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Issue 9

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

PRIMARY & SECONDARY O&M CROSS COUNTRY

We are well and truly in running season. A team of 33 Secondary students headed to Beechworth to represent the school at the Secondary O&M Division Cross Country event. Amongst the many individual successes, Bright P-12 College finished second out of nine schools in the team event, which is a magnificent result. An outstanding 17 runners qualified for Friday's Hume region event in Benalla, which unfortunately clashes with Year 10 Camp for three students.

We took a very strong Bright P-12 College team of 34 students to the Primary equivalent in Wangaratta and everyone who made it to the start line in driving rain and miserable conditions should be congratulated. As only the top 12 students qualify for the region event, in fields of up to 100 in some age groups, it is a huge achievement for those who progressed to the next round. Thanks to all parents who cheered on our runners!



MUSICAL CHAIRS

At the end of last month, our Year 12 students and house leaders arranged a session of musical chairs on the secondary basketball court. Students employed various strategies to gain a competitive edge, but in the end, everyone was a winner in the fast-paced rounds with lots of laughs all round.

Thank you to the students who organised such a fun activity for our secondary students to enjoy.



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to report very positive feedback from teachers about the attitudes of our secondary students to their exams last week. Well done, everyone!

Welcome to our Dinner Plain families. Headed up by Mat Gray, our Dinner Plain campus runs from the start of the ski season until the end of Term 3. While Mat is away, Nick Kenwright will be Acting Assistant Principal Primary and Aimee Tuck will be replacing Nick in the classroom.

Robyn Robynson has resigned from her role as Canteen Manager at Bright P-12 College and I would like to thank Robyn for her dedicated efforts. Robyn is supporting our new Canteen Manager Christian as he begins his new role. Christian has a wealth of experience in the food industry from his previous roles as Canteen Manager for the Alpine School and his own business making Austrian strudels for the markets. Welcome to Bright P-12 College Christian!

Nat Filippi is returning to Bright P-12 College in a different role. Nat will be working with students as an education support person to assist our students and teachers. Welcome back Nat!

See page 3 of the newsletter for more information about our new staff.

And finally, as this is the last newsletter for the term and we head towards the school holidays, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents, staff and broader community for your support of our school and wish everyone a restful break.

I'm looking forward to welcoming you back in Term 3 for the next stage of our action-packed learning journey.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

COLLEGE CALENDAR

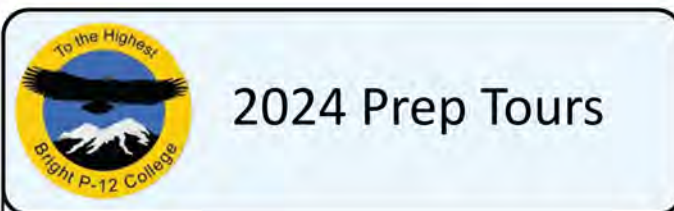
JUNE

- 14 JUN Japanese Speech Competition
- 14-16 JUN Yr 7-9 Man Cave workshops
- 14-16 JUN Yr 10 Camp, Melbourne
- 15 JUN GAT exam
- 16 JUN Yr 3-12 Hume Cross Country, Benalla
- 20 JUN Yr 7/8 O&M Sport
- 21 JUN Reports Published
- 21 JUN Yr 5/6 Winter Sports Day
- 22 JUN Yr 9-12 O&M Sport
- 23 JUN Last day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish**

JULY

- 10 JUL First day of Term 3**
- 12 JUL GTTS & BCST snow programs start
- 13 JUL Yr 3-12 State Cross Country, Yarra Glen
- 19 JUL Prep-Yr 4 Soiree
- 20 JUL Yr 5-12 Soiree

Next student free day: Friday 18 August



2024 Prep Tours

If you have a child starting Prep in 2024, you're invited to attend a tour of Bright P-12 College. Come and meet our teachers, see classes in progress and ask questions.

All tours start at 9:30am

Tuesday 6 June	Tuesday 20 June	Tuesday 18 July
Thursday 8 June	Thursday 22 June	Thursday 20 July
Tuesday 13 June	Tuesday 11 July	Tuesday 25 July
Thursday 15 June	Thursday 13 July	Thursday 27 July

No RSVP required. Everyone's welcome to attend. If you would like to visit at another time, please call the school office.

At Bright P-12 College, we provide excellent learning opportunities, thanks to our experienced teachers, small classes, specialist art, music, physical education and language programs.



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NEW STAFF



Christian (L), with outgoing Canteen Manager Robyn

Hi I'm Christian I am the new Canteen Manager. I am really pleased to be working here at Bright P-12 College and getting to know you all. I have been working at Alpine Health in Mount Beauty for the past 2 years and prior to that I worked at the Alpine School at Dinner Plain.

I am Austrian by birth and have lived in Australia for 23 years. I love sports, particularly alpine skiing and tennis and I am quite competitive in these. I have a lovely partner, Liz and our beautiful dog Heidi who I love spending time with.

Hi, I'm Nat. After running the school canteen, I sank my teeth into a meaty adventure at the butchers. I learned lots of new skills but I missed the school environment.

My new role at the school is as student support, which I am super excited about. I look forward to spending more time with our amazing kids.

In my spare time, I enjoy making beautiful gardens, riding my BMW adventure bike, spending time with my posse and day dreaming.



LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW



Amongst our latest new books in the school library is this fantastic guide to increasing our environmental awareness. Written and illustrated by renowned picture book creator Philip Bunting, 'Your Planet Needs You! - An optimistic guide to walloping waste and reducing rubbish', this book helps younger students understand the importance of caring for our planet. Simple examples are given to help us understand the consequences of our actions - did you know, for example, that individual soy sauce packets take 400 years to decompose? A plastic fork - 1,000 years!



Where does waste come from? Where does it end up? And what can we do to help our planet? Philip Bunting answers all these questions and more in this entertaining and enlightening book. With a positive outlook and a generous dose of humour, 'Your Planet Needs You!' shows that taking care of our environment can be both fun and rewarding.

Yr 4 EXCURSION

Year 4 students, Mrs Ferrito, Ms Kerr and parent volunteer Julie Blake travelled to Wangaratta on Monday 5th June to see a theatre performance of the classic book by Roald Dahl called 'The Twits'. The theatre was jam packed with school students from around the area! The production did not disappoint. The characters Mr and Mrs Twit and the Muggle Wumps, the lighting and music kept us hooked.

It was a great experience for everyone.



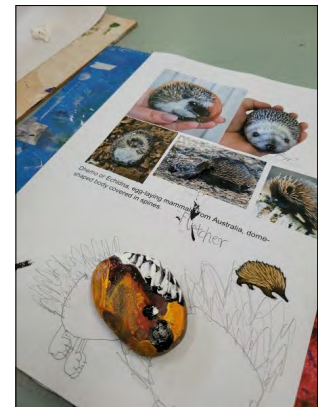
Yr 11 ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES OF VICTORIA

The Year 11 Aboriginal Languages of Victoria Revival and Reclamation class was required to 'Create a learning resource and share the learning of Dhudhuroa Language with others' as part of their Unit 1 assessment. Alison, Ava and Ruby visited class 2B. They selected some Dhudhuroa vocabulary words that related to their chosen Dreamtime story about how the Echidna got its spikes. Alison read the story aloud to the class, inserting the Dhudhuroa vocabulary words into the story. Ruby prepared some sets of memory cards and in small groups students played the card game, practising saying the Dhudhuroa words aloud. Ava ran a craft activity in the art room, supported by Ms Duguid as well as Ruby and Alison, where students painted their own Dhemo (echidna).



Students in 2B learnt the following words: berrwa (tree), dhemo (echidna), wankewa (boomerang), manduka (spear), kiba (stone) and marraka (children).

Well done to all involved. The Year 11 students did a great job of creating an engaging lesson for the younger students and sharing the Dhudhuroa language with them. The students from class 2B were enthusiastic with their involvement in all parts of the lesson and I hope they enjoyed learning some vocabulary words from our local Aboriginal Language.



FAREWELL, MOÏRA

Hi, my name is Moïra and I have been a student at Bright P-12 College for the past 10 months. I am from France and I was keen to spend time in an English-speaking country to improve my English language skills. Since I have been here, apart from being a full-time student, I have also been working at the Bright Ski Centre. I have also been dancing with the Freestyle Alpine Dance Academy. I have explored a bit of Australia while I've been here – checking out Byron Bay, Lorne and Batemans Bay. While at school, my favourite subject has been Art and I've also really enjoyed Biology. I found my school experience more relaxed than in France and I've found the teachers to be very nice. The class sizes here are smaller than in France so I have been able to get to know people better. I am looking forward to going back to my home country, but I will miss my Australian school because I have really enjoyed the experience.

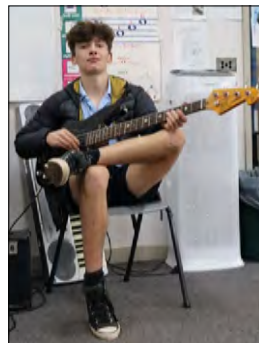


Yr 11 BIOLOGY - RAT DISSECTION



Yr 10 MUSIC

Year 1 and 2 classes were fortunate to be the audience for a performance by the Year 10 music students. This was a great opportunity for our older students to perform in front of an audience and practice their skills outside of their normal classroom rehearsal experience. The younger students really enjoyed the performance and said a big group 'thank you' to the Year 10 musicians.



Yr 5 WOODWORK

Students are designing and then building a door knocker. They have completed the design stage and are working on the basic shapes, then sanding them to remove the rough edges.



Yr 3/4 CAMP

On the 29th of May the Year 3/4 unit along with Mrs Ferrito, Mr O'Connor, Ms Kerr, Mr Gray, Kellie Maconochie, Ruth Meighan and Andrew Centra headed to Beechworth for a one night, two day camp. We stayed at the Old Priory and were involved in the following activities:

- Courthouse re-enactment
- Ned Kelly Walking Tour
- Telegraph Station Tour
- Beechworth Honey Experience
- Cartoon drawing workshop
- Lazy Harry Bush Dancing and Singing Workshop
- Self guided walk at the Dredge at Eldorado

The camp was a great success!



Yr 10 ART

Year 10 Visual Arts students researched a myth/legend of their choice and its story. After exploring imagery associated with their myth they portrayed their interpretation on canvas, using mixed media in its creation. Their results are impressive and unique.



TERM 3 SOIREEES

Early in Term 3 the music department are holding two Soirees. The Prep-4 Soiree on Wednesday 19th July and the Year 5-12 Soiree on Thursday 20th July. These are a great way for all students learning a musical instrument to showcase their talents to an audience. Soirees will be at the Bright Art Gallery and will start at 6pm. The dress for the students is neat casual. I would encourage all students learning an instrument either at school or out of school to attend. Different ensembles will also be participating. You will receive information via Compass. If you do not receive one, please email me to let me know your child is interested. Jason.Campbell@education.vic.gov.au

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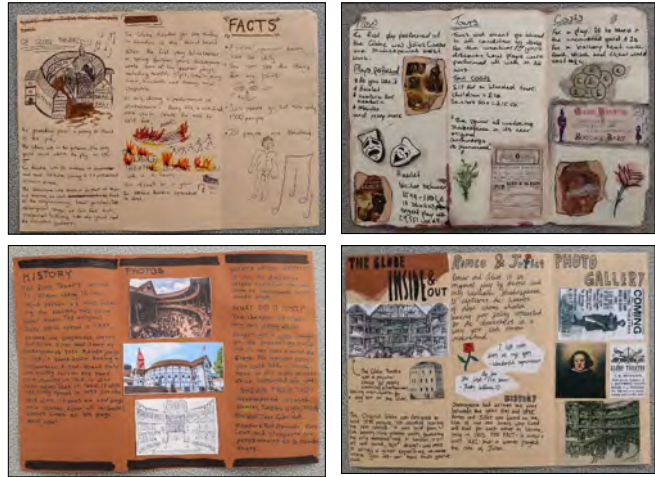
A big shout out to the Bendigo Bank who have just paid for a new battery & pads that needed replacing for our Defibrillator machine in the stadium, to keep this valuable community service up and running.



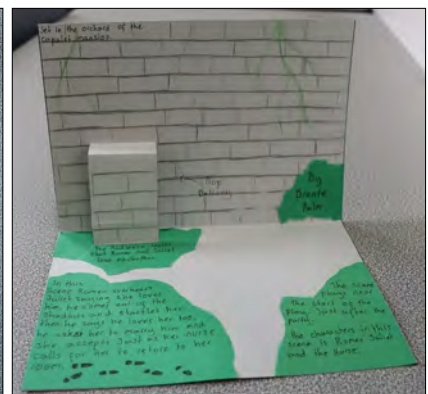
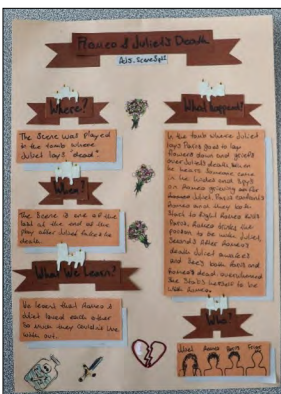
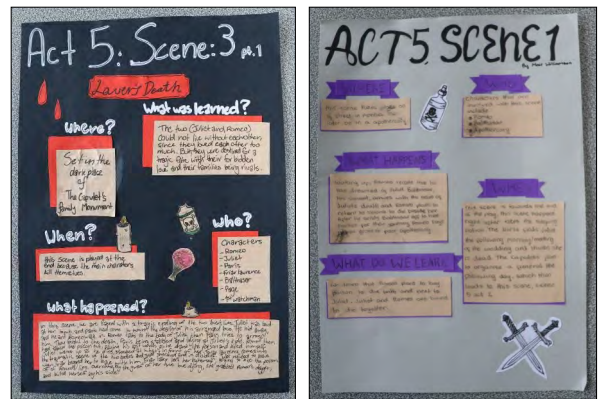
Yr 9 ENGLISH



In Year 9 English we have been researching the Globe Theatre in London and its historical significance. Students have created brochures for the Globe Theatre, including researching how much the tickets cost (1 penny for standing room), how the stage worked and what plays would have been on during its initial opening to present "historically accurate" flyers for the theatre. These are all up for display in the library.



These are the Year 9 scene synopsis assessments created by students. Students needed to analyse and create their selected scenes for posters on display in the library. Their posters needed to analyse the scene, think about the characters and props needed and this was used to inspire their oral performances in their groups.



Yr 6 SCIENCE

Year 6 students have been working on a project to explore our solar system.

In these photos, they are using balloons to represent the planets. Students worked with a scaled down model to measure the distance between our Sun and the planets in our solar system. They worked in small groups and used rulers and measuring wheels, noting their findings to discuss afterwards with everyone in the classroom.

This project combines the areas of Maths and Science and helps students gain experience using tools and working together in small teams and as a class group.



WELLBEING CORNER

Wellbeing Corner with Adolescent Health Nurse Kelly: Testicular Cancer

(In this article, the terms boy/men/man is inclusive of anybody who identifies with these terms and the term male/s refers to people of all genders that have a male or variations of a male reproductive system).

It is International Men's Health Week this week, and this year's theme is 'Healthy Habits'.

Men's Health Week is an opportunity to highlight the importance of men's health, and to promote and support the physical and mental health and wellbeing of men and boys in our communities. It coincides with The Man Cave workshops happening at the school this week for Years 7-9, which aim to provide students with the emotional and social skills they need to thrive in their relationships and lives.

One of the healthy habits I am promoting this month, for male students in Year 9 and above, is doing monthly testicular self-exams.

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer for young males, and approximately one in 200 males will be diagnosed. In this age group, more males die from testicular cancer than females of breast cancer. Fortunately, it is one of the most treatable cancers if caught early with over a 95% survival rate, but around half of people don't seek treatment until the cancer has spread beyond the testicles. Most testicular cancers are found by the person themselves, so males should get to know what their testicles feel like and what is their normal, so if they notice any lumps, or changes in size, shape, or feel, they can get to a doctor straight away.

To find out more about testicular cancer or how to do a testicular self-exam go to:

<https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/testicular-self-examination>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Year 10 student Zac Bradley rode in the Mountain Bike Pineapple event run by Blue Dirt Mountain Biking last month. Best from 4 trails over 2 days of riding - fastest rider by a strong 6 seconds ... out of 800 plus riders ... young and old. He will spend some of the winnings on snow gear for the coming season!

Dean Lucas - World Class Downhill Athlete - is back in town this week training for World Cup / Series. Dean Lucas Racing Team has taken Zac under his wing and supported Zac for the last year or so in different ways. Zac took the opportunity to train with Dean recently.



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