

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

School Council held its annual general meeting last night with the following decisions being made. David Brown was elected as School Council President. Congratulations on your appointment David. Jason Voll was elected as the Vice President of school council and has taken over from Rhonda. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Rhonda for her efforts in supporting the school over the many years that she has been on school council and to thank her for her time as President and Vice President. Cas Porter was elected as the School Council Secretary and takes over from Marg Kinnell. Our School Council still has one vacancy on it and if there are any parents who are interested in taking a role on School Council they are more than welcome to attend our next meeting on May 5th. School Council acknowledged the 12 $\frac{1}{4}$  years Andrew Bell has given in support and service to Belvoir Special School. They also approved various school excursions that will be occurring in Term 2.

We welcome any parent to come along and see the work of School Council.

**Pennie Moffat**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### School Council Meetings

Finance: March 12th @ 10.00am

General: March 17th @ 6.00pm

AGM: March 17th @ 6.30pm

### Pupil Free day

May 25th

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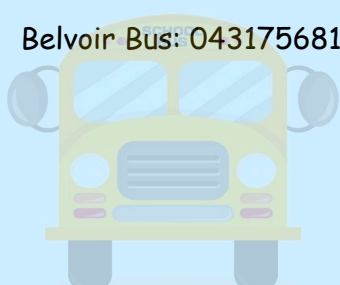
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This week we would like to get your feedback around the newsletter. Could you please click on the link below and give us your feedback. The survey should take less than 3 minutes

Newsletter Survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YGSDSMZ>

**Pennie Moffat, Principal.**



# RSV- Respiratory Syncytial Virus

We have had confirmation that a student has been diagnosed with RSV- Respiratory syncytial virus which causes infections of the lungs and respiratory tract.

In adults and older, healthy children, RSV symptoms are mild and typically mimic the common cold. Self-care measures are usually all that's needed to relieve any discomfort.

RSV can cause severe infection in some people, including babies 12 months and younger (infants), especially premature infants, older adults, people with heart and lung disease, or anyone with a weak immune system (immunocompromised). Mode of transmission RSV is transmitted via oral contact, droplet spread or by contact with hands or fomites soiled by respiratory discharges from an infected person.

Signs and symptoms of respiratory syncytial virus infection most commonly appear about four to six days after exposure to the virus. In adults and older children, RSV usually causes mild cold-like signs and symptoms.

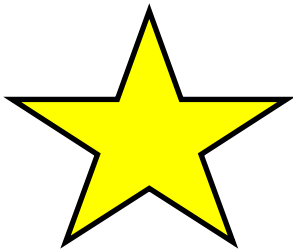
## **These may include:**

- Congested or runny nose
- Dry cough
- Low-grade fever
- Sore throat
- Sneezing
- Headache

Children with these symptoms should not attend school or child care centres while unwell. Children with RSV are usually infectious (able to pass the virus onto others) for eight days from the start of their symptoms. RSV is very contagious and can live on surfaces for several hours, and on unwashed hands for 30-60 minutes. RSV spreads quickly and easily among children through coughing and sneezing, and sharing cups and other objects that have been in contact with the infected child's mouth, nose or eyes. Seek immediate medical attention if your child — or anyone at risk of severe RSV infection — has difficulty breathing, a high fever, or a blue colour to the skin, particularly on the lips and in the nail beds.

For more information: [https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact\\_sheets/Respiratory\\_syncytial\\_virus\\_RSV/](https://www.rch.org.au/kidsinfo/fact_sheets/Respiratory_syncytial_virus_RSV/)

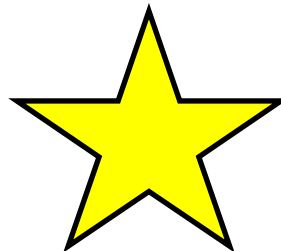
# This weeks Purple Moment Awards!



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**Room 4**

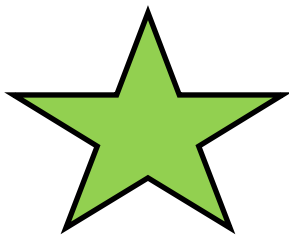
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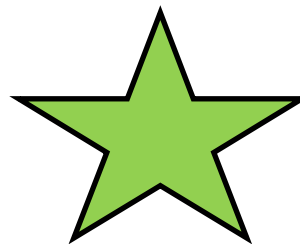
Being Safe in class.



**LACHIE R**

**Room 10**

Great work in work  
related skills.



**Logan F**

**Room 12**

For using equipment  
properly on an outing  
keeping everyone  
safe.



# Room 6 News

This year has been busy so far. We have all been getting to know each other, learning new things and sharing our successes.

Our big focus this term has been our shared reading experience. Each week we focus on a new book.

Our favourite book this term has been 'The Wrong Book'. It is all about Nicholas Ickle and the problems he has with an increasing variety of characters barging in to his book.

We have also enjoyed learning about the language of location. We have used words like inside, outside, between, up, down, beside, through and around.

Here are some photos of us during our activities.



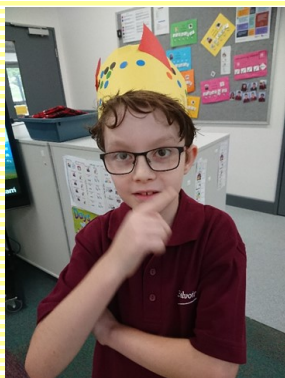
**Logan**

Modelling the crown he made for 'The King's Cake'.



**Oliver**

If I were King for a Day  
I would make every-  
one do what I wanted!



**Liam**

Thinking about all the  
things he would do if he  
was the King.



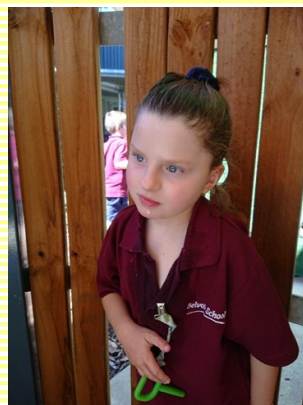
**Harrison**

I am hiding under the  
chair in the Agora.



**Sebastian.**

Dreaming of all the delicious  
flavours of cake there are to  
choose from.



**Ginger**

I love exploring the  
sensory garden.

As you can see, Room 2 is really enjoying all of the fantastic activities and tasks on offer in Yellow Pod in 2021.

We look forward to sharing our next set of exciting learning adventures with you soon.

Tanya, Bec & Katrina.



**Rakin**

I love being on the swing.



# Room 12 News

Felicity, Kellie & Heidi.

In Room 12 we have been very busy, enjoying getting out and about in the community. We loved swimming sports and our House Captain Xara won lots of blue ribbons. We enjoyed the water slide and we have been enjoying getting back out and going on community access outings - focusing on being safe and active. We have been reading signs - road and traffic signals, signs around the park, signs in shopping centres.



# ROOM 16

Kim, Brodee & Shannon.

A few weeks ago, room 16 rescued an injured Green-Cheeked Parakeet from our courtyard. We took it to the Melrose Animal Hospital and they checked it out and are trying to find its owner.

We were all very happy that it is safe now, except Brodee who had her fingers bitten a few times.



This term we have already had 3 birthdays so have been able to enjoy lots of cupcakes, our favourites were the chocolate ones.



Last week room 16 enjoyed the swimming carnival, where we all gave our absolute best and had a ball. We enjoyed the waterslide and all attempted the races with Jackson taking out his race against Brodee and the rest tackling the 50m race with everyone finishing the race exhausted but with a smile.



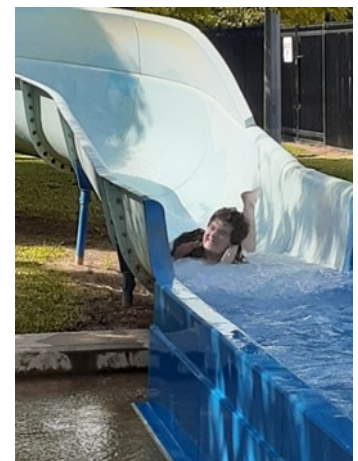


# Room 21 News

Olivia, Courtney, Bron & Dylan.

In Room 21 in Orange Pod we have been keeping up to date with the weekly news through Behind the News (BTN). Students have been learning about 'Clean Up Australia Day', after which we decided to clean up our school. We made sure to follow our Work Related Skills by wearing gloves and washing out hands thoroughly afterwards. In VET we have also been look at Work Health and Safety which has included setting up ergonomically desks for our teachers.

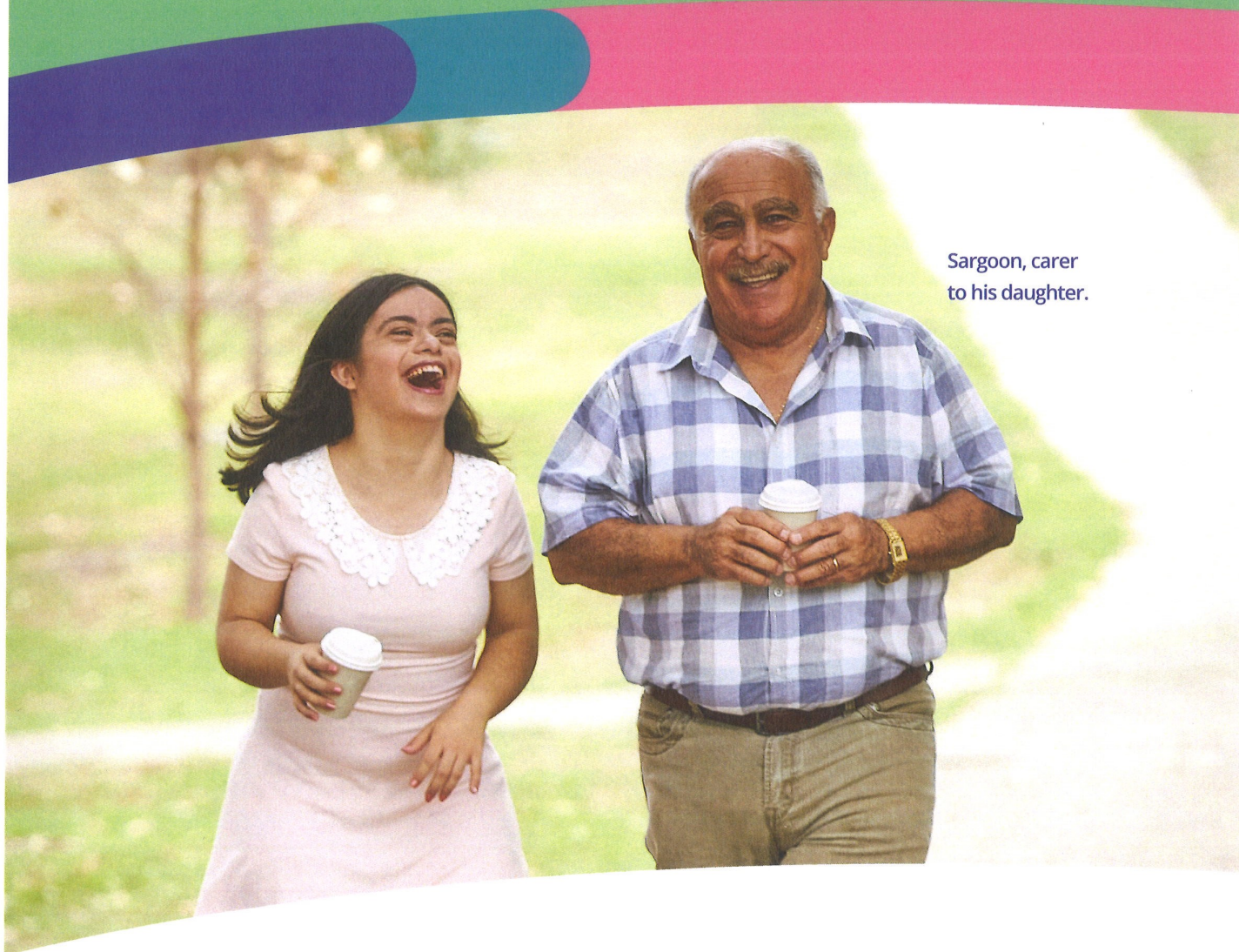
In Maths we have been learning about estimating change for Australian notes and coins. During the week students had a go at practicing being a customer or a cashier at a grocery store.





# Where carers can find support

 **Carer Gateway**  
An Australian Government Initiative



Sargoon, carer to his daughter.

A carer is someone who looks after a family member or friend with disability, a medical condition, mental illness, or someone who is frail due to age.

If you are a carer, you can get help and support through Carer Gateway.

## What is Carer Gateway?

Carer Gateway provides in-person, phone and online services and support to Australia's 2.65 million unpaid carers.

Carer Gateway has many services that can help you with any daily challenges, emotional and financial stresses that you may experience in your role as a carer.



## How do I use Carer Gateway services?

You can talk to a Carer Gateway service provider by calling **1800 422 737** Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. Carer Gateway staff will talk through what you need and help you to find services and support. If you want to talk with someone in your language, you can phone the Translating and Interpreting Service on **131 450**. The Translating and Interpreting Service provides access to interpreters who speak more than 160 languages. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Carer Gateway also has a national website ([carergateway.gov.au](http://carergateway.gov.au)) that has online services and information to support you as a carer.

Carer Gateway provides many services, including:



### Coaching

If you want to learn new ways to manage stress and improve your wellbeing, the self-guided coaching courses on the Carer Gateway website can help you.



### Counselling

If you are feeling stressed, anxious, sad or frustrated, a professional counsellor can talk through your worries and help you. You can talk one-on-one, in-person with a professional counsellor in your area or on the phone in the comfort of your own home. If you want to talk with someone in your language, you can phone the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450.



### Respite care

'Respite' or 'respite care' is when someone else takes care of the person you care for. You might need emergency respite care if you suddenly find you can't provide care, for example if you are ill or injured. You can also plan respite care so that you can have a break. To arrange emergency respite care, or planned respite care, call Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737 to talk about options in your area.

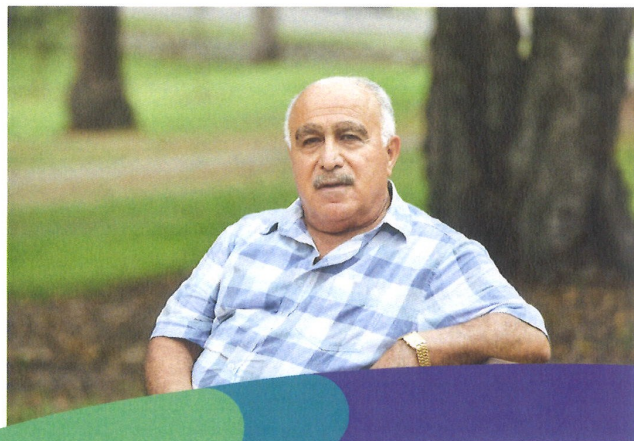


### Connect with other carers

If you feel alone or want to get advice from other carers, Carer Gateway can help you meet with people in similar caring situations to share your stories, knowledge and experience. You can meet local carers in-person and share advice and learn from each other in a safe space. The Carer Gateway website also provides an online forum that you can join and become part of a supportive online community with other carers.

**'A significant amount of time and energy goes into caring for someone, but you also need to take time for yourself.'**

Sargoon, carer to his daughter.



### Online skills courses

You can learn new skills through short interactive online courses on the Carer Gateway website. The courses will help you in your caring role and provide information on how to take care of your own wellbeing, deal with stress and legal issues.



### Financial support

As a carer, you may be able to get financial help. There are two financial support packages available to eligible carers through Carer Gateway. You may be able to get funding to buy a one-off practical support in the form of equipment or an item to assist you in your caring role. You may also be able to get funding for a range of ongoing practical supports, such as planned respite or transport, provided over a twelve-month period.

## How do I contact Carer Gateway?

Carer Gateway offers a national website at [www.carergateway.gov.au](http://www.carergateway.gov.au) or you can phone **1800 422 737** Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm.

## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

BELVOIR SPECIAL SCHOOL

School Name

5222

School REF ID

### Parent/legal guardian details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

### Student details

| Child's surname | Child's first name | Student ID | Date of birth<br>(dd/mm/yyyy) | Year level |
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
  - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (27th January 2021) or term two (19th April 2021).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

**For ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see:

[www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx)

**Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

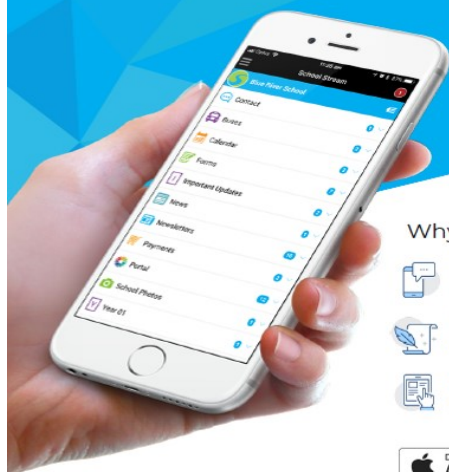
### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2021 closes on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

**Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.**

## 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 **Linked Online Ordering & Payment** 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](#)  
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**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.

### 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.

| <u>Surnames between</u> | <u>Colour</u> | <u>Name</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| A-D =                   | Red           | - Mitta     |
| E-K =                   | Green         | - Murray    |
| L-Q =                   | Blue          | - Kiewa     |
| R-Z =                   | Yellow        | - Hume      |