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# Belvoir Special School Newsletter

38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690



Dear parents, carers & friends,

We have finally arrived at end of term one and what an amazing term it has been. This week has been extremely busy with many rooms hosting performances to showcase their musical skills. It has been wonderful to see how proud and accomplished our students have become.

On Wednesday, our primary students had a hat parade. Students over the last two weeks have been designing and making hats. It was wonderful to see all the students coming together to share their designs and creativity. It was a fantastic celebration and the first for our students in a very long time.

Secondary students hosted their first students versus teachers competition as part of their end of term celebrations. The spectators had a wonderful time cheering the players on. There is a small clip on our Facebook page if you would like to catch some of the action.

Tonight, some of our graduates and orange pod students will be making their Deb. This event has been a long time in planning. I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard to ensure this event could happen. Special acknowledgement to the tireless work of the Deb Committee - Amanda Shaw, Cindy Elkington, Kellie Perry and Bron Lehmann. Tonight, we will see these amazing students shine and finally see the fruits of their labour. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for highlights of this event.

Despite the continued challenges of COVID and its impact, the staff this term have stepped up to these challenges by showing flexibility and resilience and demonstrating their professionalism and dedication to our students and school as they support each student to learn and grow. I wish them all a safe and restful holiday.

To our families, thank you for all your hard work and support this term. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term.

**REMINDER: FIRST DAY OF TERM 2, 2022 IS WEDNESDAY, 27TH APRIL.**

## BELVOIR CRAZY HAT PARADE



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Debutante Ball - April 8th

Last Day of Term - April 8th

Curriculum Day - April 26th

First Day Term 2 - April 27th

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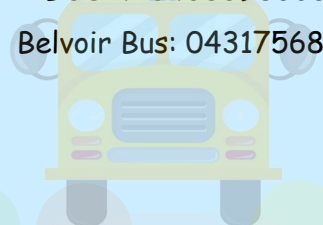
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# ROOM 4 NEWS

Mel & Clare M

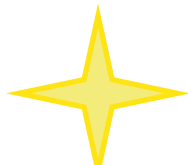
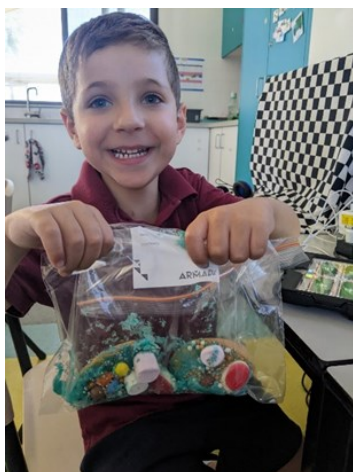


Room 4 has had such a busy term 1!

In week 9 we welcomed Mel as our new teacher in our room, we have all enjoyed getting to know her and we cannot wait to see what the rest of the year will bring.

This week we have enjoyed making our Easter hats for our Easter hat parade, we also did some biscuit decorating and have been reading 'The Magic Hat' by Mem Fox.

This term we have visited Nara in the life skills house and she has been having visiting our room. We have learnt how to be calm and how to interact with her safely while she is in our class. We hope everyone has a lovely Easter and a relaxing break.





# ROOM 10 NEWS

Katey & Shannen

We can't believe it is the end of Term already! What a busy term it has been. We have enjoyed looking at different procedures and following them. We have planted seeds and looked after them and now they are starting to grow! We have tried many recipes and enjoyed making and tasting healthy smoothies, Yum!

During math we have been learning about data. We have collected data on people's favourite colours, fruit and chip flavour... Salt and Vinegar was a big favourite of everyone's. We have then used that data to create different graphs to represent the information we have gathered.

We also enjoyed making crazy hats and participating in the parade with Yellow Pod, displaying our artistic talent. We are looking forward to the holidays and then ready to come back for a fun Term 2.



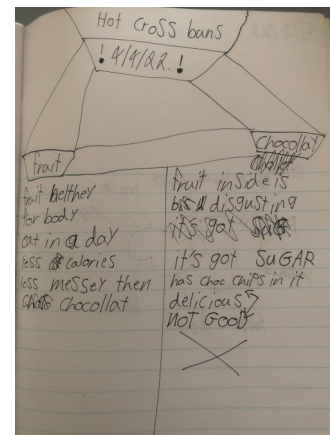
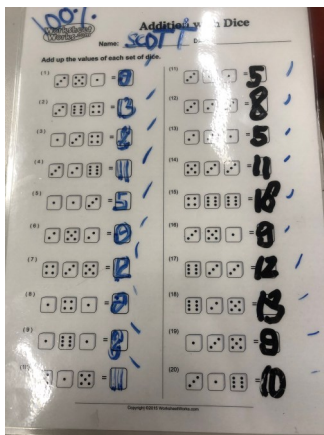
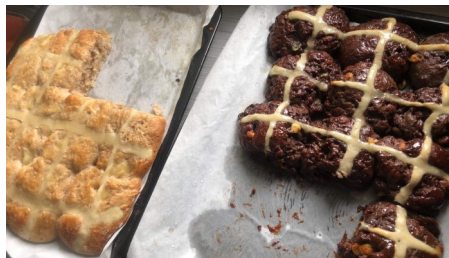
# ROOM 16 NEWS

Anthea, Christin & Matt

This term during Food Technology students have been learning about how things grow with yeast. Over the last few weeks we have made pizza, cheese and bacon rolls, hamburgers and rolls and rounded out the term with two different types of Hot Cross Buns - apple and cinnamon and chocolate choc chip.

In Literacy we have also started trying to persuade others with our opinions on topics of interest such as which type of Hot Cross Buns are better.

In Maths we have moved on to addition and regrouping on numbers when adding numbers over 10.

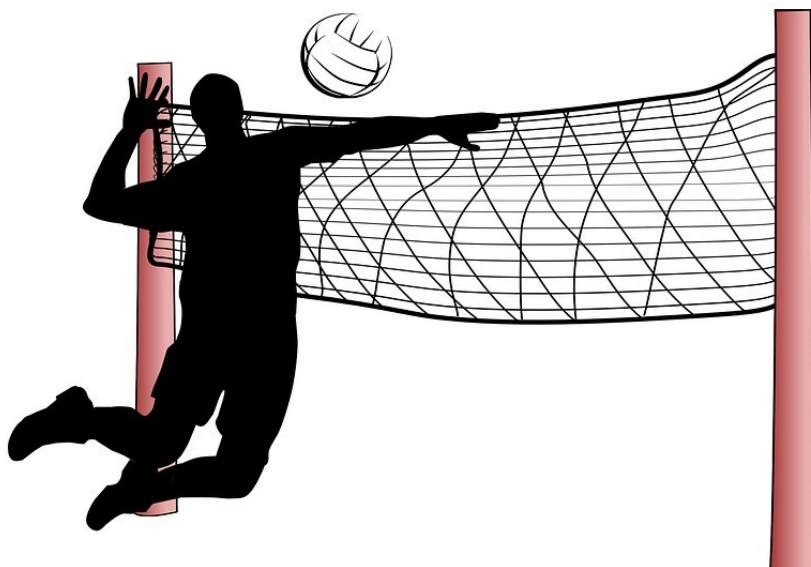




During Physical Education sessions here at Belvoir Special School, students have been looking at the game of Volleyball.

Learning the 3 main shots used, dig, set and spike, students have participated in skill development activities and some minor games. They have been slowly building towards modified games of Volleyball.

Student engagement has been brilliant to see, with many students taking to the game and enjoying many of the aspects, such as spatial awareness and team work, that Volleyball has to offer.



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your work in ensuring schools remained safe during Term 1.

The Victorian Government has announced it is extending the RAT screening program for the first 4 weeks of Term 2. Thank you to all students and families who have played their role in regularly testing – we know that hasn't been easy.

Your work has seen COVID-19 cases being picked up at the earliest opportunity, meaning less cases in our school and more time in the classroom for our students.

The testing recommendations will remain the same next Term for students and staff with:

- Mainstream schools – recommended to test at home twice a week
- Specialist schools – recommended to test 5 days a week at home due to the higher risk of severe illness for medically vulnerable children

Rapid Antigen Tests will be sent home with students at the start of Week 1 and Week 3 of Term 2.

As we approach winter and flu season, the vaccination of children aged 5 to 11 and booster shots for students 16+ remains the best way to ensure protection for students and staff. The Easter break is a good opportunity to get your child vaccinated ahead of this, with many options across GPs, pharmacies and the state run vaccination clinics.

If you have any concerns or worries about getting your child vaccinated, please get in contact with your GP or another health professional who can answer your concerns.

Thank you again for all your support over Term 1, we couldn't have done it without you.

Kind regards,



Pennie Moffat

Principal

Belvoir Special School



# Friends of Willow Park Inc.

Educating and involving the community in protecting, preserving and valuing parklands

The Friends of Willow Park  
Invite you to a

## **A Platypus Information Night**

When: Monday, 2 May

At: The German Austrian Australian Club  
McFarland Road, Wodonga West

Commencing: 7pm.

## **Help Monitor Albury-Wodonga's Platypus**



Do you want to help monitor platypus numbers in Murray River and other waterways in the Albury-Wodonga region as part of an exciting project that seeks to conserve this iconic species? Friends of Willow Park is working with the Australian Platypus Conservancy (APC) to launch an innovative new program that uses 'next generation' citizen science to keep track of local platypus populations.



Presenter on the night, Geoff Williams is the Director of the Conservancy who will highlight the features that make the platypus so special, explain its conservation needs and how to go about helping these animals. He'll then give some hints on how to spot platypus in the wild and outline the possibilities for becoming involved in monitoring.

Australian Platypus Conservancy



For more information and bookings, Contact Bart Citroen on: 0419 390 329



## North Albury (All Abilities) Auskick Centre

### **Season information**

**NAB AFL Auskick - Community, 2022**

30 Apr 2022 - 20 Aug 2022

Ages

**5 - 12 Years Old**

Registrations are now open for the 2022 Auskick season.

This Auskick Centre's total price is \$100

Registration Link:

[Register | PlayHQ](#)

Active Kids Voucher Link:

[Active Kids voucher | Service NSW](#)

### **Additional information**

**North Albury Auskick All Abilities** Centre will run on: SATURDAY MORNING / 09:30 - 10:30 at ALEXANDER PARK, EAST ALBURY

The Season is 30th April to 20th August consisting of 15 sessions (above and beyond the minimum 8 sessions you pay for as part of Auskick).

For more information, please contact Judd Waters on 0432 921 061

Or email: [northalburyauskick@gmail.com](mailto:northalburyauskick@gmail.com)





## Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

Our school has registered again to take part in the 'Wonder Rewards Recycling Program'.

This means you can start saving your empty bread bags, including:

Bread roll bags, wrap bags, hot cross bun bags, etc.

**Boxes will arrive in the coming weeks, so please keep your bags at home until further notice.**

**IMPORTANT:** Please ensure all bags are clean, by emptying out the breadcrumbs and ensuring there is no residue or food left in them.

Bread tags also need to be removed and can be recycled (if cardboard).

**Plastic bread tags** can be saved and brought into the school to be passed onto the organisation 'Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs'. They have collection points all across the country, including two in Wodonga. For more information, click the link- <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>

**Don't forget to ask your family, friends and neighbours to collect bread bags  
and plastic bread tags for you as well!**

Hope we collect as much as we possibly can to help our environment and the world we live in.

Happy recycling everyone!!!

For more information, go to- [www.wonder.com.au/wonder-recycling-rewards](http://www.wonder.com.au/wonder-recycling-rewards)

Your support is much appreciated.

**Jo Fraser**





# WONDER IS TURNING BREAD BAGS INTO SCHOOL\* PLAY EQUIPMENT!

## DID YOU KNOW...

In Australia, only 18%\*\* of plastics that  
can be recycled, are recycled?

That's a tiny number we want to help grow,  
and we need your help to make it happen!

### We've created Wonder Recycling Rewards

- a fun and easy program for Aussie schools\* to collect bread bags that  
might otherwise go to landfill.

Once collected, Wonder is going to turn the plastic into wonderful things  
like school\* play equipment!

All registered schools\* can earn rewards points to spend on new sports equipment,  
simply by collecting bread bags and sending them back to us.

**PLUS** registered schools\* will go into the draw to  
**WIN an exercise circuit** made from recycled plastic.





## How it works

1. Schools\* register† and receive a personalised starter pack with everything they need to start collecting.  
**PLUS**, they go into the draw to **WIN an exercise circuit** made from recycled plastic we collect.
2. Schools\* collect bread bags into collection bins supplied by us, and post them back to us for free.
3. For every 5kg bin filled, schools\* earn reward points redeemable for new sports equipment^.



## How you can help your school\*?

Get in contact with someone from your kid's school and encourage them to visit our website [wonder.com.au/wonder-recycling-rewards](http://wonder.com.au/wonder-recycling-rewards) for more info and to sign up! OR schools should have all received an invitation to participate from RHSports, if they have this, they can click through directly from the email to complete the registration form. Remind them that once they sign up, they will receive everything they need to get started – it's that easy!

Once schools\* receive the personalised starter kit they can commence collection and visit [rhsports.com.au/wonderrecyclingrewards](http://rhsports.com.au/wonderrecyclingrewards) to stay up to date with the schools rewards points.

For more information visit [wonder.com.au](http://wonder.com.au)

### The Wonder Recycling Rewards team

\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

\*\* Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation 2018-2019.

† Only school staff members can register their school.

^ Up to 25kg in total.





## 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_