

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

## Principal's Message

Welcome back to Term 4. It has been fantastic to see all the students return after the school holidays happy and ready to learn. We are excited to finish the year onsite. It has been fantastic to visit all the classrooms this week, see all the students and the wonderful work that is happening at Belvoir. I look forward to getting to know the school and students better over the next few weeks.

## Term 4

The school is currently working under the Victorian Government Schools Term 4 Operational Guide. This means for Term 4:

Our 3 Key Priorities are: Priority 1 – Mental health and wellbeing,  
Priority 2 – Learning and Priority 3 – Transitions

Face-to-face school assemblies and other non-essential large gatherings must be postponed or adapted considering the use of technology.

Mandatory temperature testing of all students on arrival to schools is not required.

We must continue to limit onsite access which means parent-teacher communication to be replaced with phone, online and video alternatives.

Schools photos have been cancelled due to the current Covid-19 restriction.

If unwell stay home.

If someone has any of the following symptoms: loss or change in sense of smell or taste, fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or runny nose we ask they seek medical advice and do not enter the school.

- Pennie Moffat

2020

### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### **School Photos:**

Postponed -  
Until further notice

#### **AFL Public Holiday:**

23rd October

#### **Pupil Free Day:**

30th October

#### **School Council:**

14th October  
6:00pm

#### **Wodonga Cup:**

27th November

#### **Last day of school:**

16th December  
3.00pm finish

#### **Dyson's Bus Numbers:**

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

#### **Uniform Shop Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday 1pm-5pm

# This week's purple moment awards!

Nominations are given during class and draw at assembly.

## This weeks class of the week is Room 9!

They have nominated themselves for the following reasons:

Noah: Because we have behaved ourselves

David: Because we have been good and done all our work

Zayne: Helping each other

Max: Helping Everybody

Rex: Helping friends when they are sad

Will: Everyone has been helping each other and playing together.

In a nutshell, we have finished all of our work and have worked together as a team. We have supported each other Thanks, David.



Ashley —Room 21

Nominated for being a very helpful class member.



Chelsea —Room 20

Nominated for following instructions, being respectful and safe.



TJ —Room 24

Nominated for following instructions!



Jayden BB —Room 16

Nominated for following instructions!



Ryleigh F —Room 10

Nominated for having amazing work through maths rotations.



Rex —Room 9

Nominated for being safe.



Bailey Brown —Room 3

Nominated for following instructions!, being safe and respectful.



Rory Harris —Room 5

Nominated for following instructions!, and staying with the group!





# Life Skills House



A massive thank you  
to Rotary for there  
help on the weekend  
cleaning up our  
garden in the life skills  
house!





# Christmas Party for Special Children 2020

## **SANTA IS ON HIS WAY!!**

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty we face with regards to border closures and crowd restrictions, the 2020 Special Children's Christmas Party will look a little different.

With the safety, health and well being of the children their families and our volunteers being a top priority, we have decided to make the 2020 event a Live "Zoom" Party.

Our Special Children's Christmas Zoom Party will be held on  
**Sunday 29th November at 3pm.**

Details for how to join the event will be on the invitations which will be given out closer to the event. Our live, virtual event will include all your favourites - Santa & Mrs Claus, Steve Bowen, Tully F, Skateboarding demos, lots of smiles, dancing and spot prizes.

Each child will receive a gift as normal with delivery of the presents to be made in the week following the live event with pick ups available from the child's school, organisation or from a local collection point.

This party is for Special Needs Children who are physically or intellectually disabled, facing the challenge of a life threatening disease, in foster-care or child protection or children from underprivileged circumstances. Eligible Children must be between the ages of 0 to 12 years.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY,**

**YOU MUST RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM TO SCHOOL**

**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER, 2020.**

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*Christmas party for Special Children 2020*

**Child/rens Name:** .....

**Age/s:**..... **M/F**.....

**Adults Name/s:**.....



**MAKE-A-WISH**  
Australia

**TRIPLE M**  
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**THE BORDER**

**The Border Mail**





## CONTACT DETAILS

Could all families please make sure that they inform the school office whenever they have any changes to any of their contact details *e.g.. home/mobile phone numbers, change of address etc.*

**It's extremely important that we have up to date**

**information in case of emergencies.**

Please contact Andrea or Neve on 6059 8987 if you have any changes.

## School Athletics - House Groups

Students, Staff and Parents are put into groups according to their surnames. Each group has a name and colour and its requested that everyone wears clothing the colour of the house they are allocated to.

### Surnames between

A-D = Red -Mitta

E-K = Green -Murray

L-Q = Blue -Kiewa

R-Z = Yellow -Hume

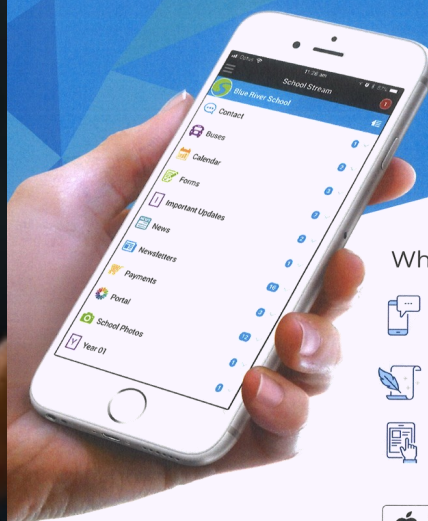


**REFOCUS**  
RESILIENCE & RECOVERY




**CONNECT & YARN**

In this time of **COVID 19** we are reaching out to our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children, young people, parents, carers, families, Elders and community by providing **1800 REFOCUS (1800 733 628)** and **Press 1** which is a free confidential telephone service if you would like to connect & yarn about stresses that are occurring for you in this time.

## Download our school app for free!



### Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



### Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



## School's Web Page!

As many of you may already know, Belvoir has created a Web page. You can access the page by going on to

<https://www.belvoirss.vic.edu.au/>

This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

## What you need to know

### 1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

### 2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

### 3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) they must isolate until they receive clearance from the Department of Health and Human Services. Read the [What to do if you've tested positive for coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (PDF) for more information.

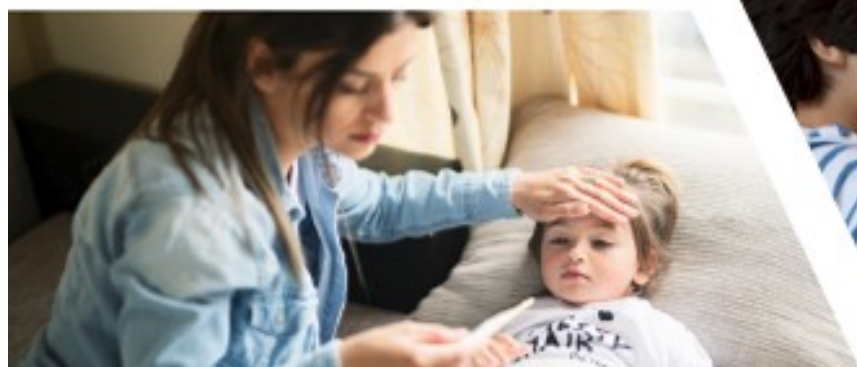
If a person is a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) the Department of Health and Human Services will get in contact to tell them they are a close contact of a person who is confirmed to have coronavirus (COVID-19). A close contact must quarantine at home. Read the [What to do if you have been in close contact with someone with coronavirus \(COVID-19\) factsheet](#) (Word) for more information.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

### 4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

**Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.**



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services