

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

**Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,**

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for an exciting term. It has been wonderful to see all the students return this week with big smiles on their face. They have happily reconnected with their peers, quickly settling into their classroom routines and eagerly participated in learning activities. There were a couple of staff changes over the holidays. Sara Verity went on Maternity Leave and Nina Rodrigues will be replacing her in room 17. Madison McGrath has replaced Sarah-Anne Morey in Room 1 and Imogen Adams is joining the team in room 11.

## ANZAC DAY

Thank you to staff, students and family members for participating in the ANZAC march on Tuesday it was great to see people there. The two school captains Lisa and Ethan also laid a wreath on behalf of our school, this was great to see. A special thank you to Bron's family for providing a wonderful wreath for the service.

## Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings

Thank you to all families who have completed their SSG meetings so far. These meetings are a legal requirement and need to be held at least twice each year. Parents will also have the opportunity to request a further two SSG's each year at the beginning of term 2 and 4. Minutes from the SSG's need to be signed by parents to ensure that they agree with the goals and priorities that have been proposed.

Individual Learning Plans developed as a result of the SSG's will be sent home to all families later in the term.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting  
Monday 8th May 6pm @ WSSC  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

Queens Birthday  
Monday 12th June

End of Term  
23<sup>rd</sup> June

### Dyson's Buses

#### PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

## Promoting mental fitness in your child (webinar)

**Time/Date:** Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 12:00pm AEST

We invite parents and carers to join a free webinar next month, where a Smiling Mind psychologist will discuss common issues children face with their mental fitness including navigating friendships, emotional regulation and learning how to confidently take on more responsibility, with research and evidence to support parents and carers to confidently respond.

**Register:**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cTbtO-zCTI6m-sTfunBPiA](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cTbtO-zCTI6m-sTfunBPiA)



## Winter Clothing Reminder!

Winter and colder days are on the way!

This is your friendly reminder to check that you have cold weather uniforms (pants, trackies, jumpers) ready for those chilly days.

If you need assistance with purchasing of new winter uniform items please contact the Wellbeing Team on: 02 6058987 or email [leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au)



*Leah Sisley*

Wellbeing Liaison Officer

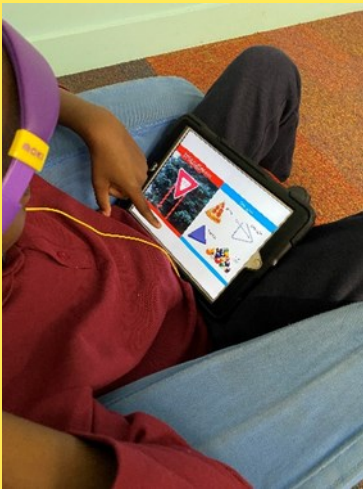


# ROOM 1 NEWS

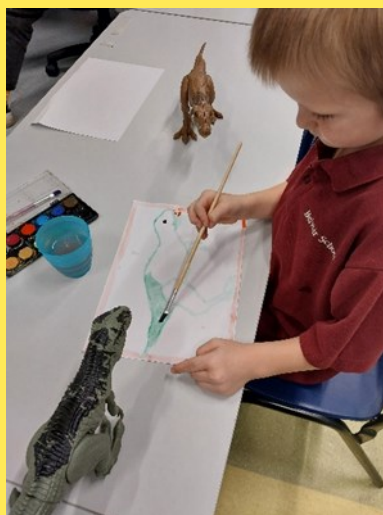
Cas and Madi



Term 2 has begun with beautiful weather and lots of playing outside on Wednesday and Thursday. This term we will begin learning about mini beasts and exploring living and non living things. Madi has joined our class as our new regular Education Support worker and is settling in well and getting to know our students. As always reading is a fun activity and everyone is enjoying exploring some new books. Our focus story will be 'Going on a Bear Hunt' which we will act out and learn the song for over the next two weeks.



This week for our oral language focus dinosaurs are in the picture. This has been a very popular topic, so we are also reading some dinosaur stories and learning some dinosaur names. Alongside our oral language discussions, we have been using the LAMP communication program on an iPad and are learning to navigate some pathways. Our students have really enjoyed painting as a response to our class texts.







Association for  
Children with a  
Disability

## Free online workshop



## Teens and Beyond

### Do you have a child with disability aged 13+?

Then this **FREE** workshop is for you!

This popular series will give you practical information, skills and confidence to navigate the teenage years. It's the only workshop to bring this information into one place.

#### More information:

- A three-part workshop. Each session is 2 hours.
- Bookings are essential
- Professional workshop facilitators are parents of young people with disability

#### Workshop dates:

- Monday 15, 22 & 29 May 7:00pm
- Tuesday 16, 23 & 30 May 10:00am
- Wednesday 17, 24 & 31 May 7:00pm
- Thursday 18, 25 May & 1 June 10:00am

#### Topics include:

- Financial support
- Getting the right NDIS support for your teen
- School and post-school options
- Wellbeing: friendships, communication, behaviour support and good mental health

#### Read more and register now



[bit.ly/TEENSmay23](https://bit.ly/TEENSmay23)

#### Contact us



educate@acd.org.au  
03 9880 7000 or  
1800 654 013 (regional callers)

[www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)



# ROOM 8 NEWS

Kitty, Kyandra, Bridget and Heidi

Room 8 had a great start to the term 2. It was great to see lots of happy faces and students' participation in various learning activities.

In Literacy, we focussed on texts based on Anzac Day and students designed their Anzac medals, made wreaths, and baked Anzac biscuits.

In Numeracy, this week we started looking at subitising. We have been playing board games with dice to develop practical counting ability.

Our term topic is 'Watch it grow', students will have an opportunity to identify and differentiate between living and non-living objects.

Students began to label main features of a plant (stem, roots..)

Students have also started learning about their body rules and personal space. Students wrote on 'All about me' worksheet focussing on the concept of self.



# NDIS REQUESTS FOR ONSITE OBSERVATION

Over the past few weeks Belvoir has received a number of requests for Speech Therapists, Occupational Therapists, Behaviour Practitioners and Physiotherapists into the school to work with individual students. Currently, Belvoir has 189 students enrolled in the school and most of these students are NDIS participants accessing one, or more, therapy services. As a result of this, Belvoir is not able to accommodate all requests for space for the various therapists to work in. Parents are reminded that all NDIS therapists must first be approved from the school before they undertake any work with students on school grounds.

This is Department of Education policy and includes therapists that are visiting the school to observe students in class for the first time. A link to the Departments NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools Policy is below and this will give all information to parents regarding the use of NDIS funded therapists during the school day.

[NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools: Policy | education.vic.gov.au.](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/ndis-funding/ndis-funding-policy/ndis-funding-policy.aspx)

This guide is also available in hard copy from the office. Please contact Andrea or Viv if you would like a copy sent home.

The school may allow therapists on school grounds on a needs basis for the purpose of observing students, and to meet with staff for the purpose of completing assessments. Close consideration is given in these circumstances as it can be disruptive to the other students in the class and therefore will be negotiated between Belvoir staff, including the internal Allied Health team and NDIS therapists. Belvoir may allow some therapists to work with students at school, during school hours, and this decision will be made on a case by case basis. Several factors will be taken into consideration when these decisions are made including parent work commitments, difficulties relating to transport, distance families live from Wodonga, availability of an appropriate space within the school and the ability for school staff to supervise therapists on site.

Many other schools have a blanket ban on NDIS therapists coming into their school. Belvoir does not intend to do this at this point in time. We hope that parents will understand this and work with us to achieve an appropriate outcome for each individual student. We also highly encourage you to have your NDIS therapists contact the internal Allied Health team at Belvoir, when needed. If you would like further clarification regarding this or you're requiring an NDIS request form please don't hesitate to email

[Belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au)



# ROOM 13 NEWS

Josh, Michaeli and Phoebe

We have hit the ground running in Term 2! Some of Room 13 went to see Bunkasaurus at The Cube on the first day back. This performance involved 2 clowns who fell into a world of puppetry and silent comedy. The performance was very different and something that the students hadn't seen before.



Back in the classroom we have been settling back into our routines and beginning our new topics. This term we will be learning about non-fiction texts and how to create them. Our Term Topic is living things and their habitats, where the students will dive into investigations about Australian animals and where they can be found.

# ANZAC DAY 2023

Our broader community events like this wouldn't happen without the efforts and contribution of our supporting staff. A huge thank you and appreciation to Bron Lehman for organising our representation at this event each year. Bron organised the promotion of the event, information for families and facilitated the students and families on the day. We need to also thanks Bron's Mum, Ann for creating the wreath that the students placed on behalf of our school. Ann has done this year after year for our school and every year we are blown away with the time and creativity it takes to make these beautiful wreaths to honour and commemorate those who have served our country.

It's so lovely to see our students proud faces marching and laying the wreath on behalf of our community. Thank you!







# **JOIN THE FUN!**

## **Auskick Centres in 2023**

### **Baranduda Auskick Centre**

**Wednesdays**

Register via the QR code or link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/5f3daf>



### **Wodonga Central Auskick Centre**

**Mondays**

Register via the QR code or link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/0a29f4>



### **Wodonga Auskick Centre**

**Sundays**

Register via the QR code or link below:

<https://www.playhq.com/afl/register/453ad2>







NAB AFL Auskick is one of the best, first experiences kids aged 5-12 will have learning Australian Football.

In weekly sessions, Auskickers and their families will run, jump, kick, laugh and create their own special moments playing footy.

No matter their skill level, ability or knowledge of the game, Auskick is for everyone!

### Registration is this simple!

1



Visit  
**play.afl**

2



Select  
'Where to play'

3



Enter your  
suburb

4



Find your local  
club and register!

**play.afl/auskick**



# Art School

**Art skills are for life! Create a strong creative foundation at Art School.**

**MAMA**

## ART STUDIO

Build a strong set of artistic skills in this year-round term-based program, with weekly 90 minute art making classes.

Art School takes a long term approach to skill building, helping your child gain confidence expressing themselves in a variety of mediums.

Led by experienced art educators, every term is different, layering skill development from grades 1 to 9.

**COST:** \$260 per term

**DATE:** 8 weeks, begins week of 1 May

**DAYS:** Mon & Thur (Grades 1-3 & 4-6),  
Tue (Grade 7-9)

**TIME:** 3.45pm – 5.15pm

## SENSORY ART SESSIONS

Embrace the tactility and expressiveness of artmaking in our weekly sensory sessions.

Perfect for students who prefer a shorter, less outcome focussed class with a more sensitive sensory environment.

We recommend younger artists aged 5-8 begin their Art School journey with this program, before considering the longer Art Studio classes.

**COST:** \$160 per term

**DATE:** 8 weeks, begins 3 May

**DAYS:** Wednesdays

**TIME:** 3.45pm – 4:30pm

**BOOK:** Register online [mamalbury.com.au](http://mamalbury.com.au) or in person at the museum.

**ENQUIRIES:** [mama@alburycity.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mama@alburycity.nsw.gov.au) (02) 6043 5800



# Coffee Catch Up

All parents & carers of our Belvoir Students are invited to join us for our coffee catch ups this term.

9am – 10am/10:30am Wednesday (fortnightly) in the Life Skills House on campus.

Come relax, have a cuppa, meet some new people in a safe, supported, inclusive environment.

**Catch Up Dates for Term 2**

**Looking forward to meeting you all!**



## Foodbank

Through Foodbank Victoria, Belvoir has the opportunity to provide free food hampers to ALL our families at ANY time. There is no limit as to how many of these hampers you can access over time. If you would like a food hamper (up to two per family per order), please request one via emailing Andrew Dear (Leading Teacher - Wellbeing and Inclusion) [andrew.dear@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:andrew.dear@education.vic.gov.au).

Please see the photo provided as to what is included in the hamper. Collection times will be communicated by phone and pick up will be from the front office.



## Parental Concerns or Issues

Belvoir Special School welcomes feedback, both positive and negative, and is committed to continuous improvement. We value open communication with our families and are committed to understanding complaints and addressing them appropriately. We recognise that the complaints process provides an important opportunity for reflection and learning.

We encourage and value open positive relationships with our school community and understand that it is in the best interests of students for there to be a trusting relationship between families and our school.

Parents are able to contact the school through the student diaries which are sent home with students each day, or they can ring the school to speak with classroom staff before or after school most days.

If the matter is urgent parents are able to email [belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au) or call the school on 0260 598 987 and speak with or organise a time to discuss the issue with either Emma, myself or relevant staff.

Our full complaints and other policies can be found at:

[Policies and Forms - Belvoir Special Development School \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](http://belvoirss.vic.edu.au)





## Literacy at Home

Here are some ways you can create a literacy rich home environment where reading, writing, and talking/communicating are a natural part of everyday life.

Make reading with your children a daily priority. Choose your own special reading time, like bedtime, turn off the tv, snuggle up and enjoy spending quality time together. Your children will look forward to it and hopefully model this routine throughout their lives.

Your children will learn reading habits from you, so let your children see that you find reading an enjoyable and exciting activity. Show them that books make you laugh out loud, get totally absorbed, excited, serious, or better informed. Encourage them to get involved when you refer to dictionaries, cookbooks, atlases, manuals and catalogues and newspapers to find information you need. Read out things that might interest them, like the discoveries from the new James Webb telescope or a fact about a place you went on a family holiday.

Show that writing is something we create as well as consume by writing lists for groceries or Christmas shopping, writing birthday cards, reminder notes, labels on boxes, and names on schoolbooks. Talk about how writing serves a range of purposes like communicating our thoughts and feelings, reminding us of events, and organising and recording. Record your children's height on a wall with the date and watch the marks go up! A literacy rich environment home gives children the best opportunity for learning to read and to love books and reading. Modelling your own love of reading shows them that reading is important to you and helps make it important to them.

# Is ABSTUDY for you?

**ABSTUDY** is a group of payments for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, trainees and apprentices that can help with many things.



travel between  
your home and  
study location



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study and  
course costs



books and  
materials for  
uni or TAFE

Scan the QR code to  
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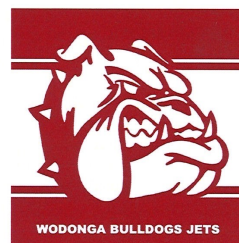


# Players WANTED

## WODONGA JETS



PLEASE CHECK THE WODONGA ALL ABILITIES  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION &  
FOR SIGN UP FORMS.



### ALL ABILITIES FOOTY LEAGUE

Wodonga Bulldog Jets offer players of all abilities, genders and those that are aged 14+ the opportunity to play AFL Football.

Do you know someone who would benefit from getting involved?

### TRAINING & GAMES

- Football Training is on Wednesday every week at Martin Park Wodonga at 5:30pm.
- Participate in Carnivals in North Albury, Wodonga, Wangaratta, Echuca and Shepparton.
- Training starts on Wednesday 15th of March and season starts in April.

**JOIN NOW**

**wodonga@fida.org.au**

## School Athletics - House Groups

Students, Staff and Parents are put into groups according to their surnames. Each group has a name and color and it's requested that everyone wears clothing the color of the house they are allocated to:

<u>Surnames between</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>House Name</u>
<b>A-D</b>	= <b>Red</b>	<b>Mitta</b>
<b>E-K</b>	= <b>Green</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>L-Q</b>	= <b>Blue</b>	<b>Kiewa</b>
<b>R-Z</b>	= <b>Yellow</b>	<b>Hume</b>

### Do you need help applying for the NDIS or Disability Support Pension for your child?

My name is Natalie Ennis and I'm a Support Coordinator at PE Support Services  
(ABN - 38 865 726 149)

I am available to support students and families at Belvoir Special School in applying for the NDIS and the Disability Support Pension.

I have extensive knowledge in these areas as well as being a qualified Psychosocial Recovery Coach,  
Case Manager & Capacity Building Support Worker

If you would like to contact me you can do so by sending an SMS to  
0497 003 574 or email  
natalieennis99@gmail.com.

I look forward to helping you out.



ALBURY BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

# BASKETBALL SCHOOL PROGRAMS



## WHAT IS SPORTING SCHOOLS?

- Sporting Schools is Australia's largest school-based sports participation program, designed to help foster a lifelong interest in sport.
- The program connects schools and local sports clubs to get more children active in their communities.
- Sporting Schools programs are provided free to children and their families, and allows schools to also purchase equipment and resources.

## SPORTING SCHOOLS BASKETBALL PROGRAMS

- Utilise resources from the popular Aussie Hoops program.
- Use a nationally endorsed curriculum that develops fundamental movement skills and meets F-10 outcomes.
- Have strong links to community basketball clubs and associations.
- Feature affordable prices for sessions and equipment
- Provide a fun, inclusive and engaging basketball experience for all abilities and genders



## HOW DOES MY SCHOOL REGISTER?

- Visit [www.sportingschools.gov.au](http://www.sportingschools.gov.au) to register your school, and book a basketball program.



## WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- For more information on Sporting Schools visit [www.sportingschools.gov.au](http://www.sportingschools.gov.au)
- To find your local Aussie Hoops provider visit [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au)

Application Opening Dates:-

Term 2: 8am Monday 27 February 2023 - 5pm Friday 10 March 2023

Term 3: 8am Monday 22 May 2023 - 5pm Friday 2 June 2023

Term 4: 8am Monday 14 August 2023 - Friday 25 August 2023

Contact: Brodey Fruean

Phone: 0404 080 107

Email: [development@alburybasketball.com.au](mailto:development@alburybasketball.com.au)

# Download our school app for free!



- Instant news notifications
- Online absentee forms
- Events and reminders



## Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.



# **ALL ABILITIES SOCCER WANGARATTA**

**HELLO ALL WE HAVE AN ALL ABILITIES TEAM HERE IN WANGARATTA BUT WE DO NEED MORE PLAYERS TO JOIN THE ABILITIES LEAGUE IN MELBOURNE THIS ISN'T TOWN VS TOWN IT'S ABOUT BRING ALL PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES TOGETHER TO FORM A REGIONAL VICTORIA TEAM**

**THAT CAN TAKE IT TO THE BEST METRO MELBOURNE TEAMS IV REACH OUT TO FRANKSTON WHO ARE THE CHAMPIONS AND THE LEAGUE WHO BOTH WANTS A TEAM FROM REGIONAL VICTORIA TO JOIN THERE ABILITIES LEAGUE IN VICTORIA**

**TRAINING IS EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT 5:30PM AT SOUTH WANGARATTA RESERVE TRAINING IS FUN AND ALL ABOUT HAVING A GOOD TIME AND GETTING AROUND GOOD PEOPLE**

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR ...**

**BOYS AND GIRLS**

**15 AND OLDER**

**COMPETITION IS**

**COMPETITIVE**

**FOR MORE**

**INFORMATION CALL**

**OR TEXT MICHAEL**

**0412799623**

