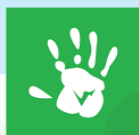


Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

We are at the end of a very busy term during which students and staff have worked exceptionally hard, both in lessons and across the school, to contribute to a successful start to this academic year. It has been pleasing to see our students rising to the challenge of being active learners and demonstrating safe, thoughtful, respectful, and responsible behaviours.

On Wednesday, I was lucky to host a morning tea with many students who achieved awards for their outstanding achievements in the area of being respectful this term. It was wonderful to acknowledge and celebrate the amazing achievements these students have made over term 2.

Students at Belvoir have taken up opportunities to enhance their learning by participating in a large number of activities within the school and also within the community. These have included a weeklong swimming program across each pod, rap incursion, work experiences, School Based Apprenticeship Traineeship (SBAT) program, class and pod excursions and assemblies. All of these activities help foster a strong sense of learning, achievement, belonging and community spirit amongst the staff and students which is wonderful to see.

At Belvoir Special we are incredibly fortunate to have such hard working and dedicated staff who are committed to providing a happy, stimulating, caring and secure learning environment to suit each of our individual students' needs. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they do in pursuit of the very best outcomes for your children.

I wish all of our Belvoir students a well-earned and safe break as they commence the mid-year holidays and look forward to them returning ready to go for Term 3.

Term starts again Monday the 10th of July.

Pennie Moffat - Principal



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

End of Term 2
Friday 23rd June
2.00pm Finish

Start of Term 3
Monday 10th July

Pupil Free Day
Friday 28th July

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

**Andrew Dear:**

Leading Teacher- Wellbeing and Inclusion

Contact details: andrew.dear@education.vic.gov.au

Days of work: Monday-Friday

**Grace Churches:**

Mental Health Practitioner/ Wellbeing

Contact details: grace.churches@education.vic.gov.au

Days of work: Monday (Fortnightly), Tuesday-Friday

**Leah Sisley:**

Wellbeing Liaison Officer

Contact details: leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au

Days of work: Monday-Wednesday

Online support groups/ education videos

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As we are FAST approaching the school holidays the wellbeing team would like to provide some helpful information to assist families over this period.

School Holiday Community Activities (free or low cost)

- **[Holidays @ Hyphen] LEGO Free Play:**
 - Monday the 26th of June.
 - Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 - Location: Hyphen (Wodonga Library)
 - Cost: Free
 - Ages: Recommended for ages 5 to 12
 - Enquiries: 02 6022 9330 or hyphen@wodonga.vic.gov.au
- **[Holidays @ Hyphen] Treehouse Collage Art:**
 - Friday the 30th of June
 - Time: 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 - Location: Hyphen (Wodonga Library)
 - Cost: Free
 - Ages: Recommended for families with children aged 5 to 12 years.
 - Enquiries: 02 6022 9330 or hyphen@wodonga.vic.gov.au
- **[Holidays @ Hyphen] Monday Movie Matinee - Pokemon Detective Pikachu:**
 - Monday the 3rd of July
 - Time: 2:00 PM -
 - Location: Hyphen (Wodonga Library)
 - Cost: Free / Rated PG
- **Out of This World: Australia in the Space Age exhibition and search for the aliens!**
 - Albury Library Museum
 - Cost: Free
 - Ages: Recommended for school aged children/ young adults.
- **Magical magnets-** Create your own magnetic photo frame using scratch art:
 - Thursday the 6th of July
 - Time: 2:30-3:30pm
 - Location: Lavington Library
 - Bookings essential



* For more school holiday activities and events: www.wodonga.vic.gov.au—Wodonga Council
www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/whats-on - Albury City



Family/Community Support Services: (accessible over school holidays)

- YES Youth and Family Services: 1800 885 355
- Gateway Health Services: 1800 657 573
- Mental Health Assessment/Support AWH (24 hr triage line): 1300 104 211
- Emergency Food Relief: Uniting Care Wodonga- (02) 6048 6900
- Orange Door (family violence support) 24 hr: 1800 271 157
- Betty's Place Women Refuge: (02) 6041 4141
- Junction Support Services: (02) 6043 7400
- Life Line: 13 11 14
- Wodonga Priority Primary Care Centre: (02) 6064 1900

The PPCC provides immediate care for patients with or are experiencing non-life- threatening injuries or illnesses. The PPCC is supported by highly skilled independent doctors and a nursing team, utilising excellent treatment and procedure room facilities.

Open 6 days a week, from 8.30 am to 8 pm (Mon - Fri) & 8.30 am to 4.30 pm Saturday and Public Holidays.



As the weather gets colder we would like to remind all our families that through the wellbeing team you can receive support to access pre loved school uniform items through our current supply onsite.

For support enquiries please contact our wellbeing team via (02) 02 6059 8987 or email leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au.

*Alternatively, we are also taking donations of school uniform items (good used condition/clean) to add to our supply. If you have such items please donate to reception.



Through Foodbank Victoria, Belvoir has the opportunity to provide free food hampers to ALL our families at ANY time.

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JUNE IS INTERNATIONAL PRIDE MONTH

A whole month to celebrate our LGBTQIA+ identities, history, and communities!

Every June, is an opportunity to celebrate the history of LGBTQIA+ Pride, our communities, our identities, and look towards the future.

Belvoir Special School as part of the Wodonga Federation of Government Schools strive to provide safe, inclusive and supportive school environments which value the human rights of all students and staff. Our member schools are committed to creating a school community where all members are welcomed, accepted and treated equitably and with respect regardless of their backgrounds or personal attributes such as race, language, religious beliefs, gender identity, disability or sexual orientation so that they can participate, achieve and thrive at school.

Wodonga Federation of Government Schools Inclusion and Diversity Policy <http://www.wodonga.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/WFGS-Inclusion-and-Diversity-May-2022.pdf>

Local supports available to our LGBTQIA+ students, staff, families and school community

- Rainbow Door: 1800 729 367 www.rainbowdoor.org.au
- Queer Space Wodonga: 1800 542 847 <https://umfc.com.au/services/child-and-family-services/queerspace>
- Qlife: 1800 184 527 <https://qlife.org.au>
- Head to Health-1800 595 212 <https://www.headtohealth.gov.au>
- Head Space- 1300 332 022 <https://headspace.org.au>
- Reframing Autism- www.reframingautism.org.au
- Amaze- Resources for parents of transgender/gender diverse Autistic children
- Transgender Victoria: <http://tvq.org.au>

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Work Experience Interview

Name: Taryn Ross

Work Experience Location: CMV Truck and Bus

What staff members do you work with: I work with a variety of different people.

What jobs do you do at work experience:

I began working in the Spare Parts area where I was unpacking boxes and putting parts away in the right place. Now I work in the workshop where I get to work on the trucks.

Do you enjoy work experience? Why?

Yes I enjoy work experience because the staff are so nice and friendly.

What is your favourite job to do and why?

I love working on the trucks as it more hands on than being in the Spare Parts area.

What new skills have you learnt?

The main new skill I have learnt is how to fix things.



The Rotary Club of Albury proudly presents...

CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2023

Relaxed Performances for children and young adults who might require a more flexible environment when going to the theatre. Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an inclusive, accessible, safe environment where you feel welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

A one-hour show, suitable for all ages.

All tickets are COMPLIMENTARY and generously sponsored by businesses from the Albury/Wodonga regions.

DATE: SUNDAY, 30 JULY 2023

SHOW TIMES: 11.00AM, 2.00PM & 4.00PM

VENUE: COMMERCIAL CLUB ALBURY



Jonas Jost: Show Host & Magician



Luke Forrester: Mouth Balancer



James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

**TO BOOK, PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT YOUR
TICKET ORDER AND CONTACT DETAILS TO...**

✉ MEREDITHNEWMAN@SHOWINTENT.COM.AU 📞 0404-367-782

- Bulk and individual ticket orders from schools, organisations, families and carers are welcome, including tentative bookings.
- All tickets are complimentary - One ticket per person is required when booking tickets.
 - Bookings for multiple dates and showtimes are welcome.
- Tickets distributed on a first-come first-served basis. Available until booked out.



Stay well this winter

Symptoms of influenza (flu) can hit very quickly and may last several weeks. Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting the flu.

[Annual influenza vaccination](#) is recommended from mid-April each year and is free under the [National Immunisation Program](#) for those at higher risk of complications from the flu.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to practice prevention measures, including:

- washing and sanitising hands regularly
- avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- covering nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing

staying home if unwell and consulting a general practitioner (GP) or [Nurse-on-call](#) as required

[staying up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.](#)

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations can be booked through GPs and pharmacies, many of which can also provide COVID-19 vaccinations. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 6 months and over.

Some people are more at risk of complications from flu and are eligible for free vaccination as part of the [National Immunisation Program](#).

COVID-19 booster

The 2023 COVID-19 booster dose is available for everyone aged 18 and above.

Getting your booster dose remains the best way to prevent severe illness or hospitalisation, especially in people aged over 65 and those at higher risk of severe illness.

You can have your booster dose 6 months after your last dose or COVID infection.

Children aged between 5 and 17 years who are at risk of severe illness can also receive a 2023 booster dose.

You can get your next dose at your local pharmacy or GP. To find one near you, refer to the [vaccine clinic finder](#).

Find out more

For more information about preventing flu, and immunisation, refer to:

[Better Health Channel influenza flu immunisation fact sheet](#)

[Getting vaccinated against influenza.](#)



How do I find out more?

For a referral to Early Help;

- Speak to your school, kinder, childcare, or maternal-child health.
- You can self-refer by contacting the Early Help team at Junction 0260437400.

talk to **EARLY HELP** now

“Let's work together to empower your family”

155 Melbourne Rd
Wodonga VIC

0260 437 400

<https://junction.org.au>

Junction
Support Services

EARLY HELP PROGRAM



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The aim of the program is to upskill families, providing tools and strategies to empower families based on their goals, needs and wishes. We provide parents with possible tools and strategies to help with common family struggles to build on their knowledge, skills and confidence.

This may include:

- Developing and maintaining routines
- Emotional regulation
- Interactions between family members
- Activities that promote healthy relationships
- Boundary setting in a variety of environments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones
- Connect you to the community and everything it has to offer

Early Help is a short-term, evidence-based intervention for children aged 0-12 years and their families. Early Help cares for all children's and families' identity and culture. We focus on the strengths of the families that we are working alongside.

“We can support you to navigate hard stuff in life and build strong connections in your family”

Early Help is a voluntary program. Involvement could include individual support, group work or counselling depending on what the family want. We can support to link you in with longer-term services and navigate referrals with you if required.





TACKLING CONSENT



GREAT PLAYER, BETTER PERSON



WODONGA BULLDOGS CLUBROOMS

JULY 3 : 5.30PM – 7PM

FREE EVENT

Alex Rance teams up with CAV staff and Vic Police to chat about affirmative consent & respectful relationships.

For more info & bookings go to:

<https://events.humanitix.com/tackling-consent-wodonga>



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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://education.vic.gov.au/ndis-funded-therapy-in-schools-policy)

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

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.



OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 1st July 2023

What do you do with broken household items?
You can fix them at the Repair Café!

Our experienced repairers will help you repair them –
for free!

**First Saturday of the month,
10am to 1pm
Senior Citizens Centre,
15 Havelock Street, Wodonga**

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