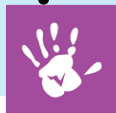
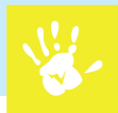


Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

What a hectic, but enjoyable journey we have had this term!

At the beginning of Term 2 school life was progressing, normally. Staff were planning incursions and excursions and we started our swimming program. Then suddenly as we passed the half-way mark we were plunged back into yet another snap state-wide lockdown and found ourselves preparing for Remote Learning 4.0.

The Leadership Team and Staff's quick and professional response within a very short timeframe ensured a very smooth transition into and then out of Remote Learning for our students and their families. Within 24 hours we were ready for a modified program and many students and families accessed Seesaw to stay connected.

Throughout the unsettledness, the students and families have remained engaged and supportive. The Leadership Team and Staff have been fantastic and in amongst all this, school life continued with learning, assessments, report writing and so on.

After coming out of lockdown we have found ourselves dealing with weekly changes to restrictions and managing the associated impacts to the daily operations of the school. Despite the challenges, I have been impressed by the way everyone has been extremely flexible and worked together to support our staff, students, families and school community. Hopefully with student support group meeting occurring within the first three weeks of term we can welcome families and the community back onsite.

Thank you to our teaching staff on their efforts in finalising Semester 1 reports. It is great to see how much our students have continued to learn and achieve throughout the semester.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Day of Term 2

Friday, 25th, June 2pm finish

First Day of Term 3

Monday, 12th July

Deb Ball

Saturday, 14th August, 2021

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

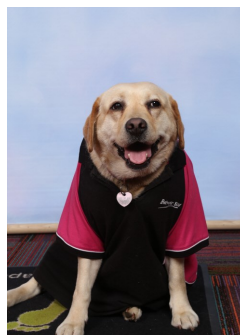
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Belvoir Bus: 0431756813



As the term closes, we must farewell and thank three more staff for their hard work and support of our students and wished them well on their journey post Belvoir. Amanda Gay, Fawn our amazing school dog and Cody Smith have made a significant contribution to the learning of our students and our school. Each will be greatly missed by students, staff and the school community.

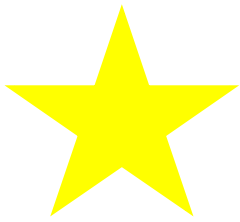
Thank you to the Leadership team and staff for your professionalism over a difficult term. I would like to again thank our School community for their ongoing support, encouragement and understanding as we continue to work through these changing times.

I wish everyone a relaxing and safe break and a wonderful holiday.

Pennie Moffat

THIS WEEKS PURPLE MOMENT AWARDS!

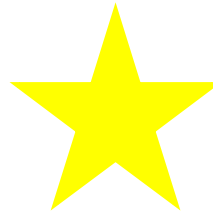
CONGRATULATIONS!



Annabelle T

Room 1

For following instructions and completing classroom activities.



Charlie K

Room 1

For making good choices, being respectful and working safely.



Jackson H

Room 9

For great work during our literacy rotations.



Magreeah D

Room 9

For listening to staff and following instructions during circle time.



Jacob R

Room 16

For showing respect for himself and others by giving his best efforts.



Ayla S

Room 16

For showing respect by putting up her hand and waiting her turn.



Ethan C

Room 24

For being super cooking with peers.



Alyssa W

Room 24

For achieving a goal.

Class of the week!

ROOM 23!

The class have been doing great work and listening very well. All students have welcomed Charles and Curtiss into our room and have shown patience, support and understanding towards both of them.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Holiday Travel and Covid.

With the upcoming school holidays and many families looking to holiday outside our local area, we encourage families to be aware of the following advice:

Intrastate Travel There are currently no restrictions on travel between metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Interstate Travel

Travel restrictions between states and territories and in some remote areas of Australia are in place.

These restrictions are implemented by individual state and territory governments and are subject to change at very short notice. Please refer to the Department of Health travel advice and the relevant state/territory specific restrictions before confirming travel plans or bookings.

There is a requirement to apply for a permit to enter Victoria from any location in Australia – this includes Victorians who are returning from interstate travel.

The Victorian travel permit system is based on a traffic light system, which allows for areas across Australia to be designated as green, orange or red according to their COVID-19 risk, in line with public health advice.

Families should reconsider travel plans to locations currently listed as a red zone or orange zone:

RED: if at the time of travel, a location is listed as a red zone, avoid travel to this location.

ORANGE: if at the time of travel, a location is listed as an orange zone, reconsider travel.

If any of our school families find they have inadvertently travelled to an identified hotspot area during the holidays or had visitors from these areas, we seek your support to maintain the safety of our school community. Please seek further advice from local health providers regarding testing and/or isolation before your child/ children return to the school.

<https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/travel-updates>

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.

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.

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 Seven 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.

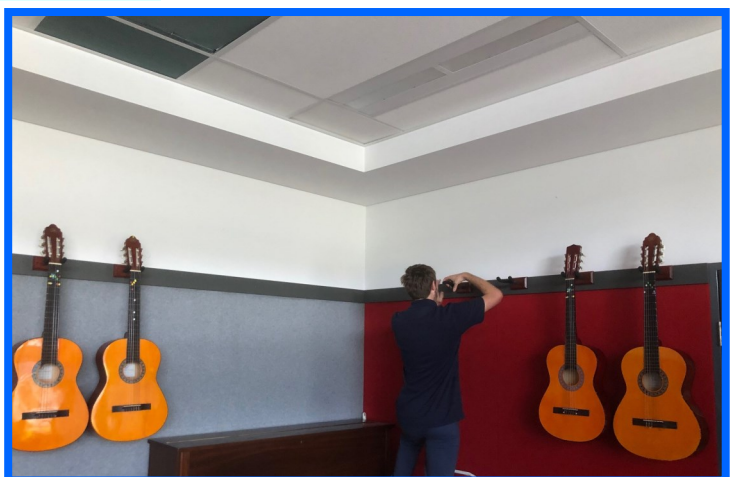
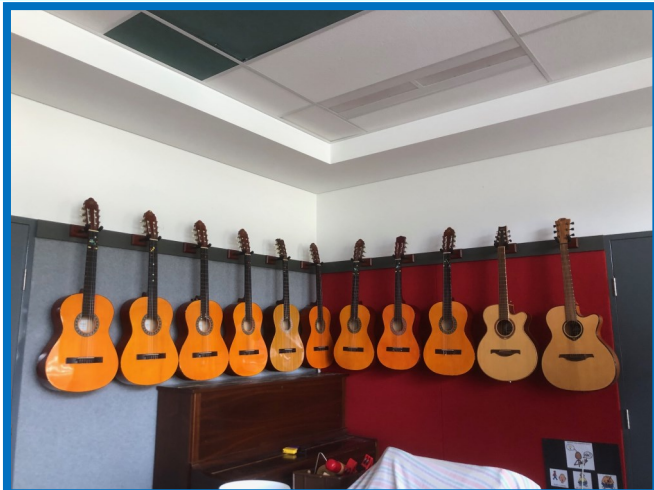
I would like to thank all the students for making my job so special and rewarding. I will miss you all very much. I have really enjoyed my time at Belvoir and appreciate the support of teaching and ES staff in implementing the literacy support program. I hope I have given you as many ideas and I have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



New Addition to the Music Room

A special thanks to our hands on learning

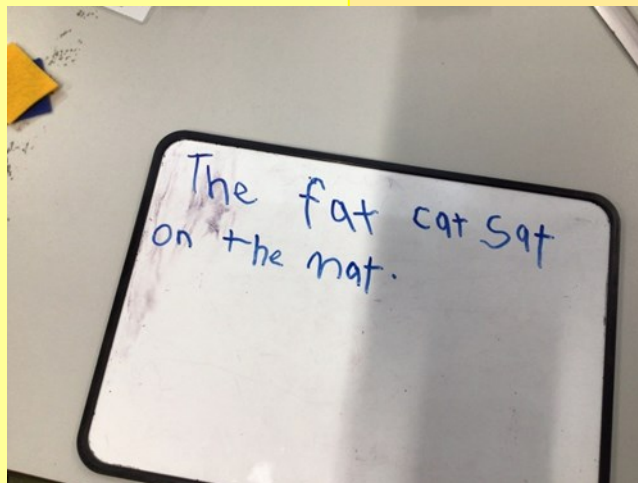
Program for helping tidy up our Music room by hanging the guitars. The students did a great job executing this project and making our Music room look fantastic! Keep up the great work.



Room 6 News

Naomi, Clare & Tulashi.

Room 6 have been working hard on their literacy skills.



This week we have been reading "The mixed up Chameleon" by Eric Carle, We have learnt the word camouflage and learnt that the chameleon changes colour depending on his environment. We enjoyed our colour changing experiment and watched our chameleon change colour.



Room 9 News

Erica, Bronte, Bridget & Tammi.

What a fantastic term we have had in room 9! We have been very busy learning how to use Seesaw, we visited the Mansfield zoo where we learnt about many different animals. We especially enjoyed getting to feed the deer, kangaroos, guinea pigs and patting the dingoes. We have created lots of information reports about a chosen animal from the zoo. We have performed some science to experience the change of states, these experiments include volcanoes in a jar, bouncy eggs, elephant's toothpaste, building spaghetti towers and many more. Last week we also learnt how to make rice paper rolls. All we all thought it was interesting how the rice paper changed when we soaked it in water.

We are all looking forward to the holidays and taking a well-deserved break. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday!



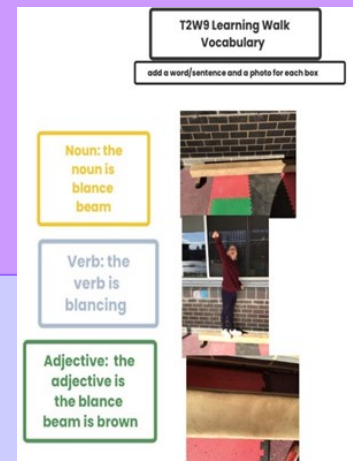
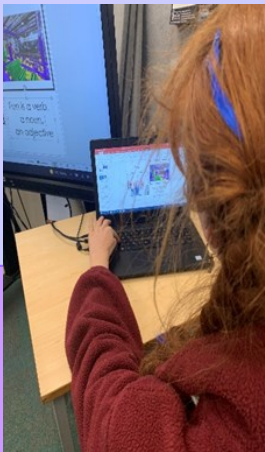
Room 16 News

Kim, Brodee & Shannon

Room 16 have been using an integrated approach to their learning this term. This has meant that we meet lots of different learning focuses within the one lesson style. We have been making book on unknown words during our morning Vocabulary session and using our Seesaw app to find nouns within our environment and labelling them with a related verb and adjective.

We have begun to use to Life Skills House with the guidance of the Household Jobs SPEC book. We have been choosing goals from the book and practicing the skills inside. It has been fun using a

different space and practicing our learning in a real house.



We practice our social skill including sportsmanship, turn taking skills and respectful interactions in our Social Boardgames (and card games) sessions. Our go to games are Uno, Chess and Snakes & Ladders.

This term we have been doing All mixed up for our Term topic sessions. We mixed lots different ingredients together to see what happened. Our favourite mixes are when they become something that we get to eat. We also loved when we mixed oil, water, food colouring, and an ant-acid tablet to make a lava lamp.



Room 19 News

Jamay, Brenda & Sheree.



I like doing my schoolwork and downloading it onto SeeSaw for my family and I to look at.

Tyson

Room 19 has been making good food. I have enjoyed this term. Last week we made golden syrup dumplings.

Robert

I loved maths this term. I also like bike riding and swimming. I did not enjoy lockdown or cooking because it makes me itchy. I liked swimming because I like learning how to swim.

Jesse

I enjoyed Maths this term. I liked learning about credit cards and how they work. I liked learning about money and budgets.

Deegan

This term we did so much work in class, but what I enjoyed most was PE with Ross. My favourite game is chair ball and I usually win.

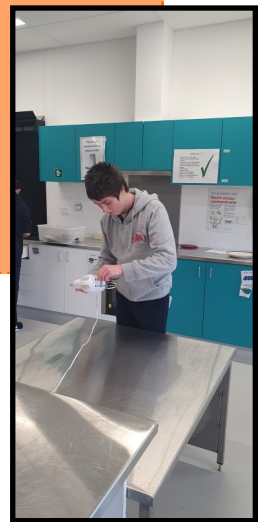
Gabe

This term I have been attending deb ball training. Most of Orange pod have been kind enough to give up their Monday afternoon to stay back after school and practice dances for our Annual Debutant Ball. We have been training with all we've got and I can say that all of these practices will lead to a fantastic night that none of us will ever forget.

Angel

This term our class has been going up to the bike track for a bit of riding. I love bike riding and I ride with Gabe. When we go up there, Angel, Gabe, Cassy and I ride around and start singing. We all love bike singing.

Taryn





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

Elysia's Go Pink Head Shave!



Come along to the Chiltern Telegraph Hotel

Saturday the 3rd of July 2021 from 1.00pm

for some fun, raffles, drinks and eventually watch Elysia shave her head!

Head shave will take place at approximately 4.00pm

To Donate please head to

<https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/elysiaareade/go-pink>



Call: 1300 803 551

Email: gopink@nbcf.org.au

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June/July School Holiday Program

Explore and learn!



Why join us:

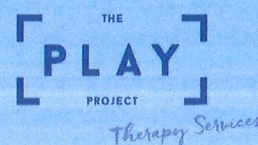
- Therapeutic play-based programs
- Developmentally-appropriate activities
- A fun and structured program
- Take opportunities to develop social skills and independent living skills
- Making and keeping friends
- Strategies to help regulate emotions
- Tools to support healthy daily routines and habits

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**

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

Just another update to let you know we have now filled 4 out of the 5 bread bag bins.

That's 20kg of bread bags!! Absolutely amazing effort!

Thank you everyone for your contributions and support with this program. A special mention to Kylie, one of our ES for sourcing a large amount of bread bags from her family's farm and bringing them in for us. These donations have certainly helped us fill those bins. A big thank you to the staff and students who have helped sort through and clean out bread bags and separate bread tags. This has been much appreciated.

If I could please ask you to send in what you have by the end of this week or very early in the first week back of term as the program finishes at the end of Week 1 of Term 3 and we need to ensure our boxes are posted back in time.

Winners Announced

This week, five lucky schools were drawn out and named as winners of the exercise circuits- **Sherwood Ridge Public School, Holland Park State School, Snowtown Area School, One School Global, Hamilton Campus and Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School.**

Although our school was not one of the lucky ones, our efforts won't go unnoticed as we still have the opportunity to **redeem sports equipment** for our school with the points earned from our collected boxes.

I appreciate everyone's efforts in the collection process.

Thank you very much for your support 😊

Jo Fraser





The Magic Mania Show

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

ENJOY!!



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:

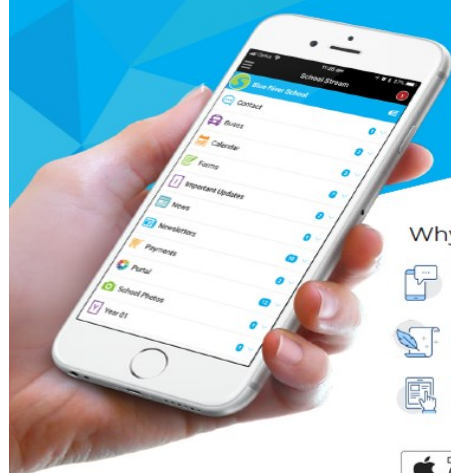
- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled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

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?



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

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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

Last Day of Term 2
Friday, 25th, June
2pm finish

First Day of Term 3
Monday, 12th July