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# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents and Carers,

Week 5 has been another busy week for our school. Green Pod students have been flat out with swimming lessons, there is no doubt they will all sleep well after a huge week.

Thursday was a very special day as it was National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors and reflect on how Australians can play a part in the healing process for the people and Nation. Students had the opportunity to learn about the significance of Sorry Day and culminated in an entire school gathering in the Central Agora.

Students designed their own special Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island themed hands, these hands were then placed around the word 'SORRY'. Seeing the school community come together and pay tribute to National Sorry Day was really moving. Please have a look at the school's Facebook page to see a short video of yesterday's event.



On Friday, there was a "hair" of craziness around the school. To raise money for the "Love your Sister" campaign students and staff, showed off their creative flair and did something crazy to their hair. Special mention goes to one of staff members Brendan, who after watching A-Team, channelled his inner Mr T.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 3rd June  
Finance Meeting

Wednesday 8th June,  
School Council Meeting

Monday 13th June,  
Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday

## Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813



# ROOM 3 NEWS

Clare & Emily

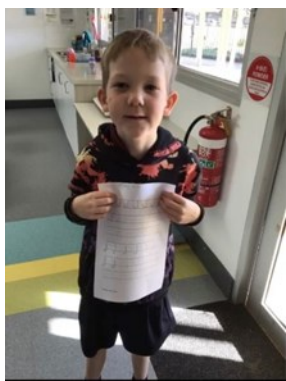
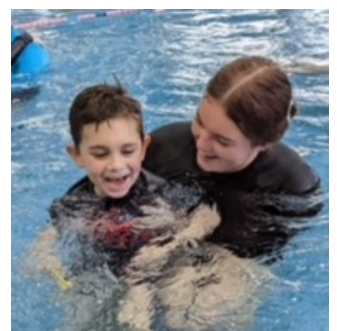
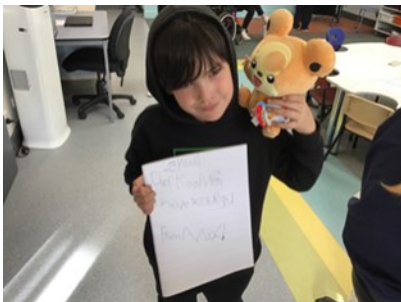
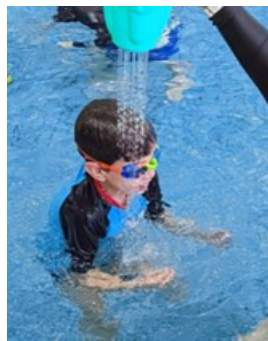


We have had some very exciting things happen in room three over the past few weeks. Last week we had swimming lessons, which the students thoroughly enjoyed. It was so exciting catching a bus and getting out in our community. We also had our first visit from Nara, our therapy dog last Wednesday. It was a very successful session with her, all of the students loved having Nara join in on our lessons.

The students have also participated in lots of cooking classes, we have recently made toasted cheese sandwiches and mini pizzas YUM!

One major focus over the past few weeks has been our fine motor skills and writing. Max has done a great job independently writing his morning message whilst, Macklan and Jack are working hard on forming the first letter of their names.

Ollie, Rory and Owen's fine motor skills are also put to the test every day as they explore a range of sensory activities, which require them to use those small hand and finger muscles to move objects around.





# ROOM 9 NEWS

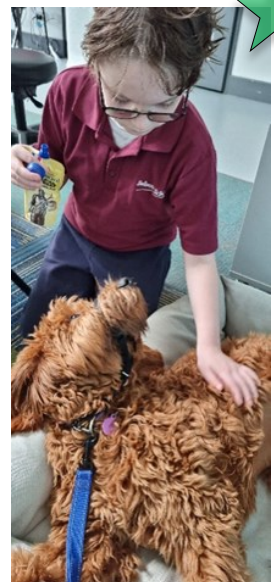
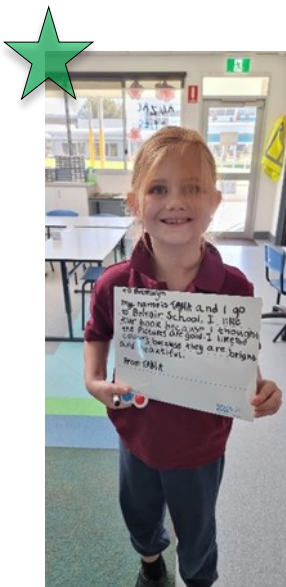
Erica, Katrina & Kylie

What a great first half of term 2 we have had in room 9. Students have been working very hard.

This term we have been looking at seasons and how they affect us. Last week we ventured on our first outing for the year to Oddies Creek Park, looking at what autumn looks and feels like. We are now beginning to explore our forces topic.

We have been participating in swimming lessons this week, with all students enjoying the program.

Room 9 students have continued to enjoy having our school dog Nara in our classroom and are looking forward to spending more time with her throughout the year.





# WMY NEWS

Nicole & Kelly

Hello everyone we hope you've have a great start to the term like we have.

We have started back with an outing to the Army Museum at Bandiana. The visit to the museum linked to ANZAC day that we recently celebrated. To help us connect to ANZAC reading tasks, we also cooked ANZAC biscuits and linked the outing to all the information we have recently read and discussed in class. Whilst at the museum, we were super lucky to have Dave and Richard to show us around. Dave is the currator of the museum and he gave us an extra special treat – we were able to sit in a few of the trucks that are usually off limits. We thoroughly enjoyed this and took special care whilst exploring. He also took us outside to explore some other vehicles that were not on display. We were able to look at some vehicles that had recently come back from active areas overseas and see how they were damaged by explosive ordnance. This was an interesting insight to the effects of war. Naturally R3 had so many questions for Dave about the personnel and the vehicles.

This term we are learning about how things move and all about the weather and how it affects us. Specifically, we will be learning how things move in different conditions and how to measure different aspects of the weather, why the weather is so important to us and our daily lives and find out more about the different types of extreme weather. We are linking our Reading, Writing and Numeracy tasks to the weather topic as well as our Outings. We are pretty excited because we went to Lake Hume and learned about the floods of Albury and Wodonga and learned why the dam was built. We learned that Albury floods more then Wodonga and that in 1990 Albury built a 30mm levee to reduce the recurring flooding of South Albury. We looked at where the flood areas were in Albury and Wodonga too and learned about why the Lawrence Street Bridge was raised recently – to prevent flooding on the bridge. We also visited the Wodonga Bowls Club and learned how to bowl. This was fun to do and also interesting because we looked at how the bowls move in dry contitions and then it rained, so we got to see how the bowls moved in wet conditions too.



# WMY NEWS

Nicole & Kelly

Next we are going to visit Wirramina and learn about the Corroborree Frog and how it relies on the weather to survive. A very exciting outing we will go on, is to visit an olive farm in Beechworth. We will get to talk to the farmer about how the weather affects her crops. We certainly will be busy this term.

We have also all started out electives. Some students have begun their Woodwork class, others have begun Fibre – where they learn to sew. Others are also participating in Music and Drama as their electives. We have all started back at our Thursday Afternoon Activities. This is so much fun because we get to do activities with a whole mix of students from all the year levels. The students selected their activities, which included: eSports (where we play online games and learn how to be socially acceptable while playing online games), Table Tennis, Art (where we are making craft things), Ten Pin Bowling, Boardgames, and a Walking group (where a teacher walks with students around various, nearby sections, outside the school, to build their fitness levels and explore the area. Below are a few pictures of our recent outings.







Thank you to everyone who has contributed time and effort since having Nara as part of our Belvoir team!



Another thank you to Pet Stock, Wodonga Men's Shed and Melrose Animal Hospital for all the help that has been provided .



On Wednesday Belvoir took part in National Simultaneous Storytime 2022 with over 1 million other students from around Australia. This event promotes literacy and reading.

The book chosen for this event was 'Family Tree' written by Josh Pyke who read the book live online at 11am this morning.

The students enjoyed listening to the book we had been reading in class and the songs that Josh sang.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas.





## COVID-19 vaccinations for children are available

Your local community has upcoming COVID-19 vaccination clinics at:

### **Bandiana Primary School**

**Where:** 44 Leumeah Rd, Bandiana

**When:** 3.30pm – 5.30pm on Monday 30 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

### **Baranduda Primary School**

**Where:** 7 Verbena St, Baranduda

**When:** 9am – 1pm on Tuesday 31 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

### **Wodonga Primary School**

**Where:** Cnr Brockley St & Mitchell St, Wodonga

**When:** 2pm – 6pm on Tuesday 31 May 2022

*This clinic is accessible to people with a disability.*

**Vaccinations are also available for adults at all clinics.**

**Just walk in, no booking required.**







## 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.

