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Bright P-12 College Newsletter

An Author in Our Mist



Congratulations to Bright P-12 College English Teacher, Amelia Mellor, who recently had her first novel published. Amelia is super proud of "The Grandest Bookshop In The World" and we wish her every success. Visit the Bright Bookshop for your copy.

COLLEGE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

MON 19 OCT- FRI 23 OCT—VCE Unit 3&4 Practice Exams.

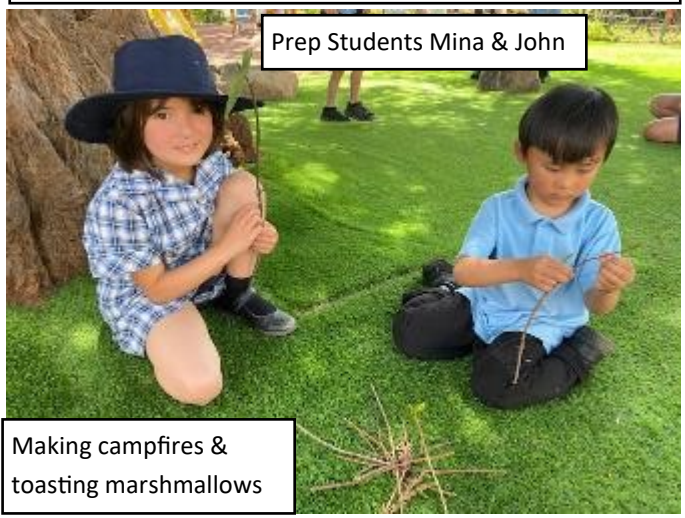
THUR 22 OCT— Yr 7 Immunisations.

FRI 23 OCT— AFL Grand Final Public Holiday.

THUR 29 OCT - YEAR 12s LAST DAY OF CLASSES.

NOVEMBER

TUES 03 NOV— Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.



Prep Students Mina & John

Making campfires & toasting marshmallows

INTRODUCING....

Hi Bright P-12 College!

I'm Bethany, your new Student Wellbeing/Counsellor and excited to support you and the Bright P-12 College community. I am from Yackandandah and love the alpine region. My background is in Psychology and my passion areas are Educational/Developmental Psychology and Positive Psychology. I am

also a Ballet teacher and have danced for over 18 years, across many styles of dance. I love drinking tea, eating Nutella and going on walks and runs.

I am really looking forward to getting to know you and you getting to know me! I am in Jenny Young's office and work Monday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's. I am here to support you so please pop in to say hello!



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Principal's Message

On behalf of our school, I want to say a big thank you to all our students, parents, guardians and carers for your continued resilience and support throughout this year. I know remote and flexible learning has not always been easy, but through our collective efforts, our students have continued to make valuable progress in their learning. You can be confident that our school will support any student who has fallen behind to catch up.

This term we have four key priority areas:

Mental health and wellbeing

Our highest priority will be the wellbeing, particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff. This means effectively mobilising all available resources to support our most vulnerable students and enabling staff to access the relevant support services.

Learning and excellence

Some of our students have thrived in the remote and flexible learning environment, others have maintained their learning progress, and some have fallen behind, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers. Our priority will be supporting both those who need it to catch up and those who have progressed to continue to extend their learning.

Transitions

We will make every effort to ensure successful transitions for children moving from kindergarten into Prep, the Grade 6s moving into Year 7, and the Year 12s moving into employment or further education and training.

We know some families are worried that their child may have to repeat a year due to the disruptions of coronavirus (COVID-19). There is little evidence to support the benefits of repeating a year to catch up. Instead, we will use teaching strategies that draw on the best evidence available to help students meet their learning needs.

Parents, families and carers can be confident that the best option for almost every child is to stay with their peer group, whether that is moving from kindergarten into Prep, moving from Grade 6 into Year 7 at secondary school, or students moving up any year level in between.

Our school, working with you, has shown it can be flexible and adaptable in responding to the challenges of coronavirus (COVID-19) and will continue to meet student needs as we look towards the end of the 2020 school year and ahead to 2021.

COVID Safe Operations

We know the importance of keeping everyone safe and will be focusing on operating as normally as possible with stringent COVID Safe operations in place.

In line with priority one I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Bethany Carter as Student Support. Bethany will be in the school on three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday to offer extra wellbeing support to our students. I am really looking forward to working with Bethany as part of the Wellbeing Team this term and into next year. Welcome Bethany to Bright P-12 College.

Well done, Amelia Mellor, on your first published novel, "The Grandest Bookshop In The World". I'm looking to getting myself a copy very soon and spending a wet weekend reading! Congratulations on behalf of the Bright P-12 College community.

Jean Olley - Principal



Assistant Principal's P-6 Report

Back to on-site learning

I would like to welcome all students and their families back to on-site learning. It has been wonderful to see the students face to face and they **should be commended for the way they have got straight back into learning.** We have had a very settled return to site. I have been spending time in classrooms this week and here are some photos of students or classes during our Literacy block.

Term 4 Plan

This term the Primary team have a lot of key tasks to complete. Class development for 2021 will commence shortly and students and families will be notified of classes for 2021 in the last week of Term 4. We are awaiting on advice from Department of Education on what events can take place to bring our students together. We are currently working with 'unit hubs' – Prep to 2, 3 and 4 and 5 and 6. We have Tennis Australia

hosting a virtual chat with Todd Woodbridge with our Preps in the coming weeks. And later in the term staff will commence some baseline assessment of where students are at so we can support their learning for the remainder of this year and also into 2021.

Wellbeing Support for Term 4

Staff have worked tirelessly over the remote period of learning to make sure students are supported with their wellbeing. Since returning to site we have had regular student focus meetings and have reached out to many families to offer support. If at any stage during the term or into 2021 you are concerned about your child's wellbeing you should first discuss this with the classroom teacher. The classroom teacher and I will then make a decision in partnership with parents around what support we suggest and can offer. We currently have our Early Intervention Program on-site, which is through Gateway Health and Miranda, we also can seek support from NESAY for students in Year 5 and 6 for virtual counselling. If you feel your child will need more support or immediate support please contact me, kelli.jacobsen@educaiton.vic.gov.au

Unlocking Potential – Monash University

I too have gone back to "University" this term. A part of my course is to spend time at another school. My role of Assistant Principal Primary, will be filled in the coming days by another teacher. I will be absent from Bright from the 28th October to the 13th of November. Once this process is complete we will inform parents.

A reminder about bring nuts to school

Please make sure that students in **Primary are not bringing any form of nuts, peanut butter** to school. This is one way we look to reduce the risks of a student having an anaphylactic shock in Primary due to the close proximity of their play in the yard but also when eating in the classroom. No student should be sharing food.

Head Lice

Please make sure you are checking your child/ren hair regularly as we return to site. Students who have head lice will need to be excluded from school until treatment has taken place. If you require more information or would like to discuss head lice please email me.

Kelli Jacobsen—P-6 Assistant Principal

Primary Students back to On-Site Learning



Health Corner with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

BREAKFAST IS BACK

Thursdays from the food room – toast, cereal, fruit, juice and milo.

Come along all you need is a



So lovely to see all the smiling faces back at school this morning. Wishing everyone a great term 4.

Don't forget term 4 is a Sun Smart term which means hats must worn when outside. This is a very important part of Sun Smart and reducing the risk of sun damage and future risk of skin cancers. Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen, slap on a hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses is still the message from the Cancer Council and worth remembering both at school and away from school.

Thought for the week: 'Learning isn't a way of reaching one's potential but rather a way of developing it. ' Anders Ericsson

PRIMARY S.R.C. FUNDRAISER

On Thursday the 22nd of October the Primary Student Representative Council (S.R.C) will be holding its final fundraiser for the year. We have decided to follow the CBCA Book Week theme 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.



Students and Staff are asked to come dressed as their favourite book character.

We ask that every member of the primary who participates, to please bring a gold coin donation that will be collected by S.R.C members. We have chosen to donate our funds to buying some sand and digging equipment for our school.

From all the Primary S.R.C members we appreciate your support and hope that everyone gets involved.

Student's work during Wellbeing Week



Wade & Casey P's pictures during wellbeing week. A place they want to visit after lockdown. Wade the skate park and Casey the beach.

Library News

Hi Everyone,

Great news from your library! Students can begin borrowing library resources as from next week.

Students can borrow and return books during these times Mondays—Thursdays :-

Years 5 & 6 can borrow and return books after school (not bus travellers).

Before school ALL Primary students.

Secondary Students during lunchtime.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all again and for you to start borrowing. We have a great selection of new books available for all age groups.

There is a significant number of library books that need to be returned back to the library after such a disruptive year, so could you please check your homes if you have any books to return.

Please find below instructions on how to access the library home page where you can search for resources and also make reservations:-

- LOG ON TO COMPASS
- GO TO STAR ICON
- Scroll down to School Library – Open
- Library Home Page will appear
- SIGN IN – Top R.H.S.
- Students use their CASES I.D. and password
- CLICK ON MY SCHOOL COLLECTION TAB
- You can search for resources in the SmartSearch Bar or Scroll down the bookshelf to view the latest items catalogued
- Open Reservation Tab – R.H.S.

- Your Name and Photo will appear
- Click on the item you want from the Book Shelf
- Go to R.H.S. and click on Reserve
- Your item is now Reserved for you
- The library will notify you when item is available

If you have any difficulties please do not hesitate to contact Vicki at the College Library.

CBCA BOOK WEEK 17th—23rd OCTOBER

Next week is Book Week and to celebrate the Primary SRC are having a “Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character” day on Thursday 22nd October. The Book Of The Year winners will be announced this Friday 16th October. The library will have the winning books on display in the front window. The theme this year for Book Week is “Curious Creatures, Wild Minds”.



A few of the short-listed books chosen for Book of The Year.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP

Climate Ready Hume (DELWP) are hosting a workshop for young people aged 12 - 25 to take part in developing their Regional Adaptation Strategy. If you have any students that are passionate about climate action and want to have their voices heard, this presents a tangible opportunity to talk to DELWP and inform their strategy.

The details include:

Date: Monday, October 19.

Time: 5:30pm - 7:00pm

Cost: FREE

To register interest, please email Natasha Cain at natasha.cain@delwp.vic.gov.au by Friday, October 16.



Breakfast Club

When: Every THURSDAY morning at 8.20am.

Where: Home Economics Room— Bright P-12 College.

Please bring your appetite with you!!

Science Fun During On-Site Learning



The upper primary girls, Madeline Josie and Renae, showing the lower primary students the fun of science when you put oil on top of water then add colour 'bombs' on top of the oil.



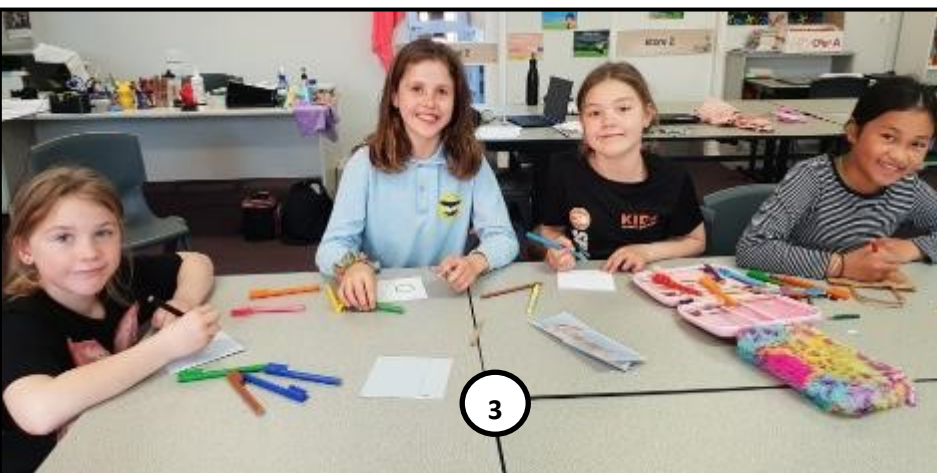
SPECIAL DELIVERY..

During the last week of Term 3, all Year 12 students received a care package of small but useful (and tasty) items, and a personalised greeting card from the Lions Club of Bright as a small gesture of care and acknowledgement for the challenging year they are experiencing.

Lions Club President Tony Strachan explained that whilst 2020 has been an extremely difficult year for us all, unfortunately this year has been completely turned upside down for the Year 12 students, with them inadvertently being denied many of the privileges and experiences they would normally enjoy, as well as the incredible challenges remote learning has presented at such a crucial time in their academic lives.

The cards and gift bags were decorated by some Primary students attending on-site learning, and they were very excited to be able to do 'something nice for the big kids'.

(Thank you very much Bright Lions Club for your thoughtfulness and kindness towards our Year 12 students, much appreciated).



1. Arnika receiving her gift bag.
2. Veronica working hard with her remote learning.
3. Taylor, Josie, Audra and Samantha decorating the bags and cards.

Simple Act of Connectedness for our Year 12's

Towards the end of Term 4, in order to provide some love and connectedness with our Year 12's through this very trying year, I thought I would drop them off a few treats. One was a topiary plant of ivy growing in a pot around a hoop. The idea is that they could sit "Ivy" on their study desks and watch her grow during spring and into summer whilst they finish their year of study – so much of which has been remote. Then beyond school, Ivy can travel with the students to new ventures around Australia and they can train and nurture her into 2021 and beyond. Also included in the "hamper from the heart" was some nourishing seeds in tamari and an indulgent chocolate brownie.

Whilst doing deliveries I was able to chat (masked and distanced) with many of the students and some of their parents. As I live alone, it was also a boost to my wellbeing to have the chance to connect, check how the students were faring and if there is anything I can do. They were so very

appreciative.

It is amazing what a lift to all involved can be achieved from a simple act of kindness.

Chris in Careers



Primary Students Working On-Site



INQUIRY INTO THE 2019-20 VICTORIAN FIRE SEASON – COMMUNITY UPDATE 4

Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian fire season – Community Update 4

Inquiry Phase 1 - Update

On 31 July 2020, Inspector-General Tony Pearce delivered his report to government on Phase 1 of the independent Inquiry.

The report - *Inquiry into the 2019–20 Victorian Fire Season: Phase 1 – Community and Sector Preparedness for and Response to the 2019–20 Fire Season* - was [tabled by leave in Parliament](#) on 18 September 2020.

Government is now considering the report.

Under the provisions of the Emergency Management Act, arrangements for the release of the Inspector-General's Fire Season Inquiry reports are at the discretion of the Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

IGEM will make the Inquiry Report, the associated 'Review of 10 years of emergency management reform', together with government's response, available from www.igem.vic.gov.au upon the approval of the minister.

Where permitted, IGEM has now published submissions received under Phase 1 on its [website](#).

Inquiry Phase 2 - Relief and Recovery

Phase 2 of the Inquiry is underway and we encourage anyone affected by the fires to consider providing feedback on the relief and recovery aspects associated with the fires.

Over coming months, we'll be offering a range of ways to participate and provide feedback. These will be promoted through local outlets and social media. You can share your views through:
making an [online submission](#)
taking the online [survey](#)

- requesting a hard copy or telephone survey by calling 0409 249 054
- emailing igem@igem.vic.gov.au
mailing Inspector-General for Emergency Management, GPO Box 4356, Melbourne VIC 3000.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Phase 1 of the Inquiry for your willingness to provide your experiences, and we look forward to staying in touch over the coming months as we focus on Phase 2 – relief and recovery.

For further information please contact Anne-Louise Lindner, Community Engagement Advisor on 0409 249 054 or email Anne-Louise.Lindner@igem.vic.gov.au

Alpine Community Recovery Committee Notice

On behalf of the Alpine Community Recovery Committee (CRC), I ask that you post in your school newsletter and social media, a notice encouraging the school community to participate in assisting our committee in gaining a deeper understanding of the bushfire recovery needs of our local communities.

The CRC is made up of representatives from across the Alpine Shire and Alpine Resorts. We are here to not only identify recovery opportunities, but also plan and assist community readiness and resilience in the face of future emergencies.

To do this, we need your assistance in finding out what our communities have

experienced, the challenges they are facing, barriers to recovery and how we can support them in moving forward and building resilience.

You can play an essential role by encouraging your school community to participate in a region-wide survey we have released at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinecrc1>

Survey results will allow us to support our communities and maximise the support available to bushfire affected areas.

The CRC survey is available until Sunday 1 November.

The content we ask that you include:

The Alpine Community Recovery Committee (CRC) invite and encourage you to participate in an online survey to assist in

finding out what our communities have experienced in relation to last summer's bushfire, the challenges they are facing, barriers to recovery and how we can support your community in moving forward and building resilience. The survey is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/alpinecrc1> The survey will close Sunday 1 November.

Contact the CRC to arrange a hard copy if preferred: info@alpinecrc.org.au

Alpine Community Recovery Committee Consultation Survey – click [HERE](#)

Bruce Hore & Kellie Gray | Bright Representatives
Alpine Community Recovery Committee
E: info@alpinecrc.org.au

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Unfortunately the uniform shopfront remains closed in Term 4, and so all orders still need to be placed online. A reminder to please have students try on uniforms in the office before ordering, as we are unable to process returns at this time.

Students can visit the office during school hours to try on uniforms, or if parental assistance is required, please phone the school to make a time, and the office staff will be happy to assist.

For VOUCHER orders (primary and secondary), please visit <https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/bright-p-12-college-vouchers-only/>.

You won't need a voucher code/number; just enter details as requested. If you don't have sufficient voucher

funds remaining, you will be contacted with the balance to pay. To find out your balance, please email bright@fcw.com.au

For PAID orders, please visit:

PRIMARY: <https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/bright-p-12-college-primary/>

SECONDARY: <https://fcw.com.au/online-shop/bright-p-12-college-secondary/>

For any uniform enquiries, please contact Natasha at bright@fcw.com.au. Thank you for your patience as we work around running the shop under tricky guidelines.

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Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

School procedures for the bushfire season



Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and Compass Notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact

their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan, reprioritised any maintenance works that may assist in preparing for the threat of fire and cleared our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking Compass and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.

You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

Multiple sources that offer information on emergencies are listed below:

VicEmergency app – that can be downloaded on your android and iOS mobile devices

VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)

Website <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>

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