

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



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It has been a very busy time. I would like to start by thanking staff and families for all their patience and support over the last two days as we have worked through the contact tracing and notification process.

I would like to confirm that all personal close contacts (PCC) have now been notified and the school will be open on Monday.

Unfortunately, not all staff and students will be returning on Monday as we still have many who will be in quarantine. Our thought are with these students and staff and their families during this challenging time. Please note over the next few weeks there will be ongoing staff changes as many of our staff are supporting their own families to quarantine. This may impact your child's classroom program. We thank you for your understanding and support as we all navigate through the next couple of weeks.

Today is world teachers' day. I would like to acknowledge all the amazing teachers we have at Belvoir. Thank you for all the time, support and dedication to our students, families and our community. You are all brilliant!!

Pennie Moffat

Athletes Carnival

Unfortunately the Athletes carnival has been Postponed to later in the Term. We will update you on the new date shortly .

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil Free Day

Monday 8th November

Thursday 16th December

Friday 17th December

La-De-Dah Day

Tuesday 2nd November

School Photos

Tuesday 9th 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

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408 691 885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Today Victoria is celebrating World Teachers' Day. This is a chance to recognise and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers have made in Victorian communities.

This year, Victorian teachers have continued to show their resilience, leadership and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Teachers have adapted their learning environments, supported their students and school communities, and continue to share their knowledge with students across the state.

World Teachers' Day 2021 is an opportunity to celebrate the teachers who are making, or have made, an impact on our lives.

Whether you're a current student, have children in school, or have been out of school for many years, World Teachers' Day is a chance to say, 'thank you'.

Nominate a teacher for an award or recognition

Do you know a teacher who deserves recognition for their hard work?

Teachers across Victoria have taught and supported their communities during bushfires and other natural hazards, and now through a global pandemic. Australian Honours recognise outstanding individuals who have contributed to their community or profession.

It's easy to nominate someone for Australian Honours and it's a great way to recognise their effort, talent and dedication.

To find out more about nominating visit:

- [Order of Australia](#)
- [Recognition Matters](#)



COVID TESTING

Families,

We have been in communication with the local health systems to identify testing options when a family member **can not** access the local testing sites.

In this situation you can:

Options for appointment times:

- NSW: Call Murrumbidgee Local Health District on **1800 831 099**. Please explain your needs and reasons why you need an appointment time. They will be able to book you in at an appropriate site. Let them know of any strategies who think might be needed. <https://www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/our-services/covid-19-services/covid-19-testing-clinics>
- Victoria: Call to test **Victoria** for in-home testing, for Victorian residents only. If you cannot leave the house. They may be a delay in the time between calling and receiving a test. <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/call-to-test-covid-19>.

How do I access this service?

Call the coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline on **1800 675 398** and select option 4 and then option 5 to see if you are eligible for this service. If you need an interpreter, please press 0 when you call the hotline.



BELVOIR SPECIAL SCHOOL

La-De-Dah Day

FANCY DRESS

Dress up in your best race gear for our Covid friendly parade, prizes to be won.

Tuesday 2nd of November 2021

Unfortunately no families allowed

Wellbeing Dog

Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that I can announce that at the start of 2022, Belvoir will welcome a new member to our school community. As a school, we have certainly felt the void of not having Fawn on site with us and we felt that a new companion was needed. Through Grant Shannon and the Dogs Connect Program we have secured a Groodle Puppy that will start with us next year. Staff will be undertaking specialised training to make sure that our new Wellbeing Dog is as successful as possible in supporting all members of the school community.

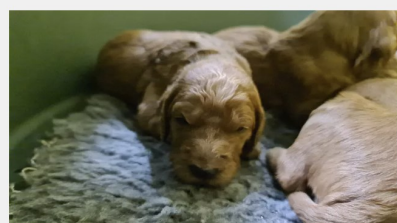
On Wednesday (27/10/21) there was an information flyer sent home with students. Contained in this flyer was a checklist and a naming competition entry. If these could both be returned to the office as soon as possible that would be very much appreciated.

If there are any questions or concerns around the program, please direct your inquiries to Andrew, who will be overseeing the program.

Please keep an eye out in the newsletter and seesaw for announcements about our new School Dog. Early next week a video will be posted on seesaw providing some insight into 'The Dogs Connect Program'.

Below are photos of the litter that was born on the 3/10/21.

Update 20.10.21



Room 4 News

Eleanor, Clare E & Nicole

We are super happy to be back at school this Term, and have enjoyed spending some time sharing our favourite activities with our friends.

A particularly enjoyable experience has been adding a new recipe into the Room 4 Recipe Book each Fun Friday! We are enjoying trying new foods for lunch each Friday and are excited to practice making the recipes from our recipe book with our families over the summer holidays.



This Term in Room 4 will be all about settling back into our school routines after a long time spent at home! We will be continuing to practice the key learning that we have done this year, and will be getting ready for some big transitions that will be happening in a few weeks. We will also begin exploring different celebrations from around the world, before we begin celebrating Christmas together. We are very excited to have a fun Term 4 with all our friends and teachers at school.



Room 7 News

David, Claire K & Jo A

Welcome back to school, Room 7! We have been sorting items into recycling and rubbish and learning about where all our plastic bottles come from and where they go. We have been reading about some very influential people - Greta Thunberg, Evonne Goolagong and Coco Chanel. In Maths, we have been creating and completing patterns, organising and sequencing events, and practicing skip counting.



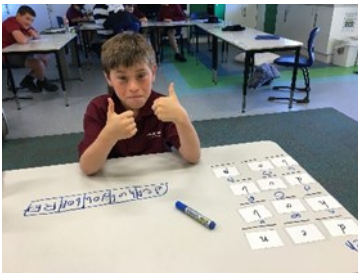
Noah making a comic



Zones Check-In as a team



William playing maths games



Big thumbs up from Rex



William blowing at the bike track



Dylan drawing with chalk



Charlie reading about Evonne Goolagong

Room 14 News

Ellissa, Tracy & Majella

Room 14 and Room 16 have been busy since returning to school full time. Last week we budgeted for and then made a yummy chicken carbonara. This week, we went to the Life Skills House. In small groups we took turns to bake a cake, weed the garden and clean areas of the house. We have really enjoyed working together with both classes.



Sibling Photo Package Details

Deluxe Pack

\$36



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2 x 12.7 x 8.9cm



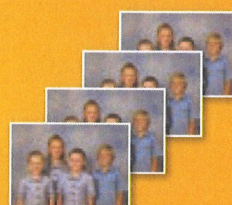
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Value Pack

\$30



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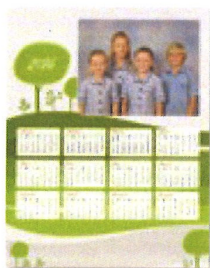


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* Only available when purchasing one of the packs listed above.

Gift Pack* All 7 items

\$10



1 x Photo Calendar
25.4 x 20.3cm



4 x 6.4 x 4.6cm



2 x Photo Gift Tags
6.4 x 12.7cm


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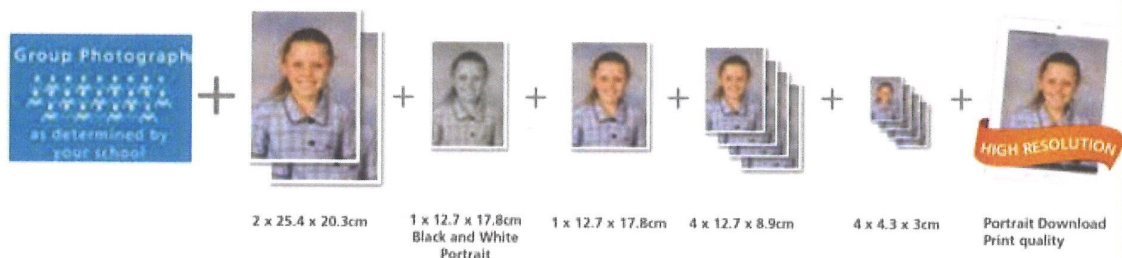
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School Photo Day - 2021

Individual package details

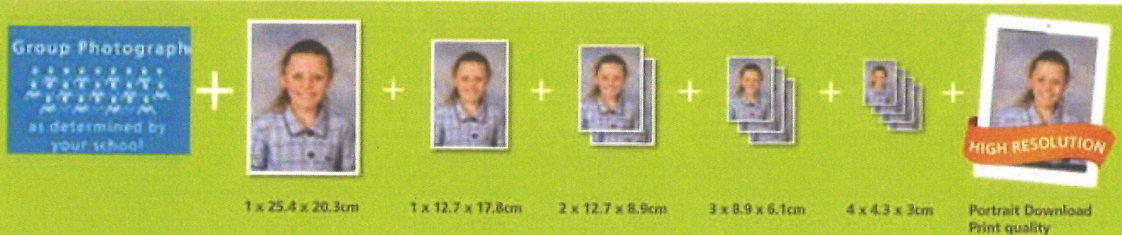
Premium Pack

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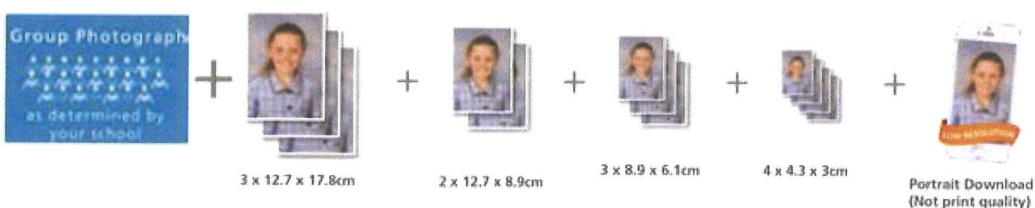
Classic Pack

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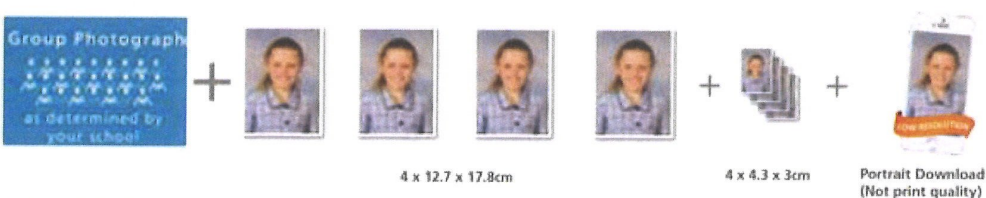
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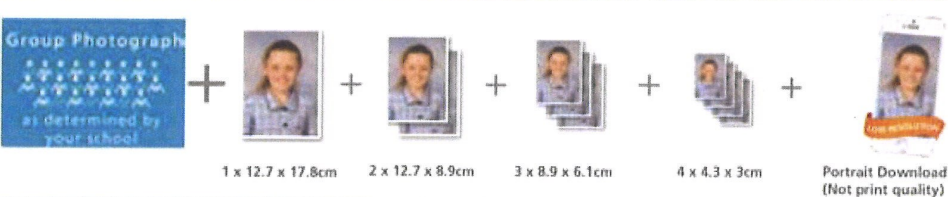
Essential Pack

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Basic Pack

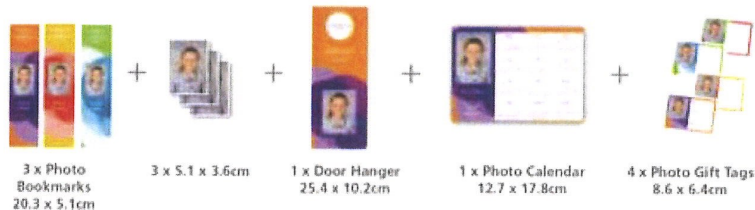
\$38



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Gift Pack*

All 12 Items



\$10

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Class
Group
Photo
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

My child has lost their order form, so I don't have their shootkey. What should I do?

If you are planning to pay using cash, pick up a spare envelope from your school's administration. If you would like to order online, please call us on 03 5482 3190 and we can provide you with your child's unique shootkey.

My child never received an order form or shootkey.

This is likely because your child was a new student or late enrolment. Please call our office on 03 5482 3190 and we will issue you one immediately.

My partner and I have separated. Can we both order photos?

Of course. Simply use the same shootkey to order for your child. Any students with multiple orders processed will have their photographs delivered to the front office of the school to ensure orders are sent home to the correct parent.

How do I order a family photo?

Most schools will have been sent family order forms attached to the eldest child of each family. These forms are orange on the back. If you have not received an order form, please pick up a spare from your school's administration.

I didn't receive an order reference number, but the money has been taken out of my bank account.

Your order has been automatically received by our system. Simply send your child to school on photo day with their order form as normal.

I can't pay today. Will I still be able to get photos?

Of course. All students will have their portrait taken regardless of whether you are purchasing photos or not. Online ordering will remain open for 3 calendar days after photo day. If you are still unable to order in this time frame, please contact us and we will endeavor to help you out.



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





26/10/2021

Dear School Community,

Wodonga VIP Sale Postponed

We had sent a letter yesterday advising that we would be holding our Wodonga store's Annual VIP Sale in early November. Unfortunately, given the increase in Covid cases across schools in the Albury-Wodonga area, we've decided that it would be safest for us and the community to postpone the sale for now. While we would love to be able to hold the sale, we want to ensure we're keeping the school communities that we work with as safe as we can.

We're hoping that we'll be able to hold the sale before the end of the school year, but at this stage we won't be confirming any new sale dates. In order to keep our customers and staff safe, we believe it's best for us to wait and see how these cases progress before committing to a new sale period.

We'll be keeping an eye on the cases, and will keep you updated as soon as we've decided on the new sale dates. We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience or confusion caused by the change, and hope that you're all keeping safe!

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms



Expression of interest for Before and After School Care

LiveBetter Albury is seeking expressions of interest for Before and After School Care for children with disability.

ELIGIBILITY: Children aged between 5 - 18 years with NDIS core funding.

SUPPORT RATIOS: We will work with you and tailor supports and ratios based on your child's individual needs. LiveBetter staff are passionate, experienced and have completed relevant qualifications to work with children.

WILL LIVEBETTER PROVIDE FOOD? LiveBetter will provide healthy snacks for children who attend Before and After School Care. Families are required to contribute \$1.50 per day towards the cost of food. Please let us know if your child has any allergies or dietary requirements.

DAYS AND TIMES: Monday to Friday (*LiveBetter provides accessible transport*)
Morning: 6.30am - 9.30am, plus transport to school
Afternoon: 2.30pm - 6.30pm, plus transport for pick up from school

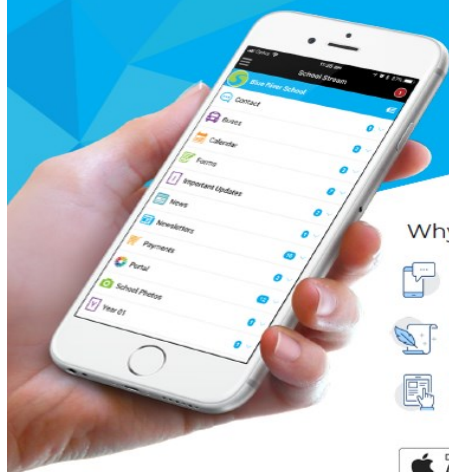
LOCATION: LiveBetter, 432 Townsend Street, Albury

TO ENQUIRE OR REGISTER YOUR INTEREST:




Phone Emma on 0436 801 075 or
email Emma-kate.Charlton@livebetter.org.au

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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 **L**inked **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.
- 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.

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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.

La-De-Dah Day

Tuesday 2nd
of November