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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT

Earlier this term we hosted 14 students and their teachers from Gamagori in Japan. We have long had an exchange relationship with Gamagori and last year, 17 of our secondary students were hosted in Gamagori. All of the Gamagori students began the week with speeches in assembly. They did a brilliant job of confidently introducing themselves in English and letting us know a little about Gamagori and their families and hobbies. Gamagori presented the school with a Kokeshi doll - a doll which represents good fortune and health for children.

The students attended classes with their host brothers and sisters and helped in some Primary Japanese classes with activities like origami, calligraphy and making onigiri (rice balls). Students also went to Beechworth with their hosts and learned a bit about the Gold Rush and Ned Kelly. Students were taken around town with their families, and many were very excited to see kangaroos and have a try of meat pies and vegemite! We held the Sayounara party with a trivia night. We look forward to having many more exchanges with Gamagori in the future. See page 10 for more photos.



Yr 12 LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

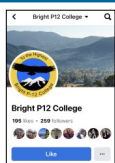
As Year 12 students around the state commence their VCE exams this week, we wish students at Bright P-12 College all the best in achieving their goals at this key time in their school lives. In 2024, we have 51 students sitting VCE exams, with subjects ranging from Legal Studies to Chemistry. Most of our students are in Year 12, but 23 are Year 11 students



who opted to start their VCE journey early in Year 10. Therefore, these students will also be sitting their VCE exams over the coming weeks. We admire the fantastic work ethic of our Year 11 & 12 students, who have exhibited a mature and diligent attitude to their studies. We are confident that students sitting VCE exams will embrace the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and expertise in their chosen subjects. As always, our teachers, Year Level Coordinators and Wellbeing Team are available for students to talk to if they need any support in dealing with the additional pressure that inevitably comes with this stage of their schooling. See page 7 for more photos of Year 12 students celebrating their last week at school.



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Last week, we had the pleasure of farewelling our Year 12 students with a fantastic circus-themed Celebration Day, and it was wonderful. They have been an incredible part of our Bright P-12 College community, and their final week of Secondary education beautifully showcased the strong bonds they have formed with both staff and fellow students.

As they prepare for their upcoming external exams, for those completing scored VCE, I want to extend my best wishes to each of them.

I encourage all Year 12 students to return to the College in the coming weeks during your external exams. This is a wonderful opportunity to study,

connect with your teachers and the Careers Team to seek any additional support you may need.

Remember, we are here to help you through the exams and onto the next thing.

Take this time to challenge yourself and strive for your personal best. You can take pride in knowing that you are doing everything possible.

Parents of Year 12 students, thank you for your continued support during this important time in their lives.

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

29 OCT

VCE exams start

NOVEMBER

1 NOV

Prep-Yr 2 Sports Day

5 NOV

Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

6 NOV

7:30am Variety Postie Bike Dash breakfast

8 NOV

Prep / Yr 1 Buffalo excursion

11-12 NOV

Yr 3/4 Urban Camp, Melbourne

13 NOV

Yr 6 Alpine School excursion

13 NOV

Art/Technology Exhibition Opening

13 NOV

7pm Yr 7-12 Music Soiree

14 NOV

6pm Yr 3-6 Music Soiree

15 NOV

Yr 2 Mt Buffalo excursion

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 6 December

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DEC.

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CATEGORY 1 - PREP, 1 & 2

CATEGORY 2 - YEAR 3 & 4

CATEGORY 3 - YEAR 5 & 6



Yr 6 COOKING

As part of a study of instructional texts, Year 6 students have been undertaking some cooking classes, following a basic damper recipe that they have to re-write, looking at appropriate use of verbs to best describe this real-world application. Much mess was made & noise created, along with some damper of varying tastiness.



WHOOPIING COUGH

Our school is managing a number of whooping cough cases. Whooping cough is a serious and very contagious respiratory infection. It should be diagnosed by a doctor and treated immediately to lessen the risk of a serious illness and stop the spread to others. The health and safety of our school community is paramount, and we aim to protect all of us at Bright P-12 College and ensure that students can return to school as soon as they are well. Please monitor your child for symptoms of whooping cough. If your child becomes unwell, please see a doctor for diagnosis and treatment as soon as possible. To reduce the spread of infection and protect others within the school community, students who are diagnosed with whooping cough must not attend our school for 21 days after their cough was first present, or until they have taken a full course of antibiotics prescribed by a doctor (usually a 5-day course). To further reduce the spread of infection to your child and the school community, some students who were in the same classroom as a student diagnosed with whooping cough should not attend school. The school will contact you directly if this applies to your family. These exclusions are required by the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2019. Please refer to the email sent via Compass on 24 October for full details and visit the Better Health website for more information:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/whooping-cough>

Yr 9 PE - ARCHERY

In PE this term, Year 9 students have been learning the basics of Archery. They have learnt the correct stance, how to hold the bow and the best way to achieve the most accurate result. Students have also demonstrated their understanding of the important safety considerations involved with Archery.



Yr 11 FORMAL

The Year 11 Formal at the end of last term was a fantastic event! The group dance looked amazing, the food was delicious and everyone had a wonderful evening. We are incredibly proud of every Year 11 student for their hard work with their studies and the support they have consistently shown for their peers throughout Year 11. This event was a well-deserved opportunity for students and their families to get together and enjoy celebrating this inspiring group of young people. Thank you so much to the caterers and parent volunteers who helped set up the venue.



Yr 3/4 PE - TENNIS

As the weather warms up in Term 4, one of the focus areas in Physical Education is net sports. Our P-4 students have been outside practicing their tennis skills and gameplay tactics, while volleyball has been a big hit with our Year 5 and 6 students. It's been great to see students taking their passion for these sports from the classroom to lunchtime play.



EMERGENCY SERVICES & CAREERS EXPO

Recently, several Year 9-11 students participated in the Emergency Services Careers Expo at the Ovens DEECA depot. This experience provided an opportunity to engage with a range of emergency services, including Victoria Police, Forest Fire Management, Fire Rescue Victoria, SES, CFA, Alpine Shire and the Red Cross. Students participated in hands-on activities and listened to experts from each organisation describe their job and explain how students may be able to get involved/employed in the future. A group of students from our school (Jenna S, Taylor A and Kira M) are members of Resilient Alpine Youth Squad (RAYS) and it was great that they were able to help organise this fantastic excursion for the students of the Alpine Shire. RAYS is a youth group within the Alpine Shire committed to empowering other young people in being agents of change whether that is during disasters or in general day to day advocacy.



Yr 10 CAD/CAM/ROBOTICS

Year 10 CAD/CAM students were challenged to research, design and manufacture a mousetrap powered car that could cover three metres in the quickest time. All parts were designed using AutoCAD and Sketch Up and produced using the laser cutter and 3D printers. The project finished with a race day where students pushed to see who could get the fastest time. Congratulations to Haruto T who finished with a time of 2.14 seconds.



Yr 3/4 MT BUFFALO EXCURSION

The Year 3/4 students had a fantastic excursion to Mt Buffalo. We caught a bus to the mountain, enjoying beautiful weather throughout the day. The students hiked to Lady Bath Falls and then continued to the Lower and Upper Eurobin Falls lookout. Along the way, they engaged their senses, observing the natural surroundings closely. After returning to the bus, we headed to the picnic area, where students used their observations to spark ideas for narratives. Many focused on the waterfall as the centrepiece of their stories. We discussed how authors "mine their environment" for inspiration and the students came up with some brilliant and creative writing plans. A special thanks to our parent helper, Brad Matthews, who, as a park ranger, provided a safety briefing and valuable education during the hike. Thank you also to all staff involved in planning and attending the excursion. It was a wonderful day enjoyed by all!

"We set out for a picturesque voyage of a lifetime. The bus drive up was long and tedious, however the serene sight that met the students' eyes made it all worth it. Seeing the old chalet made us all agree it looked warm and cosy from afar. Although, up close it looked downright haunted. With Mrs Kerr as our guide, the bush walk was definitely a highlight. We learnt lots about Guide Alice on the walk, and saw many wonderful sights.

After our walk, the generous teachers gave us time at the luscious emerald green Oval park to do what all children do best.... PLAY!! Eating our scrumptious lunches came next before writing Mt Buffalo inspired narratives. The day had slipped between our fingers and before we knew it, we were back at school."

By Elsie F, Year 4



Yr 12 LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL ctd...



END OF YEAR SOIREEES

Soirées (music concerts) give our music students at Bright P-12 College the chance to perform in front of an audience. Soirées give students a chance to share and celebrate the music they have been practising and gain some valuable experience performing in front of an audience.

The Soirées will take place at the Bright Art Gallery and coincide with the Art Exhibition. There will be three different Soirées for different age groups at Bright P-12 College. We have set the Soirées up as 'Compass Events' for parents/ carers to respond to. Or email Mr Campbell to let him know whether your child can attend their Soirée.

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- Year 7-12 Soirée. 7pm Wednesday 13th November. All students who played an instrument in the past are encouraged to play a song. It doesn't matter if you're a little rusty - come along!!
- Year 3-6 Soirée. 6pm Thursday 14th November. Featuring the Concert Band and Year 3-6 Choir.
- Prep-Year2 Soirée. 6pm Monday 18th November. Featuring the Beginner Ukulele Group and Prep-Year 2 Choir.

Yr 9 JAPANESE

Spider webs, Jack-o-lanterns and Cabbage - it must be October! The Year 9 Japanese class got a chance to get creative and culinary with some Halloween themed Okonomiyaki. 'Konomi' meaning 'what you like' and 'yaki' meaning 'fry/grill' translates to 'grilled how you like it'. Okonomiyaki is a simple and delicious staple food that originated in Hiroshima gaining popularity after WWII due to food shortages, and very popular today. With pantry staple ingredients flour, water, egg plus cabbage, and topped with sweet BBQ sauce (tonkatsu or okonomiyaki sauce) and kewpie mayonnaise, it's a cheap, easy, sweet yet savoury snack.



STUDENT EXCHANGE

Year 10 student Jemma D is currently on exchange in Germany.

"I'm really enjoying my exchange and some of my favourite things I've done have been:

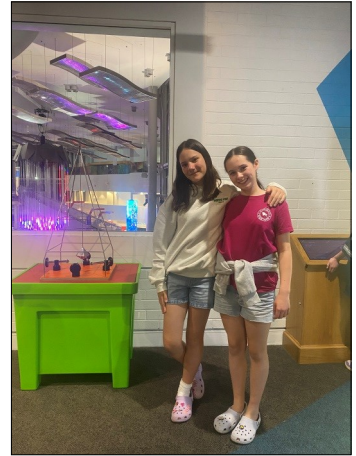
I took the train to Munich with my exchange partner, Kristina and a friend Elena. We visited old buildings including a church, which was in the middle of Munich and was beautiful, I've never seen anything like it. We also went shopping and tried some traditional foods, which I really enjoyed. It was an awesome experience and definitely my favourite thing I've done so far.

Also, my host family took me to Oktoberfest in Munich. We went with our friends, Melanie and Theresa too. We went on roller coaster rides, which were so much fun, and I tried food which was traditionally eaten at Oktoberfest. One ride went so high we got to see over Munich, which was my favourite part of the day."



Yr 5/6 CANBERRA CAMP

Earlier this month, Year 5 and 6 students set off early for their trip to Canberra. This camp fits perfectly with the humanities curriculum and compliments the 'Australia as a nation' and 'Australia's system of government' units of work. It is a jam-packed three days with visits to the War Memorial, the Museum of Australian Democracy, New Parliament House, the National Gallery, the Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon and the Royal Australian Mint. A highlight of the trip was getting to meet Helen Haynes and watch her during question time in the Senate. We also had some time watching the house of representatives where Penny Wong was receiving some backlash from Senator Cash. Thank you to all the staff and parents who made this camp possible. *"A common favourite activity was Questacon, which took place on the second night. There was a drop slide, an earthquake room and much, much more."* Erica B, Year 5. *"It goes in the School Camp Hall of Fame"* Jarvis F, Year 6. *"Amusing and enjoyable"* Lani HB, Year 6. *"It was interesting, I liked watching Question Time at Parliament House"* Phoebe BS, Year 6. *"The War Memorial was really cool because we got to see the planes hanging from the roof"* Malachy T, Year 6.



JAPANESE STUDENT VISIT ctd...



Students and staff from Gamagori schools with their Bright P-12 College hosts

TECH SCHOOL STUDENT AMBASSADORS

Our school recently established a relationship with the Wangaratta Tech School, due to open in 2026. After completing an expression of interest, a group of students ranging from Year 6 to Year 9 were selected as Bright P-12 College's "Tech School Ambassadors". Over the next 18 months, these students will have opportunities to engage with other Victorian Tech/STEM schools, with their feedback helping to inform the design and fit out of the Wangaratta school.

At the end of last term, nine of our ambassadors visited Whittlesea Tech School where they experienced a day in the life of a tech school student. Workshops included wind tunnel experiments, design in Adobe Illustrator, laser cutting



and programming a state-of-the-art robotic arm. The day concluded with a tour of the campus which really got the students thinking about the technologies they'd like to see in the Wangaratta school.

Last week, a group of our STEM Ambassadors in Year 7 and 8 travelled to Beechworth to take part in an exciting STEM Drone Experience Program, sponsored by the Wangaratta Tech School. The program included students from Beechworth High School, Myrtleford P-12 College, and Bright P-12 College.

Throughout the day, students learned the fundamentals of drone flight, including how to operate drone controllers and adhere to CASA aviation safety rules. They explored the various ways drones are used in today's workforce, such as mapping coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef, surveying farms for fruit harvests, and tracking flood damage.

In the first session, students focused on CASA regulations and basic drone control. The second session introduced them to autonomous drone coding, where students had to simulate mapping a flash-flooded area of Melbourne. With limited access on the ground, drones were tasked with assessing damage and determining where help was needed.

Students also viewed short videos from scientists, showcasing real-world drone applications and their importance in industries like environmental research and disaster response. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in hands-on learning and explore future career possibilities in STEM fields.



CONCERT BAND - SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

The Bright P-12 College Concert Band is a musical ensemble comprising of brass, woodwind and percussion players. It's an orchestra without the stringed instruments. We are looking to recruit new students to the program for 2024 from



Year 2 and above. We have a number of instruments available to learn including flutes, clarinets, saxophones and trumpets. There will be a requirement to attend one lesson a week and eventually rehearsal after school on Mondays 3.20pm-4.30pm. Mr Campbell will take the lessons and rehearsals. If your child is interested, please email Mr Campbell and he can talk about the details and organise a meeting with your child.

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VCE VOCATIONAL MAJOR



Last week, our school community gathered for a special celebration lunch honouring the achievements of our Year 12 VM (Vocational Major) students. The event marked a milestone in their journey and allowed them to showcase the benefits of applied learning at Bright P-12 College. The students who made a presentation were Ricky L, Andrei T, Billy M, and Riley G. Unfortunately, Sam N could not attend the celebration but will have another opportunity to present.

The lunch itself was a testament to the skills and teamwork of the Year 11 VCE VM students, who took on the challenge of preparing and serving a delicious meal. The Year 11 students prepared a two-course meal that included risotto and berry crumble, which displayed their culinary talents and dedication to making it a memorable experience for everyone. As guests gathered, the room was filled with pride and accomplishment. The Year 12 students proudly displayed their Work-Related Skills folios, which documented their projects, work experiences, industry certifications, tertiary qualifications at TAFE and the skills they had developed over the course of the program.

The celebration lunch not only highlighted the achievements of our Year 12 students but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie among the VCE VM cohort and the school community, which included parents, staff, and supporters of the VCE VM program. Special thanks go to the Year 11 VCE VM students for their outstanding efforts in creating such a warm and welcoming atmosphere. The lunch was a wonderful reminder of the importance of teamwork and practical learning.

Looking to the future, we are confident that our Year 12 VCE VM students will carry the skills and experiences they have gained into whatever path they choose next. We wish them all the best and congratulate them on a job well done!




FLASHBACK TO AUGUST 1975

This article, titled *Parents at School* first appeared in The Newsletter of the Bright Higher Elementary School Community, Vol 1, No 3, 21 August 1975. Written by Geoff Barclay, the message is just as relevant today as it was nearly 50 years ago. Thank you to the anonymous donor who mailed this old newsletter to us recently.

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The event will be making a Breakfast stop in Bright on Wednesday 6th November at Bright P-12 College.

Arriving at 7.30am nearly 100 postie bike riders and their crew will be fed a warm breakfast before heading off on their day. This event is similar to the Variety Big Bash that has visited Bright in the past. We look forward to welcoming this charity organisation and thank them for their donations to the College programs.




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