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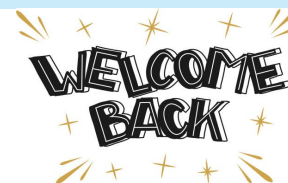
Issue 01

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# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690



Welcome back students, parents and carers!

Firstly, can I extend a warm welcome back to the 2022 school year to all of our new and existing families! We are all so pleased to be back at our wonderful school, working with your children, and incredibly proud of the way all students have managed to return to school and exhibit the same high standards of respectful language, safe behaviour and dedication to learning we have come to expect from them. I certainly hope you all had a safe and festive Christmas season.

## Staffing

We have a bunch of new staff in 2022!! Eight new teaching staff and 3 education support staff have commenced with us this year. In Yellow Pod we welcome Clare H to Room 3 and Emily to Room 5, in Green Pod Tonia to Room 12 and Danielle to Room 7; while in Purple Pod we welcome Josh to Room 13, Matt in Room 16 and Sue Vapor back from family leave to work with Felicity in Room 17 and Jamie as their new ES. In Orange Pod, we welcome Tony to room 22, Jake in room 24 and Amber who will be working with Brad in room 19. In our Allied Health, we welcome Ebony Speech Therapist. Finally, I would like to acknowledge some staff who started during term four, these are Mikaela Speech Pathologist, Tayla Occupational Therapist and Todd Physical Education teacher.

On another note, Beth, Jamay both from Orange Pod and Ebony F from Yellow Pod are currently on leave as they prepare for the addition of a new member of their family. While Candace, our physical education teacher in 2021 welcomed a new baby to her family in early January. Kim from Purple Pod on leave this term.

Since the end of the 2021 school year, several of our staff have accepted new positions for 2022. We wish teachers David Cooper and Mr Ross Haywood all the best in their new roles in 2022. Due to the timing of these staffing changes, we have commenced the 2022 school year working towards finalising the recruitment process for these positions.

## Student Support Group Meetings

As always at the start of the school year, we ask that all parents and carers take the time to meet with classroom staff to set goals for the year and discuss important information for the coming school year. These meetings are due to take place in two weeks time and are an excellent opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and have input into their 2022 Individual Learning Plan. These meetings will be held over the phone or online. Please keep an eye out for information regarding these meetings.

*Pennie Moffat*  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Swimming Carnival - March 11th

## School Council Meetings

Finance - Friday 11th Feb 9am

General - 16th Feb 6pm

Finance - 4th March

General - 16th March

## Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

Deb ball training will recommence on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15 to 4pm. This year's deb ball has been booked for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April (final day of term 1).

Thank you for your support!

# ROOM 1

## Cas & Claire

Room 1 has had a fantastic start to term one. We love having fun together, and have been learning about our names and our favourite things.

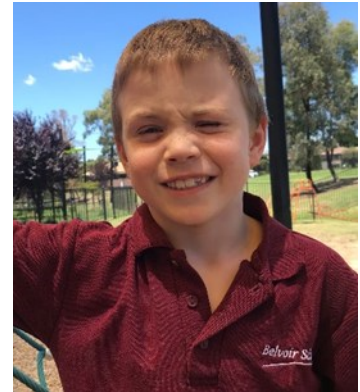
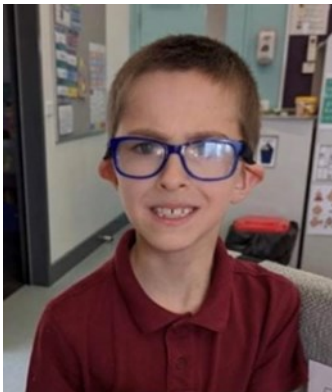
This week we have been sharing the story 'Brown Bear, Brown bear, what do you see?' We have enjoyed identifying all of the animals in the story and learning about colours as well.

We have enjoyed singing songs together and especially enjoy our counting songs.

In the afternoons we have been singing a song about what being thankful for our families and our friends.

We are looking forward to sharing some photos of our work so far on SeeSaw as soon as we get all of our permission forms back.

From the Room 1 Team: Cas P & Claire E





**Belvoir Special School**

"Together we can"

# Belvoir COVID 19 Vaccination Clinic

Friday 11/02/2022

This clinic will provide a vaccination service to Belvoir students aged 5-11 years as well as older students, school staff, school families and carers.

We will be providing Pfizer Vaccine only for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd dose.

Appointments will start from 9.00am

PLEASE ENSURE STUDENT'S PAPERWORK IS AT THE SCHOOL BY

WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022.

If you require consent forms to be sent home, please contact the office.

What you need to bring:

- proof of identity like your licence,
- completed consent form and
- Medicare card.

Please make sure you eat as per usual before coming for your vaccination.

Please find attached the PFIZER Vaccination fact sheet for you information.

**PLEASE RING THE OFFICE**

**02 60598987**

**TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME**

**WE NEED TO INDICATE NUMBERS BY COB TUESDAY.**



# ROOM 7

Danielle & Jo

It was lovely meeting all the students in Room 7 this week!

We had lots of fun doing some getting to know you through activities and playing team building games. A firm favourite enjoyed by all was Bingo!

Everyone settled in beautifully and we look forward to continue learning together.



Celebrating Charlie's Birthday



Ella wearing a necklace she made in class

# ROOM 13

## Josh & Claire

This week in Room 13 we have been learning all about our classroom routines. The students have been very productive in reading, writing and maths and have been working hard to show their knowledge through Essential Assessment.

Highlights of the week include art with Naomi, learning about data in maths and starting to earn some 'Class Cash'. The Room 13 shop will be open this Friday where the students will be able to spend their savings from the week.



Caitlin and Sienna showing off their highly sought after 'Class Cash'.

The class has had a great week getting to know each other as well as their new teacher Josh and ES Claire.



Denhem and Kaiden completing their Essential Assessment on our maths topic 'Data'.



# ROOM 19



Brad, Amber, Pam & Brenda

Students from Room 19 have been working well together this week to make the classroom a safe, comfortable and inviting space by rearranging furniture and enjoying the comforts of a new fluffy rug, soft bean bags and cushions within the “chill out zone”.

Words from the students are that they have enjoyed meeting new teachers, making new friends, being back in the school environment and being around their peers this week.

Here is a photo of our “chill out zone” which is a work in progress!



# RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING REQUIREMENTS

All testing must be completed at home before school with parents/carers reporting any **POSITIVE** Test results to:

Belvoir Special School [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:(02)60598987) with the following details:

- o Name of Student
- o Date of Test

- State Departments – depending on whether you live in Victoria or NSW:
  - o Victorian Department of Health:
    - [Report a Positive Rapid Antigen Tests](#) - Coronavirus Victoria website, or Coronavirus Hotline 1800 675 398 as soon as possible.
  - o Service NSW:
    - Register it on [service.nsw.gov.au](https://service.nsw.gov.au) or the Service NSW app as soon as possible.

**THE SCHOOL DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY NOTIFICATION OF NEGATIVE RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS.**

For the latest information from a positive result after undertaking a Rapid Antigen Test:

- [Victoria Rapid Antigen Tests](#)
- [NSW COVID-19 Testing & Self-Isolating](#)

## RECOVERED COVID CASES


Anyone who has recovered from COVID-19 is exempt from testing and quarantine requirements if they are reexposed to a case within 30 days of testing positive. This includes not completing rapid antigen tests as you may still test positive while shedding the virus but you are no longer contagious / infectious.

# Bookclub 2022

Issue 1 Book club brochures are being distributed early next week and orders are due back by Friday 18th February.

For our new foundation parents and new parents to the school wanting to order books, there is 2 options....

- 1: Student order form from brochure to be handed into school with money.
- 2: Online ordering with the LOOP App, credit card/ debit card.



**Book Club LOOP**  
The **EASIEST** way for parents to order and pay for Book Club!

**Parents: Are you registered for LOOP?**  
**LOOP** is the easiest way for you to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order, if you wish to pay by credit card.

Parents who are registered for **LOOP** receive exclusive sneak peeks, downloads and offers throughout the school year—don't miss out!

**BONUS!**

Head to [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) and register today!

 SCHOLASTIC

The advertisement features a blue header with the 'Book Club LOOP' title and a circular logo on the right that says 'More Kids Reading More'. Below the header, the text explains that LOOP is the easiest way to order and pay online. A 'BONUS!' graphic with a starburst effect is placed next to the text about exclusive sneak peeks. At the bottom, there is an illustration of two children reading books and the Scholastic logo.





02/02/2022

Dear School Community,

### Temporary Changes to Opening Hours

We'd like to advise you that due to some staff availability concerns, we will be temporarily reducing our opening hours. While we've done our best to reduce the impact as much as we can, there will be changes to our Wednesday trading hours. We'll be working to resolve the staffing issues as soon as possible, so that we can reopen to our full trading hours as soon as we can.

Until these shortages are resolved, our Wodonga store will be open during the following hours:

<i>Monday</i>	9:30am to 4:30pm
<i>Tuesday</i>	9:30am to 4:30pm
<i>Wednesday</i>	<b>1:30pm</b> to 4:30pm
<i>Thursday</i>	9:30am to 4:30pm
<i>Friday</i>	9:30am to 4:30pm

If there are any further changes, we'll notify you as soon as we've identified them. We'd like to apologise for any inconveniences, and thank you for your understanding.

Kind regards,

Beleza School Uniforms

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

### CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – General eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or carer of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one
  - on the first day of Term two
- a) be a holder of one or more of the eligible financially-means tested cards **OR** be a temporary foster parent, and;
- b) submit an application to the school by the due date.

For the list of eligible financially-means tested cards refer to the CSEF Policy:  
<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/policy>

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 the above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Special Consideration

A special consideration category exists for

- Families on a bridging visa, temporary protection visa, in community detention or are asylum seeker families
- Students in temporary out of home care arrangements, including statutory kinship care

For more information, see <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund/guidance/eligibility>

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/carers concession card being validated successfully with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (31 January 2022) or term two (26 April 2022).

## 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](http://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/carers 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/CARER 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 temporary 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.

If you are seeking special consideration, mark this in the form and provide a copy of the relevant documentation.

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 2022 closes on the 24 June 2022.



## CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

### Parent/carer details

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-    -    -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)\*\*

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

\*\*Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

### Student details

Student's surname	Student'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 Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH 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 DFFH 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 DFFH 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

## **Belvoir Special School Swimming Carnival**

4<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

### **RE: Permission letter**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Belvoir's annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2022 at the Albury Swim Centre. On the day students will need to wear swimmers, sun smart hat and sunscreen. Students will be bussed to and from the carnival, leaving the school at approximately 9:30am and returning 2:30pm.

**Please note:** To ensure the safety of all students, parents /carers of students in prep classes **must** attend on the day to assist with your child's supervision.

A free sausage sizzle will be provided for students at lunch and the pool canteen will be open throughout the day to purchase snacks. The pool will also open their slide to students throughout the day and again with your written permission your child can use this facility.

Please complete the following permission slip and return to the **office** no later than **Friday 28th February 2022**.

Regards,

Todd Richardson

PE Specialist & Sports Coordinator

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I \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for my child/children \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the annual swimming carnival at the Albury Swim Centre on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 2022. I also give permission for my child/children to be bussed to and from the venue.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

I also give permission for my child/children to use the slide on the day of the carnival.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_