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Issue 5

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

SCHOOL TOURS

This term, we are offering tours to parents / carers of children who are starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. Come and meet our teachers, see classes in progress and ask questions. No RSVP required. Everyone's welcome to attend. If you would like to visit at another time, please call the school office. Times are:

Prep in 2025 - 9:15am Tuesdays

* 23 April * 30 April * 7 May * 14 May * 21 May * 28 May * 4 June * 11 June * 18 June

Yr 7 in 2025 - 9:30am Wednesdays

* 24 April * 1 May * 8 May * 15 May * 22 May * 29 May



FUN RUN

Prepare for an exciting weekend ahead! Our Fun Run fundraiser is set for this Saturday 27th April. It promises to be a morning filled with fun, fitness and community spirit as we come together to support our school.

Whether you're an experienced runner or just looking for a relaxed walk, there's something for everyone to enjoy. It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy fresh air, get active and connect with other families and friends.

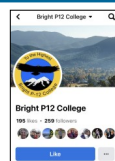
We're grateful for the overwhelming support from our sponsors, volunteers, and participants. Together, we can make a difference and enhance the educational experience for all our students.

Let's make this event a memorable one for everyone involved! Register now

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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

I am delighted to report a fantastic start to the term, with a great variety of activities and learning opportunities already underway. There's so much going on and it's an exciting time for our school community. We deeply value your partnership and believe that together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for our students to thrive. Your involvement and support play a crucial role in our collective success and we look forward to continuing this journey with you. Thank you for being an integral part of our school's vibrant community.

This Saturday we have the Bright Fun Run which is a huge fundraising opportunity for the College with an amazing team of parents and staff organising the event. I hope you can join us on Saturday 27th April. The Parents and Friends Committee have organised a

Bake Sale in conjunction with the Fun Run to increase fundraising at the event and if you are interested please read Mat Gray's Compass post with details on how to be involved.

I am excited to extend a warm invitation to our school tours, designed for families with children starting Prep and Year 7 in 2025. More information is on page 1 of this newsletter. Please join us in discovering the unique qualities that make our school a special place for growth and learning. No RSVP is required, just meet at the Front Office.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

APRIL

25 APR	ANZAC Day public holiday
26 APR	9:30am Prep-Yr 12 ANZAC Day assembly, Bright Community Centre
27 APR	Fun Run
29 APR	Yr 9 Morrisby profiling
29 APR-2 MAY	Yr 7 Camp, Coolamatong

MAY

1 MAY	Yr 9-12 Hume Volleyball
1 MAY	Yr 1-6 Stig Wemyss excursion
4 MAY	Gala Day parade
6 MAY	Pupil free day
7 MAY	White Card course

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 14th June

GATEWAY HEALTH

Gateway Health offer a number of free supports for parents. These include the Positive Parenting Telephone Service, a multi-week program for parents and carers of children aged 2-12 years. Other programs are the School Readiness Workshop, for parents and carers of children starting school next year and a six-week course with a focus on raising teenagers. For more information and to register, visit <https://gatewayhealth.org.au/>

HOMework CLUB

Students, Homework Club is on again 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 and 2023 Bright P-12 College Dux Zoe Ditcham is there to offer help as a tutor.

BYO mug for hot milo.

GALA DAY

The Bright Autumn Festival is on Saturday 4th May. All students from Prep to Year 12 are encouraged to attend. Students need to arrive at the bus stop on Park St by 1:15pm and an adult will be required to collect all students at Centenary Park at the end of the parade (approx. 2.30pm).

This year, the theme is 'Back to the 60's - one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'.

WHAT TO WEAR. Younger students (Prep-Year 2): sitting on the float are the 1960's school students. Wear dull colours, school dress, plain shirt and tie, vests, woollen jumpers, cardigans OR current school uniform (polo top, shorts and long socks or winter tunic) - **NO TRACKPANTS OR MODERN LOGOS PLEASE**. If you would prefer to come as a spaceman, feel free to! **Older students** (walking): hippie culture, flower power inspired outfits. **NO MODERN LOGOS PLEASE**. Ponchos, beads, maxi dresses or mini skirts, peasant tops, peace signs, belts, flares, tie-dye, headbands, sunnies, paisleys, psychedelic colours, embroidered clothes, scarves, peace signs.



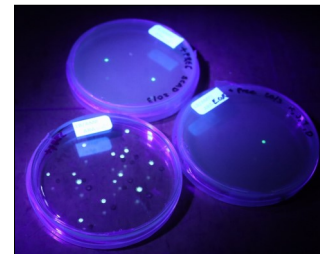
MUSIC EXCURSION

Some of our Primary musicians performed at the Alpine View Childcare Centre. Our Prep-Year 2 Choir and Year 3-6 Choirs performed and our students also presented a trumpet duet and clarinet duet. The younger children really enjoyed the performance and so did our students. This was great practice for other upcoming music performances.



Yr 12 BIOLOGY

Bacterial transformation. Our Unit 3&4 Biology students became genetic engineers. They inserted green fluorescent protein genes from a jelly fish, ampicillin resistance genes from bacteria and surface protein genes from hepatitis B virus into E.coli bacteria. This genetic engineering is used to mass produce hepatitis B surface antigens to be used in vaccinations. Basically, they made bacteria glow in the dark! The experiment was very successful and this is testament to the student's careful laboratory techniques.



Yr 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

All Year 10 students participated in Work Experience during the second last week of Term 1. The purpose of work experience is for students to immerse themselves in a vocation that they are interested in and to then determine if this is a career that they may pursue in the future. It was great to witness students going through the process of seeking employment, confirming work arrangements, and then undertaking the placement for 5 days. Towards the end of the week, Bright P-12 College staff checked in with each student's employer and it was wonderful to hear the positive feedback. This year we had students placed in a wide variety of placements. These included: local primary schools, a local veterinary clinic, Northeast Health, Alpine Childrens Services, Maru Wildlife Park, the fashion industry, TV set design in Melbourne and a wide variety of local trades, retailers and hospitality venues. Thanks to all the businesses that have supported our students this year with this program, it is greatly appreciated.



P&F FUNDRAISER: BAKE SALE

Get your aprons ready and dust off those baking pans because we're gearing up for a scrumptious event! The Fun Run is just around the corner, and what better way to sweeten the occasion than with our beloved Parents and Friends Bake Sale?

We invite you to showcase your baking prowess and contribute to our bake sale on Saturday, April 27th. Whether you're a master baker or a novice enthusiast, your delicious creations will help make this event even more memorable. All donations, from classic cookies to gourmet cakes, are warmly welcomed. Please drop off your baked goods at the school office on Friday, April 26th. To ensure the safety of all attendees, we kindly request that you provide a detailed ingredient list for each item.

Your generous contributions will not only tantalise taste buds but also support our school community. Thank you in advance for your participation and support. Let's make this year's Bright Fun Run Bake Sale the best one yet!

RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

On national Ride to School Day, we celebrated by dressing up in retro gear and riding our bikes, scooters and skateboards to school. The Primary parade was the highlight of the day where students got together to see who had created the most outrageous retro outfit.



Yr 8 CAMP

The Outdoor School at Bogong Village was the destination for our Year 8 Camp this year. We headed to camp via the Gorge walk at Mt Beauty. Many students enjoyed the challenge of trying to keep dry shoes whilst rock hopping across the river in several spots, others accepted defeat and removed shoes first.

Once back on the bus we made a slow drive up the mountain to Bogong Village. During the week, students undertook a variety of activities including abseiling, rock climbing, river walking, kayaking, bridge building, orienteering and an introduction to some of our native animals. Students held a bearded dragon and blue tongue lizard as well as a Children's Python. The highlight of that session was the sugar gliders being active whilst students were present.

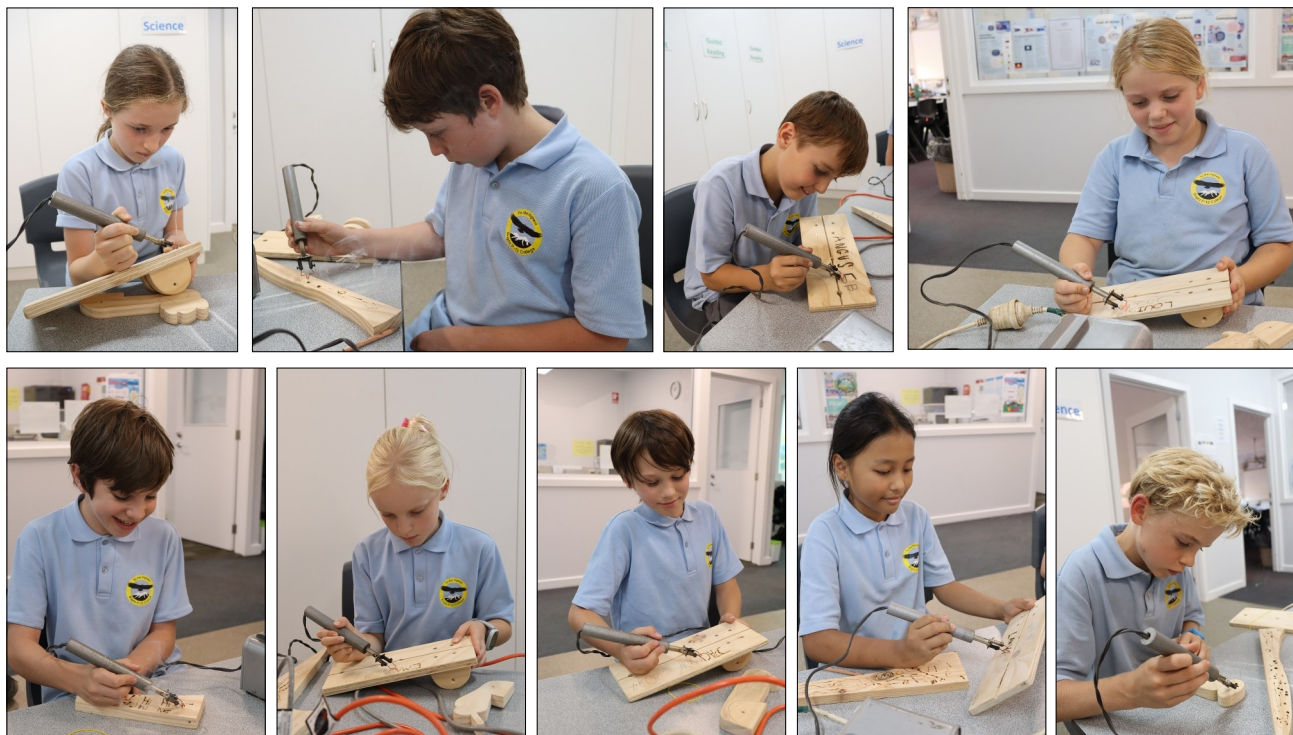
Students undertook an overnight hike up on the Bogong High plains. Whilst very cold overnight, the following morning's sun soon warmed us up in time to climb Mt Cope and admire the view of the ski resorts in the distance.

By Friday morning all students had experienced many of the activities that make this area unique. A big thank you to teachers Mr Steer, Ms Kelly, Mr Pywell, Mr Young and Yr 8 Coordinator Ms Mapley for ensuring all students wellbeing throughout the week. We all arrived back home very tired and appreciative of our own beds.



Yr 5 WOODWORK

Year 5 students have been putting the finishing touches to their door knocker projects during their Woodwork classes. They have been using the wood burning tool to enhance their designs.



WORKING BEE



At the end of last term, a team of volunteer parents, Sustainability Coordinator Darren Wood and Principal Jean Olley shovelled mulch around the perimeter fence of our newest garden off Deacon Avenue. We stopped for morning tea in the Outdoor Learning Space to eat zucchini slice prepared by Canteen Manager Christian with ingredients from the Kitchen Garden. Darren shared exciting ideas about how the garden is part of our vision for a sustainable future.

Over the coming months our students will be involved with developing the garden space to incorporate a yarning circle, wicking beds, orchard, native vegetation and trees, outdoor seating and eventually a rotunda type space. We aim to develop a garden that can support Christian to provide healthy food for our students and our VM students develop a social enterprise. The garden is a very exciting addition to our College's educational program.

Yr 8 ECONOMICS

Year 8 students set up their own social enterprise. They had \$20 each to set up their business (market stalls). Students planned their business budgeting, marketing and created their stalls. Profits were donated to a social issue charity of students' choice. Over \$250 was raised for charities supporting zero hunger, animal welfare and the oceans.



P&F MOTHER'S DAY STALL

We Need Your help! With Mother's Day just around the corner, we have a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the incredible women in our lives and give back to our school community.

This year, the Bright Parents & Friends committee is excited to announce that we will be hosting a Mother's Day stall on Thursday the 9th of May. It will be a fantastic event, where we aim to offer beautiful handcrafted items perfect for gifting. All funds raised will be dedicated towards the redevelopment of the Primary playground.

We Need Your Creative Contributions! Do you have a knack for crafting? Are your cupboards brimming with creations awaiting their moment? We're calling on all crafty parents to donate items or your time to make our stall a treasure trove of unique and thoughtful gifts valued at \$1, \$2, \$5 and \$10. The handmade item cut-off date is Monday the 6th of May, so there is plenty of time to get your craft on.

We will be running some workshops on Tuesdays (but not limited to) for anyone who would like to contribute their time. No skills are required! Come for a chat, a cuppa and to make some beautiful pieces to sell at the stall. Your support is immensely appreciated, not only by the school committee but by the mums receiving the gifts and by the kids who get to choose them! Thank you in advance for your kindness and contribution. We welcome any new ideas as well. We're looking forward to celebrating Mother's Day with you all. Bright P12 College, Parents & Friends.

SUSTAINABILITY - TREE PLANTING

This term, students have been helping our Sustainability Coordinator Darren Wood by planting native plants along the inside perimeter of our new deer-proof and kangaroo-proof fence. Following extensive research, including liaison with local Parks Victoria and DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, formerly DELWP) representatives, the native plants were chosen for various reasons: attracting beneficial insects and other native animals, including birds; increasing ecological biodiversity of the site with a focus on species that are native to the Alpine region; educating our students about Aboriginal uses for the plants as food and medicine; understanding the role certain plants have in providing fire resistance.



DHUDHUROA LANGUAGE DAY

Last term, Beechworth Montessori school hosted students from the five schools that currently teach Dhudhuroa language to their students: Harrierville PS, Dederang PS, Wooragee PS, Beechworth Montessori and Bright P-12 College. Around 220 students participated on the day, ranging in age from Prep / Foundation through to Year 12.

Support on the day was given by Dhudhuroa people, including Nathan Lovett-Murray who spoke his first Dhudhuroa words to the students as the Welcome to Country to open the event. Nathan's son, Mara and Larissa Hume also attended. There was support from the regional Koorie Engagement Support Officer (KESO) team, Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI), a Linguist from the University of Melbourne Research Unit for Indigenous Language, Dr Bill Forshaw, the team from Thamarrurr Youth, school staff members and the Dhudhuroa Language teachers who coordinated the day, Mica Corscadden, Kylie Giltrap and Katrina Ciolli.

Students were divided into four groups and rotated through the activity stations. Each station incorporated a different learning style, but all had a focus on learning and using Dhudhuroa language. The craft station set students the challenge of using natural resources to create a visual representation of the word given on their card. The singing station encouraged students to sing the 'Cuddly Bawiaka' (koala) song, that included a number of Dhudhuroa words. This song must have connected with the surrounds as we were fortunate enough to have a live 'mascot' koala climbing in the trees in the school grounds during the morning!! The art station provided an opportunity for students to work together and produce a take home canvas for each school. The traditional games station encouraged students to practise jumping like a yawarro (kangaroo) in relay races and to fly like a nianyo (black cockatoo) during an octopus game.

The Dhudhuroa language day was a huge success. It was a day that celebrated and showcased the enthusiasm and achievements of the ongoing and growing language revival efforts for Dhudhuroa. Many thanks to all involved.

This event was supported by a grant from the University of Melbourne Indigenous Knowledge Institute.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 12 Bright P-12 College student Kira Mack competed in the 2024 Equestrian Victoria Interschool Championships over the school holidays. She rode in 6 events over the four days. Kira's best result was 3rd in Senior 80cm One Round Jump Off. She came 6th in the Senior 80cm Jumping - Champion Award. In the Team Award Bright P-12 College came 86th of 170. Congratulations, Kira!



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