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Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to Term 3. It was fantastic to see all the returning students this week. There were so many smiling faces. Unfortunately, we have moved back to remote learning today. Staff have worked hard this morning to organize remote learning for today, Monday and Tuesday. Students and their families can access remote learning program via seesaw or collect a hard copy packs at the office.

We thank our School community for their ongoing support, encouragement and understanding as we continue to work together through the Victorian Premiers' announcement of a State-wide, 5-Day Lock-down and COVID-19 pandemic.

Please stay safe and well.

Principal, Pennie Moffat

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil free Day

Friday, 30th July

School Council

Friday, 23rd July Finance meeting-
Wednesday, 28th July School council
meeting

Belvoir Post School Expo

Thursday, 19th August
3:30pm-5:30pm

Deb Ball

Saturday, 14th August, 2021

Australia Dental Health Van

Friday, 8th October

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

Contact with the School

Every day, the School will have the Principal and/or Leadership Team members available onsite should you require information or support. The

Administration Building will be open from 8:30am towards 4.00pm via phone, (02) 6059 8987, or email:

belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au.

Individual Class Teachers can be contacted through seesaw.

We thank our School community for their ongoing support, encouragement and understanding as we continue to work together through these latest COVID-19 restrictions.

Stay safe and well!

COVID-19 Update – State wide 5-Day Lockdown

Last night, the Victorian Premier has announced a State wide, 5-Day Lockdown, effective as of 11.59pm Thursday 15 July (last night) until 11.59pm Tuesday 20 July 2021.

In this announcement, the Premier indicated that the Stage 4 restrictions from the previous lockdown will be adhered to for the next five days. Therefore, the following restrictions will be in place:

- Only five reasons for leaving homes: essential supplies, care and caregiving, exercise, essential work and vaccination.
- Exercise and shopping will be limited to 5km from your home.
- Face masks compulsory across all of Victoria, indoors and outdoors, except in your home.
- No visitors to homes.
- Closure of all Victorian Schools, with the exception for vulnerable children and children of authorised workers.

Given the short notice and to assist the students and families today, Friday 16 July, will be a Student Wellbeing Catch-up Day. This means there will be no set work from teachers, but an opportunity for families and students to prepare for the move to Remote Learning at home. It also provides our teachers the opportunity to prepare lessons for next week.

Onsite supervision will still be provided for children of authorised workers. A list of authorised workers can be found via the DHHS COVID website.

While there will be some challenges with last night's announcement, as a School, we are well positioned to support our students and families from our past experiences, but we seek the continued understanding of our School families given the short notification period.

As a School, we will be supporting Remote Learning Monday and Tuesday next week, utilising seesaw and learning packs (for those families who request them). Students will be provided opportunities to catch up with teachers on Monday or Tuesday.

All excursions and sport activities for Friday to Tuesday next week have been cancelled and will be rescheduled where and if possible.

Belvoir Special School will be closed throughout the lockdown. Onsite learning will be available at the School for vulnerable children and children of authorised workers who can not work from home. As per our previous procedures, we will be sending out an Onsite Attendance Request form which we request all families complete in order to provide your family's requirements to support our supervision of students onsite.

If you are requiring onsite learning for your child/children, they may only arrive at the School from 8.45 am each day and be picked up at our normal end of day time of 3.00 pm. For those children on site please ensure they have their own drink bottle. Students who do attend the School from Friday to Tuesday will be completing the Remote Learning tasks.

Health & Hygiene

To support the well-being and health, all College families are reminded that it is important that your child is kept at home if he/she has:

- a fever / temperature more than 37.5°C
- a cough
- a runny nose
- a sore throat
- muscle aches
- shortness of breath loss of sense of smell or taste

It is also advised to seek COVID-19 Testing if any of the symptoms are present.

For any of our School families who have travelled to any of the identified hotspot areas over the past two weeks 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.

If any Belvoir School members, including students and parents/guardians, are tested for COVID-19, I would request notification of the test results before individuals return to the School grounds. Please notify via belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au as soon as tested and results have been

School Dental Initiative



October 8th, 2021

1 **FILL IN** **FORM**

The dental health van is visiting our school to actively find and prevent dental decay early!
Please fill and return this form to school.

2 **THE** **VISIT**

Students can receive a full check-up, preventative and general dental care at school.
If your child needs further treatment, you will be called for consent.

3 **NO OUT** **OF POCKET** **COSTS**

The ADH Dental Initiative is funded by Australian Dental Health and the Child Dental Benefits Schedule.

If your child is not Medicare eligible, ADHV will provide a **FREE** Dental Health Screening and tooth strengthening fluoride remineralisation.



Health - Education - Community

(03) 9323 9607 info@adhv.com.au www.adhv.com.au 387 Barry Road, DALLAS VIC 3047

Belvoir pie drive 2021

Pies from Thurgoona Bakery

Please return forms back by 6th of August

Pick up delivery on 26th of August

Funds going towards year 12 graduation



By Ethan Bennell

(Thurgoona Bakery)

Please return order by 6th August 2021

Name _____

Room Number _____ Contact Number _____

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Please circle your pick up time for Thursday on Thursday 26th August 2021

Thank You For Supporting Belvoir Special School and the Year 12 Graduation

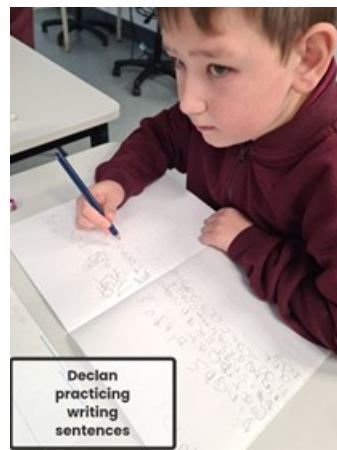
Room 10 News

Lisa, Mel, Maddi, Lynsey & Tammi.

Welcome back to Term 3. Students made a great transition back into the classroom this week. We are excited to be learning about things including Dreamtime stories in literacy and measurement during math. We have had fun measuring all types of things using different items such as books, cubes and even dinosaur footprints!!

We have also started our term topic exploring rivers in Australia, with a focus on the Murray River. We will be using maps and Google Earth to discover more about Australia, it's different states and where the rivers are. We will also be looking at why rivers and water are important.

Last term Room 10 earnt a reward of an end of term Disco Party. We had a great time sharing some food, dressing up and dancing away the afternoon.



Room 17 News

Katey, Jo, Pam Shirley & Sarah.

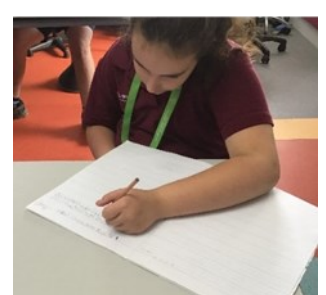
It's great to see everyone back from holidays and starting the term refreshed and ready to learn.

Our Term 3 Topic is 'Festivals/Celebrations' and we have started discussing what we know about Festivals that are celebrated around the world. These included Chinese New Year, Rio Carnival, Birthdays, Easter and Christmas. We are looking forward to finding out more about other cultures and the festivals held in different countries, in particular the Olympics in Tokyo and the Maori culture.

This week we have looked specifically at NAIDOC week and the events celebrated across our country to recognise Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander people. Students have really enjoyed learning about NAIDOC week and completing a range of associated tasks and activities, including using traditional Indigenous symbols to create stories.

In Maths we started Division/Sharing and have used concrete materials to share items equally into groups and have familiarised ourselves with writing number sentences to match. Some of us have enjoyed our independent writing rotations and have been writing about what we did in the holidays.

We are looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead in Room 17





Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

We have now come to the **end of our recycling program** and we are thrilled to say we exceeded all expectations by filling 5 boxes of bread bags and a box of bread tags.

That's 25kg of bread bags and 5kg of bread tags!! Absolutely amazing effort everyone!



We **PLEASE** ask **NOT** to send in any more bread bags and bread tags that you may have leftover at home. **Instead**, you can take your bread bags to your nearest **REDcycle bins** at Coles or Woolies to be recycled. I encourage everyone to recycle soft plastics as it saves on landfill and will reduce your rubbish by more than half!! Also feel free to keep collecting those bread tags in a jar at home in case we do this again next year!

In August we will have the opportunity to **redeem sports equipment** for our school with the points earned from our collected boxes and hopefully we will have some photos of the purchased items.

Thank you everyone for your amazing contributions and your ongoing support with this Recycling Program. Your efforts have been much appreciated



Jo Fraser



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"

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:

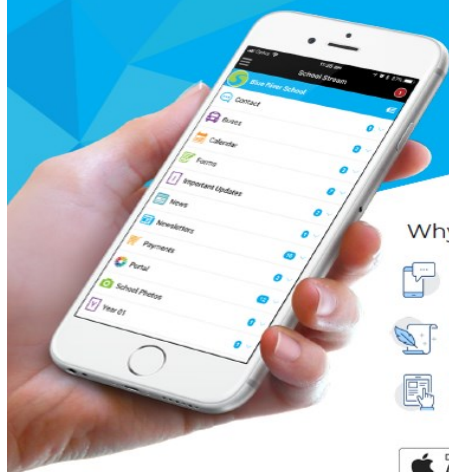
- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled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

[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.

Welcome back to Term 3!

Hope you all had a wonderful break! :)