

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

It was wonderful to see many students in bright rainbow colours as we celebrated Autism Awareness. We have included some photos from across the school for your viewing pleasure.



## Individual Learning Plans

ILP's are being completed this week and will be sent home with all students from today onwards. Parents are asked to read through these documents and if there is a problem or anything that needs to be changed to please let us know as soon as possible.

Student ILP's are a legal document which need to be produced at least twice a year and are used to track student performance and learning towards set goals.

Whilst there are no support group meetings set for next term parents are able to request a meeting with their child's teacher to discuss any issues that may have arisen since the last SSG meeting in term one.

## Term One Holidays

A reminder to all parents that our school closes for the Term One holidays on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of April at 2:00pm. It has certainly been a very busy and different end to a term and we certainly hope that all families remain safe and healthy.

Term 2 starts for students on Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of April. Staff will return on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> of April for a professional development day. Staff will be focusing on Trauma informed practice on this day.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Debutante Ball - April 8th
- Last Day of Term - April 8th
- Curriculum Day - April 26th
- First Day Term 2 - April 27th

## Dyson's Bus Numbers:

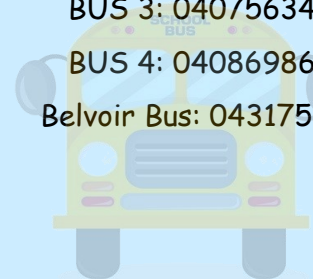
BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus: 0431756813





# ROOM 3 NEWS



Clare & Emily

What a busy first term we have had in room three! The students have all settled in really well and built some lovely friendships with each other, and fellow peers in the yellow pod.

This term we have been focusing on learning through play, which has involved lots of sensory and fine motor activities, including foot spas, arts and crafts, and cooking. Providing play opportunities for our students at school enhances their cognitive, physical, social and emotional well-being.



Our story over the past two weeks has been 'we're going on a bear hunt'. It sure was a big hit for everyone! A highlight from this particular story was definitely making bear masks and going on a bear hunt. We did find the scary bear hiding in the office! (Thank you Emma).

The students have also started to log on and explore their seesaw accounts, so get ready for some wonderful posts.



We wish you all a safe and happy Easter break,

Room 3!



# ROOM 9 NEWS

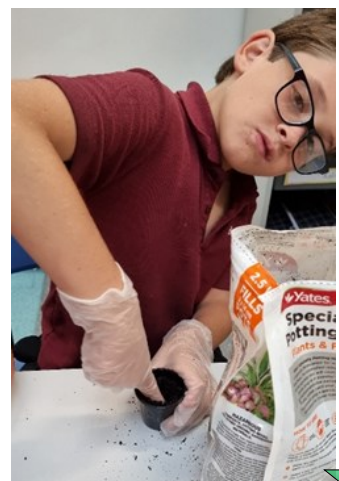
Erica, Katrina, Kylie & Kellie

What a fantastic term we have had in room 9. We can not believe how fast this term has gone. This term we have been learning about the purpose of procedural texts, how to write a procedure and following procedures. We have explored how to brush our teeth, how to make a snowman, how to make a smoothie, how to grow a flower, how to play a game and many more topics.

During our term topic 'Movement and Personal Hygiene' we have continued to explore the importance of moving our bodies. Students have been participating in a variety of movement activities.

During math we have been exploring measurement, number, and data. We have conducted investigations about capacity, weight, and height in measurement. We have collected data on people's eye colours and favourite colours. We have then used that data to create displays/graphs to represent the information collected.

We have continued to spend time with our school dog Nara. She has been coming into our classroom and learning how to be a member of room 9. We have continued working on keeping ourselves calm whilst Nara is in our classroom. During this time, we have been able to take Nara out for a run and play. We all really enjoy this time interacting with Nara!



# WMY NEWS

Nicole & Kelly

Hello everyone! R3 has had an exciting Term 1 this semester. Since we last updated you, R3 has been on camp to Harrietville, attended the WMYC Swimming Carnival and attended the WMYC Athletics Carnival. It's been a BIG term.

On camp there were about 75 students from both Felltimber and Huon campuses. While we were there we hiked, mountain biked, went on the low ropes course, zoomed along the Flying Fox, swam in the river, had a ball at the Bright Splash Park, participated in some Aboriginal Art, went on a night walk and had a movie night on the grass. We fancied ourselves as Robin Hood – shooting arrows at target haybales and we then had to show our prowess by popping balloons on the targets. If we didn't hit them with arrows, they said we couldn't eat dinner. Well we are proud to say we all had full bellies that night! We were spoiled with the food we were given. We felt like we ate like kings with chorizo paella and butter chicken for dinner and bacon and eggs in the mornings. It was so good that people ate 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> servings until there was none left. The best thing about camp was that we made so many new friends. We have all kept in touch with those new friends and continue to hang out with them at lunch and snack. It truly was a great experience. Here are some of the camp pictures we took. There was so many great moments it has been hard to choose which ones to add.



# WMY NEWS

## School Camp Photos



A butterfly landed on Jake's head. How cool was that!



Our delicious Paella cooking.



# ROOM 19 POD NEWS

Brad, Amber, Brenda & Pam

Room 19 has had a busy term of applied learning. We been working every Thursday morning over at the Men's Shed building a wooden dog kennel for Nara, Belvoir's new wellbeing assistant. All students have been involved in the building process and have learnt how to use a variety of power tools (such as a drill, nail gun, bench saw, planer and belt sander), working as a team, and listening and following instructions provided by the gentlemen at the Men's Shed. They are thoroughly enjoying the project and it's coming along nicely!



We have also been busy in the industrial kitchen every Thursday, cooking and baking a variety of meals and sweets. Each week a student researches a meal that all students in the class will cook in groups. The groups change each week so students get used to working alongside all peers within the class. We are working really hard to read, understand and follow the instructions of the recipe's method which has been our main focus. Of course, the best part of cooking is eating the food at the end! Students are also learning how to read and apply different measurements using measuring cups and spoons. Some of the things we have cooked include: sweet + sour chicken with rice, spaghetti bolognese, chicken nachos, chocolate chip cookies, gooey cream cheese chocolate cake and choc chip muffins, to name a few.



Our pom-pom rug is still a work in progress! In our limited spare time, we are still making pom-poms any chance we get! Hopefully this will be completed next term!



## 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!**

**You could even ask your local organisations and sporting clubs.**

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.



# 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](http://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](mailto: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](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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_