

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

We are now slowly counting down to the school holidays. This week the weather has been very cold. Please don't forget to have your child's beanies, jumpers and jackets labelled with their name.

The new School Operational Guide is out. Key points include:

Unfortunately swimming, incursions and excursions can not happen at this stage.

Social distancing is now at 2 meters and only essential people can come onsite.

School tours are also cancelled until further notice.

I would like to thank you all for your patience and support as we slowly get back to Covid normal.

Principal, Pennie Moffat

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Deb Ball Training

Monday, 21st June

Monday, 21st Boys suit fitting

### 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



## Farewell Audrey



We would also like to farewell Audrey from Orange Pod. Audrey has worked at Belvoir for over three years and is a passionate team member. Audrey is always willing to lend a hand and support our students to learn and stay safe. We wish her well on her next big adventure.

# THIS WEEKS PURPLE MOMENT AWARDS!

## CONGRATULATIONS!



**Rory O**

Room 1

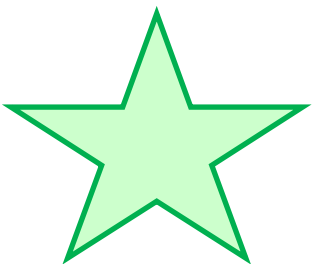
For making good choices, being respectful and working safely.



**Rome**

Room 1

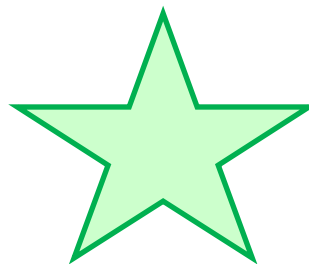
For making good choices, being respectful and working safely.



**Lucas S**

Room 11

For working hard though literacy rotations.



**Zayne J**

Room 11

For making good choices in class.

# COVID-19 UPDATE

## Stay Home When Unwell

With the return of our school staff and students, we are continuing to follow the Victorian Government's guidelines for schools which includes maintaining hygiene and social distancing while at the school. As we come to the end of term and Winter illnesses begin to take hold, the most important action our community can take to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, is to ensure that any unwell students remain at home and get tested, even with the mildest of symptoms. Students with prolonged post-viral symptoms, such as a runny nose or cough, may return to school following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness. Students with a negative COVID-19 test whose symptoms have completely resolved do not need a medical certificate to return to the school.

## Parents, Guardians & Other Adults on School Grounds

Unfortunately, parents and non-essential visitors are still unable to return to classrooms. Therefore, for now the following restrictions remain in place:

- Parents/guardians will need to drop-off children in the mornings pick-up their children at the school gate.
- All parents/guardians will be required to wear a face mask when entering into the school as we cannot guarantee physical distancing (1.5m away from each other).
- Parents/guardians are no longer able to enter past the second gate into the school or classrooms and must remain out the front.
- Parents/Guardians are required to check in using the school QR code every time they are onsite.
- All visitors are required to sign-in at school Reception when they have a scheduled appointment at the school.

## Face Masks

Face Mask provisions remain the same:

All Secondary Students must always wear a mask while indoors, except when eating or drinking.

They must be worn outdoors when physical distancing of 1.5m cannot be maintained.

Students aged 12 years and over who travel to and from school on public buses are required to wear a face mask.

We encourage all our parents/guardians to role model the wearing of masks when at the College, especially during our morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

## Excursions, Incursions & Camps

With the ongoing restrictions, there will still be no excursions, incursions or camps (outside of regional Victoria) until further notice.

The continued uncertainty surrounding changing restrictions has been and remains unsettling for everyone. Therefore, we will endeavour to continue to provide timely updates to families as things change.

I would like to again thank our school community for their ongoing support, encouragement and understanding as we continue to work through these changing times.

# 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!





# Room 4 News

Eleanor, Clare E & Nicole



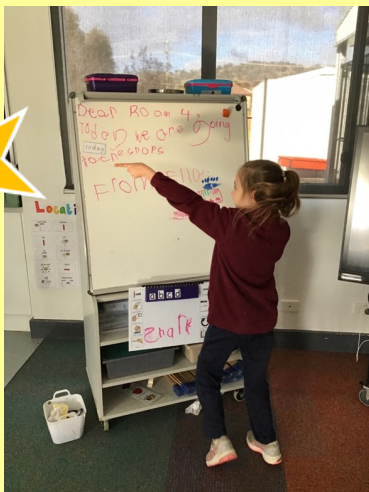
We had some bananas and grapes. My favourite part was the chocolate.



We were making fruit skewers. Mine had lots of fruit. My favourite fruit was the pineapple, grapes and cantaloupe.



I am eating the chocolate. I liked the banana.



I like to read the morning message.



I like to go swimming because it is so much fun.



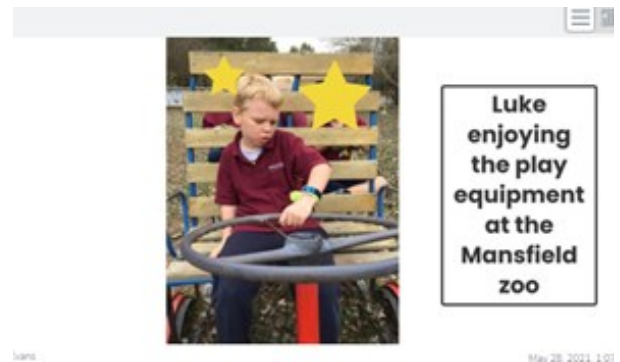
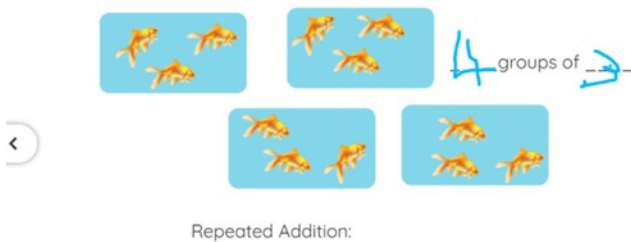
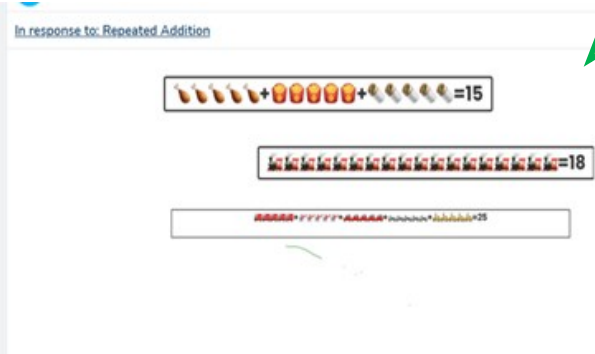
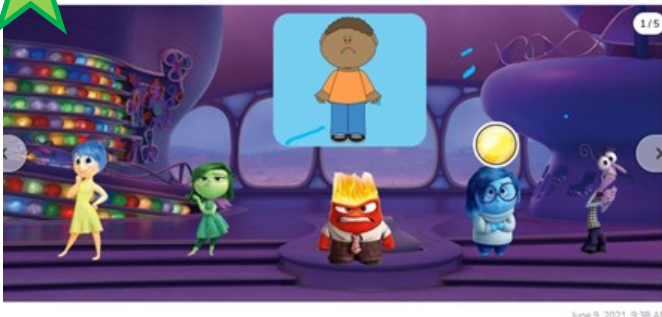
I love sensory play.



# Room 12 News

Felicity, Kellie & Heidi.

In Room 12 we have been very busy, learning to use Seesaw. We are learning to log on, take photos, complete our work, add our work. We are enjoying using it every day for spelling, numeracy, Zones of Regulation, writing and science. Here are some of our tasks that we have completed.



In response to: Tally marks, data and graphs

## Data and Graphing



Title: Deer

Appearance: What do I look like?

Fact 1: deer are lean long legges mammals

Fact 2: they have brancha antlers which are shed and regrow every year.

Fact 3:



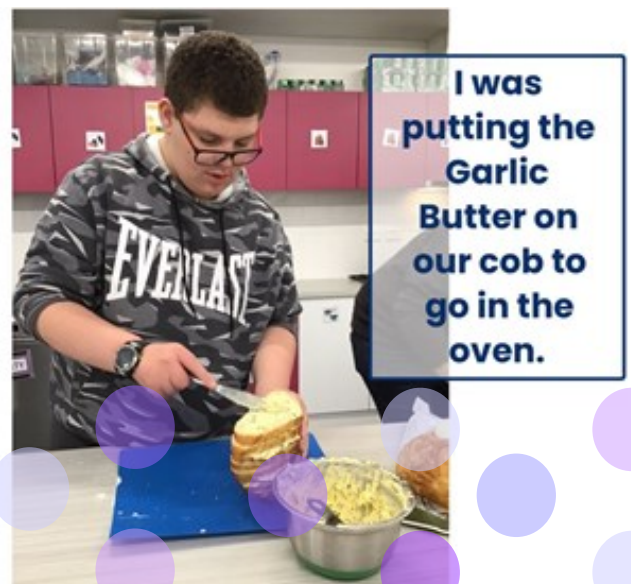
# Room 13 News

Anthea, Christen & Rikki.

Room 13 have been working on making food from scratch, this week we made lasagne and garlic bread. Next week we are looking forward to making our very own KFC Chicken.



Angus taste testing the Lasagna after he made the Bechamel Sauce.



# Room 24 News

Bethany, Val & Brendan

In room 24 we have been working hard getting our VCAL coursework and assessments completed, as well as big and small PINICLE and SPEC projects. We have been focusing on how to budget and use money in our lives. We have started talking in class about social media and how it is good and bad.

It is very interesting.

Ethan has been offering to clean up after lunch or messy activities. He has also been delivering fruit around to different Pods in the school. Have you noticed a bowl of fresh fruit in your Pod?!

We also celebrated Brendan's 40th birthday with a cake. Rory wrote this note for the newsletter.



Term 2 in room 24  
Things we did in room 24:  
1 cook the cake  
2 Put candles on the cake  
3 cut the cake  
4 Auslan Applause  
for brendens  
Birthday



Rory 24







# 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.

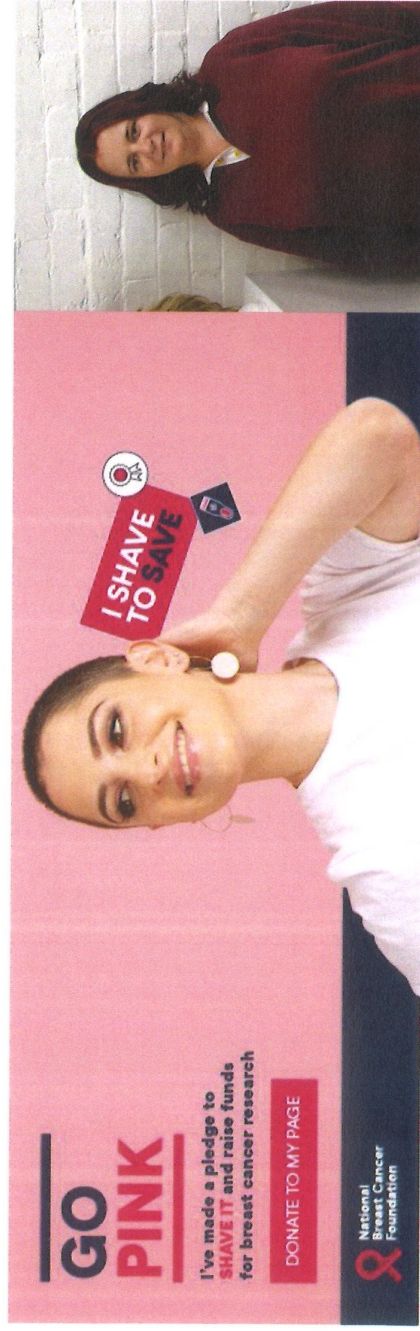
Students and families are encouraged to come along and chat to a range of services from our local community who can provide assistance in regards to post school options. NDIS providers will also be available to answer questions.

**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/elysiaiareade/go-pink> or Scan the QR Code.



# 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!





# June/July School Holiday Program

Explore and learn!



## Why join us:

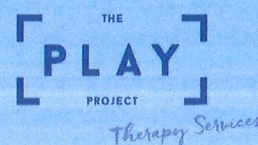
- Therapeutic play-based programs
- Developmentally-appropriate activities
- A fun and structured program
- Take opportunities to develop social skills and independent living skills
- Making and keeping friends
- Strategies to help regulate emotions
- Tools to support healthy daily routines and habits

## ***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](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.**

## 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.

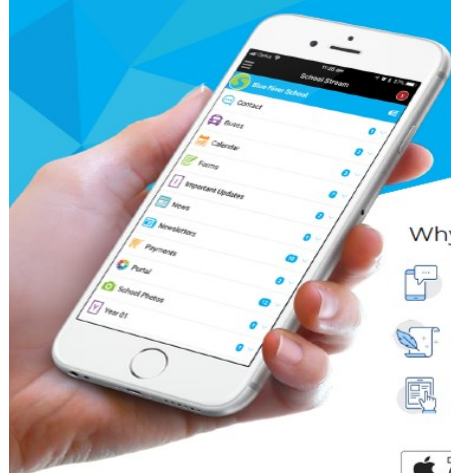
You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

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.
- 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.

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**14th June**

Queens Birthday  
Long Weekend