

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

**Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,**

This last week has been action packed with a variety of activities and learning experiences enjoyed by all across the school. Included in this edition we have a snapshot of learning from rooms 3 and 14

A reminder to all parents and carers

Please ensure students come to school with a labelled jumper and have a change of clothes if they get wet during the day.

## ENROLMENTS 2024

We are now taking enrolments for 2024 and will be running a Prep Tour in week 5 and Year 6/7 Tour in week 8 this term.

On Tuesday the 23rd of May at 10:00 we will be running a Prep information session and school tour for prospective 2024 prep families.

On Tuesday the 13th of June we will be running a Year 6/7 information session and school tour for perspective families.

If you know of a child who will be starting school in 2024, and the family is looking to enrol at Belvoir Special School, I ask that you please inform them of the Prep and Year 7 2023 Tours.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

School Council Meeting  
Monday 8th May 6pm @ WSSC  
Wednesday 14th June

Prep 2024 School Tour & Information Session  
Tuesday 23rd May @ 10.00am

Queens Birthday  
Monday 12th June

Year 6/7 School Tour & Information  
Tuesday 13th June

End of Term  
23rd 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



Interested parents and carers will need to contact our School Office on [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:0260598987) so they can book in for the Tour.

## 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 3 NEWS

Mel, Chloe and Jordan



Welcome back, we hope everyone had a great break and is ready to hit the ground running for Term 2!

Room 3 students have been enjoying participating in our weekly cooking sessions. We have made cookies and decorated them with icing, made our own dough to make pizzas and last week in honour of ANZAC Day, we made our own ANZAC biscuits. The students in Room 3 are learning so many literacy skills when they participate in these cooking activities, such as how to follow the steps of a recipe, cooking terms, talking about ingredients and equipment we will use, and lots of great numeracy related skills such as measurement, concepts of time and temperatures. They are really enjoying the hands-on learning that also comes with being involved in cooking experiences. We have been reading "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" in literacy over the past two weeks, and students are beginning to recall parts of the story and what happens next in the sequence of the story. Another favourite story has been "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" which we read last term, but is very relevant to our term topic based on minibeasts. We will be exploring minibeasts this term, including what they are, living and non-living things, habitats and what these little creepy crawlies look like! We have visited Room 2 this week where we had the opportunity to explore lots of different minibeasts and what they look like and the types of homes they live in. Room 3 had so much fun during this time and will continue to build on their knowledge throughout the term as we explore minibeasts further.

We have begun exploring representing data through the use of simple graphs such as a bar graph or pictograph and what these look like. We have started to look at things such as favourite foods or characters and then displaying these in a bar graph, then comparing and interpreting the data. We are looking forward to the rest of the term and lots more fun and learning in Room 3!





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)

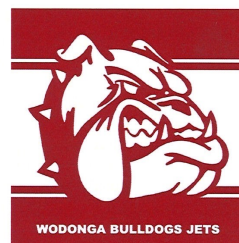
[www.acd.org.au](http://www.acd.org.au)

# 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.

# 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 14 NEWS

Max and Christin

This week room 14 made Pizza for our cooking lesson. The students made the dough from scratch and topped it with tomato paste and grated cheese. Afterwards they followed instructions to clean the kitchen well.

When the pizza was done baking we enjoyed it in our classroom and some students became convinced it was better than dominos!



# RECYCLE, EARN & PLAY



## Our school\* is taking part in the Wonder Recycling Rewards campaign this term.

Help us collect bread bags so we can earn points to redeem on new RHSports equipment.

It's simple! All you need to do is keep your empty bread bags and send them to school\* with your kids! We will then place them in Wonder's pink collection box and post them off to be recycled. The more we collect the more points our school\* earns!

**Collections close 7th July.**

### **Tip for collecting:**

Use one empty bread bag to collect a bunch of other bags.

### **Did you know?**

Last year, schools collected over **10 tonnes of soft plastic**, that's the weight of an elephant!

## LET'S GET COLLECTING!

\* Includes early learning centres and pre-schools.

Tag [@wonder.australia](https://www.wonder.australia) [#wonderrecyclingrewards](https://www.wonder.australia) to share all your recycling champion stories!





### **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, pita bread bags, etc.

**Boxes have arrived, so when you have a full bag of bags please send them into school and pop them in the pink box located in the front office.**

**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 at home (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 our most local in Tangambalanga and Beechworth. 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 many bread bags as we possibly can to fill all our boxes and earn the maximum points to redeem sports equipment for our school. Thank you for helping 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**





# **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**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Your child's sports fees are an eligible savings goal?**

 [saverplus.org.au](http://saverplus.org.au)

 1300 610 355

**Saver Plus – Because the best thing money can buy is financial freedom**

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of school costs. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months. You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

You could be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, or to apply, go to [www.saverplus.org.au](http://www.saverplus.org.au) or call 1300 610 355

# 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 TBA**  
**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 \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](https://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



living  
expenses



rent



study and  
course costs



books and  
materials for  
uni or TAFE

Scan the QR code to  
find out if you can get it



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**

