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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

FRANKIE UPDATE



Hi Bright P-12 College community! Frankie here! I thought it's about time I gave you an update before I begin my journey heading back to school. I am excited to come back, I can't wait to see you all, and I am missing you! Summer has been great, I have been having a relaxing holiday the past few weeks. Chewing toys, chasing balls, hanging with my friends and sleeping in the sun. There have been some big changes this summer. Firstly, it's important I let you know that work can sometimes be hard for me. There are lots of noises, smells and sounds. A big change this year has been my new carers, I am getting used to my new carers and they are teaching me some new skills. Please be patient while I find my way again. Can't wait to see you all again. Woof! (Frankie)

2022 YEARBOOK



Our 2022 Yearbook has been printed.

If you pre-ordered a copy, it is ready for collection from the front office.



GUEST SPEAKER

Our Yr 11 & 12 students attended a talk by David Constantine MBE recently. He was visiting Australia from the UK, where he lives. This was a wonderful opportunity to see a world-class speaker in our own school.

About David: after a life-shattering accident in Queensland at the age of 21 which left him paralysed from the shoulders down, he picked himself up and has travelled the world teaching people how to make wheelchairs from cheap, locally-available materials. He co-founded Motivation, a charity working to improve the quality of life of people with mobility impairment. Motivation makes wheelchairs that are light and functional, rather than the heavy, institutional things which used to be all that was available to so many disabled people.

Check out his TEDx Talk here: youtu.be/reFVoBdaOCI and his photography site here sittingimages.com



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

At our school, we value diversity and we provide an inclusive, safe and respectful school and workplace. We have introduced Respectful Relationships education across P-12. This program takes a whole-school approach that is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across our entire school community, from classrooms to staffrooms, sporting fields, fêtes and social events. This approach leads to positive impacts on students' academic outcomes, mental health, classroom behaviour, and relationships with teachers. To complement this approach and broaden our impact, 3 staff; Mat Gray, Phil Rigby and Natasha Tough recently attended the Modelling Respect and Equity Program (MoRE) which aims to build skills and knowledge to help people create change in their community around issues of respect and equality, particularly amongst the places that shape the cultures of boys and men, like sporting clubs, special interest groups, schools, workplaces and other organisations. This is important work and I would like to thank all staff,

students, parents and community members for their support as we continue to strive for the very best for the young people in our care.

Last week, we said "tschüss" to the German students who have been attending Bright P-12 College and are currently in Sydney. Our long-term German exchange students will be back to join us for the rest of term and our short-term students will head back to their families in Germany after their time in Sydney. It was a wonderful, exciting and rewarding time for all involved and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff, students and parents who were involved this year. Your efforts, warmth and engagement have added value to the program and ensured its continuity into the future. Later in the year we will be returning to our sister school in Germany with a group of staff, short and long stay students.

And finally, parents please remind your children that mobile phone use is not allowed (as per the Statewide Department Policy) from the time they enter school until the time they leave.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

BRIGHT P-12 COLLEGE

SECONDARY OPEN DAY

**FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2023
9.15 - 11 AM**

All interested students and their families are invited to find out more about the Secondary program at Bright P-12 College.

**INFORMATION SESSION
TOURS
MORNING TEA
ALL WELCOME**

Register for the Open Day through QR code, or call the college on 5755 1166.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

MARCH

8 MAR	Yr 1C Bright Library & Ice Creamery excursion
9 MAR	Prep A & Yr 2A Bright Library & Ice Creamery excursion
13 MAR	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
15-27 MAR	NAPLAN testing
17 MAR	Secondary Hume Swimming
21 MAR	Yr 5-12 Progress Reports out
22 MAR	Yr 7 vaccinations
24 MAR	Yr 10 vaccinations
24 MAR	National Ride to School Day

NOTE: School photos are booked for Thursday 4th May

COLLEGE COUNCIL CHAT

I am pleased to introduce a new column in the school newsletter where we share some of the more significant or interesting activities and discussions from the College School Council.

- **Compass Cards** – as part of the process of reducing cash handling at the Canteen we are looking at introducing Compass Cards. These cards would replace the current student cards and provide a school-only “debit card”. Money can be deposited into the Compass account and then spent at the canteen. Council supports the idea in principle but has asked for more detail about the process of depositing and spending the money.
- **Primary playground soccer pitch** – the area immediately above the Park St bus stop is in very high use by Primary students and the current grass tends toward hard dirt in summer and mud in winter. A proposal is in front of council that we cover the surface in artificial turf and fence it (to prevent balls being kicked into the road and the neighbouring property.). An initial indicative quote puts this at around \$75,000. A grant is available which could provide up to \$25,000. Council has approved applying for the grant toward this project and that the project is fully assessed by Finance & Environment sub-committees.
- **Covered Outdoor Area** – a proposal to build a covered area over the basketball courts raised issues of access to all weather play space and also an overall school site masterplan. The proposal has been added to our Pipeline of Projects to be considered as planning and finances permit.
- **Uniform Pants** – we are waiting on a sample of new school pants that hopefully address issues of durability and length. Councillors will review these as soon as they arrive.
- **Primary Playground tunnel** – the primary playground tunnel was a Parent and Community funded and driven project that has been stalled for some time as we try to resolve various issues with compliance. We have had expert inspections and design proposals but it remains a difficult issue to solve.
- **Sustainability staff position** – we are developing a Position Description for a part time Sustainability Coordinator position. This position would support students and staff to develop, implement & expand sustainability measures within the school. This might include reduction of waste, increased recycling, energy reduction, solar power generation, composting etc. It has been seen that although there is enthusiasm for these types of measures at school the reality is that staff and students struggle to find the time to effectively support their implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing councillors for their time on council, Dave Dalbosco, Gilleen Hilton, Tracy Carey, Karlene Beck, Kira Mack and Daisy Stonehouse. Your input and willingness to contribute to the discussions that help guide the school are very much appreciated. A special thanks to Dave Dalbosco who has offered to remain on the Environment sub-committee where his knowledge of the school grounds and professional knowledge are extremely valuable.

School Council meets twice each term. Between these meetings sub-committees meet once each to form recommendations to take to the full council meetings, generally councillors are only on one sub-committee. The sub-committees are: Finance, Environment (school grounds & facilities), Education & Policy, Parents & Community.

Peter Mack, College Council president.

JAPANESE SPEECH CONTEST

9am - 1pm, Wednesday 14th June at the Bright Community Centre.

This is a free event. Participation certificates are awarded on the day. Prizes for winners and an invitation to the regional contest (Benalla) will be awarded at the following assembly. Speech script writing is already under way in class, and Google classrooms have been set up for students to access their translated speeches to practise. This is an optional event and is additional to students' regular school work and homework. Practise outside of class time is not only encouraged, but essential.

Yr 7 COOKING

Year 7 have been cooking up a storm. Last week, students cooked a delicious cheese and bacon risotto. Time permitting this could have been turned into arancini balls. Students demonstrated good chopping skills and the importance of sweating their onions and garlic without allowing them to caramelize. Next week, Year 7 will have a go at chocolate mousse, learning how to separate eggs. Bon appétit!



ALLAN J FINDLAY MEMORIAL BURSARY

Reminder: Applications for 2023 close 24/3/2023. This bursary has been established by the Lions Club of Bright and the Rotary Club of Bright to assist young people in continuing Allan's philosophy of selfless community contribution, and to assist them to fulfill their aspirations of giving back to their community.

A total bursary of \$1,000 is made annually to support young people with financial assistance to reach their goals and/or further their studies, expand their networks to reach out and connect with others in their area of commitment and/or concern. 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. For further information, please contact Jenni Sgambelloni jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au



Yr 10 SCIENCE INCURSION

Students in Year 10 participated in our final workshop of the MISEP (Melbourne Indigenous Stem Education Program). These workshops have run over three years, firstly on Sustainability, then Sky Knowledges and finally on Fire Knowledges. The students participated in activities that allowed them to see the importance of cultural burning, indigenous perspectives and the scientific benefits behind such events. We were fortunate to be able to participate due to the MakerGrant that has made this MISEP program possible. What a fantastic opportunity for our students at Bright P12 College!



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. eg: **new student enrolments**; your child has started or changed schools this year, or **changed family circumstances**; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

State Schools Relief - Uniform support for families

Year 7 students who receive CSEF are eligible for a Year 7 Uniform Pack from SSR - order forms are available from the Office. If you require assistance with the provision of essential uniform items, please contact your child's classroom teacher, Year Level Co-ordinator, Primary/Secondary Assistant Principal, or Jenni for further information - **all enquiries are strictly confidential** - jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au

Local Support – St. Vincent De Paul Society

St. Vinnies are a group of volunteers who are available to assist families and individuals suffering adversity in their lives and are struggling to make ends meet. If you need assistance with rent, paying your electricity bill, or you or your family need food or clothing items, the St. Vincent De Paul Society can help. The service provided is confidential and can be accessed by calling one of the friendly team – 0437 288 638. **If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Jenni** jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au

OVENS & MITTA SWIMMING

Both Primary and Secondary Ovens & Mitta division swimming carnivals were held last week, with a team of 12 Primary students travelling to Wangaratta on Monday as part of the Alpine District team, along with a team of 24 Secondary students going to Wodonga on Thursday. Monday's event saw a swag of ribbons earned from our district relay teams to add to brilliant results from Jarvis and Eliza in their respective events, along with Zoe in her relay, who all received Hume Region qualification. On Thursday, we saw an incredible 18 Bright P-12 College students qualify for the regional event on Friday March 17. All students' efforts were outstanding in and out of the water on both days and we hope to see even more student involvement in years to come. A big thanks to all parents for their support on Monday and to Craig for travelling with us and helping out on Thursday.

Some of our outstanding results included:

Primary

Jarvis: 2nd – 50m Breaststroke

Eliza: 3rd – 50m Backstroke

9/10 Girls (Zoe): 2nd – Freestyle Relay

11 Girls (Eliza): 2nd – Freestyle Relay

12/13 Girls (Millie, Mya, Kirana): 3rd – Freestyle Relay

12/13 Boys (Oliver): 3rd – Freestyle Relay

Secondary

Otis: 2nd – 50m Freestyle, 2nd – 50m Butterfly

Isaac: 2nd – 50m Backstroke

Patrick: 2nd – 50m Breaststroke

Kira: 2nd – 50m Breaststroke, 3rd – 50m Freestyle

Owen: 1st – 50m Breaststroke, 2nd – 50m Backstroke,
2nd – 50m Breaststroke, 2nd – 50m Butterfly

Moira: 2nd – 50m Breaststroke, 3rd – 50m Freestyle

Hunter: 2nd – 50m Breaststroke

Jarrold: 2nd – 50m Backstroke, 2nd – 50m Butterfly

12/13 Boys (Cash, Jasper, Zeke, Gabe): 3rd – Freestyle Relay

15 Boys (Alan, Isaac, Fraser, Otis): 1st – Freestyle Relay

16 Boys (Lachie, Bodie, Sonny, Patrick): 2nd – Freestyle Relay

18-20 Boys (Eden, Hunter, Jarrod, Owen): 2nd – Freestyle Relay

13-14 Boys (Gabe, Zeke, Otis, Fraser): 3rd – Medley Relay

15-16 Boys (Isaac, Patrick, Sonny, Bodie): 2nd – Medley Relay

17-20 Boys (Eden, Hunter, Jarrod, Owen): 2nd – Medley Relay



Yr 9 PRODUCT DESIGN

Students have started working on a contemporary style side table made from beautiful Victorian Ash timber. Over the last couple of weeks students have been cutting and shaping mitre joints and cross-halving joints to create the base frame of their side tables. Students have been encouraged to take time and care with these joints to ensure a high degree of accuracy, as the base frame is crucial to the overall quality of the final product.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - CYCLING

Congratulations to Lachlan Stewart at the recent 2023 AusCycling Junior Victorian Track State Championships in the under 15 category. Lachie is a member of the Alpine and Albury/Wodonga Cycling Clubs and has trained throughout the summer at the velodromes in Melbourne and Albury. His hard work paid off, racing smart and hard at DISC in Melbourne two weekends ago. He achieved the following results:

Gold medal in Pursuit; Gold medal in Points race; Gold medal in Sprint; Silver medal in Time Trial

Lachlan has been selected as one of the 5 riders in the Victorian junior squad under 15 Men to compete at the 2023 AusCycling Junior Track National Championships in Brisbane from April 11th - 14th. Congratulations and best of luck Lachie! He also competed in the cross-country event at the National Mountain Bike Championships in Thredbo the week prior, placing 4th in his age group. And he won another gold medal in the Keirin state championships last weekend.



Photo - John Gondek



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REPTILE ENCOUNTERS

Our younger students had the opportunity to experience a hands-on reptile activity earlier this term. They met a variety of reptiles, including a stick insect, frog, turtle, shingleback lizard, frill neck lizard, two pythons and a crocodile. While there were mixed feelings amongst the teachers about the snakes, the students each had their own take on our reptilian visitors and we all had a great time learning about these fascinating creatures. Quotes from the day ranged from “no way, too scary, I am **not** touching that thing” to “my favourite was the big snake, it was **so** heavy”. Many thanks to the Lions Club of Bright for subsidising the cost of this incursion.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT - LEADERSHIP

Tom Russell, a Year 10 student at Bright P-12 College completed a 3-day future leaders camp run by Tennis Victoria in Melbourne late last year. At the camp, Tom learnt about All Abilities Tennis, coaching, leadership and much more. As part of that program, last month he organised a beginner junior tennis day for children aged 5-12. Tom did a great deal of work planning and running the event. 40 kids attended and the day was a big success. Congratulations, Tom! Next, he will present at the Future Leaders event in Melbourne in April, which marks the completion of the course. Tom would like to thank the Tennis Club committee members and Harry for helping out on the day.



Yr 10 SCIENCE



Students in Year 10 science were fortunate enough to be able to perform a bovine eye dissection. This finished off the unit on psychology and neuroscience nicely.

The students were able to explore the insides of this delicate sense organ, identifying the optic nerve and myelin sheath. It's become more difficult to source such items for educational purposes recently so this was a real treat.

Most students were able to attempt their own or opt out after watching a demonstration.

LIBRARY REMINDER

Students, please remember that when you borrow a book from the school library, it is due back in two weeks, as per the date stamp at the back. If you would like to extend, please come to the library and ask for an extension, which will be for another two weeks.

Thank you for your help with this - it's great to have books returned on time so all students have the opportunity to read our books.



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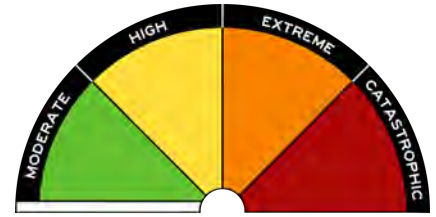


Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**



Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and Compass Notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

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. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home 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 Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- 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.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking Compass and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

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