

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

THE NEW VCE IN 2023

Did you know that the Senior Certificate structure in Victoria is changing in 2023? The new format will see our current VCAL certificate become part of the VCE itself with a specialised certificate known as the Victorian Pathways Certificate.

The Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC) is a new inclusive and flexible certificate. It will replace Foundation VCAL. It offers an engaging curriculum and additional support for you to develop the work-related skills and capabilities you need to succeed.



The VPC is flexible so it can be started earlier or finished over a longer period than 2 years. The coursework is designed and delivered at a more accessible level than the VCE and VCE Vocational Major. Students can study the VPC at their own pace and teachers will assess student progress through a range of classroom learning activities. The time students take to finish the VPC is flexible.

More information can be found at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/victorian-pathways-certificate>

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 15th June,
School Council Meeting

Monday 13th June,
Queens Birthday
Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th June,
Pupil Free day

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813



ROOM 4 NEWS

Mel & Clare



It has been a very busy Term 2 so far as we head quickly towards the school holidays.

We have been exploring aspects of the weather and the four seasons through the texts "Singing in the Rain" and "The Tiny Seed" as well as developing an understanding of step-by-step, or procedural texts. Room 4 have followed a procedure to plant seeds in different ways, such as in a peat pellet, eggshells and pantyhose. We have all watched with interest as our seeds begin to sprout, even when they have not seen much sun recently!

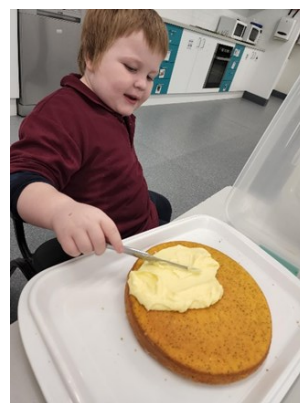
This week, we have been finding out about "How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth" during reading, and it turns out this is not a simple task, but definitely quite funny!

We have been learning how to recognise, write and spell numbers during numeracy activities. Room 4 has some favourite counting songs including "Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer," "Five Elephants Went Out to Play" and "Let's Learn Our Numbers Zero to Ten."





Room 4 have participated in weekly cooking activities, providing the children with the opportunity to develop hands-on lifeskills, numeracy skills such as measuring ingredients as well as how to follow a step-by-step procedure through the use of a recipe. We have made pancakes, muffins, cookies and the children are always excited to see what we will be cooking next, as well as the best part – getting to eat what they have helped to make!



We had a very successful week of swimming lessons in Week 4, which saw those participating grow in their water safety, skills and confidence throughout the week. It was also fantastic to be able to head outside of the school for an excursion into the broader community, which was such an invaluable experience, especially for those who have not had the opportunity before.

Nara, our Belvoir Wellbeing Dog, has continued to visit Room 4. She has enjoyed being read to by the children, taken for walks around the agora, or just catching up on dog naps, and continues to be a calming influence within the room whenever she visits us.

Last week, we read and discussed a story about National Sorry Day and its significance, and the children then had the opportunity to create a handprint to form a school-wide display for Sorry Day. Room 4 were very proud to “plant” their hands and connect with the other pods for a very special Acknowledgement of Country.



We are can't wait to see what the final few weeks of Term 2 have in store for Room 4!



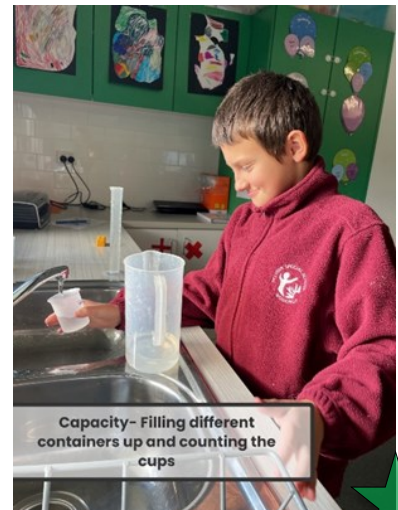
ROOM 10 NEWS

Katey & Shannen

We have been busy in Room 10 and can't believe we are up to week 6 already! Last week we participated in the swimming program and had lots of fun during our swimming lessons. We have started our outings again, which has been so exciting. We have visited Oddies Creek where we were able to see all the beautiful autumn leaves which we had been talking about during our Term Topic Seasons lessons. This week we ventured to Wonga Wetlands where we joined in lots of fun and engaging activities, discovering water bugs was a big hit. We needed to rug up for the 1st day of Winter.

In Literacy we have been looking at Transactional texts and enjoyed a variety of books. One of our favourites so far has been 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. In our Writing sessions we have been practising writing letters and postcards.

In Numeracy we have been focusing on measurement, participating in a variety of activities involving Length, Mass and Capacity.

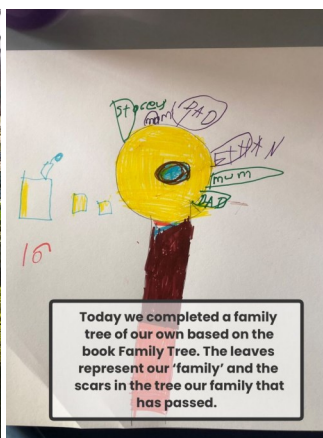
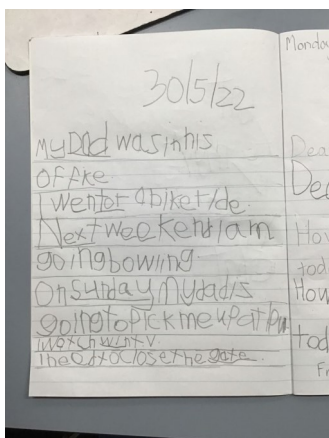


Capacity- Filling different containers up and counting the cups

ROOM 16 NEWS

Anthea, Christin & Matt

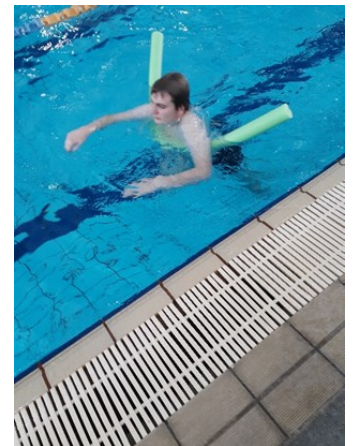
Lots of learning has been happening in Room 16. In writing we are working on placing our sight words into sentences. During reading we have looked at our Family Tree after listening to the National Reading Day last week and have identified that our family can be made up of people other than those who are blood relatives. We've been continuing to cook up a storm, with honey chicken proving very popular. The Hands on Learning students have been constructing seats and filling up garden beds with soil ready for planting.



ROOM 24 NEWS

Jake & Pat

This week in room 24 our students have had the opportunity to participate in swimming lessons. Despite the chilly weather, we have seen lots of enthusiasm to learn and have some fun. As always, our students represented Belvoir School very well. We have also been working very hard in the kitchen preparing food for the upcoming biggest morning tea event that our senior students will be hosting in the next few weeks. Students have been learning about safe hygiene practices, measurement, following procedures, and working as a team to achieve a goal. The food is looking delicious with a diverse range of delicacies on offer for the event.





BELVOIR VCAL ORANGE POD PRESENTS



Biggest Morning Tea

Wednesday 15th (Day 1)

&

Thursday 16th (Day 2) June

11:30am till 1:00pm

**Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available now
for purchase at the office**

Only 150 tickets available!! Get in quick



The Friends of Willow Park
Invite you to an Information Night on
**New Design Concepts for Improved Nesting
Boxes**



When: Wednesday, June 22nd
Where: the German Austrian Australian Club
5 McFarland Road Wodonga West
Start Time: 7pm



Have you or your group had problems
with nesting boxes not lasting the distance?

Have you or your group established nesting boxes in your location
for specific native wildlife and discovered them to be inhabited by
unintended or even undesirable inhabitants?

On this night we have invited
Researcher and Principal Terrestrial Ecologist of
Habitat Innovation and Management

Mick Callan

to provide his solutions to some of the problems that we have encountered
with our conventional nesting boxes, with his development of the
'3D-Printed Hollow for Nesting Creatures'

More background information at: <https://www.habitatinnovation.com.au/>



**Event Fees: Attendance Only \$5pp; with buffet meal included
\$20pp**

To make your booking use TryBooking weblink below: [https://
www.trybooking.com/BZCOU](https://www.trybooking.com/BZCOU)

QR code for Booking: **'Design Innovations
for Improved Nesting Boxes'**





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

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 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 to stay up to date with the schools rewards points.

For more information visit 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.

