Issue 32 21st October, 2021 **Belvoir Special School Newsletter**

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Welcome to Week 3 of Term 4.

Earlier this week there was a lovely change in the weather. It has been great to see all the students out in their broad brimmed hats. Students and staff have been guick to locate the sunscreen to ensure everyone is ready to enjoy the sunshine.

DATES TO REMEMBER **Athletics Carnival**

Friday 28th October

Pupil Free Day Monday 8th November Thursday 16th December Friday 17th December

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

Dyson's Bus Numbers: BUS 1: 0408 691 885 BUS 2: 0417041196 BUS 3: 0407563474 BUS 4: 0408698635 Belvoir Bus: 0431756813 Thank you to students, families, and carers for ensuring everyone has the equipment they need to be Sun Smart.

Tomorrow we will finally have all students back on site. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

MAINTAINING CONNECTION

As we continue to work our way through the pandemic, I want to remind everyone that it is very important for your child/ren's development, that you make contact and let us know of any changes to family life, loses, illness, future plans that may be affecting your child/ren or just to touch base to see how things are going. We can offer support and have a deeper level of understanding if we are aware of any changes. I encourage everyone to please feel free to contact your child's teacher directly if you need a chat. These continue to be uncertain times and we are here to support you and your child.

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.

VALE DENNIS HANILY 11.11.1944– 15.10.2021



Families,

It is with great sorrow that I write to inform you of the passing of Dennis Hanily who retired earlier this year. Dennis had been the bus driver of the Belvoir bus run and had worked at the school for over 20 years. He has always been passionate about the school and always had a smile on his face and time for a chat whenever he was around our staff and students.

Staff and families have many fond memories of Dennis over his many years at Belvoir and we will be forever grateful for his love and selfless dedication to his job.

Our deepest sympathies go out to his family at this time and for those who are

effected by his passing.



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 $37.5^{\circ}C$) •

a cough

a runny nose

a sore throat

muscle ache

If your child is unwell or showing symptoms, please stay at home and get tested.

We ask staff and families to contact the school if directed to get tested or isolate.

Unfortunately, we currently have a number of Covid 19 cases in the community. We ask families to please keep yourself up to date with the latest list of exposure sites at: Victoria: <u>http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/case-alerts-public...</u>

NSW: <u>https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/.../case-locations-and...</u>

A reminder that Australia's COVID-19 response management is led by each State Health Department. Locally this means that:

- If a COVID case is detected in **Victoria**, the <u>Victorian Department of Health</u> and <u>Albury Wodonga Health</u> manage the COVID-19 contact tracing process and exposure sites.
- If a COVID case is detected in **NSW**, <u>NSW Health</u> and <u>Murrumbidgee Local Health</u> <u>District</u> manage the COVID-19 contact tracing process and exposure sites.

We again thank our community for their ongoing support, encouragement and understanding as we work together to follow the restrictions and road map.

Please stay safe and well,

Pennie Moffat

<u>Christmas Party for Special Children 2021</u>

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 to13years.

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.

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Christmas party for Special Children 2021

Child/rens Name:

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

Adults Name/s:....





Room 🔒 News

Amy, Kyandra & Scott

Room 3 have done well settling back in this term.

We have been focusing on recounts through stories and cooking for literacy.

In maths they have been exploring different counting strategies.

They have been doing a fantastic job at sharing and working with others during activities in the classroom.











Room 11 News

Courtney, Kylie, Fiona





<u>Room 11</u>

It has been wonderful these last two weeks to get back to some face-to-face learning in room 11.

We have been focusing on adjectives in literacy, where students have been adding describing words to their photos to make a display for the classroom.

In maths we have been looking at different patterns and how 'repeated addition' can help us understand multiplication.

During these last few days of learning from home, we have also been focusing on finishing the last of our seesaw activities.

Well done room 11 for a great return to school!











Room 13 News

Anthea, Christin & Rikki

Here is a sample of some of the work that Room 13 students have been completing during remote learning. We have been completing tasks to identify different nouns, identify and count money and to identify our feelings each day. We are excited to be coming back to school full time and being able to engage back in our normal learning programs.

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A		cupcake	wet jump
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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 <u>https://49264.covidhub.com.au</u> 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 21th 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 26th October Sunday 24th October Sunday 24th November Sunday 28th November

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







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

<u>Surnames between</u>

A-D = Red -Mitta

- E-K = Green Murray
 - L-Q = Blue Kiewa

R-Z= Yellow -Hume

October 28th