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# Bright P-12 College Newsletter

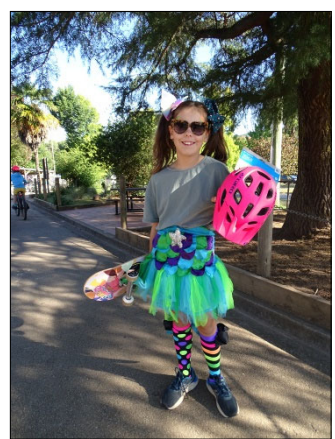
## RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY

Bright P-12 College participated in Ride to School Day on Friday 25th March. It was fantastic to see so many students dressed up and embracing the theme Be Bright, Be Seen. We held a Primary School Parade and prizes were given to the best dressed students. We also ran a Secondary Track Stand Competition - congratulations to Tom R & Cooper N.

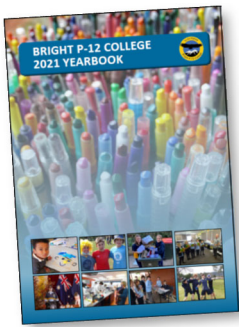
We raised \$246 for the Amy Gillet Foundation.

Thank you to all students and staff who made the event so successful. Special thanks to local businesses who supported this event. Prizes were donated by Alpine Cycling Club, Cyclepath, All Terrain Cycles and Ride High Country.

More photos on page 4



## 2021 YEARBOOK



Our 2021 Yearbooks are ready for collection from the front office. If you ordered a copy, please come and collect it, or ask your child to collect your copy if you're happy for it to go home with them.

We have a list of parents who have pre-ordered and paid. If you haven't paid, please bring payment with you. We also have copies available for sale if you haven't pre-ordered.

Yearbooks cost \$20 each.



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## Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

This term has been a challenging term for staff and students as we returned full time to onsite learning after two years of moving between onsite and offsite. I would like to express my gratitude to all the students of Bright P-12 College for your work and efforts this term both in and out of the classroom. Your attitude and commitment to your learning, your peers and the staff is what makes our College exceptional. You can be proud of Bright P-12 College and know it is your school and your efforts that make us great.

A huge thank you to parents for your support and active role in the partnership of learning. We, the staff, are greatly appreciative of your goodwill and contribution to our College. Your support is invaluable as is the support of our community. As they say 'It takes a community to raise a child' and our community is doing very well. Thank you!

We had approximately 40 people attend our Secondary Open Day last week. We received very positive feedback from prospective parents and students. Thank you to those staff and students who welcomed the visitors into our classrooms and showed them the wonderful things that we do at school.

This term, we say goodbye to Tess Higgins & Breanna Rouse. Tess will be heading up the team at our Dinner Plain campus in Term 3 and Breanna is heading off on maternity leave. Welcome to Charlotte Sgambelloni,

who will take over from Breanna. We also farewell Scott Burton, who has taken up the role of Principal at Selby Primary School. Thank you Scott, for your 4 years at Bright P-12 College and all the best in your new role.

Earlier this week, we held our Celebration of Success Assembly and badge presentation. We came together to officially announce our 2022 school leaders and the atmosphere was one of support and collaboration. We also celebrated the achievements of our students from Prep to Year 12. Congratulations to staff and students for a very positive event.

Please note that the Alpine Shire Council plans to commence drainage and safety improvements on Bakers Gully Road over the school holidays. These works will hopefully be finished by the time we are back at school for Term 2, but if they are still in progress, please expect changes to traffic flow and parking along this road. I will keep you updated if the works do continue into Term 2.

Wishing you all a relaxing break over the school holidays.

Jean Olley - Principal

**NOTE: ALL CALENDAR EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES. PLEASE CHECK COMPASS FOR MOST UP-TO-DATE ADVICE**

## LAPTOP CHARGING

Secondary students, please remember to charge your laptops overnight, every night. Teachers expect you to come to school with a fully charged laptop so you're ready for classes. Laptop batteries should last all day if fully charged overnight and used appropriately at school. We are not able to charge personal laptops at school due to OH&S issues - do not bring your personal charger to school. We have a limited number of school laptops available for students to borrow from the Library.

Parents, please remind your children to charge their laptops.

## COLLEGE CALENDAR

### APRIL

5-7 APR	Yr 9 Outdoor Ed Camp
7 APR	Yr 9-12 Interschool sport
8 APR	P-12 House Cross-Country
<b>8 APR</b>	<b>Last day of school Early finish at 2:30pm</b>
<b>25 APR</b>	<b>ANZAC Day public holiday</b>
<b>26 APR</b>	<b>First day of Term 2</b>
26-29 APR	Yr 8 Rubicon Camp
29 APR	State Swimming Championships

## NEW STAFF



Hi I'm Simone Farmer and this year I will be teaching Humanities, English and Art at Bright P12. I also am the Year 8 coordinator for 2022. I have just recently moved from Drouin where I taught for 3 years, however in 2020 I was lucky enough to teach in New Zealand in Cromwell, Otago, for a year which was awesome.

I often travelled to Bright in my holidays as I bike, run and ski a fair bit (albeit all very poorly) and it is really one of my favourite places to be, I now get to call this place home. I am really looking forward to 2022 and working with your students.

I'm Kira and I'm so excited to be teaching Year 3!

I'm originally from Beechworth and have spent most of my time teaching in Melbourne, London and in Canada. I absolutely love hiking, snowboarding, exercise, reading and spending time with friends/family so it was only natural to return home to a great community. I've taught all year levels during the past 8 years so I come with a bank of knowledge in Literacy and Numeracy. Wellbeing is at the front of everything I do and I'm looking forward to being a part of this community.

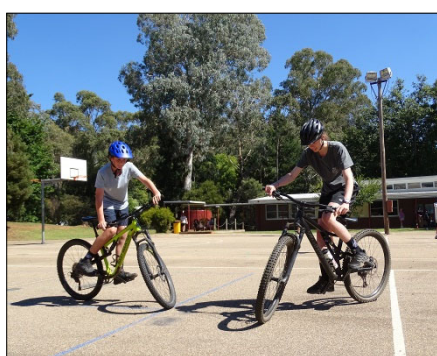


## BUDDY READING

At the end of the day last Wednesday, the Preps and their Year 5 buddies met for a Buddy Reading session. If the weather allows, we like to meet under the tree in our playground and we enjoy sharing our readers and library books.



# RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY



# SCHOOL PHOTOS 2022

Our annual school photos have been taken and are now ready to order.

Arthur Reed Photos uses an online ordering system where you can view your photos prior to ordering.

On photo day all students received a flyer which includes a code unique to them.

You will require this 2022 code to register online and view your photos.

If you have already registered, you will receive an email or SMS from Arthur Reed Photos with a link to view your photos.

If you have not yet registered, please go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your code to complete your order.

If you have misplaced your registration code, please contact the Arthur Reed Photos customer service team directly on 5243 4390 (option 1) or [customerservice@arphotos.com.au](mailto:customerservice@arphotos.com.au)

Please note that you will need to register online with your **2022 photo code** to gain access to this year's images.

All photo packages will be sent directly to your nominated address, so please ensure that you enter the correct details and nominated shipping address upon checkout.

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## YEAR 7 CAMP TO COOLAMATONG

Year 7 Camp was a resounding success again this year. The weather was brilliant, the activities fun and the company awesome! Here is what some of the students had to say.

*"Where to start? Food was delicious, staff were lovely, and the activities were some of the best I have done!"* Ruby L

*"I was really grateful that we got to go on this camp"* Jack B

*"We got to play and explore which also helped to meet new people that you probably wouldn't speak to in school"* Zoe McD

*"I was in a cabin with some people I wasn't all that familiar with. But I quickly realised that I get along with them and they were really funny too!"* Gus V

*"It was my first time rowing [a canoe]. It was a lot easier than I thought"*  
Mohan W

*"The activities were amazing, but the food was spectacular!"* Ayla McC

*"After camp I was annoyed that it was over"* Noah W



## VCAL 12 BRIGHT VINES 2022 VINTAGE

This years 12 Bright Vines wine vintage is underway.

Early in February, VCAL Students netted the grapes to prevent birds and other animals from getting to them in the final stages of maturing.

During this stage the grapes increase in size and sweetness.

A few weeks later in mid March, students were back at the College vineyard to remove the nets and harvest the grapes.

This took two to three hours and produced a good quantity for production.

Mike Dalbosco of Dalbosco Wines collected the grapes which are then taken to Ringer Reef for processing.

Over the next few months VCAL students will be involved in the bottling and labelling of this years vintage.

Stay tuned for updates and the announcement of 2022's wine launch.



## BUDDY LUNCHES

The Preps have lunch with their Year 5 buddies one day a week. They enjoy catching up and learning more about the interests that both have. The Buddy Program encourages the younger children to have a role model with an older student. Someone they can go to in the playground if they are needing some help. Buddies are beneficial for both the older and younger students.



## WADEYE/BRIGHT EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITY

Over many years, Bright P-12 College has had a very special relationship with the Wadeye community. One we greatly appreciate and hold very dear. As part of that relationship, students from Wadeye have come to Bright P-12 College to complete their education and students from Bright P-12 College have gone to Wadeye for an excursion. After a review of the programs last year, we have now refreshed and redesigned the programs into one.

We now incorporate both aspects of the program in a reciprocal arrangement with Bright and Wadeye communities. 8 Students from Bright P-12 College will travel to Wadeye at the end of Term 2 to visit the community and engage in cultural activities.

During Term 2 & 3, students from Bright & Wadeye selected for the program will engage in activities online to develop a group project to benefit their communities. The Bright P-12 College students will also engage in fundraising to support the students traveling to Wadeye.

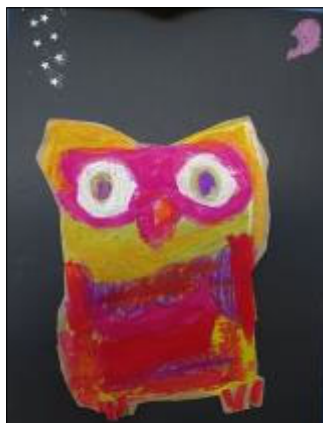
In Term 4, 8 students from Wadeye travel to Bright to homestay with families for the term and attend Bright P-12 College. The Thamarrur youth indigenous corporation in partnership with Bright P-12 College will provide support and guidance for students and families involved in the program.

**We are looking for 8 students in Years 7-11 to participate this year. The deadline to apply is Thursday 28 April. For more information, please contact Jean Olley.**



## PRIMARY ART

The Prep classes have launched enthusiastically into art class, completing a range of projects including these fantastic papier mâché flying mini beast, and some amazing mixed media owls in oil pastel and watercolour. Some of Years 1 and 2 almost got in tangle but everyone managed to complete a 'Mystical Eye' weaving.



## WELLBEING WITH BETHANY

### Ease the transition into school holidays

Some parents can be thrown a curve ball in the school holidays, seeing behaviours during the school holidays which may not be seen during the school term. This can leave families feeling confused, especially with fun and relaxing activities planned.

Not all kids enjoy the school holidays. Despite them feeling excited about the holidays and looking forward to them, there can also be an element where it can represent challenges. Some challenges can include the change in routine or the lack of routine. The familiarity of routine allows for predictability that some children thrive in.

How can you help the transition into school holidays:

Have a visual **holiday calendar** (download a free month calendar from the internet or create your own) where you can include planned activities, such as watching a movie, catching up with friends, home days, shopping trips, down time etc. Having something written or drawn on the holiday calendar provides a reference point of what is coming up, what to look forward to, equally limit the question 'what are we doing today?'. It is important to also acknowledge the need for downtime.

Creating **anchor points** during the day. This doesn't need to necessarily stick to the strict routine during the school term while on holidays (one of the benefits is to have that flexibility) but for children who are looking for structure it is helpful having anchor points and following a similar routine in the morning and evening.

Have an **Ideas Jar** for the kids who want to do all the things (where from a time and financial perspective may not be possible). When get ask questions such as 'I want to do/go...' you are able to respond and say 'that's a great idea, pop it in the jar'. When there is a free day then an idea gets picked from the jar. This can help with getting around the feeling of having to say 'no' to your children a lot of the time. When managing not being able to do ideas, come back to the holiday calendar. This visually allows kids to see that there are limited days in the holidays and they cannot do all the ideas/activities. Depending on developmental age, children may not have the same understanding of time as adults do.

### Frankie

One of Frankie's many highlights of the week was spending library time with the preps.

She loved all the pats which made her feel very calm and relaxed.

Also, last week she had a little hair cut so be sure to check her out and ask the person with her to see if you can feel her new hair-do!



## YEAR 5/6 APEX WALK

Last Thursday, we had the Grade 5-6 Apex Walk!! It was a fun day out hiking through the bush and a great experience to share with everyone. We walked from the school then all the way to the lookout to see spectacular views. It was a long and mostly slow walk, though some people raced up! At the top we ate our food and then our teachers gave us marshmallows as reward for walking all the way up. As soon as we had finished we headed back down. Once we were at the bottom we had another quick break in Howitt Park to regain our energy, then we walked back to school.

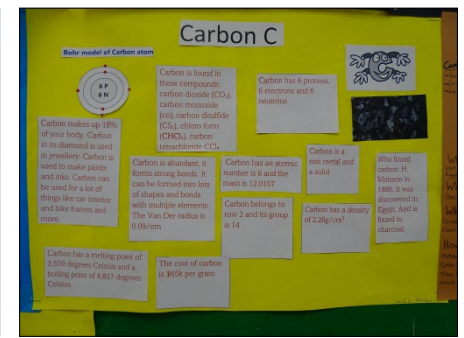
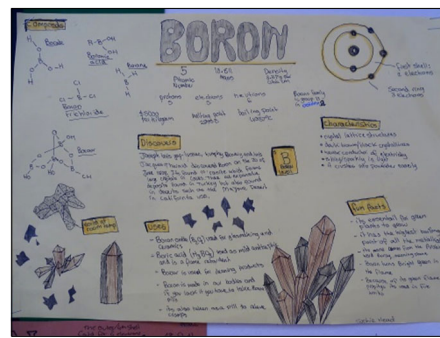
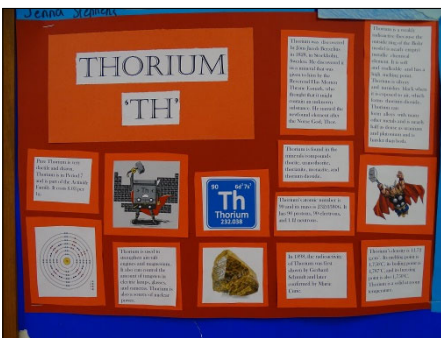
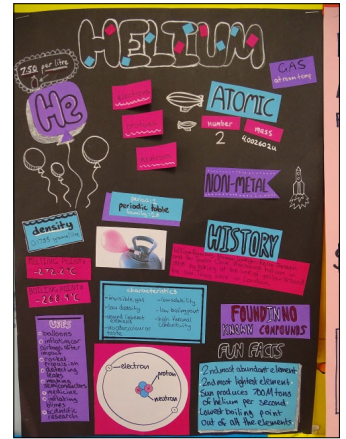
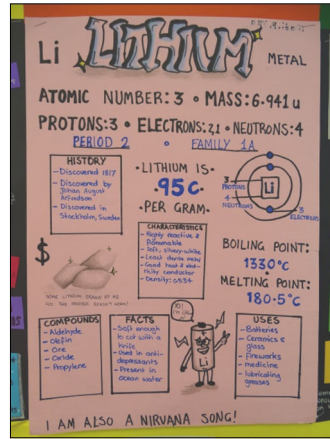
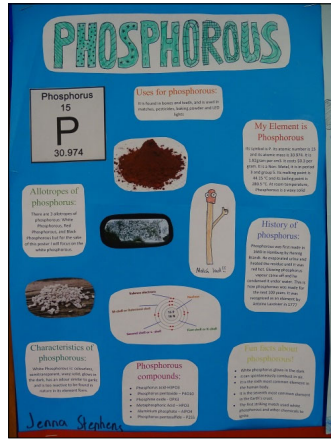
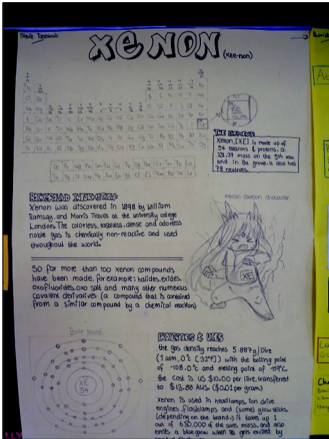
We highly recommend going on the Apex Walk!! By Bridget and Josephine





# YEAR 9 SCIENCE

The Year 9 science classes investigated a specific element of their choice and became experts on this element, its uses, origins, atomic structure and history. They also created a small presentation to their peers and documented some of this information as presented to them from their peers in a conference style format. Students did a great job, with some colourful and creative posters developed, a number of which are on display in the Science Room.



# PRIMARY GERMAN

2022 has seen the introduction of German language lessons for students in Years 4 – 6. Students now have one lesson of Japanese and one lesson of German each week. So far, the German lessons have focussed on learning some basic greetings and introductions, the alphabet and sounds of German letters, and also numbers from 0-20. Students can now confidently hold a short conversation with a friend, by greeting them and asking how they are going and then saying farewell. In these photos, students are doing a German word search, practicing their conversation skills and playing bingo in German.

Gut gemacht – Well done! Frau Ciolli & Herr Kusch



# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Come and join us at the library these school holidays!!**

**Easter Art Workshop with  
Sam Badrock  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 11am  
Ages 6 - 10**



**Drumming workshop  
with Joe  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
2.30pm  
Ages 7 - 12**



**BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL  
PLEASE RING BRIGHT LIBRARY  
ON 5755 1540 OR DROP IN AND  
SIGN UP**



**Wildlife Xposure  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April -  
9:30am  
Ages 5+**



**Rhymetime and Storytime will  
be continuing to run throughout  
the school holidays.**

**Storytime followed by a craft  
Thursdays 10am**

**Rhymetime Fridays 10am**

**Ring ahead to ensure the  
session will go ahead.**

SAVE THE DATE

Clean out your Cupboards!

**The Bright P-12 College 2nd hand ski gear sale is on**

13th May – Drop off items you wish to sell 3:00 – 6:00pm

14th May – Come along and grab a bargain 9:00 – 11:30am

14th May – Pick up money from your sales 12:00 noon

Have you heard the Aldi winter clothing sale is cancelled? The BCST 2nd hand ski gear sale will save the day.

It's a great fundraiser to help support the 10-day ski program offered through Bright P-12 College.



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



## MINDS NEED COACHING TOO



Sport North East will facilitate Tackle Your Feelings sessions throughout the North East region during the 2022 football season!

To find out more about this program and how your club can register contact Pranav Menon on: 0427 979 886.

## Learn Support Lead

Free Sport Leadership Workshop for Women



📅 28th March 2022

🕒 6pm to 7pm

**Registrations essential!!**

**Contact details**

📞 0427 464 638

✉ varshana.swamy@thecentre.vic.edu.au



## GET ACTIVE VOUCHERS

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and active recreation activities. Eligible children may receive up to \$200 to cover the costs for membership and registration fees.

Children must be aged from 0-18 years and named on a valid and issued Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card or Medicare Card to be Eligible.

[www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/](http://www.getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers/apply-for-vouchers/)



## GO SOCCER MUMS



## Are you a carer looking for employment?



The Carers Employment Support Program offers:

- One on one case management
- Recommend & provide training and short courses
- Source local employment opportunities
- Support you through your own journey and carer role

**Carer Employment Support Program**  
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**GO Soccer Mums** is an introductory football program designed specifically for women, where participants can have fun, meet new people, and learn basic football skills in a social, judgement-free environment.

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