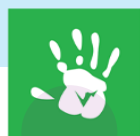


Belvoir Special



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Swimming Sports

Our annual school swimming sports will be held at the Albury pool on Thursday 11th March. Activities will begin at the pool at 10:30 and will finish by 1:30pm. Not all students will be able to last this long and parents are welcome to join us at any time and take their students home at the point where they have had enough.

We will be having a free sausage sizzle on the day and the canteen will be open.

Unfortunately we will not have the pool all to ourselves and members of the public will be able to enter so we ask for as many parents to come along and assist as possible. There are a number of jobs that you can assist with and you will be more than welcome either in or out of the pool.

All students must return a note to ensure that they are able to come to the sports. The note also allows students to have a go on the waterslide if permission is given. There is no cost involved for the day; however the notes **MUST** be returned.

Hopefully the weather will be as it has been over the past few days and we will all have a fantastic day.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

Uniform Shop Hours:

Mon-Fri 9:30—4:30

Closing Dec 18th 2:00pm

Reopen — Jan 2nd

Vaccination Dates

Consent Card — Due Feb 15th

Vaccination Date — 22nd Feb

Swim Carnival Dates

Permission Slip Due — Feb 26th

Swim Carnival — March 11th

Arena Theatre

Coming to Belvoir — 22nd- 26th Feb

School Council

The first meeting of the Belvoir School Council will be held on Wednesday the 17th of February. There is at least one vacancy on school council this year and we are always looking for parents who may be

interested in taking a place on council.

If you are interested in seeing what school council does then please feel free to come along to our meeting on Wednesday the 17th evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm. For more information on School Council and the election process please see the Fact sheet

1: school council elections- information for parents.

It is a great time to be involved in council if you are interested.


Nominations are now open for parent members of school council. Nomination close on the 18th of

February. If interested forms can be found in this weeks newsletter.


Principal Pennie Moffat

This weeks Purple Moment Awards!


ROOM 14

 Benjamyn C for following instructions & being a great member of Room 14.


ROOM 14

 Jasmine M for following instructions & being a great member of room 14.

ROOM 19

 Tyson M for following instructions & completing all set tasks.

ROOM 23

 Josh McG for achieving a goal of great speech writing.

NEED assistance with NDIS –

REGIONAL DISABILITY ADVOCACY SERVICE

Wodonga (head office) address
132 Melbourne Rd
Wodonga, VIC 3690
(02) 6056 2420

How RDAS can help you with the NDIS

RDAS provides individual Disability Advocacy service assisting for people with a disability. We can assist you throughout the NDIS application and implementation process.

RDAS can help you if you decide to apply for a plan. RDAS is independent of the NDIA and the AAT.

RDAS staff can:

- Help you to understand what you need to do
- Advise you how to get any documents and help you get them ready for your planning meeting, and reviews (if required)
- Assist you to access legal representation if you submit an appeal
- Provide you with support to speak to the AAT by yourself.
- Go with you to AAT meetings and provide support.

RDAS is not able to provide legal advice but can connect you to Legal Aid, which can provide legal advice and represent you at the AAT hearing. **You do not have to pay for a review or a support person to help you.**

School Vaccination Program

2021 – Year 7 Vaccinations

The first round of school vaccinations is being conducted at this school on Monday 22nd February 2021.

The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINES OFFERED
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	GARDASIL®9 (HPV) DOSE 1 OF 2
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	BOOSTRIX (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough) 1 DOSE ONLY

These vaccinations are funded on the National Immunisation Schedule. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they may not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years.

Parent information packs were sent home recently.

ALL relevant sections of the consent card must be completed, signed and returned to the school even if your child is NOT being vaccinated.

To consent to your child being vaccinated with one or more vaccines, please tick and sign the relevant **YES** sections of the consent card in blue or black pen.

If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child vaccinated with one or more vaccines or if your child has already been vaccinated, please tick the relevant **NO** section on the consent card and return them to the school by **Wednesday 17 February 2021.** Please return the card to the school even if your child is not being vaccinated.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by emailing your withdrawal of consent to Council's Immunisation Team on **immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au** before the vaccination day.

Please ensure that your child is wearing their sports uniform or a short sleeve shirt on the day of vaccinations (without too many layers underneath), this will enable a smooth vaccination process.

If you have any enquiries about the program or your child's vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council's Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.

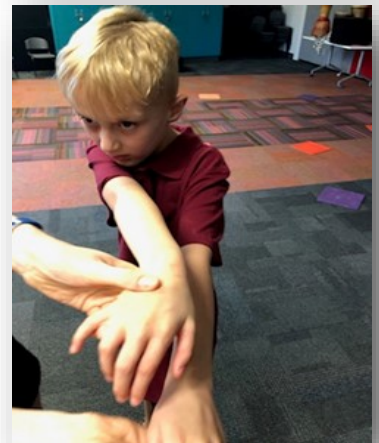
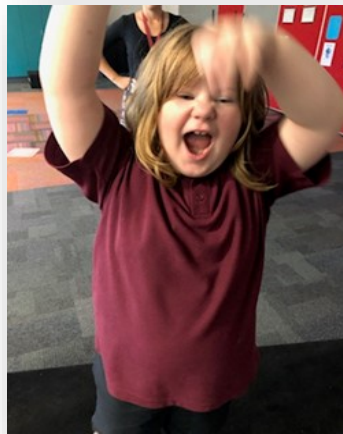
Room 1

Cas, Scott & Ebony.

ROOM 1 NEWS:

What a great start to Term 1 2021, we have been loving the sunshine and lots of opportunities to play outside. We have really enjoyed getting to know all of our new classmates in Room 1.

This week we have been reading the book 'Dear Zoo' and had lots of fun pretending to be some of the animal characters in the book.

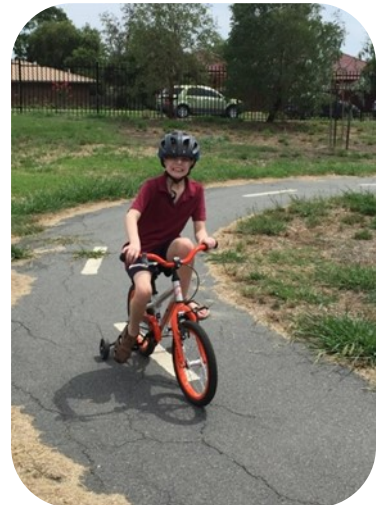


Room 12

Felicity, Kellie & Heidi.

Room 12 News

In Room 12 we have been very busy getting to know each other and learning our routines to help us with our learning. Enjoy an element of a day in the life of Room 12.



Room 16

Kim, Brodee & Shannon.

ROOM 16 NEWS

Room 16 have had a wonderful start to the year! We have been able to welcome two new students into our school and have all begun making new friendships.

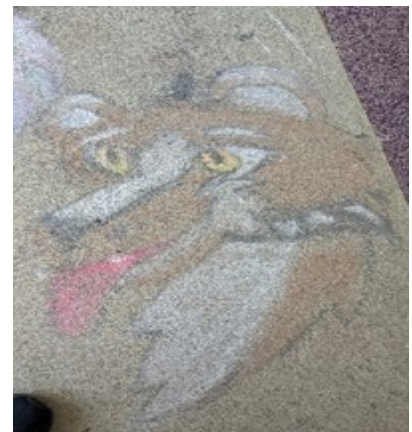
We have been enjoying our outside learning the most, where we have been practicing our drawing skills and our observational skills. We have practiced our team work skills inside and out of the classroom.

On our learning walks we have been exploring the school and beginning to understand how our classroom learning relates to our real world.

We have begun to learn Auslan together and it has been fun to do it with each other. We can even spell Belvoir - belvoir

We enjoyed our first day of specialists on Friday and loved getting started on our new programs.

We all can't wait to have a more 'normal' year this year together, and learn with each other.



Performing Arts

Jane & Jess.

Performing Arts Update

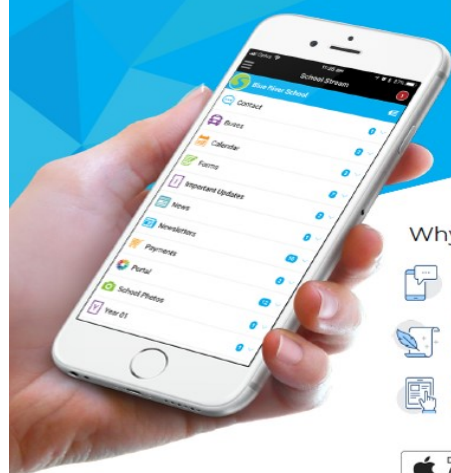
We have hit the ground running this year in performing arts! We have started our music programs across the school, which will run for semester one. Drama will follow in semester two.

Choir started this week with 33 keen bean singers and performers coming to join in the fun, and celebrate a return to singing in schools!




Arena theatre arrives for their residency in week 5. They will be working across the school, to develop a multi media immersive experience for all our students. So exciting and amazing stuff! Check out their previous work at <https://arenatheatre.com.au> Keep your eyes peeled for more info & details on how families can participate!!



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.



Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club **L**inked **O**nline **O**rdering & **P**ayment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or



Follow these **easy** steps!

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
 2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.
- HOME | ABOUT | REGISTER | HELP
- LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?
3. Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
 4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.



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.

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 Hannah on

6059 8987 if you have any changes.

**Welcome back to
Term 1!**

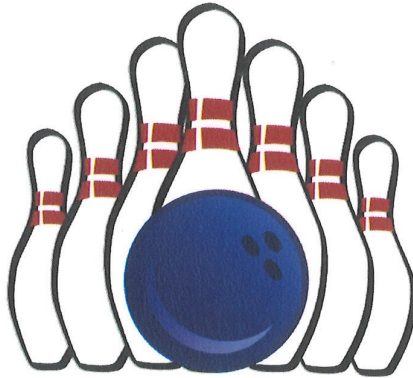
**Visitors please sign
in and wear your
masks! :)**

Bowling Fun – for under 31's

A social bowling group for young people who sometimes need support

(due to disability, shyness or lack of opportunity)

2 Sundays each month
(2nd and 4th Sundays)



At Wodonga Ten Pin Bowl
Sanyo Drive (new management)

Auto gutter guards available

Arrive from 1.45pm
Bowling starts at 2pm
\$12 for 2 games

The aim of this group is to meet other young people,
have some fun and get better at ten pin bowling

Please bring your own support person if required
This is a privately organised group – no formal supports provided

Our very first date is Sunday 14th February
Hope to see you there!!



Sunday 14th February
Sunday 28th February
Sunday 14th March
Sunday 28th March
Sunday 11th April
Sunday 25th April
Sunday 9th May
Sunday 23rd May
Sunday 13th June
Sunday 27th June

Sunday 11th July
Sunday 25th July
Sunday 8th August
Sunday 22nd August
Sunday 12th September
Sunday 26th September
Sunday 10th October
Sunday 24th October
Sunday 14th November
Sunday 28th November

Please call the Centre on **60247022** or message Judith on **0402043730**
to book in with name and age of bowler
(no-one over 30 please)

Coming to Belvoir 22nd February to 26th February.....



arena theatre co

Arena produces high quality, original and artistically ambitious theatre for young people. Our work is presented by Australia's major theatre producers and arts centres, and toured internationally.

We believe in theatre's unique ability to provide a space of reflection, celebration and transformation for young people. Our aim is to speak to young people in languages they understand, in the spaces they occupy, but in ways they never thought possible.



<https://vimeo.com/314641429>

Arena will be working across Belvoir school to create and build an interactive and multimedia production by the end of the week. We will hopefully have public viewing of the work in some capacity... stay tuned!

Dear Parents/Guardians,



2021 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Welcome to the new school year and a very special welcome to all new families and students joining us for the first time in 2021. It is a pleasure to take this opportunity to write to you with some important reminders for 2021. There are a number of matters I draw to your attention, along with some important inclusions. I ask you to read these carefully as we settle into school for 2021.

COVID-Safe & Term One 2021

As we all know, 2020 provided a number of challenges as we faced the global COVID-19 pandemic and the implications for our local, national and global communities. I would again like to acknowledge the amazing achievement of our Belvoir Special School community through 2020.

As a community, we will continue to meet the current Victorian Government guidelines, currently 'COVIDSafe Summer'. These guidelines will remain in place until at least the end of February, at which time some changes may be required.

From the commencement of the 2021 School year, the day-to-day operation of the School will largely return to a normal routine while maintaining our COVID-Safe practices. Nearly all activities are able to be undertaken including incursions, excursions, camps, and sport.

Our weekly Assemblies unfortunately will remain virtual. We hope that this will change in the future to allow the opportunity for our students, staff and parents/guardians to come together as a School community.

COVID-Safe Summer Guidelines for Term One, 2021

- Stay home when unwell
- Practise good hygiene
- Ensure physical distancing (1.5m)
- Avoid interactions in enclosed spaces
- Face masks must be worn by parents/guardians and family members (over the age of 12 years old) when entering any of our buildings, including classrooms, and Reception area.
- Face masks should be worn where physical distancing cannot be maintained while on the School grounds. This includes at drop-off in the mornings and pick-up in the afternoon while waiting at the front of the school.
- As of Monday, 8th February, we will be requesting that our School's parent/guardian or family members who are physically onsite (except those who remain in their vehicles during morning drop-off or after pick-up), register their attendance through the Victorian Government QR Code Service. At the front of the school, we will display our unique Belvoir Special School QR Code. Any QR Reader will support this process or even trying to take a photo of the QR Code will allow access/link to the Government's QR Service.
- In addition to this all School parents/guardians must sign-in at our College Reception if they are attending the School for a scheduled appointment/meeting.

If unsure about any activities, please contact the Office on **(02) 6059 8987**.

As a School, we are committed to maintaining a COVID-Safe community and acknowledge the support of our parents and guardians.

Key Dates for Term 1

- Nominations for School Council Open- Monday 8th February.
- School Council Meeting Wednesday 17th of February 6pm
- Closing date for nominations for School Council- 18th of February.
- Labour Day- Monday 8th of March no school
- Swimming Carnival Thursday 11th of March
- School Council Annual General Meeting 17th March

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

.....school council.

Name :

Residential address:

.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: Date...../...../.....

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5B: NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to nominate..... for an elected position as a parent member on the
..... school council.

CANDIDATE'S DETAILS

Name.....

Residential address.....

Contact phone (mobile or landline).....

Email.....

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is the parent/guardian ofwho is/are currently enrolled at this school.

The person I have nominated is an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school.

Yes / No (please circle)

Name of Nominator.....

Signature of Nominator..... Date..... /..... /.....

CANDIDATE TO COMPLETE:

I accept the nomination and I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
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