

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear parents and carers,

The Victorian Government has announced arrangements for schools in Victoria from and including Friday 4 June.

Based on advice from the Victorian Chief Health Officer, schools in regional Victoria will return to face-to-face learning for all students from and including Friday 4 June. This includes our school.

Tomorrow the school will be operating as normal and all buses will be operating.

Thank you all for your support during the lock down and implementing the actions the Victorian Government recommends to keep us open and safe.

Kind regards
Pennie Moffat
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Deb Ball Training

Monday's 3:15-4pm

Finance Meeting

Friday, 4th June

School Council General Meeting

Wednesday 9th June, 6.00pm

Queens Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 14th June

Deb Ball

Saturday, 14th August, 2021

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813



Book Club orders are due back by:

Thursday 3rd June

You can place your child's order online at [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

or use the LOOP app.

Or just bring in Book Club order form with money to the office.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Actions to reduce the risk of transmission:

Face masks

Secondary school students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors at school, unless an exception applies. Face masks are required to be worn outdoors at school where physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

Children under 12 years of age and students at primary school are not required to wear face masks when at school.

Face masks are mandatory for all school staff and school students aged 12 or older when travelling to and from school.

Stay home when unwell

The most important action school communities can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell staff and students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms.

Students with underlying conditions (such as hay fever or asthma).

Parents/carers should consider getting a medical certificate from their treating GP to confirm that it is safe for the student to attend school with persistent symptoms that may overlap with some of the symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Practise good hygiene

All staff, students and visitors to schools should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students where required.

Sharing of food is not permitted.

Use non-contact greetings (not shaking hands, hugging or kissing).

Limit school access to outside visitors where possible

Visitors to school premises are limited to essential school services and operations.

Visitors to school grounds must comply with physical distancing and face mask requirements set, and practise good hand hygiene.

Please do not forget to **use the QR code to log your attendance on school site.**

The density limit of 1 person per 4 square metres will apply to any spaces and activities being attended by parent/carers and other visitors. The density limit applies to all persons in the space, including students. Please note this means **parents/ Carers must not congregate inside the front entry area.**



Belvoir Post School Expo 2021

The Post School Expo  will provide an opportunity for students and families to make an informed decision on post school options.

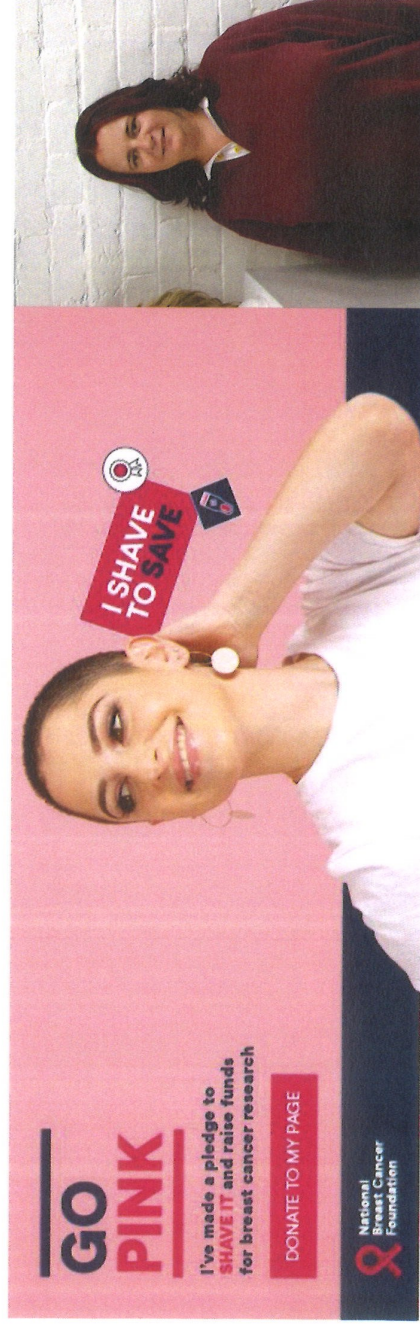
Students and families are encouraged to come along and chat to a range of services from our local community who can provide assistance in regards to post school options. NDIS providers will also be available to answer questions.

Thursday August 19th 2021, 3.30pm to 5.30pm

**Belvoir Special School - School Hall
54 Gayview Drive
Wodonga VIC 3690**

Any questions in regards to the Expo please contact the school on
02 6059 8987.





Hi, my Name is Elysia and this June, I have decided to go Pink and Shave my head!

On January 23rd 2021 my life changed forever. I lost my best friend, my beautiful mother Catherine to Triple Negative Inflammatory breast cancer. It was a short 10 month battle, however due to covid, we were unable to support mum the way we all wanted to.

Mum used to be a hair dresser and was so proud of her hair, so you could imagine how devastated she was when she realised she would loose her hair. I told mum that loosing her hair looked beautiful on her as it represented strength of the fight she was having.

Ever since mums diagnosis, i wanted to shave my head with her to show she wasn't going through this battle alone, however, due to covid, I never got the opportunity to as we lived 300kms away from each other.

Unfortunately my mum is not hear to witness me shaving my head to raise funds for breast cancer research. I know that shaving my head to raise funds won't bring my mother back, but shaving my head to raise funds to hopefully help save someone else's mum is worth it!

Please feel free to donate in this tin, or head over to <https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/elysiaareade/go-pink> or Scan the QR Code.

Room 3 News

Lachlan, Laura, Kyandra & Scott.



Dress up fun!

As part of one of the Guided Reading lessons, students practised the sequence of getting dressed using our dress ups. Great work everyone!



Remote Learning

The students in Room 3 have been working hard during the Remote Learning and using Seesaw to complete their learning experiences. It is great to see them applying what they have learnt about the Zones of Regulation throughout their home and school lives.

What ZONE are you in?

Use the T to write your name in your current ZONE

Use the camera to upload a photo of you in your current ZONE

You can also use the microphone to tell us why you are in your current ZONE!



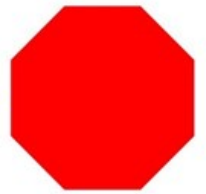
Blue Zone



Green Zone



Yellow Zone



Red Zone

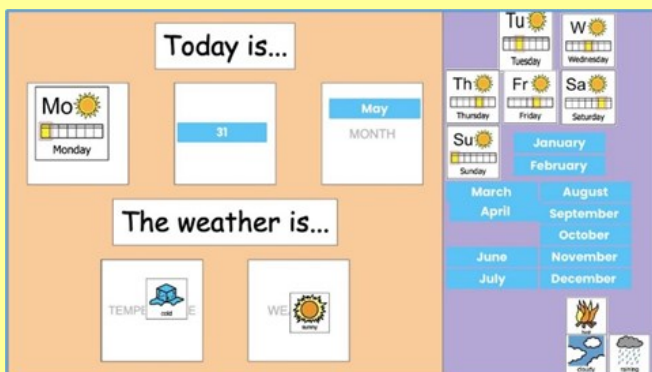


Happy Birthday Jacob



Birthday celebration!

In Room 3, students celebrate their friend's birthday. The birthday student chooses a cake flavour to make, the friends wrap a pass the parcel, create a birthday card and select a game to play.



Room 11 News

Danae, Courtney, Kylie & Mel.

Last week Room 11 had a great time showing our maturity and leadership during a busy and exciting week.

On Tuesday we headed off to the Mansfield Zoo. We had an amazing time visiting and learning about the animals.

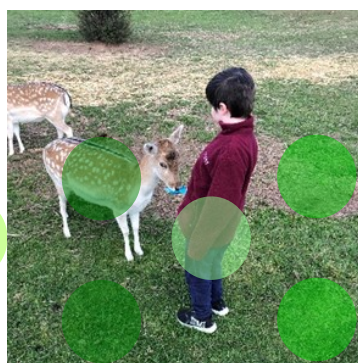
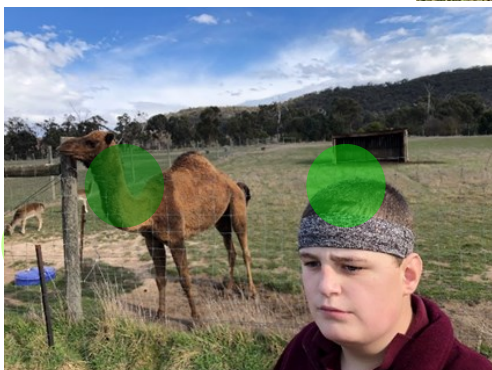
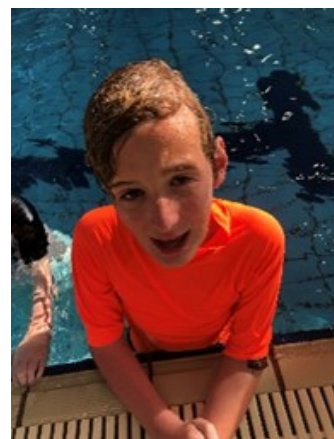
We especially enjoyed getting up close and feeding the deer, ducks, camels and kangaroos. What a great day!

We also had quite a big day on Thursday. We started off with our swimming lessons, and everyone has been improving. Xavier has been getting better at staying safe around a pool and using his arms and legs to keep him afloat. Riley has been becoming more confident to swim further towards the deep end each lesson and let go of the side. Max has been practicing efficiently getting in and out of the pool.

Towards the end of the day we also got the chance to be in charge of the Yellow Pod and Green Pod assembly over the speakers. We did a great job practicing our parts and taking it in turns at the microphone. An extra well done to Lucas who had a go at reading the awards out independently, and Zayne who was complimented from other classrooms for speaking loudly and clearly.

This week we have been having a go at online learning from home. A big thank you to all the parents who helped us to get on to Seesaw and complete our work. We have had fun completing tasks and making videos to share.

Well done everybody!



Room 18 News

Michelle, Katey, Sarah & Amanda.

We hope everyone is keeping safe during Lockdown 4.0. Some of us are enjoying being at home, while some of us are at school completing our tasks.

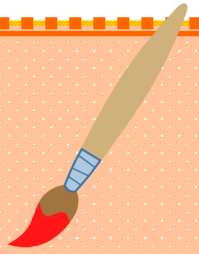
Room 18 have been busy the last few weeks learning about Information Reports in English. We have practiced our measuring and mixing skills during Cooking and Science sessions, and practicing telling the time or at what time of the day we do different activities. Aeden and Chelsea have enjoyed some swimming lessons and are looking forward to it re-starting next week.





Visual Art News

Naomi M



This term in art we have been learning about different periods of art history. We have created artworks inspired by Cave Art, Ancient Egypt, Ancient Rome and Greece, Renaissance Art and Impressionism. Students across the school have explored a range of mediums including clay, paint, pastel and ink. Students in Orange Pod have also had the opportunity to participate in some wood work sessions, working together to build a game of Giant Jenga. Well Done Everyone!



Help Wonder turn **BREAD BAGS** into **SCHOOL PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It's simple...

1

Collect your empty bread bags and tags



2

Recycle them at school in Wonder's pink Collection Bin
(There is a separate box for bread tags).



3

We'll earn reward points to redeem new sports equipment for every 5kg bin filled!



Our school is in the draw to
WIN 1 of 5 exercise circuits made
from recycled plastic we collect!

LET'S GET RECYCLING!



Tag Wonder on social **#wonderrecycling**
to share all your recycling champion stories!



Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

Collection boxes have arrived at school for the Wonder Recycling Rewards Program. Please start sending in your bread/wrap bags (all types) and bread tags. Please

remember to empty out the breadcrumbs and separate tags from bags. The two boxes are located in the foyer of the front office 😊

We only have until the end of June to collect as much as we can...so every little bit counts!



June/July School Holiday Program

Explore and learn!



Why join us:

- Therapeutic play-based programs
- Developmentally-appropriate activities
- A fun and structured program
- Take opportunities to develop social skills and independent living skills
- Making and keeping friends
- Strategies to help regulate emotions
- Tools to support healthy daily routines and habits

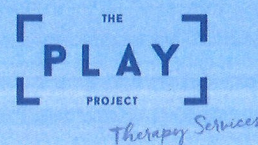
Registration is now open!

Option 1: Monday -Wednesday

Option 2: Wednesday - Friday

*With the choice of a 2 night, 3
day stay or days only.*

*Running over 2 weeks in the
Victorian school holidays*



To secure your spot, complete our **registration form**

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

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

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 25th June 2021.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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

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 (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

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:

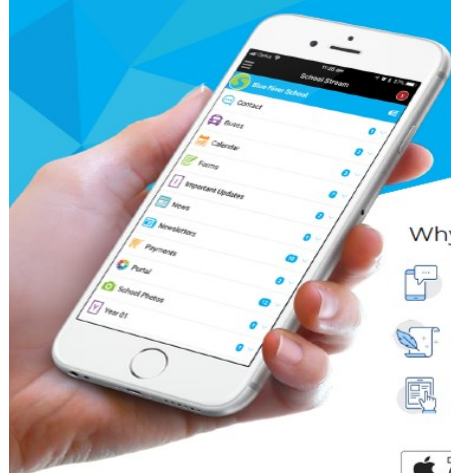
- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled 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 ____ / ____ / ____

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.

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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.

SCHOLASTIC



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.

Returning to
school Friday
4th June!

See you all Tomorrow 😊