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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

BOOK WEEK

To celebrate this year's Book Week, we held a dress up day with the theme being 'Dress as your favourite book character'. We all enjoyed checking out the amazing costumes. Thanks to all students, parents and staff who were involved, it was great fun!



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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As this term continues at a fast pace, in amongst all the other school activities, we took the opportunity to celebrate Book Week with an amazingly creative display from our Primary students (and a few Secondary students too). The staff joined in as well and we all enjoyed the fun atmosphere the dress-up day brought to our school.

With the start of Spring just around the corner, our snow programs have both come to an end. Parents, students and teachers have reported a very positive ski / snowboard season with students improving their skills and enjoying time with their friends on the slopes. For photos, turn to page 7 of the newsletter.

We currently have two ex-students working with us. Firstly, we have Genevieve Taberner. Genevieve graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2016 and has joined us as a student teacher until the end of this term, working with Secondary Maths and Science students. The other ex-student is Tom Nicholson, who runs Tom's Rural Tree Services and is currently working on removing some whole trees and some additional branches within school grounds that have been identified as unsafe. We will be looking at

planting new trees after Tom has finished his work.

This is the last full term of school for our current Year 12 students. With support from their fellow students, families and teachers, I have full confidence that our Year 12 students will perform to the best of their abilities as they finish course work and sit practice exams in preparation for their final weeks next term. It has been my observation our Year 12 students are working hard on their studies in a collegial and thoughtful manner. Achievement is only possible through the amount of effort and time you are willing to give to a task. Your effort and time is extremely valuable now so use them wisely. Keep up the good work Year 12!

Jean Olley - Principal

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

FRANKIE'S SCHOOL PLAYTIME KIT

Hi, it's Frankie here!

I wanted to let you all know of an awesome project the Primary SRC students and Bethany are running.

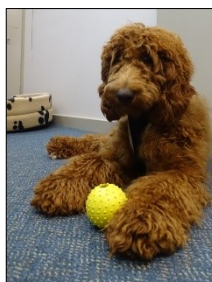
At school I have had the same toys and comforts for almost a year. I have spent a lot of time playing, chewing and loving these toys and comforts, however I am in need of new ones.

Starting Monday 29th August until the end of term, I would be very appreciative of any toy or pet comfort donations for me to have at school. You are able to purchase something, make your own dog toys or find something around your house that you no longer need and you think I would love.

Humans can drop off any donations to the front office.



Thank you so much everyone, I am excited to see what I can find in my School Playtime Kit!



COLLEGE CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 31 AUG O&M Secondary Athletics
- 31 AUG Yr 7,8 & 9 German Incursion

SEPTEMBER

- 1 SEP Secondary House Athletics Carnival
- 2 SEP Yr 3-6 House Athletics Carnival
- 2 SEP 6pm Music Soiree at Bright Art Gallery
- 5 SEP Yr 7,8 & 9 German Incursion
- 5-8 SEP Primary Footsteps Dance Incursion
- 6-7 SEP Parent / Teacher conferences
- 8 SEP Japanese Speech Competition, Albury
- 8 SEP 6pm Footsteps Dance concert at Bright Community Centre
- 8-9 SEP Melbourne Writer's Festival excursion
- 9 SEP Yr 11 Outdoor Ed MTB day
- 9 SEP Yr 12 Studio Arts MAMA excursion
- 9 SEP Yr 11 Formal
- 12-14 SEP Yr 3 Alexandra Adventure Camp

Yr 12 SCIENCE

In this experiment, students are completing a titration to analyse the concentration of ascorbic acid in a Vitamin C tablet. Volumetric analysis is a method of quantitative chemical analysis that uses volumes to analyse substances in solution by measuring the volumes required to perform a chemical reaction.



GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION



Earlier this month, 15 students from Years 4 - 7 travelled to Cathedral College in Wangaratta to represent Bright P-12 College at the Regional Finals of the German Poetry Competition. For this event, students were required to learn a set poem by heart and recite it to the judges. They were judged on how well they had memorised the poem, the accuracy of their pronunciation, their rhythm and their overall performance and interpretation.

It was a big day and there were definitely lots of nerves. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded a place in their Year Level competition: Year 4 – Layla S, 3rd Place; Year 5 – Penny B, 2nd Place; Year 7 – Lachlan R, 2nd Place. Congratulations also to all students for rising to the challenge of this competition. It was a fantastic effort.

Many thanks to Gil Paulsen, our parent volunteer and student leader Alison Ciolli who both helped the day run smoothly and be enjoyable for all.



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.



GIRLS' AFL FOOTBALL CLINICS

Across the last fortnight, we have had four full days of AFL football clinics for all girls at Bright P-12 College.

These sessions have coincided with the beginning of the AFLW season and we hope to have inspired the next generation of young footballers and athletes across the region. The feedback from those involved in the sessions has been extremely positive and we look forward to providing similar sporting opportunities in the near future.



INDIGENOUS STUDIES

During class recently, the Year 12 Indigenous Languages students visited the Library to view the current book display in the foyer. This display has an Indigenous theme with some books relating to the Dreamtime stories, others have information and stories about Indigenous people who have achieved wonderful things in history and science.

Some of the Year 12 students read a story to small groups from Mrs Pederick's Prep class. There was lots of discussion about the images in the book 'Coming Home to Country', which Amaya read to her group.

Many thanks to parent volunteer Marcia who put together the great display in our Library.



Yr 10 SCIENCE - STUDENT DESIGNED EXPERIMENTS

To support their learning of Chemistry and experimental design, Year 10 students designed their own experiments to investigate a factor that affects rates of reaction.

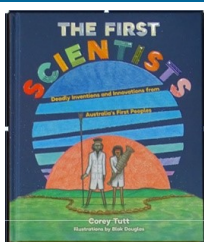


JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Primary students are super excited to launch our Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser for 2022, which officially started on Monday and runs until the end of term. The program will finish on Friday 16th September with a "Jump-Off" Day to celebrate our skipping achievements. The program aims to promote physical activity, improve skipping skills and raise money for the Heart Foundation. We have already raised more than \$750 in a short space of time and look forward to our school raising so much more. At the time of writing this article, Dane, Archer, Davina and Zoe have already raised over \$100 each!



STORIES FROM OUR LIBRARY



One of our new books in the Library is called *The First Scientists—Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia's First Peoples* by Corey Tutt, a proud Kamilaroi man.

In this book, beautifully illustrated by Blak Douglas, Corey tells us the stories of how Australia's First Peoples innovated in the fields of astronomy, engineering, chemistry, forensic science, bush medicine and more. This book brings science to life and our younger students were inspired by the story of two Whadjuk people who were employed in August 1864 as bush trackers (early forensic scientists) to find three children Isaac Cooper (aged 9), Jane Cooper (aged 7) and Frank Duff (aged 3) who were lost in the bush for nine winter days. Being nearly 160 years ago, this was well before the age of mobile phones, GPS and emergency beacons.

Yr 12 VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN

In Year 12 of the VCD course, students have explored the design process in the three areas of Industrial, Communication and Environmental Design. They are now in the process of completing an in-depth Design Study, focussing on two distinct design needs, from initial brief and concepts to final design.



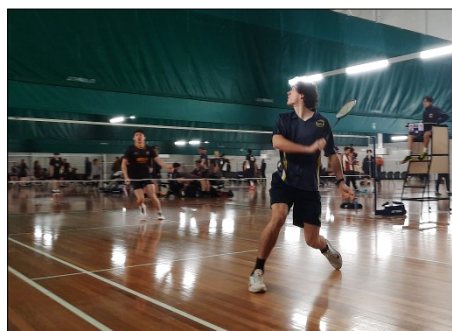
BADMINTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Bendigo Bank kindly sponsored our team of Senior Badminton players to attend the State Championships Interscholar Sports in Melbourne recently.

Congratulations to our amazing Year 12 students, Declan, Joe, Kai and Kaleb who all made the state finals for badminton on Thursday the 11th held at MSAC in Melbourne. With an incredibly early start, we left school at the undesirable hour of 5.15am. The boys played wonderfully! Sportsmanship, team spirit and resilience

was indisputably outstanding. These boys represented Bright P-12 College with pride and enthusiasm. It was wonderful having other schools at the competition comment on our school's sportsmanship and friendliness, as well as their determination to travel such a distance.

Although we didn't take home the win, I can happily say it was an honour to take the boys down to Melbourne to show off what our school has to offer. This would not have been possible without financial help from Bendigo Bank and the CWA who funded the bus hire. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and support. A special thanks to Don for making the trip down with us as a supervisor. Well done all!



'GO TO THE SNOW' PROGRAM

It has been great to be back on the snow with our students after two years. We are very lucky to have two amazing mountains at our back door. This year, the Primary students travelled to Falls Creek and the Secondary students to Mount Hotham. The progression by all the students has been truly amazing. Each week, they showed up prepared and enthusiastic, ready to learn the techniques and experience the mountain environment with a positive mindset. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and teaching staff who put in a huge effort to ensure the students were safe, having fun and developing their skills in the Alpine Environment. Some comments from the students:

"It has been really fun and I've learnt a lot from the instructors. My parallel turns are getting better. It's fun to ski with your friends." Finn

"I found it educational and I improved my skiing. We had fresh snow and great conditions. My favourite run was Towers". Julian

"Thanks for taking us. I loved skiing. My favourite run was ruined castle" Kadian

"It's a lot of preparation but worth it when you get out on the snow. I like Foxtrail" Sienna.



Yr 10 FOOD

Our Year 10 Food students had a theme of 'pastry products' during this lesson. They practiced their skills in various techniques to make a simple egg and bacon pie as well as a chocolate caramel slice.



STUDENT TEACHER

Genevieve Taberner has joined us as a student teacher until the end of this term.

She will be working with Year 8 Maths students, Secondary Chemistry students and Years 7 – 10 Science students.

Genevieve graduated from Bright P-12 College in 2016 and wants to become a teacher because she has a passion for supporting young students to reach their full potential.



WINE LABEL COMPETITION WINNER

We received over 100 votes for our wine label competition and we would like to congratulate Penny K who won the wine label competition for the 2022 vintage of 12 Bright Vines. Penny receives a \$100 prize. Well done and thank you to the students who entered the competition, you will each receive a \$5 canteen voucher.



UNIFORM SUPPORT

State Schools Relief - Uniform support for families

If you require assistance with the provision of essential uniform items, please contact your child's Classroom teacher, Year level co-ordinator, Primary/Secondary Assistant Principal, or Jenni for further information

jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au

SCIENCE WEEK

A group of Year 9 and 10 students got together at lunchtime during Science Week for this activity, making agar tubes of different colours in preparation to see if a laser will shine through in a way similar to optic fibre. Containers of water were also used to compare results.



MUSIC

Some of our Prep-Year 2 students are learning to play ukulele in a beginner group before school on Wednesdays. They're learning simple chords and having a go at singing along while they play. All students have been really enjoying their lessons and are progressing well. Ukulele can be a great instrument in itself and can also act as a stepping stone to learning to play the guitar as the students get older.



TECH TALK

Five Ways to make sure you're ready to learn with your device:

1. Have a routine at home to charge your device.
2. Only use your device in class when instructed.
3. Close all apps, websites, and pages that you do not need in class.
4. Switch off your computer during breaks (Recess and Lunch).
5. Reduce your screen time to ensure that your battery lasts the day.



Fun Fact: You can spell the word 'Typewriter' using the top line of letters on a computer keyboard.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Woolworths Bright is looking for new enthusiastic young people to join our fresh food team across the store in all departments.

We are looking for people to work in the:

- Fresh Fruit & Veg Department
- Deli Department
- Grocery & Night fill Department
- Customer Service Department

Successful candidates would work hours 4pm-9pm during the week and throughout the day on weekend days. We are flexible in working within school and home commitments.

If you are interested please create an account profile on the Woolworths Careers website wowcareers.com.au and come into Woolies Bright and see us!!

Jane Mildren and Chris Blazek are happy to assist students with their applications, if required.

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2nd October 2022

Take in the views of this spectacularly scenic course from Bright to the iconic Mountain Village of Harrieville

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All proceeds go to the Harrieville Primary School. Visit www.harrievillehalfmarathon.com for more info.

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Get the facts about smoking and vaping

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What are your kids breathing in?

- E-cigarettes and vapes are not safer than cigarettes
- There are no quality or safety standards for e-cigarettes or vapes
- Vaping liquids contain nicotine, heavy metals and cancer-causing chemicals

What it does to your body:

- Vaping can cause vomiting, nausea, coughing, shortness of breath, mouth irritation and asthma
- Long term use can cause lung damage, heart disease and cancers
- Nicotine harms the brain development of children and teenagers
- Young people who vape are more than three times more likely to move onto smoking cigarettes

Talk to your kids about the risks of smoking and vaping

- Contact Quit at www.quit.org.au or phone 13 78 48
- Visit the Royal Children's Hospital website www.rch.org.au and search 'vaping'
- Scan the QR code for more information

www.quit.org.au/articles/teenvaping/

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Workshops with Dr Richard Eisenmajer
Talking Autism Spectrum Disorders

Richard is a Clinical Psychologist and founder and Director of The ASD Clinic. He has worked in a variety of positions, both within government and hospital settings, and for more than 20 years in private practice focussing on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Richard established The ASD Clinic in Kew East in 2009. He and his colleagues provide assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the provision of counselling and practical behavioural interventions for clients of all ages, their families, as well as education services and professional organisations.

Evening Workshop 1: Monday 5 September – Commencement 6.30pm (registration from 6.00pm)

Morning Workshop 2: Tuesday 6 September – Commencement 9.30am (registration from 9.00am)

Venue: Commercial Club Albury
618 Dean Street, Albury NSW 2640

Cost: Family Members & Students – \$25.00
Professionals/Service Providers - \$40.00

Tickets are to be purchased via 'Trybooking', the link is: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAZIK>

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- Post study completion career opportunities.

We are holding an open night for young people who are interested in being part of our Gap Year & Cadet Program in 2023.

If a Gap Year in the Construction Industry appeals to you, please come along and find out more about our business and the opportunities involved.

LOCATION: Connex Office, Suite 2, Level 1, 90-100 Ovens Street, Wangaratta.

WHEN: Wednesday 14th September @6pm. Students and Guardians welcome. Finger food will be provided.

Please RSVP to info@connexgroup.com.au

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LGBTQIA+ YOUTH FORUM 2022

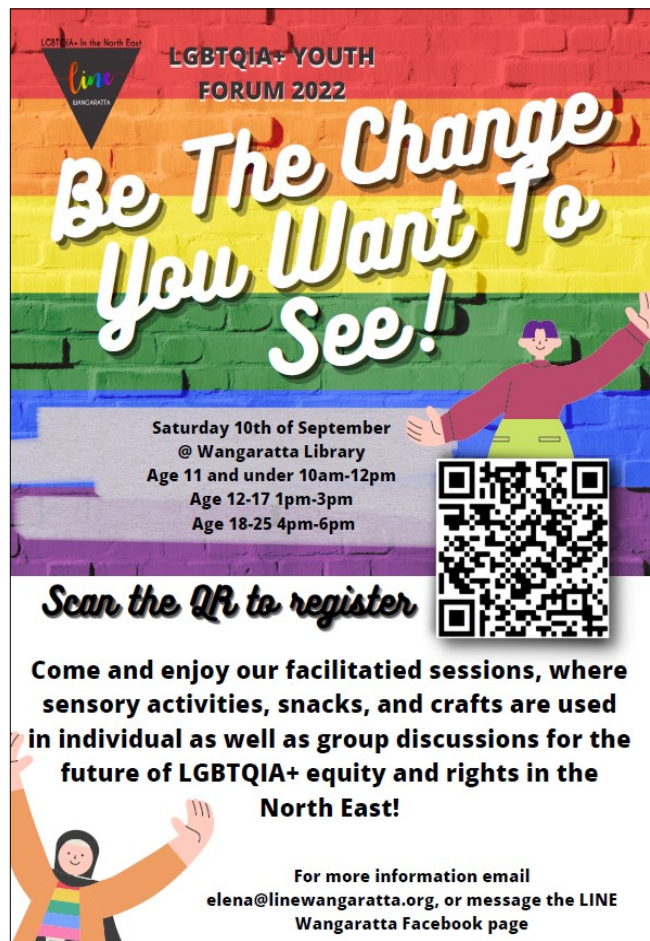
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Saturday 10th of September
@ Wangaratta Library
Age 11 and under 10am-12pm
Age 12-17 1pm-3pm
Age 18-25 4pm-6pm

Scan the QR to register

Come and enjoy our facilitated sessions, where sensory activities, snacks, and crafts are used in individual as well as group discussions for the future of LGBTQIA+ equity and rights in the North East!

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