

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a wonderful day it was today for the School Swimming Carnival. It was great to see so many students smiling and having a fun time competing, enjoying the water and slide. Everyone participated well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. Thank you to the orange pod students for their management of the barbecue.

Thank you to Todd for his coordination of the carnival and to all the staff and parents/ carers who assisted on the day. Your efforts ensured the event ran smoothly. Thank you also to all the parents/ carers and friends whose cheering added to the atmosphere of the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AGM & CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

A reminder to all parents/carers that the School Council AGM is on Wednesday 16th March, 6.00pm, at the school. All parents and community members are welcome to attend. We are still looking for nominations for parent members so if you are interested in being part of the school council team, please call the office for a nomination form.



DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY 14TH MARCH
PUBLIC HOLIDAY VICTORIA
NO SCHOOL

School Council Meetings

General - 16th March

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813

COVID CONTINUES

Our thoughts go out to all the families and staff who have recently or are currently isolating due to ongoing COVID-19 outbreaks over the last few weeks.

I acknowledge that these ongoing outbreaks continue to create mixed feelings and added stress for the children and their families, but I would like to thank everyone again for all your ongoing support and we appreciate your understanding in maintaining the health & safety of our school community.

We look forward to seeing you all back onsite soon!

BELVOIR SWIMMING CARNIVAL 11th MARCH, 2022



EASTER RAFFLE 2022

It is that time of the year again when we ask our families to help us raise funds for the school by supporting our Annual Easter Raffle. We are asking for donations of eggs, rabbits and baskets so that they can be made into wonderful and colourful prizes. If you are unsure about what to donate, please contact the office and Andrea, Jo, Viv or Sasha will be able to suggest some ideas. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Could you please return sold tickets and money to the office by Thursday 4th of April, 2022. Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 6th April, 2022 and winners notified by phone. Thank you for your support!



Room 6 news



We have had a lovely start to the year with three new Foundation students in our class.

This term we have been having lots of fun learning through sensory play exploration, craft, games and stories.



ROOM 12 News

Tonia & Clare

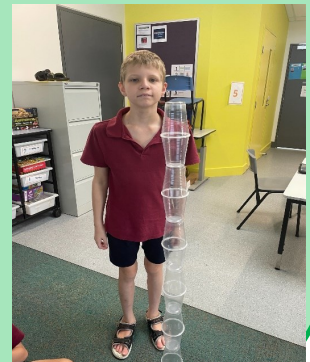
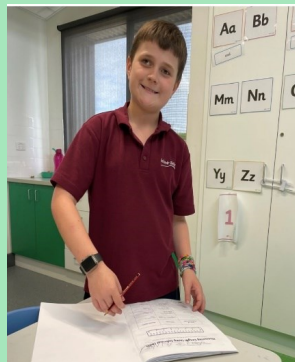
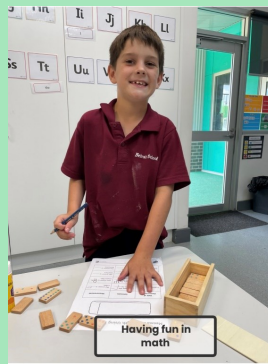
Tonia and Claire

Students have settled into their new classroom and we have been having lots of fun getting to know each other. It has been amazing to watch the friendships grow in the classroom and on the playground.

In literacy we have been learning about Procedural text and have enjoyed looking at or listening to different types of procedures. We have been following recipes and have made cookies, milkshakes, fairy bread and pizza muffins so far. Room 12 have asked to make Tacos and hotdogs in the coming weeks.

In numeracy we have been looking at measurement. We really enjoyed using different types of informal units to measure items in our classroom and using the measuring cups to talk about capacity and volume.

For our Term Topic we have looked how it is important to move our body and taking care of ourselves through games, yoga, how to brush our teeth and how to wash our hands.



Room 23 News

Barbara & Mel

Welcome to our room 23 update! Students have been really engaged in our Life Skills program using the Life Skills House and doing gardening around it and near the bike track area. Students have also been cooking and practising other house skills such as measuring, calculating time of cooking food and making beds. We have been doing a construction element in the curriculum that students are enjoying immensely. We have made crafts with paddle pop sticks, yarn globes, and our last project involved making a cube with our favourite images. Room 23 was involved in weeding for the past few weeks and finally planted our winter flowers and veggies! Looking forward to seeing those cauliflowers and carrots Room 23!

See you again in term 2! 😊



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:0260598987) 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 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.



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

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/carer 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

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 ____ / ____ / ____