

#### PREMIER'S VCE AWARDS



We are very proud to announce that two of our 2021 graduates, Amy Ditcham and Sasha Rose received Premier's VCE Awards last month, for their outstanding results in Indigenous Languages. They are shown here at the Awards Ceremony in Melbourne, with Education Minister The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP.



The annual Premier's VCE Awards recognise the top-performing students in the state and this year, 298 students across 90 subjects were recognised with awards for their outstanding results. Bright P-12 College Principal Jean Olley said "The award celebrates Amy and Sasha's effort, diligence and commitment to their learning along with their resilience and self determination during their unusual VCE years. I would like to acknowledge Dr Sue Joyce's outstanding dedication to teaching languages within our excellent teaching & learning culture of Bright P-12 College. I would also like to acknowledge the work of Bec Crawley who introduced Indigenous Languages to Bright P-12 College some years ago and was instrumental in developing the curriculum and program we have today. Congratulations Amy and Sasha!"

### Yr 3 SNOW PLAY

"BOOM, CRASH, SWISH!! Tobogganers were racing down Mt. Buffalo. The weather was perfect. We met some local Mt Buffalo instructors and they told some history about the mountain and then they let us throw snowballs at all the teachers. It was awesome! After that we made the coolest snow creatures ever and back at school we wrote information reports about them. It was a little hard to build as the snow was so powdery. After we made the snow creatures, we had some snow play, threw more snowballs and made snow angels. Thanks parents and carers for our delicious snacks and thanks to the teachers and bus driver for taking us to the snow." By Heidi, Emmy and Josie in 3A











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# **Principal's** Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

We have started planning for 2023. Our Prep Information Evening is coming up on 10 August and our Year 7 Information Evening is being held on 24 August. I encourage all current Year 6 students and their parents to attend this important event, which signals the start of the transition process from Primary to Secondary. Our staff will be presenting key information about orientation, subjects and language selection, laptops, uniform, lockers and the Year 7 Camp.

Students in Years 9-12 for 2023 are now selecting which subjects are most suited to their pathway and online subject selections close on Friday this week. We are continuing our careers classes to assist students plan their future pathways and support subject choices.

Our secondary education program is designed to give our students many and varied opportunities for growth intellectually, socially and emotionally. Because we are a small school with small classes, our students have greater access to extra curricula programs and are supported and encouraged to take up suitable opportunities. As a rural and remote school, our Year 12 graduates receive bonus points on their ATARs. Our Careers program is amazing, thanks to our Careers advisors Jane and Chris, who guide and support our students to find their passions and future pathways. To students in Years 8-11, I ask you to take time when considering your subject options and seek help where needed.

#### **Meeting with Governor of** Victoria

Last week, our Yr 5, 6 and 8 students had the opportunity to meet Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Governor of Victoria and her



### SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

At Bright P-12 College, we understand that the last few years have been difficult for many in our community. As parents you often see different sides to our students and may be in need of some support for yourselves at different times.

There are some great free services available to all parents via Gateway Health.

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husband Mr Anthony Howard AM QC online. We learnt about a typical day in the life of the Governor and some of our students asked questions to understand the important role she plays.

#### **Primary Concert**

Next month, primary students will be involved in the 2022 Primary Concert. This will be the 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 learn a dance taught by a qualified teacher from the Footsteps Dance Company. Students will learn many dance skills leading up to the concert. Each day from 5th-8th September, the students will be divided into class groups and will work with each other on a set dance. This will culminate in a performance on 8 September at the Bright Entertainment Centre. I encourage you if you have not already to pay for this program at the front office so your child can be involved in an uplifting and exciting

Jean Olley - Principal

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

#### **COLLEGE CALENDAR**

#### **AUGUST**

| 9 AUG     | Hume Snr Boys Soccer Regional Finals   |  |
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| 10 AUG    | Prep 2023 Information Evening          |  |
| 11-12 AUG | Yr 11 Outdoor Ed XC Ski overnight trip |  |
| 15 AUG    | Primary Girls AFL Clinics              |  |
| 16 AUG    | Yr 7 Badminton Hume region finals      |  |
| 17 AUG    | Secondary Girls AFL Clinics            |  |
| 17-19 AUG | Yr 10 & 12 Outdoor Ed Caving Trip      |  |
| 18 AUG    | German Regional Poetry Recital         |  |
| 19 AUG    | PUPIL FREE DAY                         |  |
| 22 AUG    | Primary Girls AFL Clinics              |  |
| 23 AUG    | Secondary Girls AFL Clinics            |  |
| 23 AUG    | Primary Book Week Dress-up Parade      |  |
| 24 AUG    | Yr 6 into Yr 7 Information Evening     |  |

### **NEW STAFF**

My name is Madeleine and I have recently started working at Bright P-12 College as a support staff member. It is such a rewarding role to foster positive, trusting relationships with students and encourage their confidence in everyday learning and development.

I have been living in Bright for 4 ½ years with my husband and two boys. We moved from Melbourne and are absolutely loving the lifestyle Bright has to offer. In my spare time, I am a beekeeper, I love to garden, and go cycling with friends. I am excited to be part of this team and I'm looking forward to meeting everyone.



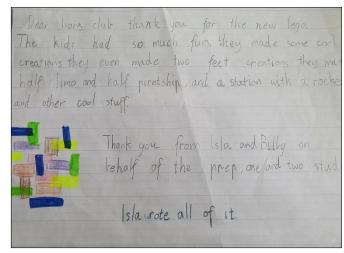


Hi, my name is Helen and my passion for education comes from working in Outdoor Education for approx. 20 years, guiding students through multi day journeys with a focus on experiential learning through 'challenge by choice' adventure activities, camping, and community living in a semi-wilderness context. My family moved to Bright 5 ½ years ago to be closer to the mountains and have our favourite activities including mountain biking, skiing, kayaking and hiking on our back door step. It is awesome to be surrounded by others with similar interests and dreams. We love doing multi day trips particularly in remote areas away from technology and simply exploring rivers and mountains. I am so fortunate to work at Bright P-12 College as an Educational Support Assistant, supporting students with various learning styles, aiming to make genuine connections to help build each student's confidence within themselves to enjoy learning and make social connections at our school.

We are excited to introduce two wonderful Tutors (back) into Bright P-12 College. Kate Thomas (Literacy Focus) and Esther Dudley (Numeracy Focus) will be providing support to students identified as being academically disadvantaged due to the current Covid-19 pandemic. Kate and Esther will be working across the Primary and Secondary areas. Both Kate and Esther are passionate, experienced English and Mathematics teachers. We are very lucky to have such experienced Tutors for our students. We would also like to express our thanks to Mat Gray, Phil Rigby and Simone Poyner for their roles as Tutors in 2021 up until this term.

#### **LEGO GIFT**

Lions Club of Bright - Thank you! The Prep – 2 students were presented with 2 huge tubs of Lego from the Lions Club of Bright last term. The Lions Club became aware of the P-2 Unit's need for additional Lego pieces, as the collaborative and individual construction activities are enjoyed immensely by each of the year levels. Due to the expense of Lego, many of the students don't have the opportunity to complete large scale construction at home, and it is a popular activity amongst the students, particularly during wet day timetables.





#### HISTORY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Over the school holidays, several of our students were fortunate enough to be accepted to participate in the HTAV History Enrichment Program. The Victorian Challenge and Enrichment Series provides enrichment opportunities to extend high-ability students in Victorian government schools so they are better supported to excel and reach their full potential.



"Students participating in the History Enrichment Program attended two online lessons with members of the History Teachers' Association of Victoria. We were introduced to interesting historical topics and encouraged to ask questions and suggest new ideas. We are working on 'Passion Projects', addressing a specific question about a topic we are interested in. The lessons were an enjoyable and interesting way to spend time." Annika (Year 9)

#### FRANKIE UPDATE



Lions Club Bright has generously donated \$300 to support Frankie to continue to come to school ready to be Bright P-12 College's Wellbeing Dog. The intention of the funds is to contribute to Frankie's ongoing costs such as food, vet bills and grooming.

Frankie and Bright P-12 College are very grateful for this donation.

#### Yr 9 MELBOURNE UNI STEM INCURSION

As part of their work in Year 9 Science, students participated in an activity run by visitors to the school from MISEP (Melbourne Indigenous STEM Education Program) from the University of Melbourne. MISEP is a series of Indigenousled, hands-on, curriculum-based workshops that aim to engage high school students with Indigenous STEM knowledges.

Students used star projectors, iPads, and art to think more broadly about ways to understand the night sky, Aboriginal peoples' connection to it, and the interconnectedness of astronomical phenomena with ecologies.















# **GERMAN CAREERS DAY**

On Thursday 21 July, the Years 10, 11 and 12 German classes attended an online German Careers Day forum, hosted by the Goethe Institut in Melbourne.

There were informative guest speakers who talked about options for continuing to study German beyond high school and where this could potentially take you in the world of work. One of the speakers found her career as an English/ PE teacher in Germany after completing her degree at a German university, another gained an internship working as a sports journalist for Deutsche Welle during his semester at a university in Berlin. He ended up living and working in Germany for 10 years before returning to Australia and a job with the ABC. All of the speakers encouraged the students to seize opportunities to go on exchange to Germany, either whilst still at school or while studying at University and to continue rising to the challenge of Learning German.



# 2023 Yr 7 Information Evening

Wednesday 24th August 6-7pm

### WHITE CARD COURSE

On Friday 22th of July, 17 students from Year 9-11 participated in a White Card course at the Bright Community Centre. The aim of the course is to prepare students to work safely in the Construction Industry and it is endorsed by and meets the requirements of WorkSafe Victoria for induction training in the building and construction industry. As part of the course, students gain an overview of basic Occupational Health and Safety principles and legislation, and an understanding of hazards, risks, and control measures. As they all successfully completed the course, each student will receive a card issued by WorkSafe Victoria. Students can now participate in work experience and / or employment on a building site in the future.







#### **CRICKET INCURSION**

Last week, members of the Melbourne Stars Big Bash League (BBL) and Women's BBL cricket teams visited our school for a cricket clinic and Q&A session with Year 1 and 2 students. A representative from our local Ovens Valley Cricket Club was here to support the incursion, which involved activities to develop ball skills, with students working in pairs and in small teams alongside professional cricket players Sophie Reid and Clint Hinchliffe. This is part of the Melbourne Stars "Superstars Road Trip", where players are visiting 16 Primary Schools in 10 towns in the North East across 3 Days. Students had great fun and said a big 'THANK YOU' to everyone from Cricket Victoria for arranging the visit and giving them such fun green balls, flags, posters and funky glasses.















### Yr 10 SCIENCE

"Our class has been looking at factors that affect the rate of chemical reaction. In this lesson we were looking at hydrochloric acid reacting with magnesium metal. To investigate this we changed the size of the magnesium to see what would have the fastest reaction rate. We found that the smaller pieces of magnesium reacted the fastest. Our class worked together to collect the results by allocating tasks. You can see us here measuring, timing and adding the acid to the test tubes." Charlotte, Year 10 Science







#### STEM INCURSION

Students in Yr 5 & 6 took part in a Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) incursion yesterday as they worked alongside Gene Technology Access Centre (GTAC) scientist mentors from the University of Melbourne. They used microscopes and investigated the process of pollination, considering the importance of bees in providing us with food.













# **2023 Prep Information Session**

Wednesday 10th August at 7pm



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

Everyone's welcome, no RSVP required.

If you are unable to attend and would like a school tour, please use the QR code or call the school office.





Tuesday 6th Dec 9:15am - 12:30pm Tuesday 13th Dec 9:15am - 3pm



# Yr 5/6 SCIENCE

Students in Grade 5 and 6 have started a new unit of learning around 'chemical sciences'. This term, 6A completed a 'mess scene investigation' where they moved to different stations and made observations about changes that occur to materials in their everyday lives. Students learnt to classify changes as 'physical' or 'chemical' and thought about whether these changes could be easily reversible. Students watched objects fizz, melt, dissolve, burn and evaporate while collaborating and learning how to summarise their findings.







#### **GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION**

In German class over the past few weeks, students have been practising reciting a German children's poem. To extend on the work undertaken in class, interested students are now invited to compete in the AGTV German Poetry Competition. This is a voluntary/ sign up if you are interested activity. It will begin with a school level competition held during the week 1 - 5 August, followed by a regional final in Wangaratta on 18 August and the State Finals (Yr 5 & 6 only) in Melbourne on 15 October.

In order to compete, students must learn their set poem by heart. It will be judged based on correct pronunciation, intonation and fluency and the overall performance of their recital. They only recite their poem to the judges, not an audience. Students will be given the opportunity to 'sign up' for the Poetry competition in class this week.

Please send me an email if you require any further information: Katrina.Ciolli@education.vic.gov.au

# Yr 3/4 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

The Year 3 and 4 students are exploring Design and Technology this term. The Year 4 students began the unit by exploring the design process through the creation of an eating utensil that was matched to another student's favourite food. There were some very creative designs!

We have then moved on to our first official challenge which was to build an igloo with some particular specifications. The students found it challenging to create the igloos with a limited amount of materials but overall they worked well in their groups.





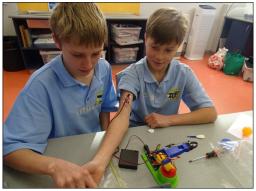
### Yr 7 SCIENCE INCURSION

Year 7 science students were lucky enough to participate in an incursion delivered by GTAC (Gene Technology Access Centre) from the University of Melbourne during the first weeks of Term 3. They explored the anatomy and biomechanics of the arm to design a prosthesis that meets the needs of individuals living with a disability.







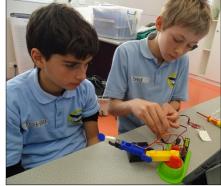














### **TECH TALK**

Welcome to our new 'Tech Talk' section with Mr Smith where you can find out more about technology events, pathways to further creative studies in technology and employment opportunities (plus helpful tips on computer management).

**Tech Tip:** Having a regular routine of ensuring your computer is charged and ready is vital to accessing your device throughout the day. To ensure that your battery lasts the day only use your computer for the work set by your teacher. Having too many other open TABS or online game playing will drastically reduce your battery life over the day.

**Fun Fact:** One of the first hard disks invented by IBM could store 5 Megabytes of Information. Today's modern hard drives can store over 5 Million Megabytes. Wow!



Are you interested in the world of technology and seeking to find an event in Melbourne that connects people with industry and new technology from around the world? If so, have a look at the coming PAX festival headed our way in October.



### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

#### Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



#### Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

#### **BRIGHT**

Senior Citizens Centre car park, Cobden Street

Monday 8 August 2022 10 am to 4 pm

Tuesday 9 August 2022 9 am to 4 pm

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|------------|---|-----------|---|---|-------------------|
| Wodonga    | Tuning in to Kids<br>Emotionally intelligent<br>parenting<br>(2 - 10 years)       | 5 weeks   | Fridays<br>12 August - 9 September<br>10am to 12pm          | Gateway Health<br>155 High Street<br>Training Room (G10)                | Phone 02 6022 888 |
| Wodonga    | Tuning in to Teens<br>Emotionally intelligent<br>parenting<br>(10 years and over) | 6 weeks   | Tuesdays<br>9 August - 13 September<br>6pm to 8pm           | Online via Zoom<br>(Link will be provided)                              | Phone 02 6022 888 |
| Wodonga    | Mother Goose<br>(0 - 2 years)   | Full term | Wednesdays<br>13 July - 14 September<br>10.30am to 11.30am  | Gateway Health<br>155 High Street<br>F11A & B                           | Phone 0457 279 79 |
| Wangaratta | Tuning in to Kids<br>Emotionally intelligent<br>parenting<br>(2 - 10 years)       | 5 weeks   | Wednesdays<br>17 August - 14 September<br>9.30am to 11.30am | Gateway Health<br>45-47 Mackay St<br>Nissen Hut -<br>Multi Purpose Room | Phone 02 6022 888 |
| Lavington  | Mother Goose<br>(0 - 2 years)   | Full term | Fridays<br>22 July - 23 September<br>10.30am to 11.30am     | Orana Community<br>Centre<br>40 Cardo Drive<br>Springdale Heights       | Phone 02 6025 398 |

For more information call 02 6022 8888 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au

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# Parenting information sessions - Term 3 2022



2 hour sessions - Bookings are essential

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| The Power of Positive Parenting<br>(From the Triple P International)  | Adolescent Parenting  | Raising Resilient Children<br>(From the Triple P International)  |  |
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| For parents and carers of children aged between 2 and 12 years  | For parents and carers of children aged<br>between 12 and 17 years  | For parents and carers of children aged<br>between 2 and 12 years  |  |
| This session will provide information on:  Building strong relationships with children Good communication Teaching children new skills Predictable routines Focussing on the positives Positive environments Expectations of children Balancing family life | This session will provide information on:  Development of teenagers - impacts and challenges  How you can support your teenager's emotions and help them build resilience  Connecting with your teenager  Helping to problem solve  Family values | This session will provide information on:  Recognising and accepting feelings Expression of feelings Building a positive outlook Developing coping skills Dealing with negative feelings Stressful life events |  |
| Tuesday 2 August<br>10am to 12pm<br>Gateway Health<br>155 High Street Wodonga<br>Rooms F11A & B   | Tuesday 26 July<br>6pm to 8pm<br>Online via Zoom<br>(Link will be provided)   | Thursday 28 July<br>7pm to 9pm<br>Online via Zoom<br>(Link will be provided)   |  |

To book your place contact Andrea on 0457 279 796 or email parenting@gatewayhealth.org.au

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