

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



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SCHOOL REBUILD UPDATE

Planning for the first stage of our school rebuild and update is nearly completed, and once the overall masterplan for what our new school will eventually look like is completed, we will eagerly share this with you. This master plan has been created from the input of parents and carers including the School Council, staff and students and external consultants that advise on the conditions of the existing buildings and who provide costings on what the various aspects of the project would be. It should be noted that the masterplan is an overview of what a complete rebuild of our school would be, and at this point in time, we do not have a funding commitment for a full rebuild. The \$4 million dollars is what has been allocated to start the rebuild and will fund what will be known as 'Stage 1'. Unfortunately, we are finding what \$4 million dollars would build in May is very different for what \$4 million dollars can build now, and also what it will build in 12 months' time when actual construction starts and the materials need to be sourced and paid for. There are many factors that are contributing to this, all of which are beyond our control, including global financial markets (as this impacts on the value of money and the cost of materials) and events such as the recent floods, which will make it difficult to source materials and tradespeople. What we might have hoped for in our new build will have to be somewhat 'scaled back'. This doesn't mean, however, that we will give up our dream of a fully purpose-built school for our students. It just might mean we have to wait a little longer, to see the full facility come to fruition. I can assure you, that the School Council are closely involved in the process and will continue to advocate to DET and government for Belvoir SS to have nothing but the best facilities into the future.

On Tuesday the 15th of November at 10:30am, Y2 our school rebuild architects will be running an information session for parents and carers. We will be holding this session in the Life Skills House. This is a great opportunity to hear about the Master Plan and Stage 1 of the Rebuild.

COVID UPDATE

Whilst we aren't sending home notifications of individual COVID cases anymore, please be aware that we do still have positive COVID case exposures within the school, and I would urge you all to remain vigilant and continue to test at the first sign of symptoms. Students who are displaying symptoms, or who do test positive, will continue to be sent home from school. If you need RAT tests, please contact the office as we have a ready supply from DET that we can support you with.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2022

**Parent Info Session:
School Rebuild**
November 15 @10.30

**Pupil Free Day
Professional Practice Day**
November 18

Wodonga Cup Public Holiday
November 25

General Meeting
23 November @6pm

End of Year Concert
December 7

Purple Pod Camp
12-14 December

Final General Meeting
December 14 @6pm

Last Day for Students 2022
Friday 16th December
3.00pm Finish

Dyson's Bus Numbers:

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

Belvoir Bus:
0431756813

REMEMBERANCE DAY 11/11/2022

Matilda, Lisa and Issy proudly represented Belvoir this morning when laying the wreath for Remembrance Day.





ROOM 11 NEWS

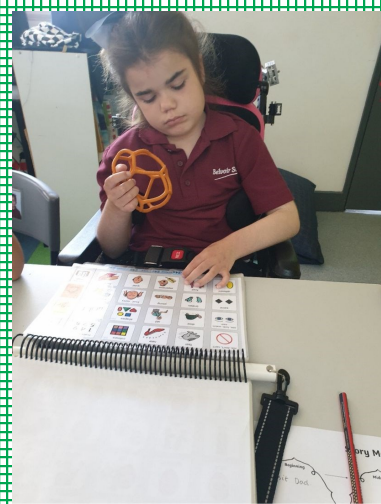
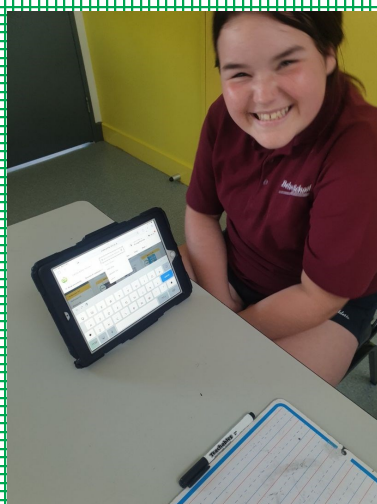
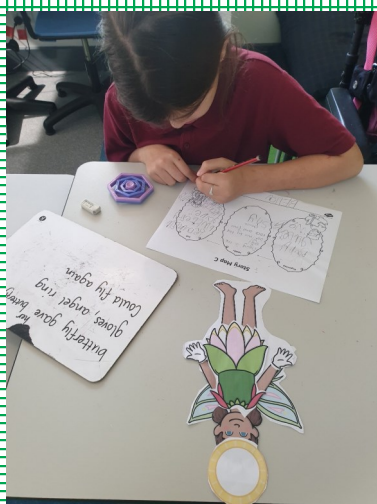


Amy, Kyandra, Bridie & Heidi

Room 11 have been enjoying their Term 4, doing lots of activities in and out of the classroom.

In literacy we have started writing our own narratives, focusing on the characters and plot of our book. Everyone has loved making their own characters and giving them names. In numeracy, money has been a focus over the last 3 weeks, this has included recognising money and their amounts, and thinking about what we might buy from the shops by online shopping for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Maddy and Sophie have been accessing Hydrotherapy which they have enjoyed!

We are all looking forward to a fun finish to the end of the year.



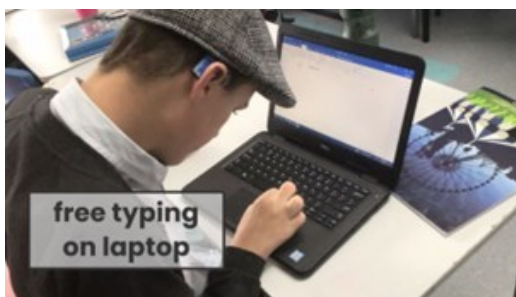
ROOM 17 NEWS

Felicty, Kim & Darren

We have a busy few weeks in room 17. We are enjoying getting out and about on Community Access Outings. We have enjoyed a Sound Healing Session with Ashley, enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the Regent Cinema and enjoyed a move. Thank you to Rosie for showing us Indigenous Artefacts. We are currently learning about Comedy - this week puns, learning about shapes, counting class money, learning about CODING and digital technologies. Here is some of our awesome work.



Tay's shape making



Levi learning to type on laptop



Kalinda's writing



Ruby learning to code



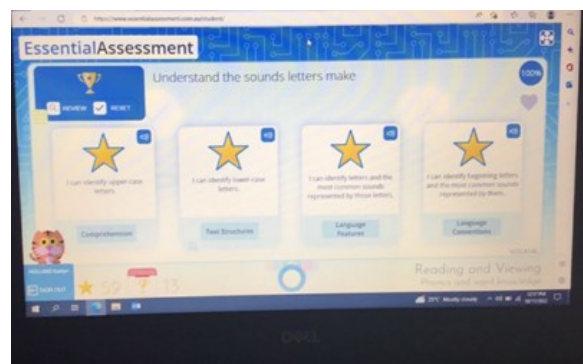
Lachie enjoying shape exploration



Shakira exploring possum skin



Faysal's sound work



Kaitlyn's My Literacy Sound work

ROOM 21 NEWS

Scott & Bron

Students from rooms 19 and 21 continue to visit The Men's Shed each Thursday. Most recently, students were assisted in building multiple copies of the wonderful game called "Sling-a-ring". This game requires 2 players to compete against one another by racing to swing the ring and land it on the hook. When a player lands the ring on the hook, they then move the wooden marker their way one spot. When the marker is moved off the board, that player is the winner. Enough copies of this game were made, so that each pod has their own for students to play.

"I am good at playing Sling-a-ring". I like it" - Ayla



"I enjoyed drilling the holes into the wood" - Josh McG



"Attaching the rings to the strings was the most challenging" - Deegan





**DRAWN ON
7TH
DEC 2022**

Belvoir Christmas Raffle

Belvoir Special School would like to ask for your help in organising and contributing items to be used as prizes for our 2022 Christmas Raffle. Contributions of vouchers or products will be much appreciated.

Please contact Belvoir School if you have any ideas, connections or leads that may help our school to gather items for our famous Christmas Raffle.

“Kindness- It costs nothing, but it means everything”.

To promote positive mental health and wellbeing for all at Belvoir Special School over the next couple of weeks we are participating in a whole school activity called “Positivity Pockets”. In school time every student and staff member will make a positivity pocket which will be swapped during the last week of school. Each student and staff member will be able to take a positivity pocket home which will have an encouraging message inside.

My hope is that this activity will promote a sense of connectivity and positivity throughout the school environment and a keepsake in which each person can be reminded of their value and contribution.

If you would like to make additional positivity pockets at home for your family, please refer to the below video link for instructions. <https://youtu.be/RxhrryAgvIk>

