

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Belvoir Families,

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 4. This week we finally got to see all our students return albeit in a staggered arrangement. While this was not the arrangement we were hoping for, we are looking forward to having all our students back in the next couple of weeks. In the meantime, we will use the time to slowly ease them all back into the routines of school.

This week it has been great to see the smiling faces of our students each day as they arrive in the morning eager to learn. Seeing their enthusiasm and their excitement as they enter the school gates reminds us each day of the importance of having a positive mindset. We are proud of the way in which all of the children here at Belvoir have conducted themselves during what has been such an unpredictable and unprecedented year.

Pennie Moffat

Pupil Free Day – Monday 8th November

Monday the 8th of November will be a pupil free day for our school. This means that students are not to attend school on this day as all staff will be engaging in professional development.

DEBUTANTE BALL

Update

Due to current NSW's restrictions, regarding vaccination, the Deb Ball committee has decided to postpone this event until first term next year, further details to come. Thank you for your understanding during these uncertain times.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Athletics Carnival

Friday 28th October

Pupil Free Day

Monday 8th November

Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations

Tuesday 10th November

Wodonga Gold Cup

Public Holiday

Friday 26th November

Last Day Term 4, 2021

*Wednesday 15th December ,
3.00pm Finish*

Pupil Free Days

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408 691 885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

COVID UPDATE

HEALTH & HYGIENE

To support the well-being and health of everyone at school, everyone is reminded that it is important that your child is kept at home if he/she has:

- a temperature (more than 37.5°C)
- a cough
- a runny nose
- a sore throat
- muscle aches

FACE MASKS

As announced last week, the Government has issued new guidelines to combat the spread of COVID-19 in schools, which now includes the wearing of masks for Years 3-6 students when indoors and is encouraged for Foundation to Year 2 students. Please note there are exceptions for not wearing a mask.

Exceptions for all year levels include:

- students who have a physical or mental health illness or condition, or disability, which makes wearing a face covering unsuitable, including persons with obstructed breathing, a serious skin condition of the face, an intellectual disability, a mental health condition or persons who have experienced trauma.

For additional information on exceptions go to: [Face masks - when to wear a face mask | Coronavirus Victoria](#)

Please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher if they are excused from wearing a face mask. To assist students who can wear a mask, we ask that they come with a labelled clip-lock bag to place their mask in when they are not wearing it.

We acknowledge this will be yet another challenge for our students, and staff will strive to support them build their tolerance of wearing a face mask. The key focus will be wearing them indoors where social distancing is a challenge.

WATER / DRINK BOTTLE

With the onset of warmer weather, a reminder for all students to bring their own named, refillable water / drink bottle.

Christmas Party for Special Children 2021

SANTA IS ON HIS WAY!!

Due to the ongoing pandemic and the uncertainty we face with regards to border closures and crowd restrictions, the 2021 Special Children's Christmas Party will look a little different.

With the safety, health and wellbeing of the children their families and our volunteers being a top priority, we have decided to make the 2021 event a Live "Zoom" Party.

Our Special Children's Christmas Zoom Party will be held on
Saturday 27th November at 10.am.

Details for how to join the event will be on the invitations which will be given out closer to the event.

This years event will include all your favourites - Santa & Mrs Claus, Steve Bowen, performance dances from Confidance Studio, Skateboarding demos, lots of smiles, craft workshops, giant games and spot prizes. Each child will receive a gift as normal with delivery of the presents to be made in the week following the live event with pick ups available from the child's school, organisation or from a local collection point.

This party is for Special Needs Children who are physically or intellectually disabled, facing the challenge of a life threatening disease, in foster-care or child protection or children from underprivileged circumstances.

Eligible Children must be between the ages of 0 to 13 years.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY,

YOU MUST RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM TO SCHOOL

NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER, 2021.

Christmas party for Special Children 2021

Child/rens Name:

Age/s:..... **M/F**.....

Adults Name/s:.....



The Border Mail



Room 2 News

Laura B, Bec & Katrina

Room 2 have been exploring sensory play this week with lots of painting, water play, rice searching and washing toys taking place. We are learning about paper and creating many different birds using our handprints.



Helping Families to Beat Financial Hardship

With many Australian families doing it extra tough because of the pandemic, a new financial counselling service launched by Variety – the Children's Charity is here to help.

The Variety Financial Counselling Service is aimed at families in need with children of kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability.

Raising a child with a disability or illness can be expensive and creates pressures on families who face a unique set of financial circumstances – like high medical costs, specialised educational needs and home modifications – all on a reduced income due to their caring responsibilities.

In response to these complex issues, the free service can help families anywhere in Australia who are dealing with monetary stress and hardship.

"We know financial counselling is an identified need amongst families facing challenges, such as the cost of having a child or multiple children with chronic illness or disability, single parent households, inability to work due to being a carer, ineligibility for NDIS funding, loss of income or reliance on government assistance," explained Variety Queensland CEO, Steve Wakerley.

Variety's trained Financial Counsellors are equipped to offer help on everything from planning household budgets and managing debt, to negotiating with creditors, accessing utility grants, and providing Centrelink guidance.

"This new program presents an opportunity to create a real impact for

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Helping kids reach their full potential

At Variety, we are committed to ensuring all kids are given the opportunity to reach their full potential, no matter what their potential may be.

**STEVE WAKERLEY CEO
VARIETY QUEENSLAND.**

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Empowering families

Financial counselling is an important service to empower families to secure a sound financial foundation and can improve outcomes on a range of measures, including financial capability and consequently health and wellbeing

**JON O'MALLY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS
ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND.**

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families facing the high costs of raising a child with a disability,' said Jon O'Mally, the Executive Officer of Financial Counsellors Association of Queensland.

The free service, made possible by the support of the AMP Foundation, has been developed to assist with the future needs of a child with a disability or illness and their whole family. It is available around Australia via an internet/phone-based service.

The new financial counselling program is the latest in a series of initiatives created by Variety to support Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with a disability, when they need it most.

Other support services include equipment grants, scholarships and creating rewarding experiences through sports days, sports camps, and choirs, as well as providing educational experiences.



Free Financial Counselling and Advocacy

Variety's Financial Counsellors are qualified, independent professionals who offer a non-judgemental and confidential service for Australian families facing financial stress or hardship. They can help families to understand their financial rights and obligations, refer them on to specialist agencies for legal advice and dispute resolution and advocate on behalf of families where required.

Families in need with children up to the age of 17 years old who wish to access the service call 1300 012 164. Or go to variety.org.au/financialcounselling

EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL STRESS?



- Can't pay the bills?
- Unable to work due to caring?
- Rent's gone up?
- Credit cards out of control?

Variety's new financial counselling program is here to help

A new financial counselling program to support Australian families with kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability, has been launched by Variety – the Children's Charity.

Raising a child with a disability or illness can be expensive and cause financial strain for families due to high medical costs, specialised education needs or restricted income due to caring responsibilities.

This program is now available through Variety and is designed to help families experiencing financial stress or hardship. We can assist with managing debt, managing household budgets, negotiating

with creditors, providing Centrelink guidance, accessing utility grants and helping you to understand your financial rights and responsibilities. We can advocate on your behalf and can refer you to the right service to access legal advice and dispute resolution.

Financial Counsellors are qualified professionals who provide their services for free. They are independent, non-judgmental and confidential.

Families of children with a disability or illness up to 17 years of age needing this support, please call one of our financial counsellors on 1300 012 164 to access this free service.

CALL 1300 012 164 or scan the code below



The financial counselling program is one of many services offered by Variety to support Aussie kids who are sick, disadvantaged or living with disability when they need it most. Other support includes equipment grants, scholarships, experiences like sports days, sports camps and choirs, educational programs and more. We are committed to all kids having the ability to reach their full potential, no matter what that potential may be.



COVID VACCINATION CLINIC

Disability and Aged Care

UMFC's Aged and Disability Support Services are hosting a HealthCare Australia COVID vaccination clinic to provide the Pfizer vaccine to the persons 12 years and above meeting one of the following eligibility criteria: -

- NDIS participants and their paid / unpaid carers
- Aged Care staff members
- Health Care, Community Services, Disability Workers and Teachers at a specialist school
- Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders
- Family Members of any of the above

Clinic location: UMFC 76 Nordsvan Drive Wodonga

Appointments available 9am – 4.30pm:

Week 1: Monday 18th October to Friday 22nd (First dose)

Week 2: Monday 8th November to Friday 12th November (Second dose)

Persons who have already received their first dose are also invited to book in to receive their second dose.

Bookings are essential (no capacity for walk in bookings) and can be made via

Login <https://49264.covidhub.com.au>

QR Code scanning from your smart phone



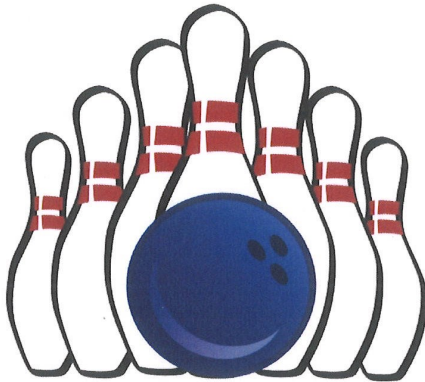
For information regarding venue access please contact Jan Bence, UMFC, 02 6057 8400

Bowling Fun – for under 31's

A social bowling group for young people who sometimes need support

(due to disability, shyness or lack of opportunity)

2 Sundays each month
(2nd and 4th Sundays)



At Wodonga Ten Pin Bowl
Sanyo Drive (new management)

Auto gutter guards available

Arrive from 1.45pm
Bowling starts at 2pm
\$12 for 2 games

The aim of this group is to meet other young people,
have some fun and get better at ten pin bowling

Please bring your own support person if required
This is a privately organised group – no formal supports provided

Our very first date is Sunday 14th February
Hope to see you there!!

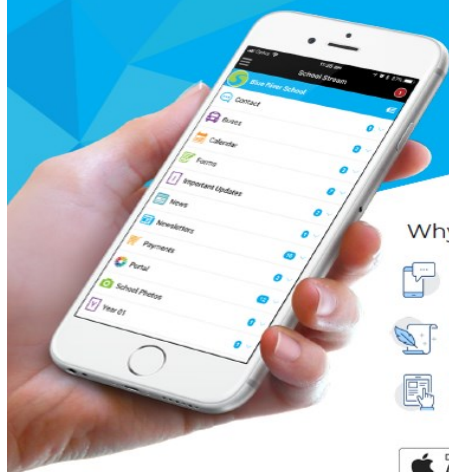


Sunday 14th February
Sunday 28th February
Sunday 14th March
Sunday 28th March
Sunday 11th April
Sunday 25th April
Sunday 9th May
Sunday 23rd May
Sunday 13th June
Sunday 27th June




Sunday 11th July
Sunday 25th July
Sunday 8th August
Sunday 22nd August
Sunday 12th September
Sunday 26th September
Sunday 10th October
Sunday 24th October
Sunday 14th November
Sunday 28th November

Please call the Centre on **60247022** or message Judith on **0402043730**
to book in with name and age of bowler
(no-one over 30 please)

Download our school app for free!



Why download the app?

-  Receive instant notifications for important news.
-  Easily register absentees and excursions.
-  Keep up to date with events and set reminders.



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.
2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.
3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



Book Club LOOP




LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the **LOOP**, speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to **scholastic.com.au/LOOP**

or  

Follow these **easy** steps!

1. Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
 2. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.
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- LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?   
3. Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
 4. All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

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



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.

Athletics Carnival Houses

Surnames between

A-D = Red -Mitta

E-K = Green -Murray

L-Q = Blue -Kiewa

R-Z = Yellow -Hume

October 28th