

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

This weekend many families will be celebrating Mother's Day. Around the world today, the Mother's Day celebration is held as a mark of respect and honour woman. It is also a show of love and respect to our Mothers for their contribution to building a better home. While many countries may have different dates for the celebration, the common date is in May. Mother's day, like other celebrations, is an effort like Father's Day to appreciate the contributions of the family towards a better society. Mother's day aims to applaud all the women in the world working hard to improve their families. Contributing to family helps to model a better society.

At Belvoir we would like to acknowledge the contribution of women within our school and community who help us create a safe, supportive, and better community.

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSON's DAY

Tuesday the 16th is Education support person day. This day is set aside to honour and recognise the extraordinary contribution Education Support staff make to public education. At Belvoir we have amazing Educational Support staff who work in our office, classrooms, driving and supervision on the Belvoir bus, taking care of our grounds and as part of our Allied Health and Wellbeing Teams.

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank our Education Support staff at Belvoir, who continue to ensure the smooth running of our school and the wellbeing and learning of our students.

Please join me in thanking all our educational support staff for their ongoing commitment to our students and school.

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 at 10am 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 or transferring in 2024 and family is looking to enroll at Belvoir Special School, I ask that you please inform them of the Prep and Year 7 2023 Tours.

Interested parents and carers will need to contact our School Office on [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:(02)60598987) so they can book in for the Tour.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Persons Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 16th May @ 3.00pm

School Council Meeting
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 Session
Tuesday 13th June

End of Term
Friday 23rd June

Dyson's Buses

PHONE NUMBERS

SCHOOL BUS
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 20 NEWS

Luke, Graham, Jessica & Mick

We've had a busy start to Term 2 in Orange Pod, starting with a trip to the Army Museum in Bandiana. There were lots of cool vehicles to look at and students were even allowed to sit in a jeep, fun was had by all!

In class this term we have a new mix of subjects including Literacy, Numeracy, Respectful Relationships, Life Skills, Mosaics, Gardening, and Staff Café. As well as P.E., Performing Arts, and Art on Thursdays.

Staff Café has seen students take the skills they learnt from Food Studies last term and apply them to cooking cakes and slices to be sold to staff for morning tea every Tuesday. Our students love being in the school's industrial kitchen and getting to visit other classrooms when we collect orders and then deliver food.

Gardening has also been popular in Room 20, we have been digging and weeding in the afternoons to prepare our garden beds for planting, which has already begun with a nice bunch of succulents!

Our class is full of characters, including the staff!



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



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



Leah Sisley
Wellbeing Liaison Officer

ROOM 4 NEWS

Kim, Lisa, Raquel & Marnie



Room 4 has had a wonderful beginning to term 2 with lots of new and wonderful things happening.

This term we are learning about Mini-beasts and we have been exploring room 2 as investigators of living and non-living things.

We have had a letter and word of the week. This week we are learning about the letter tT and the word FUN.

We have been asking each other questions to make our graphs and this week we have enjoyed our swimming sessions each day at the YMCA Leisure Centre.

We cannot wait to see what the rest of the term holds for us.



ROOM 4 NEWS

Kim, Lisa, Raquel & Marnie



My favourite things this term are riding fast around the track on the bikes, the bubbles and landing on my head in swimming.



My favourite thing this term is jumping off the mat in swimming



My favourite thing this term is going under the water in swimming



My favourite things this term is going under the water in swimming and picking out my own bike for bike riding.



My favourite things this term are reading, the iPad and the swings.



My favourite thing this term is the new peanut ball and going for walks.



My favourite thing this term is going to the pool and going in the bigger pool and not the little one.



My favourite thing this term is jumping under the water in swimming.





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

Contact us

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

www.acd.org.au



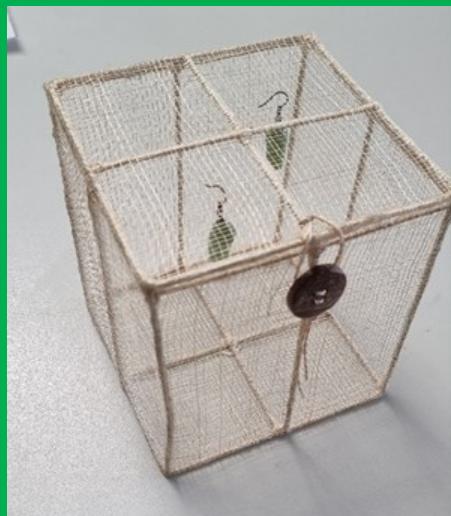
ROOM 9 NEWS

Erica, Lynsey, Sian & Judd



What a great start to the term we have had in room 9! Students have began learning about information reports in literacy, last week our focus was on the life cycle of a Butterfly, and students are now eagerly awaiting some chrysalises to hatch our own classroom butterflies. We will complete daily check-in on our chrysalises and note any changes and record when our butterflies emerge. This week we have been learning about the life cycle of a sunflower. As the term progresses students are looking forward to creating their own information report, choosing their own topic.

This week we had a special outing to see ‘Shrek the Musical’ at the Scots Collage in Albury. Students enjoyed watching the performance and talking to some of the actors during the intermission. Students have also enjoyed an outing to Bunnings last week, where they looked at and purchased some plants.



Take a little



COFFEE BREAK

Belvoir Community Connections & Coffee.

What: an opportunity to catch up with other members of the Belvoir School Community in an informal, relaxed, inclusive setting.

Come, chat, meet people & enjoy a warm drink

Who: any parent or carer with a student currently enrolled at Belvoir.

Why: To re-establish connections within our community. Make new friends. Get out and about!

When: Wednesday 24th May & 21st June 2023 9:15am – 10:15am

Where: Life Skills House @ Belvoir Special School.

RSVP: leah.sisley@education.edu.vic.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 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.](#)

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

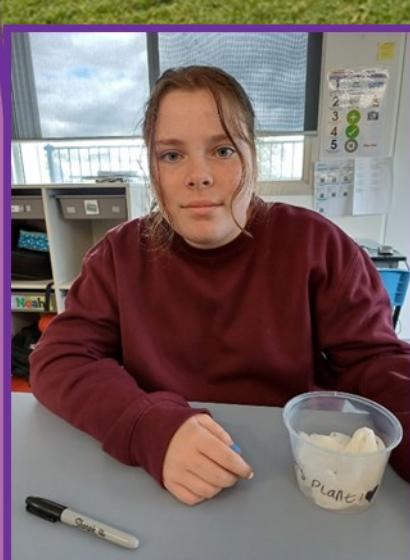
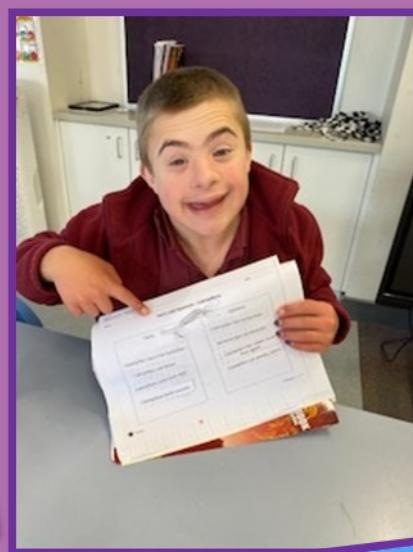
The school may allow therapists on school grounds on a needs basis for the purpose of observing students, and to meet with staff for the purpose of completing assessments. Close consideration is given in these circumstances as it can be disruptive to the other students in the class and therefore will 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

ROOM 16 NEWS

Danae, Lucy, Amanda & Darren

Room 16 have been busy this term. With TODD in PE students have been enjoying learning how to play AFL football. In Literacy we have been focusing on learning about information reports. We have learnt about facts vs fiction as well as facts vs opinions. This has also been used during maths while we have been learning about collecting and interpreting data. Students have also been enjoying our new term topic focusing on Animal Habitats and Living Things. They have germinated some seeds and have been recording their development and growth. It has been a great start to Term Two and we have plenty of exciting things to look forward to including swimming and class outings.



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 #wonderrecyclingrewards** 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

Your support is much appreciated.
Jo Fraser

**THANK
YOU!**





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Auskick

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

 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 or call 1300 610 355

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.



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 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 \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](#)





Special Person's Afternoon Tea

**Tuesday, May 16th, 3.00pm to 3.15pm
@ Belvoir Special School**

**To celebrate all the amazing people in our student's lives,
you are invited to come along for a Special Person's
Afternoon Tea. Your Child's classroom will be open for
you to have a look at their fantastic work and meet their
classroom team.**

There will also be some catering provided.





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 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

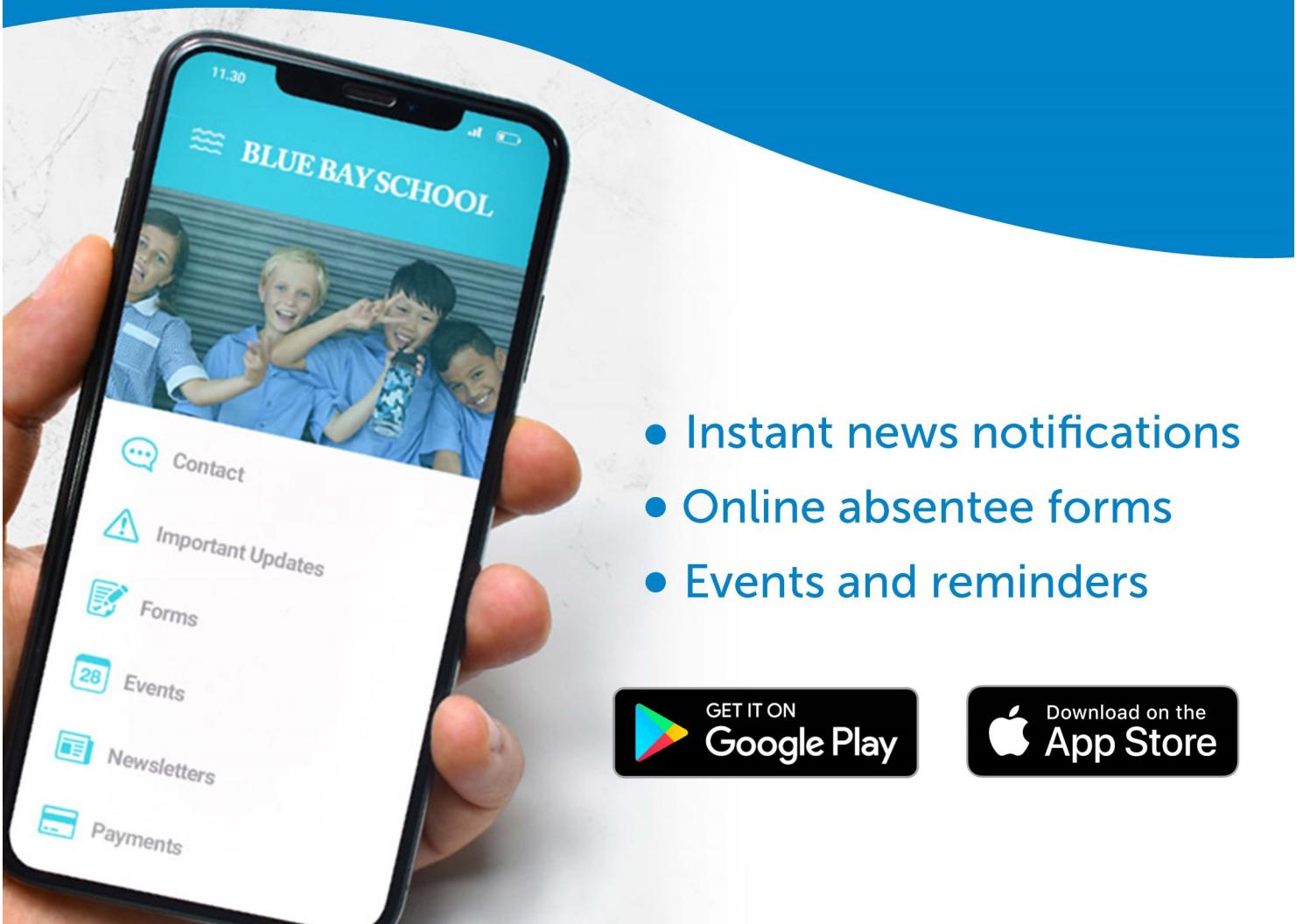
Term 3: 8am Monday 22 May 2023 - 5pm Friday 2 June 2023

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.

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

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