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Issue 6

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

ANZAC DAY

On Wednesday 26th April, we held our ANZAC Day ceremony at the Bright Community Centre. Many thanks to our guest speakers Pru Cox (Secretary of Returned Nurses at the RSL) and Philip Keeghan (President of the Bright RSL Sub-branch). Bright P-12 College Primary and Secondary student leaders ran the event, introducing guest speakers, recounting stories, reading poems and sharing personal family stories of involvement with the Australian military.

Thank you to the members of the RSL who attended. Thank you also to parents and community members who came along to show their support for this important event in our school calendar.



CYBER SAFETY

We are partnering with Project Rokit, a trusted safety provider endorsed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner, to provide Year 5-10 students with sessions about cyber safety.



The workshops will take place on Thursday 25 May and are youth-driven and evidence-based, delivered through role plays, activities, experiments and group discussion. Since 2006, Project Rokit has positively impacted over half a million young people all over Australia. The workshops encourage students to challenge cyber-bullying instead of standing by watching. The Project Rokit approach is built on the simple premise that young people can create positive change in the world around them - the Project Rokit team work to cultivate the skills, confidence and connection to do that.



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

We had a great start to the term last week with our annual ANZAC Day Ceremony in corporation with the Bright RSL. Our student leaders prepared the program with the assistance of Bright RSL members, incorporating poems and stories from their family history. The ANZAC Day Ceremony is one of great significance and relevance to our community and students. I would like to thank and commend all the students present for the event, your respect was very evident through your reflective silence and engagement with the speakers on stage. Thank you for making this event such a success. Also to our student leaders and the Bright RSL members - a huge thank you.

The Bright Autumn Festival Gala Day is happening this Saturday, 6th May. Students and families, it would be great if you could support our school by joining the

Bright P-12 College float. Information about the event has been sent to families through Compass. See page 4 of this newsletter for information about costumes. Parents, please bring your students to meet us at the Primary basketball court at 1pm. Please park in the stadium car park, as the Park Street and Bakers Gully Road car parks will be busy with parade participants.

And finally, students, please walk your bikes and scooters when you enter the grounds of Bright P-12 College. Last term, we had a couple of near misses with bikes and scooters being ridden at speed through the grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this area to keep everyone safe.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions about any area of your child's experience here at school, please do reach out to me, Mat Gray (Primary Assistant Principal), Phil Rigby (Secondary Assistant Principal), your child's teacher or Year Level Coordinator. As a team, all staff at Bright P-12 College are deeply committed to supporting your child's journey.

Jean Olley - Principal

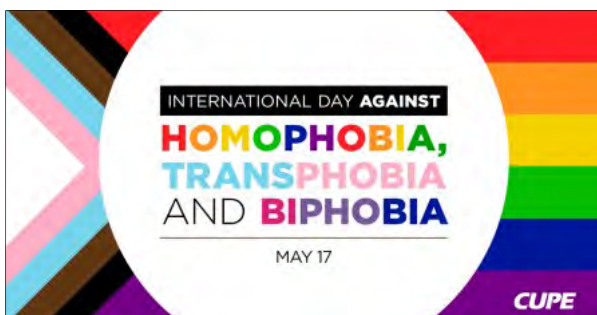
NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE ADVICE

IDAHOBIT DAY

IDAHOBIT Day, the International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, is on May 17th.

On May 17 1990, the World Health Organisation removed homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases. While we celebrate this milestone and other advancements in LGBTQIA+ equality, the unfortunate reality is that there's still more work to do. LGBTQIA+ people in Australia still today experience disproportionate rates of bullying, harassment, and discrimination.

This May 17th, we will have a free dress day and we encourage students and staff to GO RAINBOW! Dress in bright or rainbow colours and show your support for the LGBTQIA+ community.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

MAY

4 MAY	School photos
5 MAY	P-12 House Cross Country
6 MAY	Gala Day
8 MAY	Yr 9 Morrisby career profiling
16 MAY	6pm Japan trip info session
18 MAY	Yr 9 O&M AFL (boys)
19 MAY	Primary District Cross Country, Porepunkah
20 MAY	Second hand ski gear sale, Community Centre

Next student free day: Friday 9 June

NEW STAFF

Hi, my name is Anna and I've just started as a German Language Assistant and will be here until the end of the year. This is my first time working in an educational setting but learning English in a German school has opened so many doors for me. It has even brought me to gorgeous Bright on the other side of the globe. So, I hope I can be a part of someone else's language journey during my time here.

In my free time I love going on walks with our dog Peggy, cooking and reading books. I'm excited to get to know everyone and I am looking forward to being part of the Bright P-12 community.



Hi Bright P-12 College students and families. My name is Shani Sheeran and I am covering some Food Tech and VCAL classes for the term. I've been teaching for 10 years and have taught in a few schools in Victoria, out in the desert in WA and for 5 years in Abu Dhabi. I'm excited to be teaching in Bright, as I'm coming home to where I grew up.

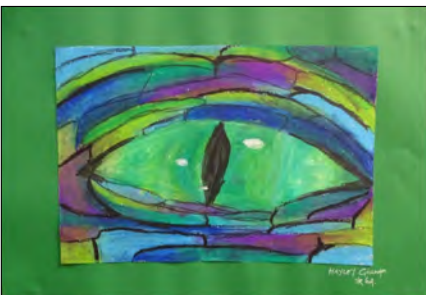
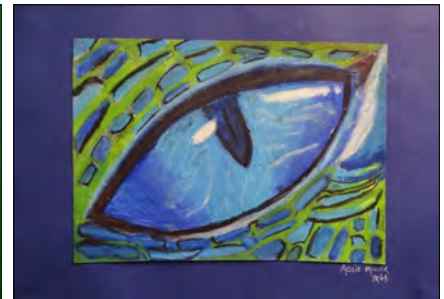
Outside of school you'll find me growing the weirdest looking veggies (my favourites this year were my Red Warty Thing pumpkins) I can get seeds for in my garden and going on adventures with my 3 year old.

Yr 6 ART

In Year 6 Art, students were given the opportunity to develop their understanding and skills in colour blending techniques; using oil pastel. The task required all students to create a realistic dragon eye illustration on paper.

The results were impressive and demonstrated how all students had a sound grasp of colour blending theory. They all succeeded in capturing the implied scaly texture of the dragon's skin and the reflection in their eyes.

Great job Year 6!



GALA DAY - REMINDER

The Autumn Gala Day Parade is on Saturday 6th May. The theme is 'Celebrating First Responders and Everyday Heroes'. We are entering a float for all students from Prep - Year 12, which is the Bright P-12 College First Responders Hospital. We will create a hospital scene on a large trailer.

Parents, please bring your students to the Primary basketball court at 1pm.

Please park in the stadium car park.

Students, families and staff who wish to participate, please come in costumes as outlined:

Prep-Year 2. All white outfit - preferably a white t-shirt and light coloured pants. Students can paint or sew a large Red Cross onto the front of the shirt, otherwise we will place red duct tape onto the shirt. If students have any toy doctors, nurses kits etc with the various accessories, stethoscopes, glasses, thermometers please bring them along too. Students will be sitting on the trailer facing out to the streets.

Years 3-4. Students will be the patients so if they could come in obvious pyjama attire - large stripey / patterned pyjamas and dressing gowns. They may also accessorise their patient outfits with bandages. They will need to be able to walk - some may be lying on the trailer on hospital beds.

Years 5-12. Students are to come as health professionals and will need to wear either all white (t-shirts and pants) or all navy blue. If they have extra medical accessories they can add, this is welcome too. We may also have extra scrubs / white coats and we will be adding red crosses to these outfits if required.

Students should assume they are walking behind the trailer - we may have some crutches, and wheel chairs.

Parents and Staff are welcome to choose their preferred costume - either a patient or a health professional and we welcome your creative interpretations. Below are some images which might help with costume ideas.



Yr 6 ALPINE SCHOOL EXCURSION

During Term 1, Year 6 students went to the Alpine School located at Dinner Plain. We were met by the Year 9 students from many schools around the state who were selected for the Student Leadership program. Each Year 6 student was paired with a Buddy who made them feel welcome and showed them the ropes. Students then split into groups and participated in learning workshops planned and executed by the Year 9 students. What started out as a day of unknowns for both groups turned into a day of laughs, informed learning and new friends for everyone.



Yr 5 INSECTIVORES

Students in Year 5 took part in an online STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) program run by Ecolinc on Tuesday the 4th of April. The students were able to engage with an expert in Entomology, Dr Shasta Henry, to discover the advantages on including insects in our daily diets. They explored the different cultures who have already embraced insect consumption globally and the types of insects they eat. Students were able to sample 'Cricket corn chips' which are high in protein. They created their own super breeds of insects to address real life scenarios and discovered how insect flight relates to suitability for human consumption. A great learning experience had by all!



PREP / Yr 1 PICNIC AT MT BUFFALO



"Hurray! Hurray! Best day ever! I went to My Buffalo. I saw a cross ant, it was huge and I saw a jumping jack nest with a lot of jumping jacks. They were jumping everywhere. I did a little walk. I went over a bridge, it was wobbly and I almost fell over." By Will K, Year 1.

"I went with my class to Mount Buffalo and we did some activities. One was that we got to have a little mini figure and we had to make a hut for them. We had to keep the plastic figure dry. Miss Harris poured some water on my hut. The hut that we made, we put flowers on and that was my favourite activity." By Amber W, Year 1.



Yr 6 HARRIETVILLE CAMP

Two days of beautiful weather greeted the Year 6 students as they rode their bikes to Harrierville and back for an overnight stay at the campground. Setting up camp, a hike around the dredge hole and team building games followed before a BBQ dinner, marshmallows around the camp fire and more activities before bed. Some students managed a few hours sleep overnight before pancakes for breakfast and the return trip to school the following morning. A fun time was had by all, with everyone looking forward to a good night's sleep in their own beds! A huge thank you to all of the parent volunteers who made this camp possible.



PARENT / CARER SURVEY

Complete the myfuture survey and opt in to win a \$100 e-gift card

The team at Education Services Australia would love to know more about how you use myfuture, the National Career Information Service, to support your child/ren in their career exploration, planning and decision-making. This is your opportunity to complete the 2023 survey and provide your feedback. After completing the 5-minute survey, you can also opt in for a chance to win one of two \$100 Prezzy smart eGift cards. (Entry conditions appear within the survey.)

To access the survey, select the following link or copy and paste it into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/myfuture-pc-survey-2023-a>

Free myfuture webinar | Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations

Wednesday 7 June, 5:30pm (AEST) myfuture invites you to register for a free upcoming webinar, 'Managing career uncertainty and anxiety: the power of career conversations', based on the term 2 insights paper of the same name. The lead author Dr Jo Gleeson (Monash University) will talk about the findings of her research in this area, and share a questionnaire that can help you to facilitate career conversations with your child.

Register now: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1242191283650524247>



Yr 7 CAMP

The Year 7 camp occurred in the last week of Term 1. Early on Monday 3rd April, 45 Year 7 students travelled to the Banksia Peninsular in the Gippsland Lakes.

After a long bus trip, our arrival at Camp Coolamatong saw students get straight into the camp site activities. Over the 3 day camp program, all Year 7's participated in a number of water based activities with the highlight undoubtedly being the tube riding behind a speed boat. Sailing, canoeing and a boat ride to Raymond Island to see the koala's rounded out the water activities. Students also participated in indoor climbing and combat archery.

An Indigenous themed walk was also undertaken by all students with the highlight of meeting Mr Beaky, a blue budgerigar who spoke 2 languages.

At the end of the camp, all students signed an appreciation poster for the wonderful staff at the camp. All arrived home very tired and thankful for the wonderful time away.



Yr 9 STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications to the School for Student Leadership will be open for Year 9 students until Friday, 2nd June 2023.

Bright P-12 College has been offered 6 spots in term 4 at the Don Valley Leadership School.

Please take some time to discuss this opportunity with your child and contact Phil Rigby - Assistant Principal Secondary if you have any questions.

Hard copy application forms will be available from the Front Office.



GERMAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The end of Term 1 saw the end of our 2022/ 2023 Long Term German Exchange program. The six visiting German students returned home to their families over the holidays and have resumed learning at their school, our sister school, The Wirtschaftsschule Alpenland. These students certainly enjoyed their time at Bright P-12 College and made the most of their overall exchange experience. Each student has returned home with improved English language skills, an insight into daily life of students and families within the Bright community and many new friendships. German students have written some words about their experiences below.

"With my host family I got a new experience and a wonderful impression of the culture here. I can't say what my highlight is because I saw so many stunning things. The nature, the climate and the One of the best things here is that I have some new friends and we do a lot together so I'll miss them when I'm in Germany. At the end I want to say thank you that we had the opportunity to do the exchange." Lucy

"Now that the three months of beautiful Australia are going to end soon I'm pretty sad about leaving, but at the same time I'm looking forward to go back to Germany even though I'm already starting to miss the many cultural differences as well as the great food and my kind host family." Tizian

"It was the best time. I have new friends, saw how people live here, which animals here are, what the people eat and many other things. I love Bright, it's fascinating. In Bright, you know everyone, it is a small town but you can do everything. I'm also very thankful for my host family. They showed me so many things and had my best time. I'm so happy and thankful about it. Thanks for this great chance, to see Australia, go to school and everything." Viktoria

"I really enjoyed every day. I'm very thankful to my host family and I really enjoyed it to be here at the Bright P-12 Collage it's a completely different school as our school in Germany. I learned a lot of cool and interesting things and I'm happy because I have new friends now. Thank you for everything." Emma

"I am very thankfull that my host family showed me so many different places and that I was able to make so many new experiences. I really liked the warm weather here. I will miss so many things which we don't have at home like Tim Tams. And I will say thanks to everyone who made my experience so nice." Lisa

"I will miss the friends I've made, the places I've been to and the experience itself. One of the highlights was visiting Sydney and Melbourne, and actually seeing all the differences between cities in Europe and here. It was also nice having kind people around me, like my host family. It was nothing but lovely to have to experience all those things, and I think none of us will ever forget. I hope I will stay in touch with friends and I'll seem them sometimes" Dorina.



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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

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. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:
<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

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.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools this year.
- changed family circumstances; such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Alpe de Buffalo is a two day, three stage road race comprising an individual time trial, criterium around Pioneer Park and a road race that ascends Mt Buffalo with varying distances according to age groups. It is a little "Tour de France" around Bright.

The kids all performed exceptionally well and supported each other wonderfully.

Notable results included:

Hanna C 1st U9 Girls Criterium

Otis G 1st U9 Boys Criterium

Zoe C U11 G, 2nd Time trial, 2nd Criterium, 2nd Road Race, 2nd Overall

Theo G U11B 3rd Time Trial, 3rd Criterium, 2nd Road Race, 2nd Overall

Luis S U11B 3rd Road Race

Scarlett S U13G 2nd Time Trial, 2nd Criterium, 2nd Road race. 2nd Overall

Elvy V U13G 3rd Time Trial, 3rd Road Race, 3rd Overall

Lachlan S U15B 1st Time Trial, 1st Criterium, 1st Road Race, 1st overall

Darcy Y U17 Female 2nd Road race, 2nd Overall

Photo Credit: Jean-Pierre Ronco



COMMUNITY NOTICES

VICTORIAN SNOW INTERSCHOOLS

2023 INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

EVENTS & DATES

Mogul Ski World VIC Cross Country Championships 8-9 August | Mt Buller
 Mogul Ski World VIC Alpine Championships 21-22-27 August | Mt Buller
 Mogul Ski World VIC Alpine Championships 28-29 September | Mt Buller

www.vicinterschools.com.au

KARBON **Mogul Ski World** **Mt Buller** **XTM** **Cross the Mountains**

BRIGHT CABARET & COMEDY FESTIVAL

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11 - 13 MAY

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BRIGHT SNOWSPORTS TEAM FUNDRAISER

2nd-Hand Snow Gear Sale

Bright Community Centre
 May 20 9:30am-12:30pm

Pick up a bargain or Sell your own gear!

Register to sell 4-7pm on May 19
 Skis, Boards, Boots, Helmets, Jackets, Pants, X-Country Skis plus loads more

FAQ

* Fees and Commission rates apply. Gloves and Goggles can only be sold brand new with tags

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2023 ALPINE SHIRE YOUTH AWARDS NOMINATIONS



Celebrating and recognising the contributions and achievements of young people aged 12-21 in our community



Nominations close 7th August 2023

Code for nominations



Community Seminar

BUILDING HAPPINESS & RESILIENCE IN YOUNG PEOPLE & THEIR FAMILIES



Guest Speaker
DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Wangaratta **THURSDAY 04-MAY-2023**
Mortleford **THURSDAY 18-MAY-2023**

Family Connections Through Art

CREATE AN ARTISTIC IMAGE OF YOUR FAMILY TREE WITH THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE OF LOCAL ARTIST *Lisa Bishop*

Wangaratta TUESDAY, 9TH MAY 2023 5.30PA
Mortleford TUESDAY, 16TH MAY 2023 7.30PA

PLACES ARE LIMITED, SO BOOK NOW & DON'T MISS OUT!
This is for young people aged 12-18yrs, & a parent, grandparent or other important adult in their life



Rhythmic Drumming Together

Connect and have fun through African Drumming



Wangaratta 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Mortleford 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Tuesday 6th June 2023

This is for young people aged 12-18yrs, and a parent/grandparent or other important adult in their life
Places are limited so book now & don't miss out!



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Experience
Bright Library

- Weekly Story Time!**
 Every Thursday from 10am
- Weekly Rhyme Time!**
 Every Friday from 10am
- A range of school holiday activities for all ages to enjoy!**

Keep an eye on **Alpine Shire Council's Facebook page** for updates and news on upcoming events at the Bright Library!



