

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

We would like to thank the Lions Club of Lavington for their generous donation of \$1000 to the school.



We encourage our families and carers to explicitly teach your child/ren to use the school crossing during drop off and pick up. It can be a very busy place before and afterschool with cars, buses and foot traffic.

If students are crossing the carpark without using the crossing it becomes a safety concern for the school. Please take the time to encourage your child to use the crossing or use it as a teaching opportunity as they are walking in and out of school.

**Pennie Moffat, Principal**

## ***DATES TO REMEMBER***

### **Last Day of Term 2**

Friday, 25th June 2pm finish

### **First Day of Term 3**

Monday, 12th July

### **Deb Ball Training**

Monday. 21st June

Monday, 21st Boys suit fitting

### **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

## **Why choose BLUE GOOSE Planning and Coordination?**

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# THIS WEEKS PURPLE MOMENT AWARDS!

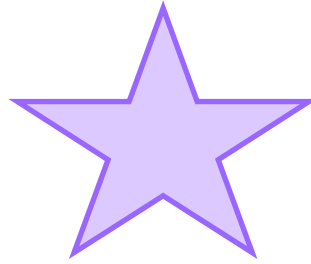
## CONGRATULATIONS!



**Ayla S**

Room 16

Showed respect by putting her hand up and waiting her turn during class.



**Ben C**

Room 14

For following instructions by giving his best efforts towards a task.



**Ashley T**

Room 23

For great work in maths



**Matilda S**

Room 24

For joining in the fun playing team tag.



## Class of the week!

**ROOM 24**

For adjusting to changes in their classroom, being positive and focusing on their learning.

**Congratulations Room 24.**

# Fawn and Mandy say Goodbye

Fawn will be retiring at the end of term and moving to Gippsland to be near the beach. She has really enjoyed her time at Belvoir and will miss everybody, but is looking forward to relaxing at the beach and digging in the sand. Thank-you to all the students, families and community businesses that have supported Fawn at Belvoir.

Special thank-you to Melrose Animal Hospital and PET stock Wodonga for their sponsorship and care in helping us look after Fawn for the last five years.

Mandy is also leaving with Fawn at the end of the term. She is moving to Gippsland to be with family. There will be a new tutor to continue the program next term.

I would like to thank all the students for making my job so special and rewarding. I will miss you all very much. I have really enjoyed my time at Belvoir and appreciate the support of teaching and ES staff in implementing the literacy support program. I hope I have given you as many ideas and I have taken.

Thanks to all.



# 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.

# Room 5 News

Sara, Rachel, Charlie & Leticia

Last week, we used our book of the week, 'Piranha's Don't Eat Bananas' to explore and try different fruits that were in our book, to make fruit skewers.



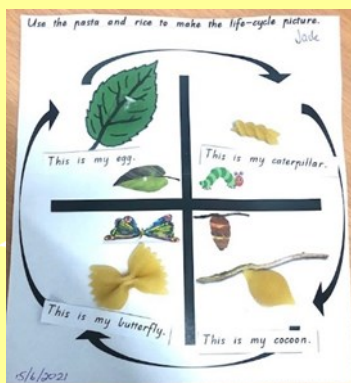
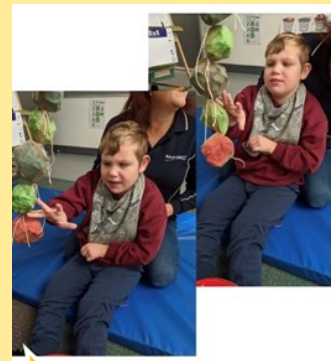
This week we have been focusing on our book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar. We have also been talking about what our favourite food is, making a class caterpillar, and feeding it with the food from the book.



Charlie painting his own caterpillar



Room 5's class caterpillar



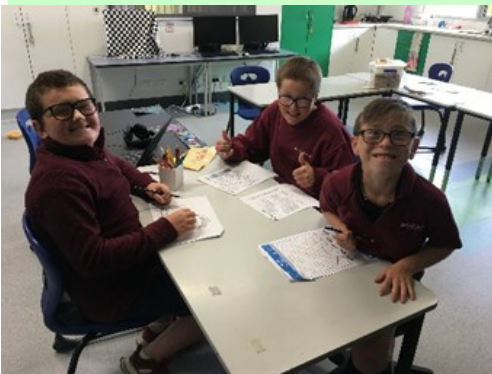
# Room 7 News

David, Jo & Fiona.

We really enjoyed our excursion to the Mansfield Zoo, where we saw a variety of animals. Lions, Kangaroos, Monkeys, Guinea Pigs, Camels, Wombats, Deer and a Llama that stole Rex's bucket.

We have performed some science experiments to experience the changing of states, just like melting ice into water. Unfortunately a few of our experiments were not very successful, but we loved mixing things together.

We have created lots of fact reports about different animals, planets and weather events. Tornadoes, volcanoes, chihuahuas with prosthetic front legs and many more.



# Room 14 News

Ellissa, Tracy & Majella

In Room 14 we have been doing science experiments and making information posters about a topic of our choice. We have made sherbet, lava lamps, slime, mixed skittles and water, raincloud in a cup and potions.



Skittles and Warm Water



Potions with glitter,  
vinegar and bicarb soda - Before



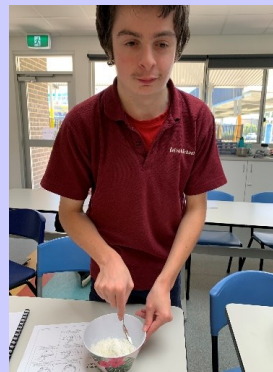
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Lava Lamps



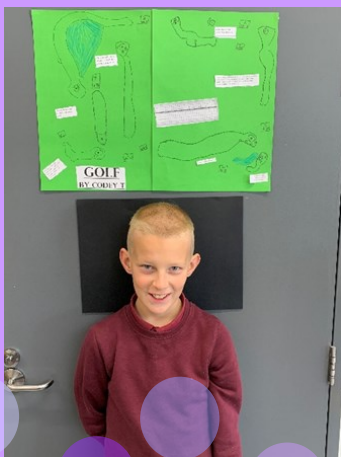
Lava Lamps



Mixing ingredients  
together



Rain cloud in a cup



# P.E News

Ross & Candace

## FUNDMENTAL MOTOR SKILLS

This week's focus for Yellow pod in Physical Education has been Fundamental Motor Skills (FMS). FMS skills, such as run, jump, dodge, bounce, catch, strike, kick and overhand throw, form the building blocks which underpin the learning of more complicated sports, recreational activities and physical activity.

How students feel about themselves can be influenced by their physical ability.

Students who have achieved FMS competence have been found to perceive themselves as being competent, socially accepted and to have a positive attitude towards physical activity. In essence,

FMS competence assists in preparing students for a happy and healthy lifestyle.







# 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.



**Belvoir Special School**

*Together we can*

# 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

**Well done everyone!!** We have already collected **10kg** worth of bread bags, and 2 boxes have already been posted! Keep collecting your bread/wrap bags (all types) and bread tags.

**Please ensure they are clean, by remembering to empty out the breadcrumbs and separate tags from bags.** There is a separate box to place all bread tags in. Both boxes are located in the foyer of the front office.

Due to the one-week lockdown Victoria had, they have extended the collection period to include the holidays and first week of Term 3. So please keep saving your bread bags and bread tags and bring them into school.

**Your support is much appreciated 😊**



**Collection Period Extended**  
Schools in **ACT, NSW, NT, QLD & VIC**

now have until **Friday July 16th**  
to collect and recycle as many  
bread bags and tags as you can.



**You can ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect bread bags and bread tags for you as well!**



## The Magic Mania Show

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Magic Mania presents Retina Australia's Magic Mania Online, a free livestreamed show for special needs children, mum's dad's and families anywhere in Australia!! These livestreams are brand-new events for Magic Mania and we trust something we will be able to continue into the future.

In keeping with recent times, Retina Australia and Magic Mania are proud to bring you this free event via a video link which will be sent to the school in the next few days, and distributed to families a couple of days prior to the event. The platform will be "YouTube" so it will be accessible to anyone that is currently able to support this format. Please ensure that if you wish to view the event that you can watch "YouTube" on whatever device you intend on watching the Livestream! We trust that everyone will enjoy this presentation and we thank everyone involved including the many sponsors that enable these projects.

Please note the showtime is as follows:

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 11am (link will ONLY be live a few minutes prior) through to approximately 11.50am

ENJOY!!





**OUR NEXT SESSION IS:  
SATURDAY, 3rd JULY 2021**

**What do you do with broken household items?  
You can fix them at the Repair Café!**

**Our experienced repairers will help repair them – free!**

**COSTUME JEWELLERY FURNITURE/WOODWORK DEVICES  
CLOTHING/TEXTILES BATTERY-OPERATED APPLIANCES**

**First Saturday of the month, 10.00am to 1.00pm  
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# ROLLER SKATING COACHING & LESSONS



## Roller Skating Coaching & Lessons

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**Book Now for Term 3!**

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# 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

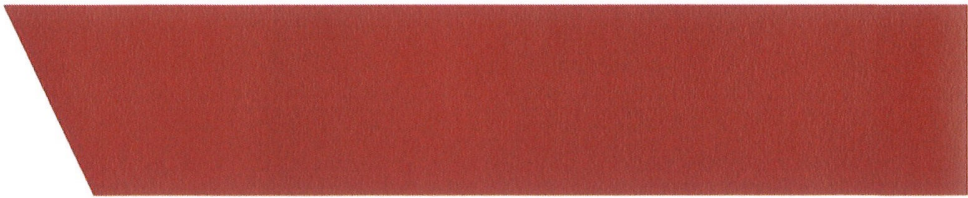
### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

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

5222

School Name

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:

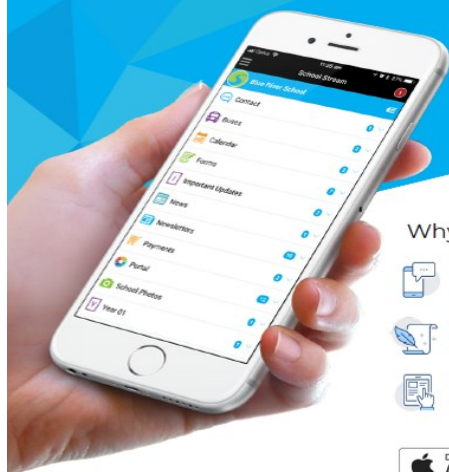
- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled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



**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.

## TERM DATES

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Friday, 25th, June  
2pm finish

**First Day of Term 3**  
Monday, 12th July