational Major (VM) garden group raised \$630 for the sustainability fund through a BBQ sausage sizzle. The theme for the day was AFL and students dressed up to celebrate their favourite team.

Funds raised will go towards our greenhouse irrigation, benches, and climate control system.

Over 140 sausage and soft drink pre orders were received, and another 100 were sold on the day, which is a great result. Congratulations to the VM students who did such a good job running this event.



Yr 7&8 O&M TABLE TENNIS



Table tennis - a game of the mind! Table tennis is a fast paced, quick reflex game that requires both gross and fine muscle movement. Our Year 7 and 8 students played well at the Albury/Wodonga Table Tennis Association at the end of last term and all had fun testing their skills against teams from other schools in the area.



PRIMARY O&M ATHLETICS

The warm and sunny conditions set the scene for a great day in Wangaratta for the next stage of athletics for our Primary students. We took a smaller team of 12 students this time around due to a clash with the Year 5/6 Canberra Camp, but the group were really supportive and proud of each other's achievements throughout the day. They also looked the part and loved the fresh dark blue kit!

Lachlan J: 2nd – Triple Jump; Davina H: Finalist – 100m; Jordan P: Finalist – 200m

Lachlan will compete at the region event in Albury this Friday, 18th October – go well Lachlan!



SECONDARY HUME ATHLETICS

An amazing day of weather and competition in Albury brought out the best in our dedicated team of athletes. A committed group of 19 students from Bright P-12 College set a very high bar and we left with a huge swag of medals and personal best performances – a phenomenal effort at the last round before the State Championships!

Mila A: 1st – 400m, 1st – High Jump, 3rd – 200m, 3rd – Triple Jump; Noah W: 1st – High Jump, 2nd – 400m; Joe B: 1st - Javelin; Harry D: 2nd – Shot Put; Harper W: 2nd – 200m

Mila, Noah and Joe have all qualified for the state championships on Monday 21st October in Melbourne – no matter the result, you're already winners!



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Mount Beauty | Hydro Park | Tuesday 22nd October
 Myrtleford | Piazza | Wednesday 23rd October
 Bright | Howitt Park | Thursday 24th October

3.30 - 5.30pm Show at 4 | Food stalls onsite
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This Children's Week Event is aimed at children aged 0-10 and their families, all welcome.

Bookings for Term 4 parenting programs now open

Sessions are free. Bookings required.

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School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Schools and early childhood services undertake a range of activities each year to prepare for bushfires and grassfires. The Department of Education conducts an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. Those at the greatest levels of risk are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.



What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school. Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in North East fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. Please be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the CFA's website.
- Enact your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

- VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)
- Website <https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au>
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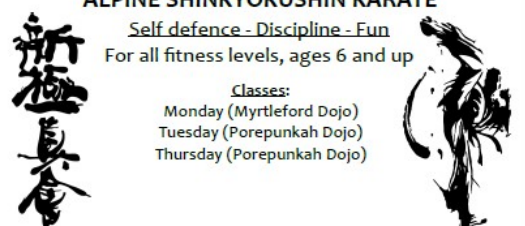
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