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## Bright P-12 College Newsletter

### PREPS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL



On the 3rd of August, our Prep students celebrated their 100th day of school. It was a day filled with fun activities. Our students were asked to bring something to school that represented 100. We had many wonderful ideas such as 100 balloons, 100 beads on a necklace, a letter from the King to celebrate our 100th day and so much more.



### DINNER PLAIN UPDATE



It is mid-term at the Bright P-12 College Dinner Plain campus, and we are all well and truly acclimatised to life and school in the snow.

Our teachers and students are in the full swing of teaching and learning with our core, differentiated curriculum. The curriculum includes regular subjects, such as mathematics, reading, writing, and an inquiry studies unit focussed on the Dinner Plain environment. Within our inquiry unit students are learning about topics such as snow gums, how snow is made (naturally or by machine), recycling at Dinner Plain, and who lives at and visits Dinner Plain.

Our cross-country skiing program began in week one and will continue every Thursday for the term. In poor weather or inadequate snow, we bush walk around Dinner Plain.



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## Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

We are now over half way through this term and well into planning for classes in 2023. This week, students in our current Year 10 will be involved in Year 11 2023 subject selection interviews to support their choices and career pathways. We have a wide selection of subjects for Year 11 and 12 students in 2023 with small class numbers to support our students to achieve a high standard in their final years of secondary education. Our Bright P-12 College graduates are well placed to move into their chosen career path as we provide an extensive Career program to build their understanding of self and their career strengths coupled with a highly successful and rigorous VCE/VET/VCAL teaching and learning program.

Last week we held our Prep 2023 Information Evening for parents with a very relaxed and informative evening for the parents who attended. A huge thank you to Tes Pederick for organising the evening, Josie H and Lachlan S for their speeches and Mat Gray.

Also last week we had four of our Year 12 students attend the State Senior Boys Badminton Finals - Declan B, Joe G, Kaleb H and Kai S. The students were given recognition for their sportsmanship and sporting progression in a short period of time through the event and represented Bright P-12 College with pride and

distinction. Well done Declan, Joe, Kaleb and Kai!!! Also a huge thank you to Prahnee Ambler and Don Baker who drove the bus and attended the excursion with the students and to Bendigo Bank and the Bright CWA who sponsored the students to attend. We will include more details about the badminton in our next newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this issue of the newsletter as much as I have, with its focus on our many creative endeavours here at Bright P-12 College. There is such a wide variety of activities on display, we have a great deal to celebrate with our students and broader school community. Keep up the good work!



And finally, a reminder to check in with our official Bright P-12 College Facebook page for all the latest news. Please note, the main form of communication between school and parents will still be Compass.

Jean Olley - Principal

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

## Yr 7 2023 INFO EVENING

On Wednesday 24th August, we are holding an Information Evening for current Year 6 students. This event will be held in the College Library, between 6pm and 7pm. Everyone is welcome, we encourage all current Year 6 students and their parents / guardians to come. Even if they have older siblings at school, this is a very useful event for students to attend as part of the transition process. We will be covering:

- Orientation
- Subjects and language selection
- Bring your own device
- Uniform
- Lockers
- Year 7 camp information

If you have not yet notified the school about your intended enrolment for next year, please register by contacting Bright P-12 College on 5755 1166 as soon as possible.

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### AUGUST

17-19 AUG	Yr 10 & 12 Outdoor Ed Caving Trip
18 AUG	German Regional Poetry Recital
<b>19 AUG</b>	<b>PUPIL FREE DAY</b>
22 AUG	Secondary Athletics Carnival
22 AUG	Primary Girls AFL Clinics
23 AUG	Secondary Girls AFL Clinics
23 AUG	Primary & Secondary Book Week Dress-up
24 AUG	Yr 6 into Yr 7 Information Evening
31 AUG	O&M Secondary Athletics

### SEPTEMBER

2 SEP	Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival
2 SEP	Music Soiree @ Bright Art Gallery
5-8 SEP	Primary Footsteps Dance incursion
8 SEP	Footsteps Dance concert @ Bright Community Centre



## NEW STAFF



My name is Lubomir Kulla and I have recently joined the teaching team at Bright P-12 College, teaching Maths, Science and Health & PE to secondary students. Some people may recognise me as I've been working as a Casual Relief Teacher for the past couple of years here in Bright. I've taught in various secondary schools in Victoria, including in Shepparton and Wodonga. I am originally from central Europe and I have lived in the area for the last 17 years and I really enjoy being part of the local community. I have a keen interest in global affairs, including politics, economics, history, geography, architecture and culture. When I'm not teaching, I like indulging my hobby of agriculture as I enjoy cultivating fruit trees and bee-keeping on our hobby farm property. I particularly enjoy spending time in nature and appreciating this beautiful, peaceful part of the world.

## THEATRE STUDIES



This year in Theatre Studies, Year 10 and 11 students have studied a variety of premodern plays. These have included Ancient Greek plays, Elizabethan and Realism plays. They interpreted Shakespeare's play 'A Midsummer Nights Dream' and worked in a variety of production roles which included - director, actor, costume and makeup and stage design. Students performed this adaptation for assessment at the beginning of Term 3. Theatre Studies develops collaborative and creative skills in students. They workshop the fundamentals of acting, costuming, and set design and develop their theoretical understanding of how Theatre explores social and political issues.



## Yr 3 PERFORMING ARTS

In this Dance lesson, students worked in pairs to practice mirroring movements to gentle music. They then progressed to learning some Tai Chi moves. We had varying success with knowing our left arms from our right, but all students enjoyed the calm slow style and connecting their movements to the music.





# MOUNTAIN BIKE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bright P-12 College Year 11 student Cohen Jessen has been selected as part of the Australian team to compete at the Mountain Bike World Championships to be held at Les Gets, France from August 23-29.

This will be the first World Championships with crowds for a few years and they are expecting approximately 250,000 spectators on course through the week.

Cohen will be competing in Olympic Cross Country (XCO) in the Junior Men (U19) Division. He will be the youngest rider in the race at 16 years old.

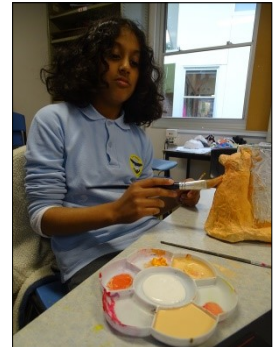
There will be approximately 150 riders in the race from all over the world. Due to being a young rider, Cohen will be starting well down the grid but hopes to have a strong ride and work his way through traffic.

We wish him the best of luck next week.



## Yr 5 ART

Year 5 Art are finishing up their totem poles. Students have each created an Australian animal that will combine together to be one big piece of art, it will be great to have a collaborative piece made by both classes. Students have created these from scratch, making the shape from newspaper, using papier mâché techniques to attach their pieces and now finally painting them. Cannot wait to see the finished products in the next few weeks!





# PERFORMING ARTS UPDATE

## Primary Concert

We will be holding our first Primary Concert since 2019 and it promises to be a great experience for all students involved and a great concert for the wider community to watch. This program and concert experience will supplement and enhance the Performing Arts Program at Bright P-12 College.

Primary Students will be involved in learning a dance and will be taught by a qualified teacher from the Footsteps Dance Company. The students will learn many dance skills leading up to the concert. Each day from 5th-8th September, students will be divided into class groups and will work with each other on a set dance. This will culminate in a performance on the 8th of September at the Bright Entertainment Centre. If you have not already paid for this program, please do so at the front office so your child can be involved in an uplifting and exciting week.

## Soiree

It is with great excitement that we announce we will be holding a Soiree on the 2nd of September at 6pm at the Bright Art Gallery. This is the first Soiree we have had for a while and we would like to invite any budding musicians at Bright P-12 College to perform at this event.

There is no cost involved. Parents/guardians will need to get their children to and from this concert. The dress for the Soiree is neat casual clothing. Invitations have been sent out to all students who are learning an instrument at Bright P-12 College, as well as to all students involved in the P-2 Choir, 3-6 Choir and the Ukulele groups.

If your child would like to be involved but doesn't get formal lessons at school, or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Campbell.

# BCST RACE DAY



The 10 day ski program has been running throughout Term 3. Students have been participating in two and three hour lessons each ski day. Last week, students had the opportunity to ski through a race course. This was the first opportunity to race for some of the participants, and a great practice for our more experienced racers, some of whom are competing at Mt Buller Interschools in the coming weeks. Results of the race will be announced at the BCST presentation lunch. Thank you to the committee and Mt Hotham Events for organising and supporting the race.



# HARRY POTTER COMES TO BRIGHT

This term, Year 3 & 4 students have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Each week we have explored different aspects of the story and related it to various areas of the curriculum. Students all enjoyed completing a quiz to find out which house they belong to and designed their own shop in Diagon Alley.



## CROSS COUNTRY

Our students have had great success in past cross country campaigns and this year was no exception. We had six primary students and 13 in total represent Bright P-12 College in Benalla competing against those in the Hume Region, clearly achieving our best results in recent memory. A special mention to Theo for being a 9yo runner in the 9/10 age group against those a year or more older!

### Primary Region CC Results

9/10 Girls: Eleanor C – 8th (Q)

9/10 Boys: Kynan J – 30th Theo G – 35th

11 Girls: Josie H – 4th (Q)

11 Boys: Walter B – 39th

12/13 Boys: Lachlan S – 6th (Q)



A phenomenal three runners qualified for the State Cross Country Championships in the Yarra Valley held earlier this term, plus an additional four secondary students, who earned the opportunity to sit comfortably amongst the state's best runners. The secondary students all ran really well. Tui came 9th in the state. The conditions were really rough, very muddy across the whole course. With lots of slipping over.

### Primary State CC Results

9/10 Girls: Eleanor C – 42nd

11 Girls: Josie H – 67th

To get to this stage is an extraordinary achievement and our students and families should be extremely proud. Unfortunately Lachlan was unable to compete due to injury. We are already looking forward to what our runners can achieve in 2023!





## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.



**Approximately 30 per cent of parents/carers have been invited via email to participate in this year's survey and we encourage all invited families to participate in this survey.** All responses to the survey are anonymous. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from Monday 15th August to Friday 16th September.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones. The online survey will be available in a range of languages other than English. These include: Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Somali, Turkish, Punjabi and Greek.

## Yr 7 TREE PLANTING

Each year our Year 7 cohort plant a tree. Over their Secondary Schooling career, the tree grows and changes with the seasons. Just as young people develop into caring and useful members of our community, so does this tree provide increasing shade and beauty to the school grounds. On the final day of their final year, year 12 students are given a guard of honour as they exit the school for last time. The tree stands guard with the rest of the school community to wish the departing students all the best for the next chapter of their lives, and then lives on as a reminder of the lasting impact all students have at Bright P-12 College.



## Yr 2 PERFORMING ARTS

Students worked in pairs to mime the actions of a job an adult might do. Then the rest of the class had to guess what the jobs were. From a pizza maker to a midwife, from an Outdoor Ed teacher to a dancer, our Year 2 students had fun developing their mime skills and their ability to take turns in guessing the jobs on show. Great work, everyone!



## Yr 10 CAMP



This year's City Experience Camp took place in the last week of Term Two. On a cold rainy morning, 34 students and 4 teachers headed for Melbourne, ready to enjoy the attractions.

After arriving at our accommodation in South Yarra, we immediately headed to the CBD to start the activities. Indoor rock climbing proved very enjoyable after our long bus ride, getting students moving and setting some challenges for everyone. A little free time in Melbourne Central gave all a chance to do some shopping.

The first evening, we headed to the Victoria Market Night Markets. A bit crowded but a wide variety of foods were offered. Arriving back at our accommodation for a well-earned rest around 11 pm.

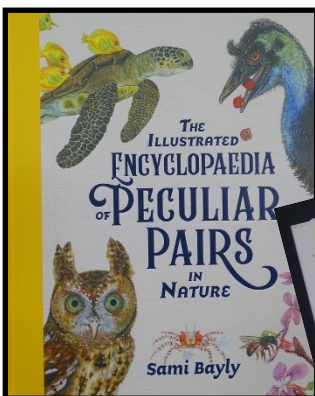
Thursday morning and activities included the Salvation Army's Homeless Presentation, a visit to Eureka Sky Deck, Southbank and a City Landmark activity. This was followed by a Old Melbourne Jail visit. Students and staff enjoying the ghost stories told in the darkness of the jail.

Heading back through Melbourne Central to catch our train, we were lucky enough to see an impromptu short concert with Vance Joy. A movie night followed at the Crown Complex on Southbank. Before heading home, we visited the Shrine of Remembrance, Parliament House and the Prahran Markets.

At 7.30pm a very tired group of students were met by their parents in Bright and headed off to the holidays needing a great deal of sleep, all having thoroughly enjoyed the events during this urban camp experience.



## LIBRARY 'DID YOU KNOW?'



Our recent order of new books in the Library brought with it some fascinating titles that taught us all kinds of unexpected new things. Did you know, for example, that many cats carry a parasite in their digestive systems which, when ingested by a rat, reworks the fear receptors in the rat's brain so that the rat sees the cat as a friend, not a foe. With the rat's brain altered, it doesn't take long for the cat to catch & eat the rat, continuing the cycle.



## Yr 9 SPORT

During their PE lesson, Year 9 students played Flag Football in preparation for end of term inter-schools sports. The lesson also included a Javelin sessions, getting ready for house and inter-schools competitions. Some great efforts made by all students.



## HITTING THE HIGH NOTES



Year 4 Bright P-12 College student Maisy Crawford performed three piano pieces at the Albury Wodonga Eisteddfod last week, which was her first competition. Maisy entered a competitive field of up to 21 performers, including older teenagers and students who were far more experienced than she was.

For all three pieces Maisy received a Highly Commended and scored in the 90's. She missed out on winning a medal for two of her pieces by a single point only. She is very proud of her achievement and looks forward to next year's competition. Congratulations, Maisy!



## CHUMPY PULLIN SCHOLARSHIP

Huge congrats to Millie H, Neve W and Alex T who were awarded the Chumpy Pullin Foundation Scholarship through Team Hotham. Four students were awarded this scholarship from the Alpine Region and we are thrilled that three were from Bright P-12 College. Through this scholarship, students will learn extended ski and snowboard skills as part of a large team. We wish all three the best of luck! More information for those curious can be found through this link: <https://www.mhrs.org.au/services/locals-scholarship-team-hotham-chumpy-pullin-foundation/>

### TEAM HOTHAM & CHUMPY PULLIN FOUNDATION LOCAL'S SCHOLARSHIP





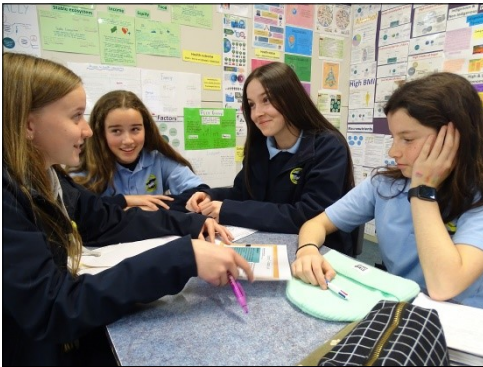
## Yr 8 HUMANITIES

Year 8 Humanities are working on a unit on Civics and Citizenship, exploring the processes of making laws and the reasons behind laws in society. Students worked together to make decisions based on different scenarios and were introduced to the concept of a 'precedent,' where an earlier decision is used as a guide for similar situations. They also considered how the judiciary system works to clarify the details of laws through the decisions they make. They were exposed to situations that may have multiple outcomes, where they had to discuss their different opinions, forcing them to articulate their reasoning.

Consider if a law states, 'no person may enter another person's property.' Now consider each of the following scenarios:

1. X kicks a ball over Y's fence. Y invites X in to get it back. Y then says, 'You broke the law' and takes the 'trespasser', X, to court.
2. Q jumps over a fence to stop a hose from spraying into P's open window where their carpet would be ruined. P takes Q to court for trespassing.
3. E enters F's property to recover her mower which F had borrowed. Has E broken the law?

What decisions would you make? How would you need to clarify the law based on your decisions?



## Yr 5 PERFORMING ARTS

This term, Year 5 students have been studying different aspects of dance. The students can be seen here trying some simple Hip Hop moves as a class.



## HOST FAMILIES FOR TERM 4

We are looking for host families for volunteer German and Japanese language assistants for Term 4 this year. Both language assistants are female and in their 20s. They will work at the College during the school week, helping in language classes. Host families will need to provide a room for the assistant to stay in, be willing to include the assistant in some of their daily activities and family life and also provide meals.

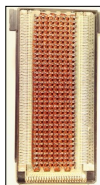
Please contact [susan.joyce@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:susan.joyce@education.vic.gov.au) as soon as possible, if you are interested in sharing your home for a few weeks or a full term.



# TECH TALK

## Five Ways to Prevent Hearing Loss Caused by Headphones:

- Use headphones, not earbuds. Although headphones can be cumbersome, they're much safer than earbuds.
- Lower your volume.
- Limit your time.
- Pay attention to those around you.
- Invest in noise-cancelling headphones.



### Fun Fact: Core Rope Memory and Space!

The Apollo guidance computer was the first operational computer to use core rope memory. By the time U.S. lunar modules started landing on the Moon, the technology had moved on to the much easier to handle—and much cheaper—computer chips and floppy disks that dominated computing for the next several decades.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

If you're 12-25,  
**We're calling on you**  
to help guide **disaster resilience** in local communities!

Fill out our survey to submit an Expression of Interest, or contact **Carla Hall (she/her)**, YACVic Rural Youth Projects Co-ordinator at [chall@yacvic.org.au](mailto:chall@yacvic.org.au) if you have any questions.

Are you 12-25, and passionate about young people and natural disasters? YACVic is calling on you to help guide disaster resilience in local communities! Apply now for our YACVic Future Proof Steering Committee! You'll be paid \$75 for each meeting you attend and work with other passionate young people to help shape the change this project seeks to create.

This 2-year project aims to drive recovery outcomes for young people and their disaster-affected communities throughout rural and regional Victoria. YACVic will coordinate this project, bringing together eight local councils, two Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), three Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) and Victoria University. Applications close 11.59pm Wednesday 24 August

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