

Yr 3/4 MELBOURNE CAMP

Earlier this term, Year 3 and 4 students travelled into Melbourne for Urban Camp. They had the chance to experience IMAX, the Melbourne Museum and the Melbourne Zoo as well as the opportunity to spend the night away from home. All students had a fantastic time, with our IMAX 3D documentary being a stand out! Thank you so much to our wonderful parent helpers for their assistance over the two days. See page 5 for student reflections and more photos.















FRANKIE'S 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



The Primary Student Representative Council recently ran a collection for our school Wellbeing Dog, Frankie. Frankie has now been at Bright P-12 College for a year! All of these items were donated by students in the Prep-Year 4 classes.

Thank you to everyone who donated. Frankie loves her new toys, teddies and blankets!





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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Guardians and Carers,

We are now nearing the end of the school year with less than two weeks to go before we break for school holidays. These last couple of weeks of the term are very busy, productive and full of learning activities and events. We have several key events still to come, including Camps, transition days and the Yr 6 Graduation celebrations, as well as the P-12 Awards Ceremony, which I hope to see you all attending.

Earlier this week, we held the Careers Big Day In for our Year 9 students, where we explored various career pathways. We ran small group chats with community members about their pathways to their current role. Our Career program at Bright P-12 College is exceptional and unique! Jane Mildren and Chris Blazek have developed a comprehensive and personalised program to support and guide our students in finding career pathways. Thank you Chris and Jane for your extraordinary efforts and passion. We will share more information and photos from the Careers Big Day In in the first issue of the newsletter next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every student, parent, staff member, volunteer and member of our extended school community for their support in 2022. It has been a very busy year with plenty of challenges and also a huge amount to be proud of. The amount of effort that each member of our team has put in has been truly inspiring and I am grateful have the opportunity to play a part in such a positive school year here at Bright P-12 College.

Wishing you all a restful break over the holidays and I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2023. Judging by the looks of wonder and excitement on the faces of our 2023 Prep students when they attended the transition day at school, our newest students are already keen and ready to join our team.

Jean Olley - Principal

8 DEC

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

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS

We have a generous supply of COVID-19 tests available to collect. Please come into the school office to pick up your supply for the school holidays.



COLLEGE CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Yr 6 Graduation

12 DEC	VCE results released
12-13 DEC	Yr 2 Harrietville Camp
12-14 DEC	Yr 4/5 Alexandra Camp
12-20 DEC	Yr 7-9 Activities Days
13 DEC	Prep 2023 Transition Day #2
	(9:15am - 3pm)
13 DEC	Yr 7 2023 Transition Day #2
14 DEC	Semester 2 reports published
15 DEC	P-12 Awards Ceremony
20 DEC	Term 4 last day
	School ends at 1:30pm
	JANUARY 2023

24 JAN	Book Collection Day 11am-4pm
30 JAN	Term 1 first day (Yr 1-12)
31 JAN	Preps first day

Yr 6 ALEXANDRA ADVENTURE CAMP

It was a magical Monday with the Grade 6 cohort heading off to the Alexandra Adventure Camp. The weather was unexpected with hailstorms and wind but the students showed resilience and continued with the fun. Students enjoyed a range of different outdoor activities with the highlights being the Flying Fox, Giant Swing, Crate Stacking, Rock Climbing, High Ropes and Canoeing. There were a few students who managed to sink their canoes and become more acquainted with the mud! Another highlight was the talent quest and Reuben singing Riptide.

The camp went for three days, and many changes of clothes were needed for the muddy conditions. Thank you to parents Bel and Cam who came along as volunteers and thank you also to teachers Mrs Mapley, Mr Kenwright and Mrs Tanaskovic.









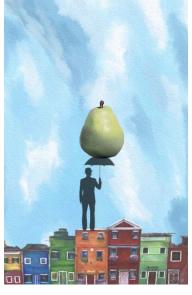


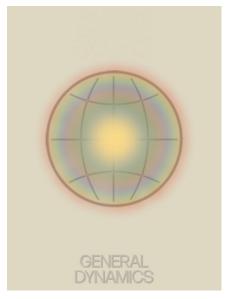


Yr 9 VISUAL COMMUNICATION & DESIGN

During Term 4, our Year 9VCD students had the opportunity to research an Iconic Graphic Designer and then use this research as inspiration to develop a design project. These three examples are of student work this Term (designs by Nicholas C, Elsie D and Holly H).







Yr 10 PRODUCT DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



"It's become a tradition to have a Cape Cod Chair party at the end of each Year 10, Product Design and Technology class.

After working hard to build their Cape Cod Chairs, I figure the students deserve some time to sit back, play some games and enjoy their amazing creations. This year's party was awesome! The class of 2022 really were fantastic. I especially enjoyed watching the interaction and collaboration between students as we used peer teaching strategies to help all the students create their chairs. Huge thanks to Wayne for all his energy and effort helping the students design and build their chairs this semester, for supplying hot chips for the party and his entertaining magic tricks. Well done, Product Design students of 2022." By Mr Jackson











Yr 3/4 MELBOURNE CAMP ctd...

Day 1 of camp. "Finally the day came and we are going to camp! Everyone arrived at the bus stop and said goodbye to our mums and dads and got on the bus. It was a four & half hour trip but it did not feel like it. It felt like a whole day! We finally arrived and Jimmy yelled "Freedom!" and then he flopped on the ground.

It was really bad weather unfortunately so we ran inside and ate our lunch. Melbourne weather always changes so the sky cleared up and after lunch, we played a game outside of 'follow the leader'. Soon the time came to go into IMAX! The whole class was leaping with excitement! We were handed our 3D glasses and we put them on "It's not 3D!!" complained Emma. "The movie hasn't started yet!" said Heidi. "Ohhh!" Suddenly, the room went dark and the movie started. Everyone was amazed at how 3D it was and how loud the sound effects were! It actually looked like the fishies were swimming at you! When you took your glasses off, it was so blurry. "SNAP!" The big fish ate the little fish, the little fish had no escape! By Josie, Oscar, Ben and Jimmy (3A)

The night of camp. "After IMAX we went to the Museum. The Museum was amazing because we got to see gold, gems and diamonds. We walked around for about 1 hour and a half until we had to go to Urban camp. At Urban camp we got our cabin groups and settled in.

30 minutes later. "Time for dinner everybody!" Yelled Mr Gray. For dinner, we had chicken schnitzel, peas, potato, lettuce and corn. "Yummy Yummy!" For dessert, we had a frog in a pond. "Kai, how are you already finished?"

We went to bed but then... I went from excited to energetic to grumpy!" "Jimmy!" Sorry about that. Our cabin groups were really loud. Finally we fell asleep." By Nicky, Lochie and Xavier (3A)

Second day of camp. "We woke up at 7:00am. We started to get ready for breakfast. Breakfast was at 7:30am. For breakfast we had a choice between cereal and toast and fruit. Afterwards, the chefs brought out a yummy morning tea. Then we hopped on the bus.

Zoo. We arrived at the zoo and went into our groups. Then we headed off in our groups to go explore the zoo. Our group was with Miss Groves and Kate. When we were at the aquatic area we saw the sting ray doing a happy dance but the mini shark wanted all eyes on him so he started to show off. In Mrs Read's group we saw a baboon jumping up at the window. At 11:00am we stopped for lunch. After lunch we went to explore more enclosures. At 12:30pm we got on the bus and started to go back to Bright." By Madi, Emma, Sophie G and Emmy (3A)











GERMAN EXCHANGE

"It is really amazing over here in Germany with lots to see and do. The mountains are mind boggling and leave you stunned in awe. I've been lucky enough to travel to Italy for a weekend and it is just amazing, very pretty everywhere you look and so much history around every corner. I've also spent a day in Salzburg and it is crazy old, the Castle is massive, one of the biggest in Europe, it doesn't seem real how old it is with nearly 1000 years of history. Salzburg is also very nice to look at with lots of different colours on all of the buildings. It's really good to be over here and I am glad I have been given this opportunity." By Billy M.















"My time in Germany is coming to an end. Last week I had the pleasure of going to the Neuschwanstein castle built by King Ludwig II and dedicated to Richard Wagner, a famous composer and theatre director at the time. The castle was built in the 19th century but looks like a castle out of a fairy tale. I went there with my host family. We left home at 9 in the morning and got to a little village near the castle at 1, where we had lunch and heard people from all over Europe speak, even some English speakers.

From there we had to walk to the castle up a hill which didn't take that long. The tour was amazing though it was short as

the castle is unfinished due to bankruptcy and the king dying an early death. Six weeks after the king's death, the remainder of the king's family decided to open his castles to the public to make some money. My favourite part of the tour was when we saw the throne room and the beautiful mosaic on the floor and paintings of Jesus and God on the ceiling. The room showed how Ludwig pictured the world (animals and common folk as the mosaic, the king sitting on his throne and God above him on the ceiling). Throughout this exchange I've experienced a lot of new things. While I am sad to see the end of it and say goodbye to all the nice people I've met over these three months, I can't wait to see my family back in Australia." By Ryley G.



Yr 1 PERFORMING ARTS - LIMBO

With the music helping and their friends supporting, Year 1 students had a go at the Limbo during their Performing Arts class. As the bar went lower, some questionable creative moves were employed but everyone had fun while working on their flexibility.







Yr 9 SAILING CAMP

Week 8 of Term 4 saw 18 intrepid Year 9 students embark on an unique experience to the Victorian Sailing School at Eastern Beach, Geelong. The trip was a 5 day trip which included 3 full days of sailing and 3 different night time activities which included indoor rock climbing, a trip to the cinemas and also an afternoon of surfing at Torquay.

Although the weather was not kind to us initially, conditions steadily improved from hair raising on day one to predictable on the last day. The students learnt the basics of sailing and even competed in a 3 event race format on the final afternoon.

Thanks to Cass Devereux and Maya (our German language assistant) for attending and being an active part of the trip and thanks to all the students who attended for making the trip most enjoyable.

















Yr 9 ABSEILING DAY

A group of Year 9 students had the opportunity to experience abseiling at Mount Buffalo. They spent the day descending a number of different cliff faces, being supported by trainee students and leaders from Wodonga TAFE. Students enjoyed the day, with a number of them rising to the challenge of the Dragon's Foot (over 50m high). The students all supported each other through the challenges on the day & were a great ambassadors for the school.







FROM OUR LIBRARY

Always a firm favourite with our students, the Guinness World Records book for 2023 has been released and will be available to borrow next year, after our end-of-year Library stocktake.



This epic book takes readers on a journey that's out of this world, revealing the latest and greatest record-breaking achievements here on Earth and across the vast distances of space. Each vibrant page showcases the most inspirational, eyecatching, mind-blowing achievements from the past year, across a multitude of topics such as gaming and the human body, engineering and wildlife. Our world is experiencing unprecedented change - in the environment, culture, technology and society. Keeping up with this dizzying revolution are the Guinness World Records adjudicators, who've been busier than ever documenting the Officially Amazing.

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 2022, you do not need to complete an application form in 2023 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

- new student enrolments; your child has started or changed schools in 2023 or you did not apply in 2022.
- changed family circumstances, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2023.

Applications close June 2023

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact Jenni – Jennifer.sgambelloni@education.vic.gov.au

Yr 8 ECONOMICS

After the success of the '\$20 boss' program in Term 3, students again worked on their projects as an exercise in running an enterprise. Small groups of students ran stalls treats. They did a great job organising their groups and some made a profit. Students have chosen to give their profits to the following charities: Wildlife Victoria; Melbourne City Mission; Great Barrier Reef Foundation; Humane Society International; Headspace; Help4Kids; Sunsmart Skin Cancer Foundation.













Yr 5 LEADERSHIP CAMP



Four of our students: Aggie M, Tilly D, Millie D and Ari P represented Bright P-12 College at the 15 Mile Leadership Camp. During the week, students were involved in activities that promoted innovative thinking and creativity. They were challenged to work in teams to solve problems and overcome obstacles while focussing on achieving a common goal. Students were encouraged to take a collaborative approach, developing a deeper sense of self-awareness through the process.

Yr 5/6 HOUSE NETBALL GRAND FINAL

The Year 5/6 House Netball Grand Final was played between Ovens and Buckland. In the qualifying games a week earlier, Ovens had a convincing win against their opponents and went into the match with great confidence, although the Buckland squad knew that they could cause some damage in the Nightingale Cup decider.



In a thrilling contest, Ovens and Buckland went goal-for-goal for much of the game and momentum shifted on several occasions in both halves. Buckland maintained possession for a large portion of the game, but the strong Ovens outfit were able to move the ball quickly and looked dangerous every time they entered the attacking third. Buckland managed to hold on to their slender lead in the dying seconds and won by one goal! Congratulations to all players who took to the court over the past few weeks to help their house, to Maxie and Banjo for leading the Blues to victory and to their winning teammates Rhylee, Maddison, Josie, Kobe and Mya.

Yr 5 & 6 MT BUFFALO BUSHWALK

Year 5 students had a fun day hiking and climbing their way around the Chalwell Galleries circuit in sunny but cold conditions. Many students were out of their comfort zone climbing through the narrow gaps between rocks, with all successfully completing the section without issue, demonstrating their ability and confidence. A picnic lunch in idyllic conditions followed at Lake Catani, before a hike along the Underground River Track through the gorge to The Chalet, with a stop off to look at the spectacular views. A great day out was capped off by games in the grounds of The Chalet before returning to school. Follow-up work on Dr Seuss' 'The Lorax' helped to gain a greater understanding of the need to preserve this immense natural environment that we are privileged to have on our doorstep.

The next day, Year 6 students completed their annual hike to the highest point of Mount Buffalo, The Horn, to celebrate them reaching the pinnacle of their primary school years at the end of this year. Perfect sunny but not too warm conditions enabled all students to make the trek right to the top, where they chatted to some adventurous people abseiling down the sheer drop from the viewpoint, before descending for lunch in the spectacular setting of the picnic area. Time allowed for a brief stop at The Chalet on the way back with photo opps on the glass bottom viewing platform and in the gardens of the iconic building. Tired bodies then returned to school for a well-deserved rest after a fantastic day out. Big thanks go to parent volunteers Erin and Paul for giving up their time to accompany us.













Yr 9 COMMUNITY LEARNING PROJECT

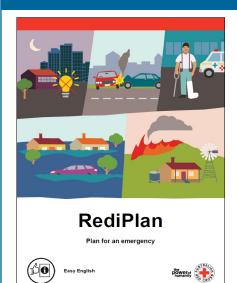
The Year 9 students who attended the Marlo Leadership Camp earlier this year ran a session with the Year 5 & 6 students, taking them through a variety of team-building activities. The Year 9's learnt a lot about mentoring and instruction. Part of the aim of this activity is to assist in the transition process for the Year 6 students into secondary school in 2023, helping to build positive connections with their Year 9 peers.







Yr 4-6 REAP DAY



Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students spent the day at Pioneer Park last week, participating in a REAP Day (Resilience Emergency Action Planning). Representatives from CFA, DELWP (Forest Fire Management), SES, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Red Cross, Parks Victoria, Alpine Health, NECMA and Koori Engagement attended to present to students from Bright P-12 College, Porepunkah Primary, Harrietville Primary and Wandiligong Primary.

The theme was 'Preparing for next time' with a goal to build knowledge, skills, and capacity to act in times of emergency.

This valuable day highlighted the importance of preparing for natural disasters and encouraged children to be active participants in the planning process to alleviate stress and build confidence.







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