

13 December 2023
Issue 16

Bright P-12 College Newsletter

PRIMARY RECESS



Our younger students are getting excited about the upcoming holidays. They've been coming into the Library each morning to see what the Elf on the Shelf is up to. Some of them are sporting Christmas hats and other fun festive accessories.



2023 YEARBOOK

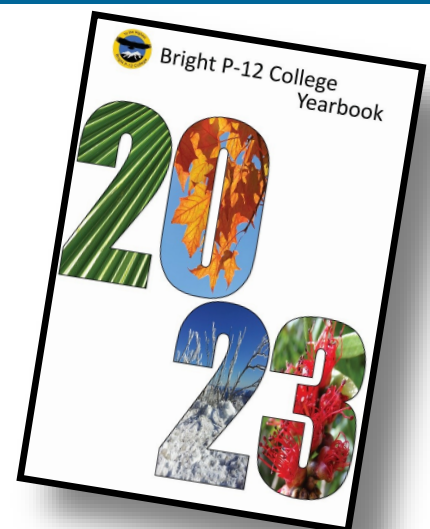
We have extended the deadline to order a copy of the 2023 Yearbook. It is only available via pre-order, so this is your last chance.

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.

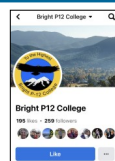
If you would like a copy, please order through Compass by 15 December.

The Yearbook is listed as an 'Event' so you can pay for it like you would for a school camp or other event.

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



Official
Facebook
page



Ph: 03 5755 1166
E: bright.p12@education.vic.gov.au
www.brightp12.vic.edu.au





Principal's Message

Dear students, parents and carers,

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and partnership in your child's education at Bright P-12 College. Together, we have shared many wonderful experiences in 2023.

I am delighted to extend my congratulations to our Year 12 students of 2023 on the successful completion of their final year of school. This significant occasion marks the culmination of years of hard work, dedication and growth. I am immensely proud of each and every one of our graduating students.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the outstanding VCE study scores achieved by our students with an overall median score of 29. Their commitment to academic excellence has been truly exceptional and their results reflect the countless hours of effort they have invested in their studies. I am

particularly thrilled to announce that Zoe Ditcham has achieved the highest ATAR score of 83.2, earning her the title of DUX. This is a remarkable achievement, and Zoe should be commended for her outstanding dedication and commitment to her studies.

Furthermore, I would like to recognise the achievements of our unscored VCE students, VCE VCAL students, and VET students who have successfully completed their course requirements to achieve their certificates. Their hard work and determination have paid off, and they should be proud of their accomplishments.

Wishing all our staff, students, parents, carers and broader community members a wonderful and well-deserved break. I'm looking forward to 2024 and all the opportunities for growth we will provide to our students.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

BOOKLISTS

2024 Booklists are open for orders through Lilydale Books

<https://www.lilydalebooks.com.au/BookList/School/bright-p-12-college>

Your order can be home delivered or picked up on Book Collection Day between 11am-4pm on Wednesday 24th January in the school administration building.

Order by 17th December for guaranteed Book Collection Day delivery.

Years 9-12 student subject choices for 2024 were distributed to students. Please contact the school office if you did not receive this.

UNIFORM

Please note that the FCW uniform shop is unable to take cash payments. Uniform can be purchased online at

<https://fcw.com.au/schools-online-shops/>

COLLEGE CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2023

11-15 DEC	Yr 9 Sailing Camp
14 DEC	Yr 6 Graduation
17 DEC	Deadline for 2024 Booklist orders
18 DEC	Yr 5/6 Wandiligong Bike Ride
18 DEC	Awards Evening

20 DEC **Last day of Term 4**
School ends at 1:30pm

JANUARY 2024

30 JAN	First day of Term 1 for Yr 1 - 12
31 JAN	First day of Term 1 for Prep students

TAIKO & SAMURAI PERFORMANCE

"On the 24th of November the Preps, Year 1s, Year 3s, and Year 4s went to see a Japanese performance at the Community Centre. There were five people from Japan, two played music with special Japanese instruments. Such as bamboo flute, big drums made of cow skin and a banjo. The three other people that were performing used samurai swords and other things. The other performers were all amazing and they showed us traditional Japanese dances. And some of us got to have a go of the drums and the swords. It was all amazing and we all learnt so much about Japan."

By Josie M, Year 4



Yr 6 EXCURSION - MT BUFFALO



Earlier this week, Year 6 students enjoyed beautiful views and perfect weather as they hiked to The Horn on Mount Buffalo.

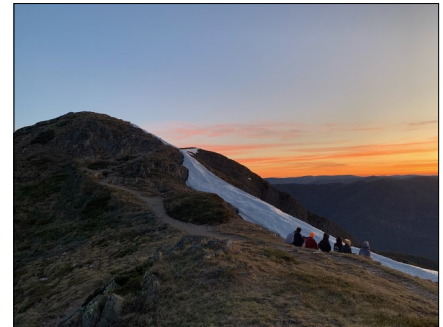
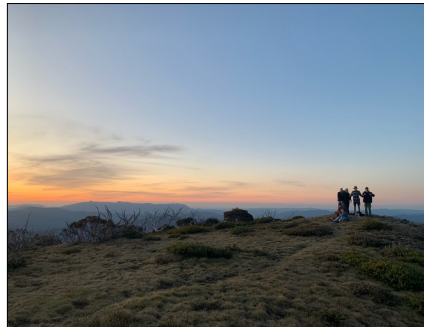
Parking at Cresta and then walking up the dirt road, before having a picnic and then climbing the final winding path, up between the rocks to reach the highest point on Buffalo, every student reached the summit in a symbolic hike, marking the high point of their time as Primary School students, prior to their Graduation Ceremony this coming Thursday.



Yr 9 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Year 9 Outdoor Education students enjoyed beautiful weather as they hiked across the Razorback and camped at Federation Hut for the night.

The next morning, we made our way up to the summit of Mt Feathertop for a beautiful sunrise before wandering down Bungalow Spur to Harrietville.



SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Year 5 students have been busy learning about and working on a sustainability project. We have been learning about plants, ecosystems and biodiversity. We have been upcycling bath tubs and using them for our plants.



LIBRARY UPDATE

Students, please remember to check at home and return any outstanding school Library books. A note of missing items has been sent to each Primary classroom teacher and our Librarian Cindy has spoken to Secondary students about their outstanding books.

At the end of each year, we do a stocktake of all Library books so it's important that all books are here for us to check. This also helps us identify which new books we should purchase in 2024.

Parents, please help your children find any missing books so they can be returned to the Library.



Yr 5/6 CAMP - SOVEREIGN HILL

On November 22nd, our Year 5 and 6 students made the 5 hour long bus ride to Ballarat's Sovereign Hill. We spent two nights at the Sovereign Hill Hotel. We spent our time exploring the Sovereign Hill Museum, watching candle making demonstrations, boiled lolly making, went old fashioned bowling, watched them make beautiful dresses and panned for gold, where a lucky few even found some!

We also became part of the Museum and trialled what life would be like for children in the 1850s. We watched gold pouring demonstrations and a some of us even got to hold the \$300,000 bar. We saw the incredible Aura Sound and Light Show at night. We ended our last night watching Black Beard the Pirate Pantomime and ate hard boiled lollies.



Yr 10 PE

As part of their final year of Physical Education as a core subject, the Year 10's involved themselves in some adult physical activity opportunities this term. Students played croquet under the watchful and helpful eye of the volunteers from the Bright Croquet Club. They played a version of croquet known as golf croquet which involves tactics to block and remove players from the field in an effort to win hoops. The college Physical Education faculty would like to acknowledge these wonderful volunteers for their time in supporting the learning opportunities for our students. It was a pleasure to see our wonderful students interact so positively with these community members.



Yr 3/4 FUNDRAISING

Year 3 and 4 students have been working on a project titled "Can Children Make a Difference in the World?" As part of this project, students have explored global issues and charities that work towards helping those affected by these issues. The students will be running stalls this Friday to raise money for their chosen charities. Everything at the stall has been handmade/crafted by the students themselves and the products will sell for one of three prices: 50c, \$1 or \$2. Their target audience will be the Prep - Yr 2 students and their fellow Yr 3-4 peers. All teachers have kindly offered to bring their students to the stalls. We would love it if you and your child could help support our students to raise money for their charities by allowing them to bring money to school to purchase the products. We suggest that your child bring no more than \$5 and if possible, in the form of 50c, \$1 and \$2 coins.

As always, thank you so much for your support. The students are very excited!

Yr 10 FIRST AID

A group of 14 Year 10 students completed a First Aid Course earlier this month. This full-day course was run at no cost to families thanks to funding provided by NELLEN (North East Local Learning & Employment Network) in Wodonga. The Alpine Institute provided a the training to our students, who learnt basic First Aid skills, including CPR.



HUME PRIMARY ATHLETICS



Five Bright P-12 College students from Years 3-6 attended the Hume Primary Athletics event in Albury earlier this term.

Congratulations to Eleanor C, Eliza W, Gretel H, Millie D and Theo G on their great efforts on the day. Thank you to the parent volunteers involved.



PRIMARY CONCERT

Last week, we held our Primary Concert at the Bright Entertainment Centre.

The Concert and the Music Soirees held earlier this term showcase our very important Music program at Bright P-12 College. Music plays a vital role in providing a holistic education as it holds immense value in shaping individuals' cognitive, emotional, and social development. Engaging with music enhances critical thinking skills, as it requires active listening, interpretation, and analysis. Learning to play an instrument or sing fosters discipline, patience, and perseverance and music is a powerful outlet for self-expression, allowing students to explore and communicate their emotions in a unique way. Participating in class music activities cultivates teamwork, cooperation, and empathy.

Thank you to everyone involved with the concert. A special thanks to Jason Campbell, our specialist music teacher. A large number of other staff were involved in helping with various aspects of the concert—thank you for all your help. Congratulations to all students involved, you put on a great show for the audience. And lastly, thank you to the audience members for turning up in big numbers to support their children.



TEEN MENTAL HEALTH

Earlier this term, Bright P-12 College was able to roll out the Teen Mental Health First Aid course for Year 9 students. The sessions consisted of the following topics:

Session 1 discusses mental health problems in general and understanding how common and disabling these are in young people. Students also learn about professionals who can help.

Session 2 talks about the Action Plan ('Look, Ask, Listen, Help Your Friend') for the first time. Students will see a film showing how it is used and you will start to explore how it might apply when a friend is in crisis or developing a problem.

Session 3 focuses on students practicing their new skills and discussing how they can look after themselves.

Year 9 Students who completed all three sessions received a certificate of accreditation from Mental Health First Aid Australia to demonstrate their successful completion of the course.

Our students have shown their understanding and knowledge in seeking assistance with such an important aspect of health and Wellbeing.



CHESS CLUB



Facilitated by Jen Hore, our Student Wellbeing Counsellor, the Primary Chess Club started small and has grown into a popular lunchtime activity in the Library.

Students initially worked on improving their skills including learning master openings and then built up to tournaments at the end of term.

This has been a great opportunity for students to develop their cognitive skills and also work on their social skills. Chess benefits people in practising their social

skills as they have the opportunity to explore the boundaries of the rules of the game. Useful social skills that can be explored through playing chess include taking turns, learning fair play, self-respect and respect for others, understanding others' perspectives, and developing empathy. Cognitive skills that Chess can promote include creative problem-solving, analysing a situation by focusing on important factors and by eliminating distractions. Students had a lot of fun while working on these very useful life skills.

DID YOU KNOW?

Two interesting facts from our College Council President Peter Mack:

- The Bright Fun Run contributed over \$10,000 to the school, a fantastic contribution by a small group of parents & staff who organised it, and the wider community who ran in the event.
- By replacing nearly all lights with low energy LED's and progressively implementing energy saving measures, the Bright P-12 College electricity bill is over \$17,000 lower this year than for the same period in 2019!

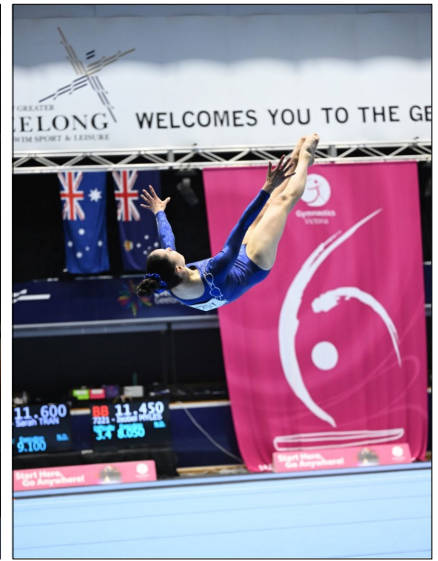
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Two Bright P-12 College students have had outstanding achievements at the recent Junior Victorian Gymnastics Championships held in Geelong. Both gymnasts are members of the small local club Indigo Gymnastics, located in Beechworth, training there 3 times a week.

Year 4 student Madison J, and her team, competing as a team of 5, achieved 2nd place All-Around, 1st on Floor and 2nd on Uneven Bars and Beam in Level 4 WAG (Women's Artistic Gymnastics), from a field of 15 teams.

Year 11 student Saskia H, placed 1st on Floor, 5th on Uneven Bars and 6th All-Around in Level 7 WAG, from a field of 74 competitors.

Both gymnasts placed at the North East Regional Championships held in Albury, qualifying to represent their club at the Victorian Championships. It was a tough field with teams from all over Victoria competing for a chance at State Champion. Well done Madison and Saskia for all your hard work and training over the past year to achieve this fabulous result!



P-2 SPORTS DAY

Some photos from our Prep-Year 2 Sports Day, held earlier this term. Students had a great day and all put in a huge amount of effort with the broad range of activities throughout the day. A big 'thank you' to the Primary School Captains, House Captains and House Leaders for all their help on the day.



Yr 10 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

After a few weeks training up at the Tronoh Dredge and on the Ovens River, we were ready to hit up the drop at Sinclair's waterhole on the Buckland River.

The students had great lines down the rapid, with a lot of them staying upright. A few took a quick dip, which helped to cool them down on such a hot, sunny day. The rest of the trip was beautiful as we meandered down the Buckland Valley and back to Porepunkah.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

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**.

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2023, you do not need to complete an application form in 2024 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 will start or change schools next year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Lisa – lisa.flew@education.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES




**ART
NOBILI**

with Aimée Tuck
3:45pm @ Bright Library
Starting Tues 2nd January

Contact for details
aimeeltuck@gmail.com

Limited spaces

**Could you be a
Foster Carer?**




Scan me!

Find out more about
foster care and
how you can make
a difference.

We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.

Mount Beauty Swimming Pool will be hosting three weeks of VicSwim learn-to-swim lessons in January 2024.


Lessons will be in small groups with fully qualified, experienced swim teachers. The lessons will be held between 10am and 1:30 pm in solar heated pools, and will only cost \$35 per week.

For more information about booking, visit

<https://vicswim.com.au/>



VICSWIM SUMMER KIDZ 2024
BOOKINGS OPEN
29TH NOVEMBER 2023




REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1 This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session.
- 2 Registrations have the following key benefits:
 - a Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
 - b Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
 - c The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
 - d Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3 Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below or visit play.afl/auskick





Bright Mini Golf



18 hole course
Group bookings welcome
Fun for all!

Artisticat

FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES
Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.
Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.

FIRST CLASS FREE!

LIMITED PLACES! BOOK NOW!


To book go to www.artisticat.com.au

BANG

Brights Activities Novelties & Games

12B Barnard Street, Bright
Ph: (03) 5750 1777
www.bangtoyshop.com.au

D|R|E DICKENS
real estate



ALPINE BUILDING PERMITS



Alpine Building Permits & Consultants
Building Permits & Building Inspections

Call the team: (03) 5755 1589
Email: info@alpinebuildingpermits.com.au
9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday
Shop 5/1 Ireland Street, Bright

- ✓ Domestic and Commercial Building Permits
- ✓ Regulatory building advice
- ✓ Bushfire management advice, reports
- ✓ Fire and life safety reports
- ✓ Servicing Victoria and New South Wales
- ✓ Owner builder advice and permits

ALPINE SHINKYOKUSHIN KARATE
Self defence - Discipline - Fun
For all fitness levels, ages 6 and up

Classes:
Monday (Myrtleford Dojo)
Tuesday (Porepunkah Dojo)
Thursday (Porepunkah Dojo)

Contact Us:
Sensei Geoff Miller 0417 030 191 or
Sensei Sue Textler 0421 562 248

Weblinks:
www.alpinedojo.com
email: alpinedojo@gmail.com
facebook: [AlpineShinkyokushinKarateDojo](https://www.facebook.com/AlpineShinkyokushinKarateDojo)

BRIGHT ACCOUNTING PTY LTD

Paul Vey 4/1A Camp Street
PO Box 537
Bright VIC 3741

CPA Registered Tax Agent
ABN 41 164 052 420

Ph: 03 5755 5105
Email: paulv@brightaccounting.com.au



BRIGHT HOLIDAY
Accommodation

DRY GOODS

BRIGHT FOOD CO-OP

LOCAL FRESH PRODUCE

Scan for more info and to shop online



Upstairs 4 Ireland Street, Bright at Dumu Cafe
brightfoodcoop.com.au @brightfoodcoop

BUFFALO BOULDERS



Need to move your adventure indoors?
Hours of fun for ages 5 and up
Open 9am-9pm Mon-Sun

190 Myrtle Street, Myrtleford, Victoria
0428 021 938



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!**




ALPINE SHIRE COUNCIL