

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the athletics carnival on Wednesday. It was a great day and certainly showed great sportsmanship and how well all of our students can compete and participate in athletic events.

A huge thank you to all of the families who came along to assist and support their students in a range of activities. Thank you also to our PE teacher, Todd, who did all of the organization behind the scenes to ensure that the day ran smoothly. Finally thank you to all the staff for assisting on the day and allowing as many students as possible to be involved in the activities.

School Council AGM

The Annual Reporting Meeting (AGM) of the school council will be held on Wednesday, 22nd March, 6.00pm, at Belvoir.

Biggest Morning Tea

The senior students are once again supporting the Cancer Council by holding a Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available now for purchase at the office.

Each ticket buys you a yummy plate of food prepared by our students and a tea/coffee.

The money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council as a part of their Biggest Morning Tea fundraising campaign.



DATES TO REMEMBER

*Annual Reporting Meeting (AGM)
Wednesday 22nd March,
6.00pm @ Belvoir*

BIGGEST MORNING TEA
22nd & 23rd March
Tickets on sale now!!

Term 1 Finish 6th April
@ 2.30pm

Term 2 Start 26th April

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

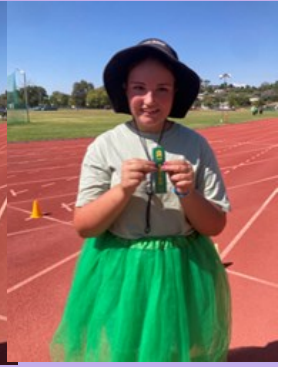
Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

ROOM 17 NEWS

Jo. F, Sara, Prajna & Stephanie



Students in Room 17 have settled in well and had a busy term so far, especially with the Swimming Carnival and Athletics Carnival that have occurred recently. It was wonderful to see all the students having fun and participating in many activities across the day.



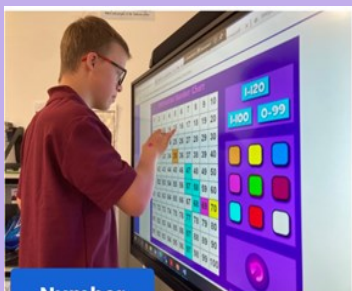
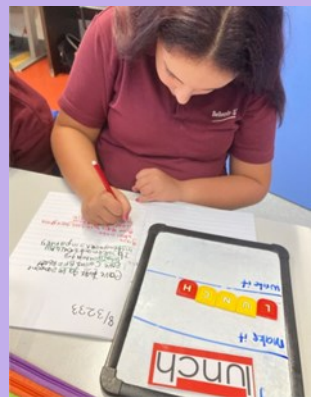
Students have contributed to discussions around classroom expectations, the school rules, and Zones of regulations, as well as learning about our term Topic 'Mind and Body Works'.

In Literacy we have enjoyed listening to different types of Narratives and discussing as a group what happened in the 'beginning, middle and end'.

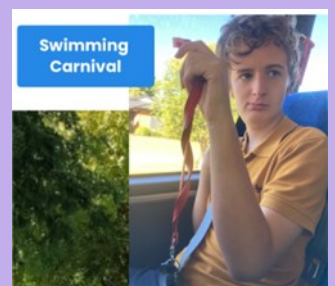
We have also been learning about the features of a Narrative, in particular looking at the characters,

setting, problem and solution within stories and even creating our own story plots. We have been busy learning new words for our class word wall, working on sentence structure and playing lots of sound and word games.

In Maths, we have looked at 'Time', in terms of calendar, special dates, seasons and routine activities, etc.; and have recently been focusing on the Comparison of numbers and collections of objects.



Number tasks



BELVOIR EASTER RAFFLE

2023

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

It's that time of the year again when we ask our families to help us raise funds for the school by supporting our Annual Easter Raffle!

We are asking for donations of eggs, rabbits and baskets so that they can be made into wonderful and colourful raffle prizes.

If you are unsure about what to donate, please contact the office and Andrea, Jo, Viv or Kaylene will be able to suggest some ideas. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Could you please return sold tickets and money to the office by Monday 3rd of April, 2023. Raffle tickets have been sent home.

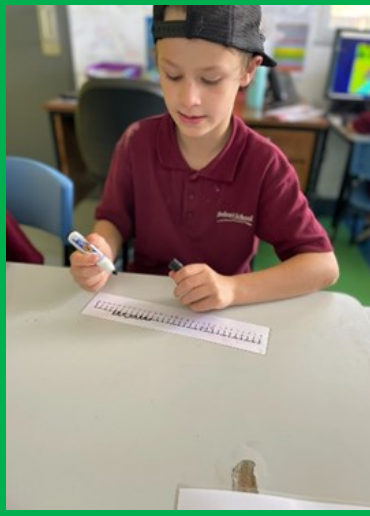
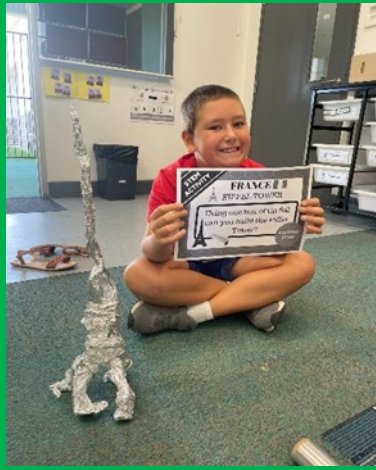
Prizes will be drawn on Wednesday 5th April, 2023 and winners will be notified by phone. Thank you for your support!



ROOM 12 NEWS

Tonia, Claire A, Shirl & Alexander

This term in Room 12 we have been having a lot of fun exploring narratives in literacy and looking at number and calendar in numeracy. This terms topic is all about 'Growing older and wiser' and we have loved looking back at photos of ourselves and seeing how much we have grown. We have taken a bus trip around Wodonga and participated in the swimming and athletics carnival.



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 1:

22nd March - 5th April

Looking forward to meeting you all!



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 or call the school on 0260 598 987 and speak with or organize 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)

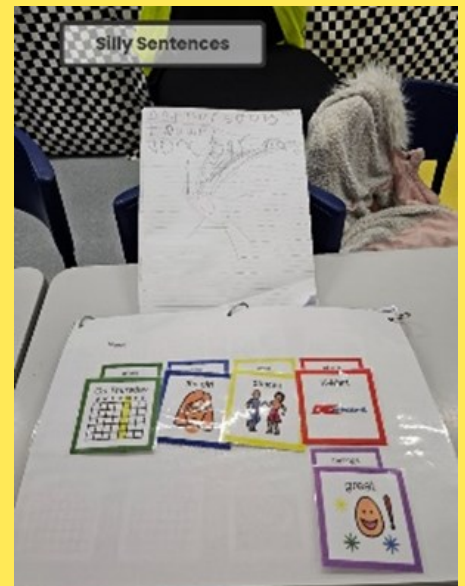


ROOM 1 NEWS

Cas & Sarah



Room 1 has lots of fun exploring and experimenting with new things. Last week we made Moon sand and loved the feel of it between our fingers. Exploring the Learn to Play space in Room 2 has been fun, Jane has led us through 'Having a Party' where we got to write the invitations, play some party games and prepare party food. We are learning to write some of the letters of the alphabet and make some funny sentences, we love drawing pictures to illustrate our work and are learning about colours too. This week we have been sharing the story 'Tiddilick the Frog', and have been enjoying lots of water and bubble play outside. We have been using the foot spa in the afternoons and making it extra bubbly. We have been learning about patterns during our Numeracy sessions and have also been doing lots of counting. We especially love counting the spots on the dogs and the bones in their baskets during this week's game using dice.

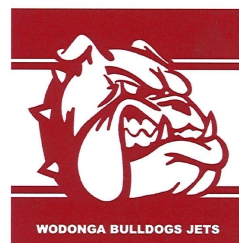


Players WANTED

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> |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| A-D | = Red | Mitta |
| E-K | = Green | Murray |
| L-Q | = Blue | Kiewa |
| R-Z | = Yellow | Hume |

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 Belvior 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.

ROOM 22 NEWS

Jake & Mel

Room 22 students have been working hard to help organise the Belvoir Biggest Morning tea. Students have been shopping, testing recipes and doing lots of cooking to prepare food for next week's big event. They have also participated really well during the swimming carnival and the athletics carnival. There were lots of examples of our orange pod students showing leadership skills and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship.

There have been some exciting times in regards to work experience and the school-based apprenticeship/traineeship recently too. Room 21 and 22 VPC students had a very successful first day last Friday completing some practical sessions out in the factory and some theory modules learning about safety and responsibilities while at work. There were a few sore feet by the end of the day but the feedback was positive and a long weekend was well deserved.



Belvoir Orange pod presents



Biggest Morning Tea

**Wednesday 22nd (Day 1) and
Thursday 23rd (Day 2) March
11:30am till 1:00pm**



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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 to register your school, and book a basketball program.



WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- For more information on Sporting Schools visit www.sportingschools.gov.au
- To find your local Aussie Hoops provider visit 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

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.



Little Explorers Activity Sessions

Do you care for a young person with a disability aged between 0 – 8 years old?

UMFC has received funding through the Victorian State Governments Support for Carers Program to provide some free activity sessions for children with disability and their parent/carer.

These sessions are an opportunity for carers to meet with other carers and staff from UMFC's Interchange program, share information and enjoy the activities provided with their child.

Staff are available to assist children's exploration providing time for carers to catch up and enjoy morning tea together.

Session times – the monthly sessions will be held on a Saturday morning
9.30am – 11.30am

Session 1: 4th March 2023 at Bounce, Wodonga

Session 2: 25th March at Inflatable funhouse, Wodonga

Dates for future sessions to be confirmed

Places are limited so bookings are essential

RSVP to Meaghan Lewin
02 6057 8421 / mlewin@umfc.com.au

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 (30 January 2023) or term two (24 April 2023).

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

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 2023 closes on the 23 June 2023.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

BELVOIR SDS

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 |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------|----------------------------|------------|
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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 ____/____/____