

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Welcome back to a chilly and wet start to Term 3. I hope that all our Belvoir families have enjoyed the opportunity for a break to refresh ready for the second half of the year. This week has been 'quieter' as everyone settles back into the routine of school, however the term looks to be another busy one with lots of wonderful learning experiences ahead for all students.

This week all classes participated in activities which explored the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as part of our NAIDOC week celebration. Today we had an incursion where our local **Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESO)** supported our students with hands on activities which immersed students in Koori food, art, music, stories and artifacts.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

Parents and Carers can you please confirm with classroom staff your child's drop off and pick up schedule. This can be done via See Saw or Student Diary.

If your child is being picked up by a **respite worker**, can you please ensure they know school finished at 3pm. In addition, all respite workers **MUST** report to the front office prior to taking students from the school and sign them out.

Stay Well this Winter

In Victoria, influenza (flu) and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infection numbers are high among children aged 5 to 11 years, particularly in those in their first few years of school. The Victorian Department of Health expects more respiratory infections over Term 3.

Most children with flu or RSV have a mild fever, runny nose or cough. Some children, particularly babies and children with underlying medical conditions, may have more severe illness.

Keeping our school community well

Parents, carers and students are encouraged to:

- ♦ stay at home if unwell and consult a general practitioner (GP) or NURSE-ON-CALL as needed.
- ♦ wash and sanitise their hands regularly.
- ♦ avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- ♦ cover their nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing.
- ♦ stay up to date with flu and COVID-19 vaccinations.

Our school has masks available for staff, students and visitors if they want to wear them.

TERM 3 DATES

Reminders of some important dates for this term:

- Secondary Assembly – 2:10 Tuesday the 18th July and 22nd of August.
- Primary Assembly- 2:10 Tuesday the 1st of August and 29th of August.
- Whole School Assembly- 2:10 Tuesday 8th of August.
- Book Week 21st to 25th of August.
- Book Week Parade- 9.30am Tuesday 22nd of August.
- Special Person's Breakfast- Friday 1st September.
- Are U Ok Day and 2:10 Whole School Assembly 7th of October.

Further information for each of these events, and others, will appear in newsletters closer to the event. As the term progresses, I look forward to hearing about and sharing many wonderful learning experiences from across the School.



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil Free Day
Friday 28th July

BUS PHONE NUMBERS

Dysons BUS 1: 0460 935 609

Dysons BUS 2: 0460 875 492

Dysons BUS 3: 0460 896 490

Dysons BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813



ROOM 16 NEWS

Danae, Lucy, Amanda & Darren



Room 16 have settled back into the school routine after all enjoying a well-earned break. As part of Literacy, our Term 3 topic and celebrating NAIDOC week students have begun exploring Aboriginal symbols, learned about song lines, and participated in a range of Dreamtime story activities. Students also began focusing on their new maths topic, telling the time, and enjoyed returning to specialist subjects Performing Arts, PE and Art. We look forward to another great Semester Room 16.





Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to attend this year's Special Children's Christmas Party. The party is for children only with Special Needs, where they can enjoy just being a 'kid' again, there will be lots of rides, face painting, activities, a 3-hour stage show, yummy food, presents and Santa of course! all provided completely free!

This year's party is being held at:

**The Wodonga Sport & Leisure Centre
Saturday 18th November 2023
10am – 1pm**

If you are interested in your child attending this year's Party, please send this form back to your school or organisation that informed you about the Party. Your School or Organisation will then get in touch with the organisers of the Christmas Party to register your interest and perhaps you might be lucky to receive an invitation!

If you have any further questions about the event, you may view our webpage at www.sccpau.com.au/faqparents There you will find a list of commonly asked questions.

Remember, this is only a request for an invitation, not a guarantee that you will receive one. Each year, we have over 3,000 requests for children to attend and it's not possible to accommodate that many children with Special Needs.

This form needs to be back to your school or organisation before 9th September 2023.

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Yes, I would like to register my interest for my child to attend.

Child's Name:

Age: (must be under 12 years)

Gender:

(Although most gifts are gender neutral, this will allow us to match up a gift with the gender identified).

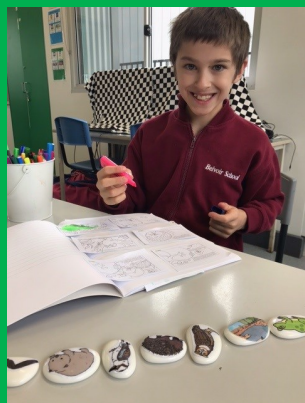
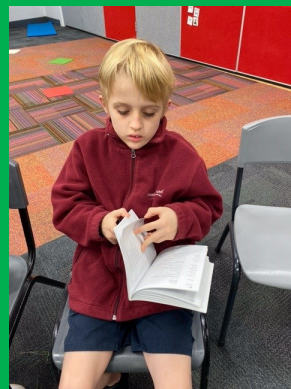
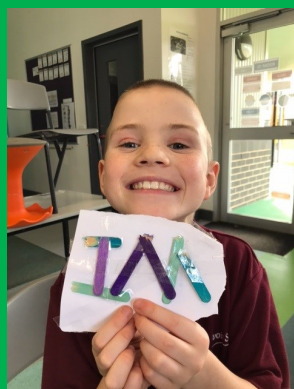
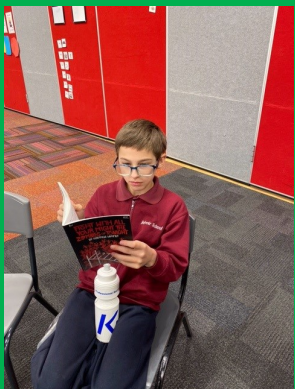


ROOM 10 NEWS

Jo C, Jo A & Dylan



There has been lots of enthusiasm in Room 10 as the students settled back into our routines after the holidays. Students have enjoyed doing some Art & Craft activities and have been particularly enthusiastic about the introduction to this terms Math's topic of money. PE saw the students out on the bike track which they thoroughly enjoyed. It has been great to see such happy faces coming into the classroom each morning!



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

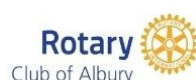


James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

**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.



ORANGE POD NEWS

Room 20 News

Luke, Graham, Jessica & Mick

We are glad to be back for the second half of the year with lots more fun activities and things to learn.

This term we will continue with our lessons in Literacy, Numeracy, Respectful Relationships, Life Skills, Mosaics, Gardening, and Cooking. Our students continue to show that they can succeed in many areas of learning and that they can acquire a range of different skills.

We decided to ask them what they like most about being at Belvoir:

I like school because...

we get to do cooking and make cakes (Ethan)

we do Art and drawing in class (Angus)

I like seeing the staff (Kianna)

we do some drawing (Aeden)

of the sandpit and swings (Ky)

I get to have fun (Jackson)

we do gardening (Jayden)

of the swing (Denhem)



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.](#)

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

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- 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.