

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



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Thank you to all those parents, carers, friends and relatives that came along to our special person's breakfast. It was great to see people back in the school again.

A big thank you to Amy, Cas, Kim, Sheree and Nicole for helping with the food preparation. Brad and Andrew did a terrific job in organizing the morning.

Next week is our Wellbeing Week with a focus on exploring the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Across the school we will be facilitating interactive activities in each pod to explore supporting themes including how to be a good friend, recognising emotions and looking after health and wellbeing. Thursday is R U Ok day. Everyone is invited to come dressed in Yellow.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Whole School Assembly, Monday  
Sept 5 @ 2.15

Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations  
October 10 @ 11 am

Dental Visit  
October 10- 14

School Photos  
October 10

## Dyson's Bus Numbers:

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Belvoir Bus: 0431756813



# Special Person's Breakfast





# ROOM 9 NEWS

Erica, Katrina & Kylie

Students in Room 9 have enjoyed a variety of special activities this term, including watching the 'Pinocchio' puppet show, Hands on learning, Book week and dressing up for the book week parade, participating in the Land of Snow and Ice performing arts program, outings, spending time with Nara, and dressing up for superhero day.

During Literacy our focus has been on Australian texts where the students have completed research tasks and associated activities. This has tied very well into our term topic of 'Big Things' in Australia. We have learnt about natural and man-made icons and landmarks and located some iconic 'Big Things' on a map of Australia. This week we headed to one of our local 'Big Things' - The big Ned Kelly. Students travelled on the bus to Glenrowan and were able to look at the iconic statue.

Students are also very excited to be making our own replica of a 'Big Thing' as a class, choosing the Big Banana. We can not wait to see the final product and present it to the pod at the end of the term.





# WMY NEWS

Nicole & Kelly

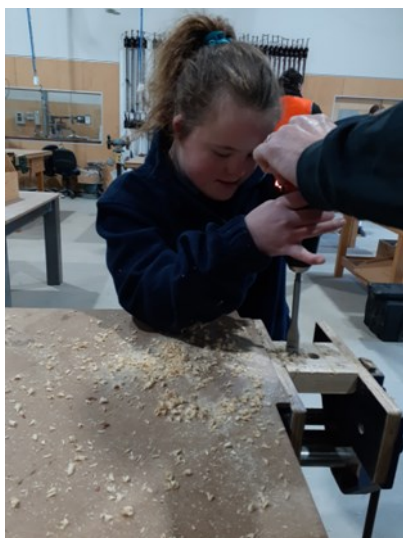
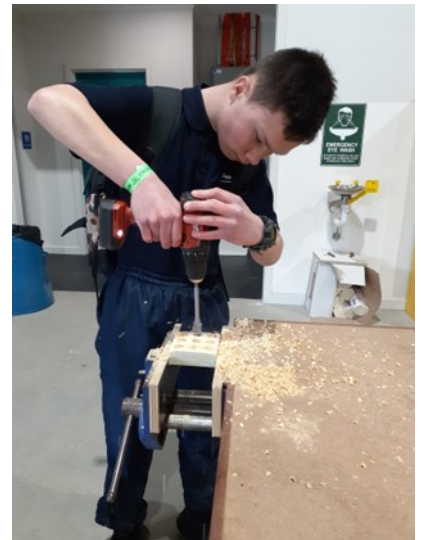
R3 have again been very busy this term. Our Term Topic is Australia in the World and we have linked it with all our Outings, Cooking, Reading, Writing and even some Numeracy tasks. We have had a ball with this topic and learned some really interesting things. In Cooking we have made food like Aussie Meat Pies, Kakadu Plum Protein Balls, Singapore Noodles and Wattle-seed Damper. We have experienced some amazing outings where we visited places like Bonegilla, Yeddonbona Aboriginal Cultural Site in Chiltern and the Albury Library – where we saw a very engaging exhibit about the Sydney Underworld. We learned so many very interesting things about life back in the early 1900's. We learned that for height, they placed a chair beside the person to gauge their height in the mugshots. Also, that everyone wore very formal clothing everyday because there was no casual wear back then. As you can see in the photos, we got to dress up in some of the clothing from that time period. We had Rose and Trent come over from AWAHS and teach us about the effects of drugs and alcohol. We got to wear some goggles that made us feel like we were affected by either drugs or alcohol. It was very challenging to complete the tasks and most people agreed they did not enjoy not being in control and be able to walk straight. Every student has been working hard in their electives and below are some pictures from the Year 9 electives: Jayden in Music, Kobe in Metalwork and Jason in Automotive. The staff from Senior Secondary School have been in to visit with our Year 9 students who are transitioning into WSSC. They have been getting to know our students, and from this week forwards, our Year 9s will be visiting WSSC every week for the rest of the semester to familiarise themselves with the campus and other staff.



# ROOM 21 NEWS

Scott & Bron

Recently, a group of students from Year 10 and 11 attended the Wodonga TAFE Open Day. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to get an insight into the courses that the TAFE offers, and career opportunities that are available by completing these courses. All of the students took full advantage of this opportunity by participating in all of the hands-on activities and asking lots of questions to broaden their knowledge.





## In Week 8 @ Belvoir 'A LAND OF SNOW AND ICE'



WOW!! It is so amazing to see our hall transform into a snow world! Students have worked all week on building the different rooms and explored a range of the spaces that our local artists have been creating. Highlights from the kids are the – Tents, Blizzard Room, Seed bank and the White forest trees. Our Artists have arrived on Friday to rehearse for the kids and the visual artists are continuing on finishing the final touches!!



# Week 9 - Performance in OUR World

Hothouse Theatre and Belvoir Special School have successfully been selected to be a part of the Creative Learning Partnership Program 2022 through Creative Victoria.

## 'A LAND OF SNOW AND ICE'

### Week 9 @ Belvoir

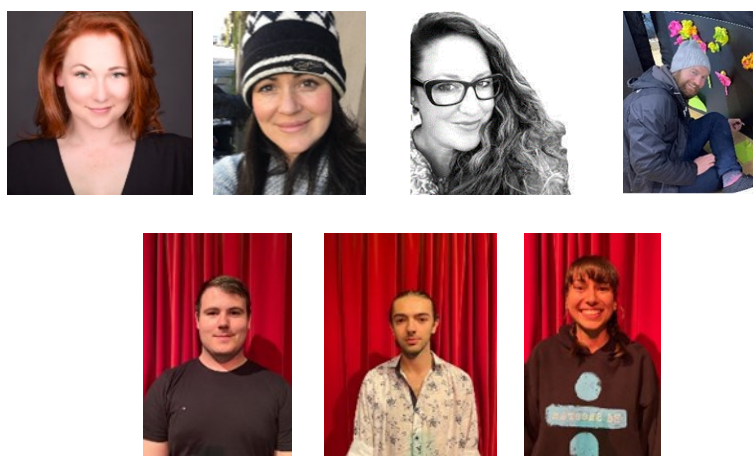
During this week, students across the school will participate in an immersive experience (exploring, interacting and walking around in the landscape that they have built) This experience will be facilitated by a team of local actors who will take on various roles such as:

- A Professor
- An ice guide Klaus
- Princess Aurora
- Madam Kernel
- Librarian
- Inka a Sharman woman
- A Walrus,
- Puffins,

The artists will encourage students to extend on the themes they have been exploring through role play of saving the seeds of humanity and the journey of living in the Arctic.



### OUR LOCAL ARTISTS FOR THE SHOW







## Wonder Recycling Rewards Program

We are coming to the **end** of our recycling program and so far, we have filled 3 boxes of bread bags. That's **15kg** of bread bags! **Fabulous effort!!**

We **PLEASE** ask that you send in any bread bags you may still have at home by next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, as we are hoping to fill another box or 2 before it closes.

Please keep saving your plastic bread tags as these are not part of the program this year and are still being collected in the office.



Thank you everyone for your amazing contributions and your ongoing support with this program.



## Workshops with Dr Richard Eisenmajer

### Talking Autism Spectrum Disorders

Richard is a Clinical Psychologist and founder and Director of The ASD Clinic. He has worked in a variety of positions, both within government and hospital settings, and for more than 20 years in private practice focussing on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Richard established The ASD Clinic in Kew East in 2009. He and his colleagues provide assessment of Autism Spectrum Disorders and the provision of counselling and practical behavioural interventions for clients of all ages, their families, as well as education services and professional organisations.

**Evening Workshop 1:** Monday 5 September – Commencement 6.30pm  
(registration from 6.00pm)

**Morning Workshop 2:** Tuesday 6 September – Commencement 9.30am  
(registration from 9.00am)

**Venue:** Commercial Club Albury  
618 Dean Street, Albury NSW 2640

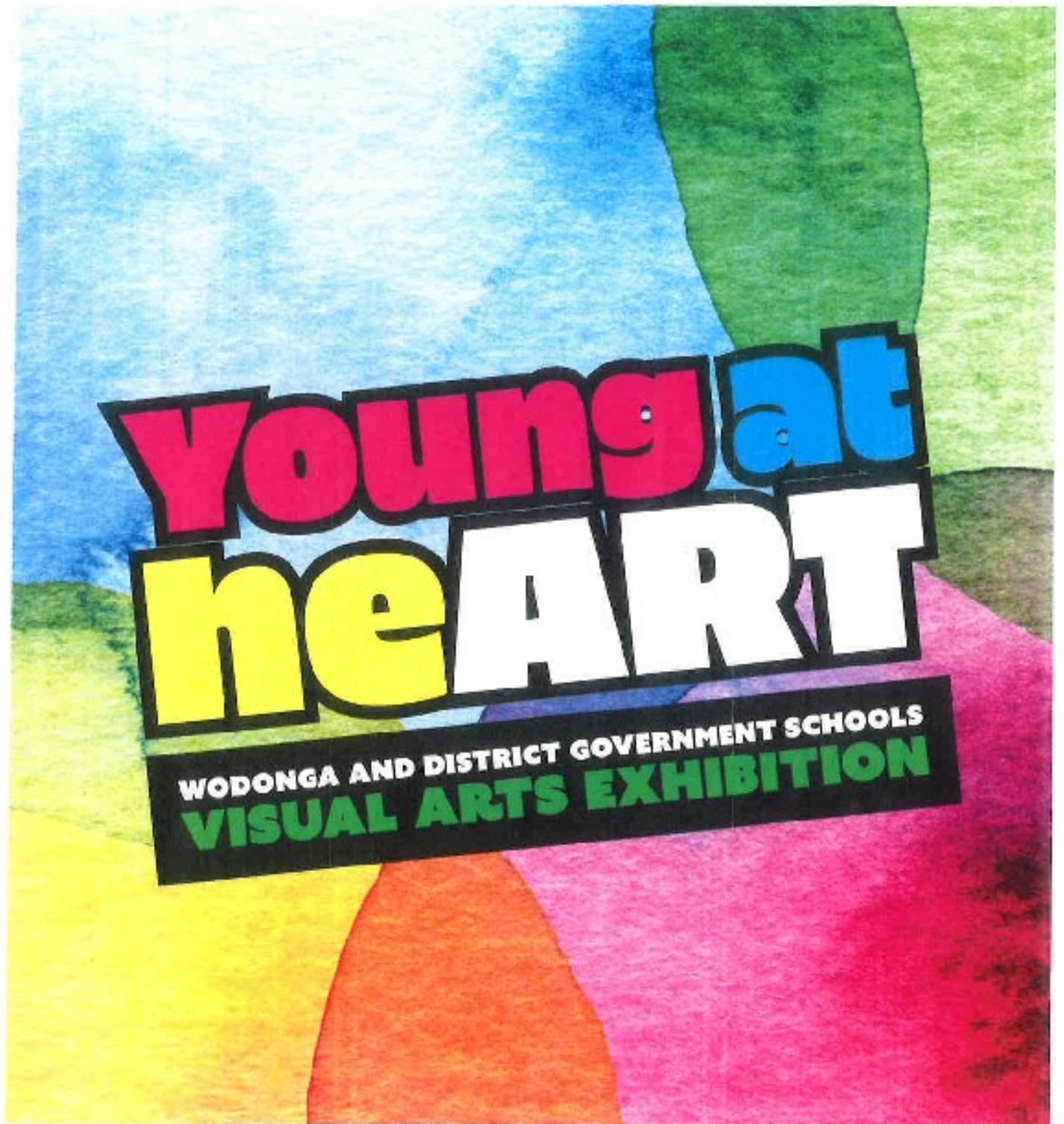
**Cost:** Family Members & Students – \$25.00  
Professionals/Service Providers - \$40.00

Tickets are to be purchased via 'Trybooking',  
the link is: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAZJK>

## Family Relationship Support for Carers (FRSC)

A statewide service providing counselling, mediation and future planning support for families caring for someone with a disability.





**GIGS (GATEWAY ISLAND GALLERY AND STUDIOS)  
ON THE LINCOLN CAUSEWAY**

**August 30th - September 24th**  
**OFFICIAL OPENING DAY**  
**Saturday 3rd September 2pm-4pm**

This year the Wodonga and District arts festival is running again. Belvoir along with other schools from the region will be exhibiting students artwork. It is a gold donation for entry. The opening day September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hope to see you all there!