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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

CANTEEN NEWS



Following on from our school joining the Vic Kids Eat Well movement, we are continuing to take steps to make sure our students have the fuel they need to learn, play, grow and thrive.

**** We are now offering freshly squeezed orange juice for \$3 ****

Order through the Canteen section on Compass (see email sent to parents / carers via Compass on 17 June).



CYBER SAFETY TIPS

In an ever-changing world, it can be challenging navigating the online space with young people. As school holidays draw near, they may end up spending more time online. To support parents / carers through this, we have collated some tips and information to ensure your children are engaging in a safe and respectful manner. This information has been drawn from the Australian Government eSafety commissioner.



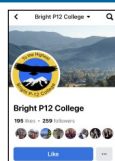
Some tips for families

Get informed – visit <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/online-safety-for-every-family> where an abundance of information is provided in a range of different languages. **Manage time online** - ensure your child finds a healthy balance of engagement. This includes time, but also the quality and quantity of what is being consumed. **Stay engaged and encourage balance** – monitor the apps/games they are using and ensuring they maintain engagement in other hobbies and sports. **Create a plan** – create a family screen schedule, where everyone agrees to how much time is spent on screens. **Use available technologies** – use parental controls and tools to monitor online time. But ensure you're being honest with children about why you are using these features.

More information on page 8



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Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

Firstly, welcome to our Dinner Plain families. We look forward to sharing a great Winter season with you at our unique school above the snowline.

Recently, our staff attended a presentation on the topic of Disability Inclusion. The speaker took us through a range of options in the school setting to improve outcomes for students with ASD, ADHD and Dyslexia. It was a very useful session which helped expand our knowledge of how best to support students. We are committed to working with all students and their families so that every child at our school receives the very best support for their academic, social, emotional and physical growth.

On Wednesday 26th June, student reports will be published via Compass. These reports are a vital part of our commitment to providing a comprehensive overview of your child's academic progress and development. The student reports offer detailed insights into your child's achievements, strengths, and areas for improvement. These reports are not just a reflection of academic performance, but also an essential tool for fostering your child's growth and development.

I encourage you to review the report with your child

REPORTS

End of Semester Reports for students in Prep to Year 12 will be published on Compass on Wednesday 26th June.

Hard copies of reports are available on request by contacting the front office by Thursday 20th June on 5755 1166 or email bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au These reports will be posted to your home address.

If you have previously received a hard copy, you do not need to put in another request.

and discuss their progress and goals. Your involvement and support play a significant role in their educational journey, and we are here to work together to ensure their success. If you have any questions or need further clarification regarding the report, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher, Year Level Coordinator or Assistant Principal.

As this is the last newsletter for Term 2, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you a fantastic break over the school holidays.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

JUNE

18-21 JUN	Yr 10 Camp, Melbourne
19 JUN	Yr 1-12 Japanese Speech Competition, Bright Community Centre
21 JUN	Yr 3-12 Hume Cross Country, Benalla
21 JUN	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB day, Beechworth
21 JUN	Yr 12 Big Freeze fundraiser for MND
25 JUN	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed MTB day, Beechworth
25 JUN	Yr 7/8 O&M Sport, Albury/Wodonga
26 JUN	Prep Japanese Speech Presentation
26 JUN	Yr 5/6 Winter Sports Day, Wangaratta
26 JUN	Reports published
27 JUN	Yr 9-12 O&M Sport
28 JUN	Last day Term 2 - finish 2:30pm

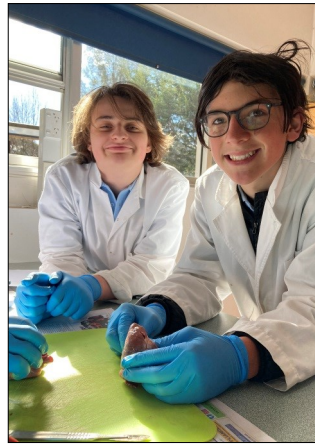
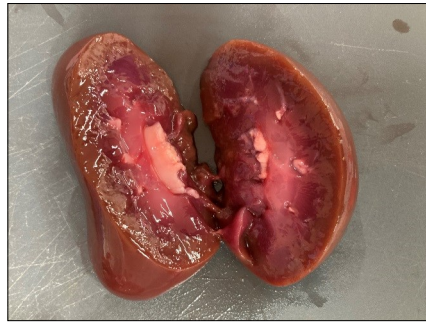
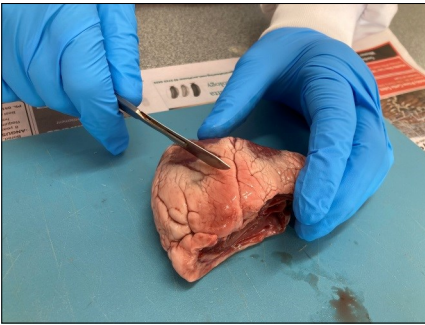
JULY

15 JUL **First Day Term 3**

NEXT PUPIL-FREE DAY: Friday 6 September

Yr 8 SCIENCE

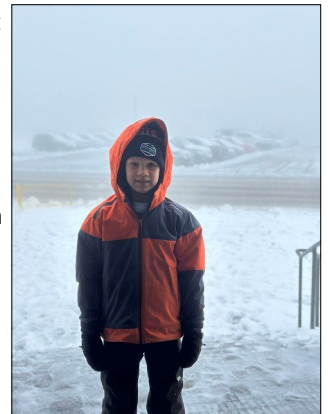
In Year 8 Science we have been learning about body systems, including the respiratory and circulatory systems. After learning about these systems and their structure, the students were able to investigate the heart structure in more depth by doing a dissection.



DINNER PLAIN CAMPUS 2024 IS OPEN



Last week, we saw the exciting start of our winter schooling at Dinner Plain with 16 students from across the country joining us. We extend a warm welcome to both new and returning students and their families, as well as our dedicated teachers, Rosie and Jodie. In Term 3, we look forward to welcoming the remainder of our students, bringing our total to 61, along with our additional teachers, Lee and Margot, and Madeleine as Education Support. All students have been enthusiastically perfecting their snow dances, and the great news is that their efforts are paying off! Here's to a fantastic winter term filled with learning and snowy adventures!



O&M CROSS COUNTRY

Earlier this month, 31 of our Primary students attended the Ovens & Murray (O&M) Cross Country in Wangaratta, while 30 Secondary students ran in the O&M Cross Country event in Beechworth. The weather was great on both days and students displayed great sportsmanship, trying their best against some tough competitors.

18 students from Bright P-12 College made it through to the Yr 3-12 Hume Cross Country event in Benalla, which will be held on Friday this week. Best of luck to all the runners!



Yr 9 WOODWORK

Building on the skills developed during the side table task, students designed and created a customised chopping board.

After considering the purpose, size, shape and elements of innovation, students chose from a range of hardwoods to create contrasting patterns.

They then carried out a range of different processes to construct their boards incorporating the features identified in their folios.



PARENTS & FRIENDS BOOK DRIVE

We are excited to announce that the Parents and Friends Committee is organising a special book drive for our upcoming Father's Day stall, which will be held on Thursday, 29th August.

We invite all families to contribute by donating books that are in good condition and suitable for sale at the Father's Day stall. Your generous contributions will help make this event a success and provide a wonderful selection of books for all the dads to enjoy.

The school office will be collecting book donations throughout this term and at the beginning of Term 3. Please drop off your books during school hours.

Thank you for your support and participation. Together, we can make this Father's Day stall a memorable event for our school community.

Warm regards,

Parents and Friends Committee.

Yr 7 ART



This term, our budding young Year 7 artists enthusiastically participated in exploring colour blending in acrylic paintings and strengthening their tonal drawing skills in their observational pencil sketches.



NEWS FROM THE BRIGHT FOOD CO-OP



A member of the Bright Food Co-op has shared this savoury cracker recipe with our school as it's a great option for school lunch boxes. All ingredients are available, plastic-free, from the Co-op. Order ingredients online or visit the shop at the school stadium on Saturdays from 10-12.

Link to cracker recipe:

<https://www.mynewroots.org/2014/07/the-life-changing-crackers/>

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GERMAN BOOKS



Did you know we have a selection of German books in our Library at school? From books aimed at Primary students, including 'Thomas & Seine Freunde' to books that stretch the vocabulary of our Year 12 German students.

German books are available to borrow from a separate section within the Library. Students can ask their German teachers for advice about a 'good fit' book to suit their reading level.

Shown here is a small selection of the over 80 German titles in our collection.

Yr 8 ECONOMICS

The Year 8 Economics class have been working on their social enterprise skills this term by researching and planning a market stall to create revenue that they can invest into a charity or social cause that they believe in.

Students have done a fabulous job, with both of their market stalls being a huge success

Now that the second day of stalls has taken place, we will be finalising our profit/loss statements and donating our earnings.



Yr 1/2 ART

Years 1 & 2 have had a busy term! Taking inspiration from sculptor and photographer Andy Goldsworthy, they had a fantastic time producing their own wonderful Land Art.



CYBER SAFETY TIPS ctd...

Online gaming can improve children's coordination, problem-solving, multi-tasking and social skills – but it is imperative to understand the risks, which include impacts on children's health, ability to study, and social/emotional wellbeing as well as bullying and grooming online or in-game chat. Tips to support your children include: **Prepare** – keep computers and games in an open area of the home and use parental controls and safety features. **Build good habits** – help children use screen names and not to click on links (e.g., cheat programs). **Create strategies to help them switch off** – using a timer or agree on designated amount of time per day. **Stay involved** – talk to your children regularly about their gaming, who they play with or even play with them. **Be aware of what they're playing** – games can vary in their level of violent and sexual content, and may contain themes, language and images that are unsuitable for children. **Empower your child** – Support them in making safe and responsible decisions. Provide them with strategies to deal with negative online experiences.

Cyberbullying is the use of technology to bully a person or group with the intent to hurt them socially, psychologically or physically. This includes abusive texts and emails; hurtful messages, images and videos; imitating, excluding or humiliating others online; spreading nasty online gossip and chat; creating fake accounts in someone's name to trick or humiliate them. **Signs to look out for:** being upset after using the internet or their mobile phone; changes in personality, becoming more withdrawn, anxious, sad or angry; appearing more lonely or distressed; unexpected changes in friendship groups; a decline in their school work; changes in their sleep patterns; avoidance of school or clubs; decline in their physical health; becoming secretive about their online activities and mobile phone use. **What can you do?** listen, think, stay calm; collect evidence; block and manage contact with others; report to site or service; report to eSafety; get help and support. You can go through these resources with your children or young people to support their education and awareness.

Children: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids> and <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents/resources/mighty-heroes>

Young people: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/young-people>

Yr 8 WOODWORK

Students are working through various stages of creating a stick figure lamp. During this task, students are challenged with working from a cutting list to create the required components before following along with practical demonstrations to assemble the finished product. Students who finish ahead of time have the opportunity to include some elements of creativity by including a lamp shade and custom pyrograph designs.



WOOLWORTHS JUNIOR LANDCARE GRANT

We're thrilled to announce that we have received a 2024 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant for our Sustainability project, The Beneficial Insect Garden Hub.

The aim of our project is to educate students about biodiversity by researching and planting beneficial insect attracting plants in our new vegetable and Indigenous garden space. Students will be involved in researching, growing and monitoring plants and insects that are beneficial to our new Indigenous plant and food production garden space.

Bright P-12 College is one of 1,041 schools and early learning centres across Australia to receive a Woolworths Junior Landcare grant to help grow our next generation of environmental champions.

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Yr 9 GERMAN

Danke schön Christian! Recently the Year 9 German class put their classroom learning into 'real-life' practice. Students had just completed a unit of work based around 'In the restaurant'. Their learning included vocabulary for foods and drinks often served in a restaurant and the language around placing an order and paying in Euro currency.

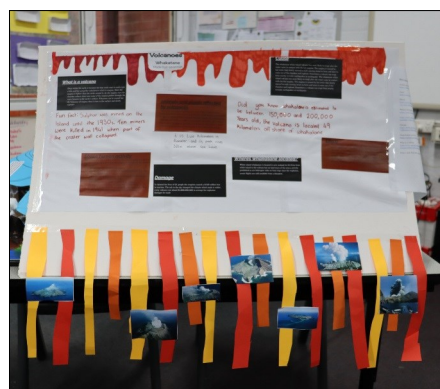
Christian, our Austrian canteen manager was kind enough to prepare some delicious cakes, served with or without cream and a hot chocolate. Each student placed their order in German in a conversation with Christian. They even needed to listen for the price and pay (with play money) before receiving their food. Well done to all students who participated and many thanks to Christian for his work.

This activity was funded through the College's German department budget.



Yr 5/6 NATURAL DISASTERS RESEARCH PROJECTS

Years 5 and 6 had a fun afternoon, sharing their Natural Disaster Research Projects with the school community in the form of an open afternoon/expo. Students, teachers and families visited the learning space where students work was on display, with many original and creative interactive demonstrations of volcanoes erupting, earthquakes shaking, avalanches cascading and tsunamis surging (and splashing!)



COMMUNITY NOTICES

**WANT TO JOIN THE
AIR FORCE CADETS**

Recruiting Information Session

21 June | 7-8PM
41 Avalon Street, East Albury




Join Now



JOINING REQUIREMENTS

- Be at least 12 years of age.
- Be under 16;
- Be enrolled in at least Year 7;
- Have parental or guardian permission to volunteer as a Cadet in the AACF;
- Be a resident in Australia;
- Have the physical ability to participate;
- Not be a member of either the Australian Navy Cadets (ANCF) or the Australian Army Cadets (AAC);
- Agree to abide by the ADPC Youth Values and Code of Conduct Statement.



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Nominations Close
 Monday, 5th August 2024

Awards Night
 Friday, 30th August 2024

Nominations QR Code:



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