



COLLEGE CALENDAR

MARCH

Mon 04 Mar - Year 7 Immunisations—all day.

Tue 05 Mar - School Photo Day.

Wed 06 Mar - Primary Hume Swimming.
Thu 07 Mar - O&M Secondary Swimming.
" " - Hume Senior Cricket 11 & 12.

MON 11 MAR - Labour Day Public Holiday.

Tue 12 Mar-Wed 13 Mar- Year 12 Retreat—Feathertop Chalet.

Tue 12 Mar-Fri 15 Mar -Year 7 Camp Coolamatong.

" " - Year 8 Camp Bogong.

Thu 14 Mar-Fri 15 Mar -Year 9 Outdoor Ed Kayaking Trip.

Tue 19 Mar - Secondary Hume Swimming.

Despite a week long delayed start to this event due to unusual thunderstorm activity, the house swim carnival went ahead on Thursday 14th February under clear blue skies. Team spirit was high for all houses with the house captains and vice captains doing a great job marshalling their troops into races and into the pool. We had several parents in attendance who, together with the pool staff, all said the carnival ran smoothly and commented that the students all were very well behaved.

As always the highlights for the day were the bombing competition and the teacher/student relays.

Thanks to all staff for their efforts on the day and also to all students for their wonderful support of this event.

Matt Pywell
Secondary Sport Coordinator &
Head of HPE faculty
(More photos on pages 5 & 6).



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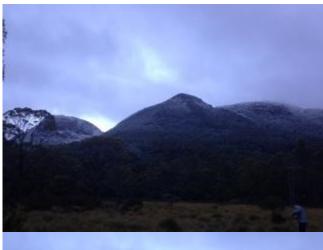


Principal's Report

Welcome back, and a special welcome to our new students in Prep and other year levels, staff and families who have joined the College community this year. We have had a smooth and purposeful start to the academic year with the students approaching their learning with exuberance and settling easily into the routines of instruction.

Walking the Overland Track in Tasmania

I have been on leave for two weeks in Tasmania, spending one of those weeks hiking the Overland Track with my son, his fiancée and my daughter. It was an amazing, if somewhat challenging experience, mainly due to the weather. We had hail, rain, snow and very low temperatures during the week, but on the plus side, the rain put out the fires that had been burning in Tasmania for many weeks. The landscape was very different to any I had seen previously and very changeable across the 5 day/night walk. Mostly we stayed in the huts due to the extreme conditions but on the last night we had to camp as the hut was full. Setting up the tent was a challenge but it was nice and warm. The huts were very comfortable and there was a great atmosphere of cooperation and fun during our stay. I did find out on day 1 that my wet weather gear was in fact not rain proof and spent the rest of the trek with the tent footprint wrapped around me to keep out the rain and wind. On the last day, we walked two sections as we had to catch the ferry early the next morning and I ran into Will and Tom Stevenson-Vissers, who had started a day earlier. A small world. It was fantastic to catch up with them and their friends in such a remote and beautiful place. The Overland Track in Tasmania is a truly great experience and one I would recommend.





Welcome new staff

We warmly welcome the following new staff to Bright P-12 College:

Mel Worth Leading Teacher - 7-12 Literacy.

Natasha Tough replacing Mark Betheras who is on leave.

Cate Lewis replacing Kaylee McKenzie who is on leave.

Phil Rigby 13th Primary class – Years 5 & 6.

Rachel Bury replacing Georgie Matters who is on leave.

Kayla Harris who is working with Leanne Nightingale for one day a week.

And welcome back Zerlina Green who is replacing Lorraine Fraser (on leave) and has taken on Georgie's Leading Teacher role while she is on leave this year.

We are in a privileged position with increasing numbers to be able to employ new staff who bring to the College new ideas and knowledge of current teaching and learning practice. Please take the opportunity to welcome our new staff into the community. A profile of each of the new staff is included in this newsletter

Class and Year level groupings for 2019

Due to our increasing numbers, we have added an extra class in Primary this year, which has allowed us to privilege the first year of schooling with two small classes in Prep. We have *13 Primary classes*:

PF -Jayne Forbes/Sally Kellett.

PJ -Luke Jones.

1/2N- Leanne Nightingale/Kayla Harris.

1/2P- Tes Pederick/Sally Kellett.

1/20-Ciaran O'Connor.

3/4V-Julie Van der Stelt.

3/4B- Rachel Bury.

3/4G-Zerlina Green.

3/4F- Katie Ferrito.

5/6R- Phil Rigby.

5/6G- Matt Gray.

5/6S -Daniel Saville.

5/6R – Breanna Rouse.

The **secondary groupings remain the same** with each year level divided into **two core groups** from years 7-10, then VCE-VET/VCAL groupings in the senior years. We are in a strong position due to consistent growth in student numbers over the last five years. The Year 11 and 12 groups are our smallest this year and we have made a commitment to their learning through running some very small classes at Years 11 and 12 to allow students a greater choice at the senior level.

The Secondary Year Level Coordinators are:

Year 7 & 8 - Frank Kusch.

Year 9 & 10 - Esther Dudley & Rachel Bardsley-Smith.

Year 11 & 12 - Darren Ferrier & Sue Joyce.

College Council Elections

College Council is a fantastic way to fully engage with your child's and the community's school. The Council is the executive body of the College and assists in determining the College's priorities and strategic directions. There are also a number of College Council sub-committees which provide a diverse range of opportunities for parents to become actively involved in the College community. A letter explaining College Council and asking for nominations has gone home and I would encourage you to consider applying for one of these meaningful and purposeful positions, particularly as we move into a significant period of growth and renewal.



Principal's Report

Lions Youth of the Year

Last Tuesday night was the final task undertaken by Matilda Manning, Daniel Neville, Tessa Williams and Sophie Morris in their quest to be Bright's delegate in the Lion's Youth of the Year The Lions Competition. Youth of the Year Quest is a Their confidence, dedication project of the Lions Clubs of Australia and is designed to mented upon by the judges in leadership and the quali- with agreement that they tive and constructive role in sadors - for the College, the community.

Matilda, Daniel, Tessa and Sophie answered two impromptu questions, one on how you would achieve your life goals and the other on what you would do if you were Principal for a month, from the panel and then

delivered their prepared speeches to a large audience made up of family, friends and members of the Bright Lions Club. Their prepared speeches were very diverse and all four spoke with passion and in a clear and confident manner.

and eloquence were comencourage student interest and many in the audience, ties required to take an ac- are very fine young ambastheir community, and youth in general. Everyone agreed the judges had a very difficult task and the judges commented upon this being the closest contest they could remember.

After much deliberation, the judges speeches and answers to difficult awarded Sophie with Best Public impromptu questions from the Speaker award and Matilda as overall winner, which means she will be competing in the zone final this coming weekend. I was extremely impressed and very proud of Matilda, Daniel, Tessa and Sophie. They spoke from the heart with great passion and thoughtfulness.

I was captivated by their deep, critical and creative thinking on discussed within issues

Thank-you to the Lions Club, for their dedicated work in delivering this important program to the youth of Bright. A big thank you to parents and family for supporting and Mal Steer for his organisation of the student entries this year.

Jean Olley—Principal.





Assistant Principal's P-6 Report

School Photos

We have been lucky enough to engage Arthur Reed again for school photos and also get a Term 1 date. Your child's photos will be taken on Tuesday 5th of March. I have handed out the "how to" booking forms today to each Primary class. Could you please make sure your child/ren are in FULL school uniform on this day.

The Rights of the Child

As part of our school's implementation of the new Child Safe Policies and Procedures we want to encourage all families and students to view the United Nations Convention on The Rights of The Child document that can be found at https:// www.unicef.org.au/Upload/UNICEF/ Media/Our%20work/ childfriendlycrc.pdf.

Riding through the yard

I would just like to remind ALL STUDENTS and PARENTS that during school hours of operation we need to

school grounds. This is to protect the COMPASS. They should be open on the safety and wellbeing of all school Thursday of Week 7, but please keep community members.

Assistant Principal VALUES award

The values of Bright P12 College are: Excellence, Respect, Pride, Curiosity, Awareness and Compassion. In 2019 I will again be awarding students for displaying particular values when I see them. At last week's assembly our first award winner for 2019 was Jude Wilson for displaying the value of Curiosity. During our visit from the Western Bulldogs, Jude asked our question of the day, which was "Do you practise mindfulness?" A fantastic question Jude! It was great to hear that the players do in fact practise this skill and it is a great skill to master. So keep practicing everyone. You can practise mindfulness at home by using the SMILING minds app, having a shower or bath, practising deep breathing, taking a walk, meditating, colour or drawing, lying down and listening to nature out-

Parent Teacher Interviews for P-6 will take place in week 8 this term along with the secondary interviews. Primary will host these on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after school. We have replaced the Meet and Greet interviews with end of term progression interviews. Bookings walk our bikes and scooters through the will once again be made through

your eye on COMPASS for notifications specific to this. Progression Reports will again take place this term for Year 5 and 6 students as well.

COMPASS is a great way to keep in the loop about notices and information specific to your own children. It is a great communication tool. If you have not accessed COMPASS I would strongly encourage you to do so. It just helps to keep on top of everything that is going on in the College. If you are having trouble logging in you may contact the Office.

Our Uniform Policy is currently available on our website but I would like to remind everyone about the summer shorts. These should be blue in Primary, grey is an option for students grade 3 and up. They need to purchased from the uniform shop, or they need to be similar looking to the ones available at the uniform shop.

I am always interested to research best practice in eSafety. Whilst I was doing so I came across a heap of parent resources. Go to: https://www.esafety.gov.au/about -the-office/resource-centre/brochureparents-guide-to-online-safety for more information. I think it is a good reminder to all about how to keep our children safe online.



Assistant Principal's 7-12 Report

Parents' engagement education is important in the and from schools. secondary school years. It is related to their academic success, career aspirations and wellbeing; their research tells us that parents' learning can drop off as they become teenagers.

Why it Matters

involved in their child's secondary school education include:

- * Improved academic achieve- subjects they are studying. ment
- * higher completion rates
- * young people with stronger aspirations for post-school learning and employment
- positive student attitudes and behaviour within school
- * increased self-esteem and productive social relationships amongst adolescents
- fewer mental health issues
- improved attendance rates.

Why is it Challenging

There are many reasons why parents might be less involved in the secondary school years:

Teenagers naturally become more autonomous, play a more active role in their education and begin to question their parents' authority. For parents this means that the way they used to support their child's learning may start to become more difficult.

Secondary schools are set up differently from primary schools, with different structures and processes in place to communicate student progress. As a child grows older, parents may feel less confident about

being involved in their child's learning, particularly as the content of school work becomes more complex or they take on specific interests.

In secondary school, the style of communication changes and parents may feel that there are with fewer invitations to participate, young people's learning and both from students themselves,

What Matters Most

however, Research shows that children's development in secondary connection to the school and school is influenced by the value families place on school, their expectations and aspirations for their young person's future. When parents and caregivers create an environment at home that encourages and supports The benefits of parents staying learning, it influences how children learn, more than direct parental involvement with the

> Be sensitive to how teenagers want to be more independent, while giving them structure and support.

> Value education and show that vou do.

> Discuss aspirations and expectations for your child's education and future achievement.

Aim to provide a stimulating and supportive home learning environment.

Have conversations and participate, with them, in activities relevant to learning and the wider world.

Keep connections and communication open with teachers and support staff in secondary school.

Balance support for school expectations such as homework with the need adolescents have for independence and other parts of life such as sport or work.

Scott Burton-7-12 Assistant Principal.

Health Corner with Adolescent Health Nurse Rosemary Bunge

Wellbeing day for Year 12

Thursday 21st February was wellbeing day for Year 12. I offered Year 12 some pampering to help reduce their stress levels.

I offered simple head and shoulder massages and hand scrub/massage. Also, they were treated to some sweet treats for morning tea. Year 12 students reported back that they felt more relaxed and really appreciated the day and my efforts. Next term there will 2 pamper days to make sure they are on track in their Year 12 studies.

Their thoughts of the day are recorded as follows:

- It's a great idea!
- I love pamper day.
- Awesome.
- A great relaxing idea to release stress.
- It was amazing...very relaxing!
- The best thing in my week...so relaxing!
- Would love to have this kind of thing more often. Absolutely amazing!
- So relaxing. Thank you.
- Worthwhile.
- So good!
- So relaxing, would recommend.
- Pamper day is the best day.
- Awesome! Feel super relaxed—would love to have
- The best thing ever! We should do it weekly.
- So relaxing and de-stressing. Best thing!
- Very relaxing and very much needed. Thank you so



Quote for the week: Keep room in your heart for the unimaginable.

Secondary Swimming Carnival





Primary Swimming Carnival



Bright P-12 College Newsletter



On another warm Friday in February, our Year 3-6 students dressed in yellow, red and blue travelled to Myrtleford for the Bright P-12 College Primary Swimming Carnival. Students were involved in a range of 25 metre, 50 metre and novelty events - all with the aim of having fun and earning points for their house.

Thanks to all parents, house captains and staff who assisted in any way. Our next event is the O&M Swimming Carnival in Wangaratta on Thursday 28th February.

The age group champion winners were:

9yo - Samara McCallum (Bright) and Zeke Pywell (Wandiligong)

10yo - Harriet Herman (Bright) and Luke Carey (Bright)

11yo - Jenna Stephens (Bright) and Isaac Pywell (Wandiligong)

12/13yo - Sophie Head (Bright) and Sam Gough (Bright)

Badge Ceremony Recipients











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MUSIC NEWS

New Instrumental Students

If you are interested in learning a musical instrument please check the Instrumental Program note which was printed at the end of the last newsletter. If you have any questions please talk to Jason Campbell.

Primary Choirs

I have started the Primary Choirs for 2019. The 3-6 Choir rehearses on Tuesday at lunchtime and the P-2 Choir rehearses on Thursday lunchtime.

Please encourage your child to get involved.

Jason Campbell Music Teacher

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF FOR 2019



Hi Bright P-12 family and friends.

After too many year living in the bright lights of Sydney, Laura and myself quit our jobs and headed for Bright.

We only made it as far as Porepunkah due to the traffic jam caused by Rod Run. It was a fortunate weekend to arrive and we have been happily settled in Punkah for over a year now.

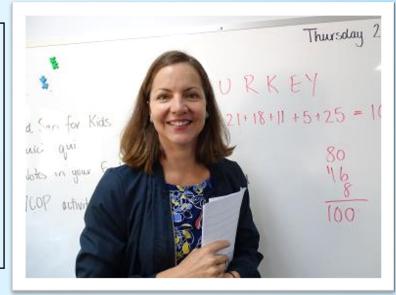
After taking on some term by term work last year in Bright and Dinner Plain I am very excited to be in the 5/6 team this year. Five weeks in and I am very much enjoying the challenges and opportunities that we are all provided here at Bright P-12.

Phil Rigby.

My name is Rachel Bury and I moved from Darwin to beautiful Bright with my husband and son in January 2018. I have 15 years teaching experience at both the primary and secondary level and I am very excited to be teaching a Year 3/4 class this year!

It is a terrific learning age and I feel very fortunate to have been given the opportunity to fill-in for Georgie Matters for at least the first three terms of 2019.

Like most people, I am enjoying the stunning natural surrounds and outdoor pursuits that are central to life in Bright and I look forward to the year ahead with the lovely students Bright P-12 College and Year 3/4B.





Hi, my name is Wayne Hollow,

I am working in the woodwork area with Mr. Jackson helping out with the larger classes.

I started working with wood when I was 15 as an apprentice carpenter and joiner, so I have doing woodwork for 46 years!

I really enjoy watching the kids have a go at all the woodwork skills. Mallets, chairs, stools, pencil boxes—they make the lot and end up with some amazing timber work.

Cheers,

Wayne.

INTRODUCING NEW STAFF FOR 2019

Hi I'm Melissa Worth. I've just moved up from Melbourne and have really enjoyed my first month up here. I've been teaching Health, PE and Outdoor Education for 15 years and have been fortunate enough to have experienced various leadership roles and a year as a governess in the S.A. Outback. I love being in the outdoors and exploring different environments and have always enjoyed coming up to Bright and surrounding areas. I also enjoy being involved in sports such as tennis, cricket, netball and more recently hockey.

Thanks so much to all the Bright P-12 staff, students and the wider community that have been so welcoming and helpful in my initial period of settling in and I'm looking forward to the ongoing work together and experiencing life in the Bright community. Melissa Worth.



My name is Cate Lewis. My Husband, kids and I moved to the area from Melbourne a couple of years ago. I love teaching English and Literacy, and have some experience teaching English as an additional Language. At Bright P-12, I am teaching Secondary English and Humanities. Additionally, I am really excited to have joined the VCE Indigenous Languages teaching team. Outside of school I enjoy reading, sewing and knitting. I live on 10 acres and we spend a lot of time tending to our large vegie patch and bottling the results! I am really looking forward to Year 7 camp in a few weeks, and settling in to live at Bright P-12 College over the next couple of terms.





I have recently moved to Bright from Mount Dandenong with my family. I have two daughters who are both primary students here at Bright.

I am teaching English, Humanities, VCAL and Year 12 History. Originally Canadian, I am looking forward to the winter season and spending the weekends on the slopes with my family!

Natasha Tough.



My name is Kayla Harris and I am a new teacher here at Bright P-12 College. I graduated from Charles Sturt University at the end of 2018 where I studied a Bachelor of Education (K-12).

I am a former student of Bright P-12 College after moving here in 2005 with my family. I really enjoy living in this beautiful part of the world and I'm excited to be able to work within my local community. It is great to be a part of the College community again and I am looking forward to an enjoyable year here at Bright P-12.

Community & College Notices

Harmony Day

Calling for Expressions of Interest to perform at our
HARMONY DAY MARKETS
Bright, Saturday March 16
Myrtleford, March 23
9:30am - 10:30am
In Celebration of Cultural Diversity Week 2019

Acts of 2-5 minutes presenting a song, cultural dance, poetry or written piece.

Alternatively, bring along an item of interest to share at our Harmony Day Stall.

Let's join with others in our community to enjoy the wonderful atmosphere of our local Markets, your Lanuguage and Culture!

Email: jewelh@alpineshire.vic.gov.au or Call 0418 736 665

PHOTO & VIDEO COMPETITION

The Centre in Wangaratta is running a What's your Renewable Energy future?' photo and video competition for students up to the age of 18. There is \$800 of prize money being awarded to a whole range of age categories.

- Primary (10 and under) \$50*
- Junior (11 13yo) \$50*
- Intermediate (14 15yo) \$50*
- Senior (16 18yo) \$50*
- Overall 1st prize \$100* People's Choice prize – \$100

The link for more information is:

https://www.thecentre.vic.edu.au/community-programs/2019-photographic-and-video-competition-and-exhibition/

NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES



QUALIFIERS

SAT, 9TH MARCH: MYRTLEFORD, 10AM
SAT, 27TH APRIL: MT BEAUTY, 1PM
SUN, 28TH APRIL: CHILTERN, 12PM
SUN, 19TH MAY: RUTHERGLEN, 12PM
SAT, 5TH OCTOBER: BRIGHT, 11AM
SUN, 6TH OCTOBER: TANGAMBALANGA, 12PM
SAT, 19TH OCTOBER: COROWA, 12PM
SUN, 20TH OCTOBER: WANGARATTA, 12PM
SUN, 10TH NOVEMBER: BEECHWORTH, 12PM

FINALS

SUN, 15TH DECEMBER: YACKANDANDAH, 12PM

SCHEDULE FOR ALL STOPS

SKATEBOARDING WORKSHOP AND PRACTICE IN THE FIRST 15 HOURS. THEN THE COMPETITION.

SKATEBOARDS AND HEIMETS PROVIDED, REGISTER ON DAY, PARENTAL/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE REGUIRED FOR MINORS, FOR INFORMATION ON SECIES BULES, SKATEPARK LOCATIONS AND WET / EXTREME WEATHER UPDATES PLEASE VISIT NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES ON FACEBOOK.







OPEN MALE

OPEN FEMALE









Competition entry is now open and closes on 5th April.

This is a great opportunity for students to take part in a creative competition looking at renewable energy in the future. A number of our students have voiced their interest and actively demonstrated their involvement in sustainable living projects looking at the future of the planet and how we can live more sustainably.



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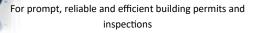
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New students welcome, catering to all fitness levels

Contact Sensei Katrina Ciolli on 0417 526549 for more information.



Bright P-12's Fun Run is HAPPENING!! Sunday April 28th – Pioneer Park Oval

This event is a great morning out for both families and serious runners alike. Whether you want to support your kids in the 2km, challenge yourself in the half marathon or chase the single track on the trail run, make sure you register on our website!

www.brightfunrun.com.au



We are very grateful for the support of our Sponsors and we realise without them we wouldn't be able to make this event happen. Their support not only helps in providing improved teaching facilities and materials to the school but also helps foster as famtastic sense of community engagement and encourages times and well-being.

This years Gold and Silver Sponsors are Bright Brewery, Badrock Air-Conditioning, Bright Pharmacy, HVP Plantations, Bendigo Bank, Dickens Real Estate and Pine Valley Caravan Park

