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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BRIGHT FUN RUN

Wow! What a day! Thank you very much to all the families, staff, volunteers, and supporters of the Bright Fun Run this year. What an amazing morning filled with happiness and laughter, celebrating our school and wider community.

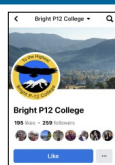
After a three-year hiatus the Bright Fun Run had a successful comeback with 301 runners participating across its three trail races. The school was buzzing with the village atmosphere and activities. The teachers cooked up a great breakfast and the Sixpence coffees were flowing. We had the perfect weather and participation of Bright students was high.

We have some fantastic runners within our school community! Congratulations to Edie H, Finn B, Ari F, Josie M, Oscar D, Luis S, Eleanor C, Stella T, Penny B, Banjo B, Sophie H, Luke C, Jay H, Harper W, Tui M, Maya B. All these students placed either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their age categories within the 3km and 8km races. Well done to Maya B, Ari P and Campbell N for assisting with presentations, you were all such great role models on the day and we appreciate you helping out.

We will be looking back on the 2023 Bright Fun Run with joy, thinking of all the smiling faces on the start line. We can't wait to make more memories with you all in 2024. Bright Fun Run Committee.



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last term of 2023 at Bright P-12 College. It is a long one of 12 weeks (the last week being only 3 days).

While this is a long term for most of our students, for our Year 12 students, their last official school day is at the end of next week. I wish all Year 12 students the very best for the coming weeks and encourage you to keep your goals in mind as you either finish course work or prepare for exams. You can do this!!!

To all students, I would like to remind you of the incredible potential you possess. Success is not only about your academic results but also about the effort you make and the growth you experience along the journey. Each day is an opportunity to learn, to challenge yourself and to discover new things about yourself.

Parents / carers, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement in your child's education at Bright P-12 College. Your partnership is invaluable in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for our students. The Staff and I are excited to continue our work together with you to ensure your child receives the best possible education and experiences growth in their academic, social, emotional and physical development.

We have many exciting activities planned this term, and we look forward to sharing them with you.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

HAT REMINDER

As part of our SunSmart policy, all students are expected to wear a hat when they are outdoors in Term 4 (and also in Term 1). This applies to recess, lunch and while doing outdoor activities. Students who are not wearing our school hats will be asked to sit in the shaded areas.



Hats can be purchased from the front office or via our online shop here <https://fcw.com.au/schools-online-shops/>



Primary students need to wear a wide-brimmed hat and Secondary students, a bucket hat. Hats cost \$13.50 each.

Parents / carers, please remember to label hats.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

9-12 OCT	Yr 2 Swimming program
11 OCT	Yr 8 Wodonga TAFE careers sessions
12 OCT	Yr 9 & 10 Emergency Services Day
13 OCT	Primary Hume Athletics
16-19 OCT	Prep & Yr 1 Swimming program
19-20 OCT	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed 2-day Alpine hike
20 OCT	Yr 12 Celebration Day
23-26 OCT	Yr 5 Swimming program
24 OCT-15 NOV	VCE Exams
25-26 OCT	Yr 8&10 Teen Mental Health First Aid
27 OCT	Yr 10 Outdoor Ed kayaking
27 OCT	P-2 Sports Day
30 OCT-2 NOV	Yr 8&10 Teen Mental Health First Aid
30 OCT-2 NOV	Yr 6 Swimming program

NEWSLETTER PAUSE

Our newsletter editor is going on leave, so this is the last newsletter until December.

Next student free day: Monday 6 November

CANTEEN UPDATE

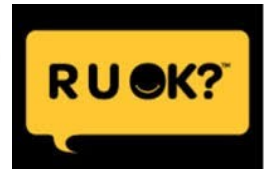
Our Canteen Manager Christian is serving up student favourites including pizza and toasties. He also offers a range of daily specials which always include vegetarian and vegan options. Christian is looking at introducing a range of cold meals as the weather warms up. Freshly made rolls and wraps will be on the menu soon. Shown here are the spicy pizza (a hit with secondary students), vegetarian pizza and cheese and ham toastie. Please order via Compass.



BLUE TREE PROJECT



At the end of last term, an ex-student from Bright P-12 College, Tom Nicholson, arranged to paint a tree blue at Pioneer Park to help raise awareness for the Blue Tree Project and RUOK Day. Secondary students Analyse M, Finn B, Harry W, Joe T, Zeke P and Zeke T helped paint the tree, which is near the equestrian area.



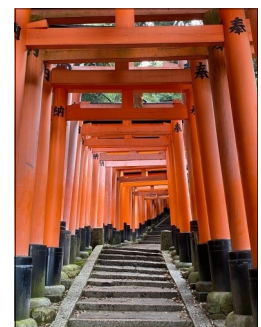
The Blue Tree Project is a global campaign to spark difficult conversations and encourage people to speak up when battling mental health issues. So far, over 1,000 dead trees have been painted blue around the world. Local companies donated materials and time and our students were happy to help out.



JAPANESE TRIP

Eighteen students from Bright P-12 College spent two weeks in Japan last month. The trip was amazing! Our students attended their host brother/sister's schools in Gamagori in the first week. They were welcomed warmly by everyone. After the week in Gamagori, they visited Okazaki City, Nishio City, Hiroshima, Kyoto and Tokyo.

Students experienced travelling by shinkansen (bullet train); visited the Toyota Motor Museum; went for a hike up Mount Misen; visited shrines and temples; caught a cable car; visited the second most scary haunted house in Japan; fed deer at Nara Park; sang at a karaoke room; met sumo wrestlers and samurais; ate ramen, sashimi, sushi, okonomiyaki and tried their hand at yakiniku cooking. They returned to Australia exhausted but very happy.



O&M DIVISION ATHLETICS WRAP-UP

Primary O&M Athletics. A keen team of 32 students travelled to Wangaratta for the recent division athletics carnival. As we've come to expect, we featured heavily in a lot of the long-distance races, but all students genuinely tried their best and should be extremely proud of their efforts. Amongst a swag of appearances in track finals (Mya B, Zara G, Layla S, Carter T, Luke M), we came home with a lot of third place ribbon recipients (Oscar D, Eleanor C, Jarvis F, Millie D, Oliver K, Madison J, 10 Boys relay, 11 Girls relay) who missed region qualifying by the barest of margins! Thanks to Renee Tanaskovic and Tyler Barker for their support on the day.

Gretel H (1500m), Theo G (1500m and High Jump), Eliza W (800m), Eleanor C (1500m) and Millie D (High Jump) will be representing Bright P-12 College at the upcoming regional championships for the opportunity to compete in Melbourne.

Secondary O&M Athletics. We competed in the first round of interschool track and field team. Bright P-12 College finished second overall out of all nine schools in our division, which is an incredible achievement with less numbers than first expected. An amazing 28 students qualified first or second for an individual event, in a relay team, or both! Congratulations to the whole team for giving it their all, especially those who jumped into races or events at short notice to help out. A big thanks to Katie Ferrito and Matt Pywell for their active involvement at the carnival.

Team Results: 12/13 Boys team – 1st, 14 Boys team – 2nd, 15 Boys team – 2nd, 16 Girls team – 2nd, 17 Girls team – 1st, 18 Boys team – 2nd. **Age Group Champions:** Amelie F – 5th, Noah W – 3rd, Ewan L & Oliver G – equal 4th, Mila A – 3rd, Max G – 5th, Tui M – 1st, Owen P – 3rd, Hunter M – 2nd



Yr 11 FORMAL

The Year 11 Formal at the end of last term was such a wonderful celebration of our amazing young people and our community. Huge thanks to Eleana Anderson, Gil Paulsen and their crew for the incredible efforts with the food. It was a beautiful evening full of laughs, dancing and amazing outfits! Special shout out to Rachel Tough from Rachel Maran Photography for the photos.



CEMETERY BENCH PROJECT

Over the course of the first three terms this year, several students have been using their lunchtimes to help refurbish two bench seats from the Bright Cemetery. One of these seats was initially put in place by a Bright P-12 College VCAL class back in 2011. A mix of students from Year 7, 9 and 10 helped dismantle, sand, oil, paint and re-assemble the two seats, giving them a new lease on life. It was great to see students willing to give up their time to help out in the community and the Bright Cemetery Trust were very appreciative of the work completed. A big thanks to Crispies Hardware for donating additional timber, screws and oil.



GATEWAY HEALTH

Gateway Health is running a series of group-based parent education programs and information sessions during Term 4. They also provide individual parenting support.



These programs and sessions are designed to provide valuable insights, practical knowledge, and support in your parenting journey. Each program will be facilitated by experienced professionals and experts in their respective fields. They will provide valuable insights, and practical strategies, and answer any questions you may have.

Some sessions will be conducted as one-off online events. Others will be multi-week courses held in person, providing you with an opportunity to engage in more in-depth discussions and activities. All are free of charge.

For all the details, visit <https://gatewayhealth.org.au/> or call 0457 279 796

Prep-Yr 2 SUSTAINABILITY INCURSION

Our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students were part of an interactive incursion run by the Alpine Shire Council at the end of last term. There were two sessions which were 'Waste Wise' and 'Invasive Species'. Students learnt about the 'waste hierarchy' and how to avoid / reduce; reuse / recycle and recover. With help from their class-mates and the Alpine Shire Council Sustainability Team, students sorted waste into the relevant bin, with several comments from students of "wow - lots of things go into the FOGO bin!" Students also learnt about worm farms, with an opportunity to check out the various stages, including holding a jar of worm castings (aka worm poo!)



Students were then taught about Invasive Species and the effect of invasive flora and fauna. Various native and invader species were discussed, with a focus on the threat to biodiversity. Students were given tips about how to protect native plants by removing weeds, mulching and planting native vegetation. They also learnt about how invasive animals destroy habitat and eat the food of native animals. Tips for helping our environment were given, including installing bird boxes, building bee and bug hotels and growing bee-friendly plants. Thank you to the Alpine Shire Council for these fascinating and very informative sessions.



2023 YEARBOOK

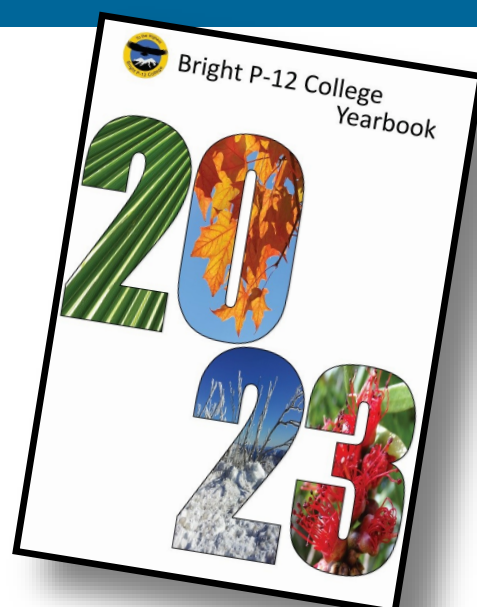
Our 2023 Yearbook is currently being designed. It is now available to pre-order via Compass.

The Yearbook includes articles and photos about everything we've done at school this year, including Art, Music, Science, Sport, Languages, school camps, special events, etc. The cost is \$20 and they will be professionally printed and delivered to school early in Term 1 next year.

If you would like a copy, please order through Compass by 1 December.

The Yearbook is listed as an 'Event' so you can pay for it like you would for a school camp or other event. Please note, we will not be printing additional copies, so if you would like a 2023 Yearbook, you need to pre-order.

If you would like to see a copy of the 2022 Yearbook, we have one to view at the front office.



GERMAN EXCHANGE

During the school holidays, nine students from Bright P-12 College travelled to Germany. While they are in Germany, they are attending our sister school in Bad Aibling in Bavaria and staying with host families in the area. Students on the short-term trip will return to Australia part-way through Term 4, while the long-term exchange students will stay in Germany for the whole term.

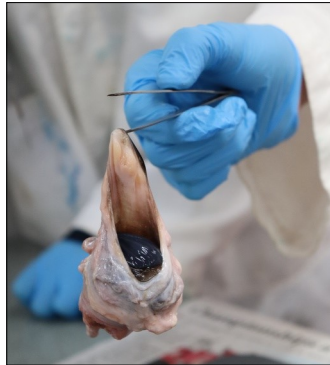
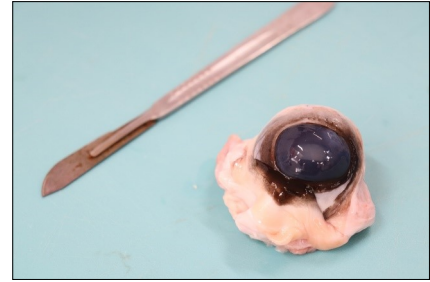
So far, the focus has been on settling in with their host families and exploring the area. Students visited local cities of Munich and Rosenheim and have also spent a few days in Berlin. Now they're back at school in Bavaria, attending classes with their host partners and working on improving their German language skills. For more, check out the blog at <http://blog.brightp12.vic.edu.au/>



Yr 8 SCIENCE - BOVINE EYE DISSECTION

"The aim of the dissection was to see how the eye works and how it is connected to the way we see light. The parts of the eye I saw were the cornea, iris, lens, retina, and optic nerve. I liked seeing the blue colours in the inside of the eye." Maya

"The aim of the dissection was how the eye connects to light. Some of the parts of the eye we saw were the ciliary muscles, optic nerve, lens, cornea, retina, and iris. I liked just looking at it as it was very interesting to look at." Eva.



CONCERT BAND

Last week, the first Concert Band rehearsal was held in the Music Room. Students learning the trumpet, flute, saxophone and clarinet came together to play music. Students at Bright P-12 College have the chance to learn a brass or woodwind instrument and become part of this program. There are still lots of brass and woodwind instruments left to choose from. It is open to students from Year 2 and above. Each student will get a lesson each week and need to commit to the Concert Band on Mondays after school. Please contact Mr Campbell if you are interested.



MATHS WATER PROJECT

Our Prep & Year 1 students learnt about volume in their hands-on Maths lesson last week, using water play to develop their skills and spark their imaginations.

We were measuring the capacity of containers using uniform material, for example cups and buckets.

We also talked about the words millilitre and litre.



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School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Schools and early childhood services undertake a range of activities each year to prepare for bushfires and grassfires. The Department of Education conducts an annual fire risk assessment of schools and early childhood services. Those at the greatest levels of risk are published on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). As part of preparing our school for the fire season, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.



What does this mean for our school?

Our school has been identified as being at risk of bushfire or grassfire and is a Category 3 school. Our school will close on a day forecasted as Catastrophic fire danger rating in North East fire district.

What is the department's policy?

The department's Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness Policy requires all schools and early childhood services on the BARR to close when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their fire weather district. All school bus routes which travel in or through a district with Catastrophic fire danger must also be cancelled.

When will our school be closed due to Catastrophic fire danger?

Closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day. Any information regarding potential or confirmed Catastrophic fire danger days will be communicated to you by Compass.

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. Please be aware that:

- No one will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.
- All bus routes that travel through the Catastrophic area will be cancelled.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for fire weather district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone 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 Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

What can families and the school community do to help us prepare?

- Ensure we have your current details, including your mobile phone numbers.
- 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 due to elevated fire danger or closed due to a Catastrophic fire danger. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).
- Enact your family's bushfire survival plan if your own triggers are met. Our school community may be spread out across many areas and some families may be at higher risk than others. Your family's safety is critical, so please let us know if you are enacting your bushfire survival plan and if your children will be absent on these days.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can find more information on emergencies, warnings and preparedness actions here:

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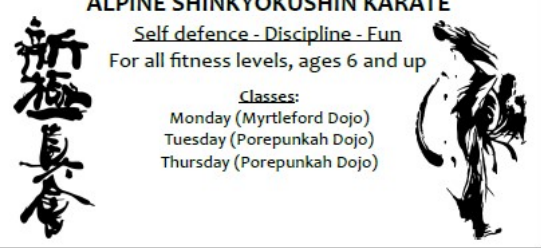
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