

# Yr 12 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Year 12 Geography students completed a local case study on land use change. They conducted Fieldwork on the site, and interviewed a number of stakeholders, such as Gerard Gray (Dickens Real Estate), Michael MacDonagh (Head of Growth and Future at the Alpine Shire), and Will Deague (CEO of the Deague Group). Students also wrote and conducted a survey for town residents. They collated and analysed all their findings in a Fieldwork Report.







# **NEW LIBRARY BOOK BAGS**

We would like all Prep to Year 2 students to use a library bag for their library books. This will help protect the books and also help students remember where their books are for their class library day.

Commencing Term 2, if a student in Prep-Yr 2 doesn't have a library bag, we will refrain from lending books to them.

We are hoping to instil a sense of responsibility for looking after books in our youngest students and protect our books so they can be borrowed by many others.

Parents, if your child doesn't already have a book bag, you can purchase one of these new library bags for \$3 from the school office.





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# **Principal's** Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

We have less than two weeks of this term left but we're not slowing down! There are a large number of activities happening, so please do check Compass regularly and reach out to your child's teacher or our office staff if you have any questions.

On Saturday 23rd March, we are planning a Working Bee for our new garden in the space off Deacon Avenue to get the garden started. This is a very exciting project being run by our Sustainability Coordinator Darren Wood. Darren will be supervising the Working Bee and sharing the plans for our newest garden space. For more information and to sign up, please see page 4 of this newsletter.

Throughout next term, we are running tours of our school for parents / carers of children starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. We'll be running 'Prep in 2025' tours every Tuesday at 9:15am during Term 2, starting on April 23rd. Our 'Year 7 in 2025' tours are every Wednesday at 9:30am, commencing 24 April. There is no need to book and everyone is welcome to attend. If you would like to visit our school at another time, please call the school office.

Work on our new after-school Tutoring Program is going well and I look forward to sharing the plans for

**LOST PROPERTY** 

We have a number of items in our Lost Property area in the school office. Parents / carers, please ask your children to check Lost Property if they have mislaid any items this term. We have several items of uniform and drink bottles which we'd like to reunite with their owners.

Parents / carers, please remember to label your children's items so we can help return them if they do get left behind.

this initiative next term. The Tutoring Program will be a valuable addition to our school and will complement the existing Homework Club. Tutoring will be available to Primary and Secondary students.

I look forward to seeing you at the parent/student/ teacher conferences this week.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

# **COLLEGE CALENDAR**

#### **MARCH**

18-22 MAR	Yr 8 Bogong Camp
18-22 MAR	Yr 10 Work Experience
20 MAR	VCE Art Melbourne excursion
20-21 MAR	Parent/student/teacher conferences
21-22 MAR	VCE VM Melbourne excursion
21 MAR	VCE ALV Dhudhuroa Language Day excursion, Beechworth
21 MAR	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport, Albury & Wodonga
21 MAR	Prep-Yr 2 Theatre excursion, Wangaratta
22 MAR	Prep-Yr 12 National Ride to School Day
23 MAR	9am-1pm Working Bee
26 MAR	Yr 7&8 O&M Sport, Albury & Wodonga
27 MAR	Yr 10-12 Media Studies excursion, Melbourne
28 MAR	P-12 House Cross Country
28 MAR	Last day of Term 1. Early finish 2:30pm

**APRIL** 

**15 APR** First day Term 2

> NOTE: School photos are booked for Tuesday 23 April

### PARENTS & FRIENDS EASTER FUNDRAISER

Dear parents & carers, we hope you are ready for some egg-citing news! The P&F Committee is thrilled to announce our upcoming Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser and we're counting on your generous support to make it a success.

Last week, we collected donations of Easter eggs, chocolates and other Easter items from our wonderful school families.

The highlight of our Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser will be the Raffle, which will be drawn during the Celebration of Success Assembly on Thursday morning, 28th March.

Raffle tickets Cost \$1 each or 8 for \$5.

Available at the stall under the Primary shade sail 25-28 March before and after school and through designated P&F representatives.

Your support, whether through donations or purchasing raffle tickets, will go to the redevelopment of the Primary Playground. On behalf of the P&F Committee, thanks for your ongoing support. Let's come together as a community and make this Easter Egg Hamper Fundraiser a hopping success!

Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm. Warm regards, Parents and Friends at Bright P12 College.

### **SWIMMING UPDATE**

Our Primary and Secondary O&M division swimming carnivals were held recently in Week 5, with both held on very warm days. A smaller, but no less committed team of Primary students travelled to Wangaratta. Congratulations to everyone involved for their efforts. After finishing 2nd in their freestyle relay, Amelia W and Sara K progressed through to the regional event in Shepparton in the following week and finished 5th. Well done!

A team of 19 Secondary students travelled to the border two days earlier and made the most of the hot day by keeping cool and representing our school. Congratulations to Yannick P (1st), Bodie McC (1st), Kira M (2nd) and Tasmyn C (3rd) for their podium finishes in the age group champion category. Yannick, Bodie, Tasmyn, Fraser S and Gabe B all qualified for last Friday's Hume region event.



#### **WORKING BEE**

We are planning a Working Bee for our new garden in the space off Deacon Avenue on Saturday 23rd March to get the garden started. Before we commence work Darren Wood, our Sustainability Coordinator will give a brief overview of the vision for the garden space and an outline of the work we want to complete at the Working Bee.

We are aiming to commence at 9.00am and depending on numbers we think we will need to around 1pm to get the beginnings of the garden completed. We will have a sausage sizzle at the finish to celebrate our hard work.

If you are interested in helping out please complete the form here to assist with our planning: <a href="https://">https://</a> docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIHcpok--jV808rum6KjQe3pqnESwl249LdlTimGsSAXuoBg/viewform

If you have any questions please contact Jean Olley either by email - <a href="mailto:jean.olley@education.vic.gov.au">jean.olley@education.vic.gov.au</a> or via the office - 03 57551166

#### PREP-Yr 12 NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

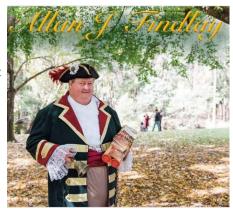
National Ride to School Day is on Friday 22nd March. Whole School Dress Up Day - Retro Theme: Students are encouraged to dress up and travel to and from school on either their bike/scooter/skateboard. Primary School Parade at 9:05 am around the 1876 Building. We're looking forward to a Wheely Good Day!

**About National Ride2School Day:** National Ride to School Day is a special day held in Australia each year to promote and develop physical activity in children. The idea of the day is that children cycle, walk, scoot or skate, all or part of the way to school instead of being driven. More than 870 schools and 360,000 students took part in National Ride2School Day in 2023. In Victoria, a record-breaking 500 schools got involved in the day.

#### 2024 ALLAN J FINDLAY MEMORIAL BURSARY

In recognition and memory of Allan's life and generous contributions to his community, his relentless efforts to support and mentor and his unwavering dedication to assist anyone in need, the Allan J Findlay Memorial Bursary (\$2,000) has been established by the Lions Club of Bright and the Rotary Club of Bright. The purpose of the Bursary is primarily to assist young people in continuing Al's philosophy of selfless community contribution and to assist them to fulfill their aspirations of giving back to their community.

The Bursary application process recognises personal achievement and is designed to help young people with financial assistance to pursue their goals. It is open to students in Years 9 to 12 levels, residing in the Alpine



Shire – this includes young people who school out of the area, are home-schooled, or are no longer school-based. Young people who are helping to make the world a better place are ideal candidates for this Bursary.

The successful applicant will direct the bursary toward goals and ideas which may include elements of:

- Personal growth for the applicant
- Benefits for the wider community
- Activities/experiences not usually available in the local area which will have a positive impact on the local community
- Definitive demonstration of community involvement

Applications for 2024 will be accepted until 5/4/2024. Visit the Bright Lions Club website for more information.

Download the application form and once completed, email to <a href="mailto:admin@brightlions.org.au">admin@brightlions.org.au</a> or send by mail to Attention: AJF Bursary, Bright Lions Club, PO Box 100, Bright, 3741.

# Yr 6 BIKE / HIKE / CAMP

The Year 6s recently undertook a 2 day camp in Harrietville. Day 1 involved a ride out followed by setting up camp, putting up tents in groups, followed by a hike around the dredge hole. The evening highlight was cooking marshmallows on the camp fire after a sausage sizzle on the BBQ. Most people were asleep (just after) lights out at 9pm and enjoyed a good night's sleep. Early risers were up just before sunrise, with pancakes cooked up for breakfast before the ride back to school. A picnic stop at Freeburgh and an easier ride back down the valley ensured we were back during lunchtime. The weather was perfect with dry and sunny conditions on both days. Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered and supported the camp by riding with us, cooking for us, or sleeping over at Harrietville.

"The Year sixes rode out to Harrietville and camped at the caravan park for the night. We were a lot slower on the way out because it was uphill but the downhill part on the way back was fun." by Year 6 student and Primary Captain Scarlett S.











# REGIONAL JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION



This year Bright P-12 College is hosting the regional Japanese speech competition. The event will take place at the Community Centre on June 19th.

All Bright P-12 College students studying Japanese are invited to participate as either individuals or in pairs.

Students should speak to their Japanese teacher if they would like to participate.



# Yr 8 FOOD

Due to an abundant apple growing season, Year 8 students made use of the surplus and created home-made apple pies during their Food lesson. Students made the pastry, prepared the filling and decorated the top. The pies were a big hit and tasted particularly delicious with ice cream.

















# Yr 10 PE - CROQUET

As part of their final year of Physical Education as a core subject, the Year 10's involved themselves in some adult physical activity opportunities this term. The last few weeks of Term 1 see our classes attend sessions croquet under the watchful and helpful eye of the volunteers from the Bright Croquet Club. The students all played a version of croquet known as golf croquet which involves tactics to block and remove players from the field in an effort to win hoops. The college Physical Education faculty would like to acknowledge these wonderful volunteers for their time in supporting the learning opportunities for our students. It was a pleasure to see our wonderful students interact so positively with these community members.

Here we can see Oliver, Sebastian, Scarlett and Gabe in action on the green.



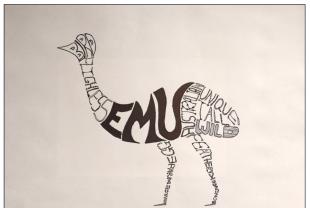


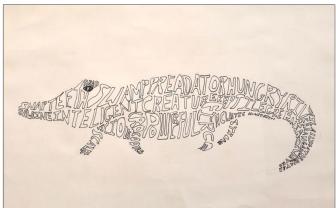


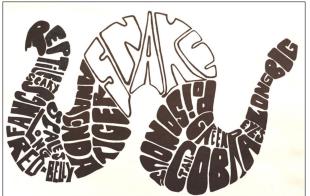


# Yr 8 VCD

This term, 8A have been studying Visual Communication Design. Their first project tasked them with examining Typography to represent an animal. Students looked at how they could vary the shape, size, positioning and shade of the letters to suggest features. They also learned the importance of careful and precise measuring for technical drawing of a title block to present their designs.





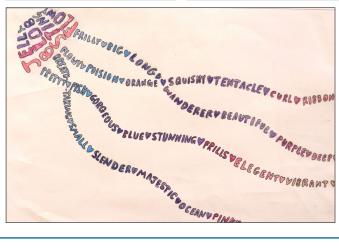














# Yr 7 SCIENCE

Year 7 Science students have been learning how to use Bunsen Burners this term. They have been practicing how to operate this important piece of equipment safely and discovering the three types of flame - yellow, blue and roaring blue. A yellow flame is also known as a safety flame because it is easy to see in a bright room. The blue flame on a burner can get as hot as 500 degrees. The roaring blue flame is the hottest setting for Bunsen Burner.













# PREP MUSIC

Our youngest students have been learning to play a few simple chords on the ukulele this term. Groups of two students took turns with one person singing and one playing the ukulele before swapping. This gives students a chance to focus on their finger placement on the strings and strumming. Songs they have been practicing include 'Row, row, row your boat' and 'Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree'.

















# Yr 5 WOODWORK

During Woodwork classes, Year 5 students have started work on their timber door knocker. They have created their designs and are currently in the process of cutting and sanding. They have also been doing some wood burning.

As in previous years, our students have developed very imaginative designs, including a hammer, a bicycle, a rocket ball, a saw, a teddy bear, an ice cream and an axe.

We're looking forward to sharing photos of the finished results when the door knockers are completed.

























# **GERMAN EXCHANGE**

"I have really enjoyed Australia. I went with all the other exchange students and our host families camping on Mount Buffalo. We went hiking, swimming in the lake, abseiled down a part of the cliff and went underground caving.

I went with my host family to Lake
Tyers Beach, we went swimming in
the ocean although the weather
wasn't that good. It was very windy
but not too cold. We also went to
Lakes Entrance and met Jenna and
Lena there. We watched a swimming
competition, went swimming and
walked around a little market in the
evening. On the way back we went to
Raymond Island and walked on the
Koala Trail.



Andy, Sam, Taylor, Sebastian, Timon and I went to Falls Creek for one night of camping. We had a lot of fun and we went hiking. They showed us how to play hide & seek in the bush the next day. We also went swimming a lot after school and there are cool spots to swim here.

I was also excited to go to Melbourne for the weekend.

I really enjoy staying in Bright and going to school here and I am looking forward to the rest of my time here in Australia." By Muriel R

"Australia is just amazing. The school is really interesting especially the subjects that we don't have in Germany. I tried so many new sports here that I would have never tried before among other things like Mountain biking, Tennis or climbing on real rock. I went a lot camping in the last few weeks and slept a lot under the stars. It was an really good new experience for me.

We went to the beach and swam a lot in the sea. The water had the perfect temperature for swimming but the normal outside temperature was way to high for me. It was really cool anyways.

I think I will never forget the awesome time I had here with all the people and with my amazing Host Family." **Sebastian W**.

"I have experienced a lot. We went with all of the exchange students camping on Mount Buffalo, and we saw a beautiful sunset. We had lots of fun. Also I went with my host family to Yarrawonga, we swam in Lake Mulwala, visited the big strawberry and the Cactus Country, it was very nice. On one weekend we went in Lake Entrance, the beach, it was so much fun, we swam in the ocean with big waves. On a small Island we saw around 20 cute Koalas in their trees.

We (all of the exchange students) visited the Fire Station in Bright, it was very interesting and we learned a lot. In the evening we went to Hometown for a Pizza.

Last weekend I went Paragliding with my host father, it was soo cool, I enjoyed so much. Also I went with my exchange student Jenna on a hiking tour on Mount feather top, we camped there for one night and saw a beautiful sunset and sunrise.

I've experienced a lot of beautiful things. Best regards from Lena O!"

# PRIMARY SWIM PROGRAM

As part of our Physical Education program, Prep to Year 6 students participate in the Swimming Program at the Bright Sports Centre. Students learn water safety, correct entry and exit techniques and survival skills.



















# **BRIGHT YOUTH SPACE**

The Lighthouse is a youth-only space for people aged 12-25.

It is run by Alpine Shire Youth and is open from 2pm-6pm every Wednesday and Thursday. Snacks, games, internet, a quiet study space and access to support services such as Lifeline are provided. The Lighthouse runs in the old U3A space in the back of the Community Centre (1 Railway Ave, Bright).

Alpine Shire Youth will also be running some special events out of the Lighthouse.

### SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

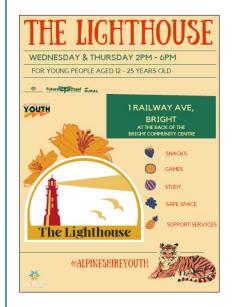


Using funds sourced through the Alpine Shire Council from the Commonwealth and State Governments, Revitalising our Environment Grant Program, we have installed a new fence.

The next stage is to use part of the remaining funds to plant 1,000 native plants around the perimeter of the fence. This fenced area will be used as an educational gardening space comprising an orchard, greenhouse, composting systems, food forest and worm farms

We're looking forward to seeing you at the Working Bee! (see page 4 of this newsletter for the info).

# **COMMUNITY NOTICES**













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Expressions of Interest from local Tutors. Bright P-12 College is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified local professionals to be part of the College's new Tutoring Program. The tutoring program will offer Primary and Secondary students affordable after-school tutoring by subject-experts. The program will complement the College's existing Homework Club. The College would like to hear from professionals who live locally and have the skills and knowledge in either Literacy/English, Mathematics, or Sciences and have a passion for supporting young people succeed and achieve their best. Please email your expression of interest to <a href="mailto:bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au">bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au</a> or contact Jean Olley on 03 5755 1166 for further information.





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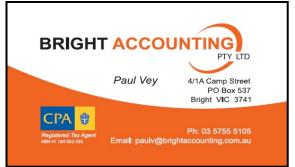


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Self defence - Discipline - Fun For all fitness levels, ages 6 and up

Classes: Monday (Myrtleford Dojo) Tuesday (Porepunkah Dojo) Thursday (Porepunkah Dojo)





