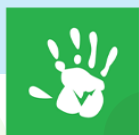


Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

This week students have quickly settled into their classrooms and programs for Term 2. Staff have been busy this week organising SSG meetings with families as these will be held next week. If you have not yet organised a meeting with your child's class for a Student Support group meeting to set goals for Semester 2 can you please contact your child's classroom staff.

SAFETY OF ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

As we return for the second half of 2023, thank you for the way our community members are supporting the School in a number of areas. To enable this to continue, we are seeking your ongoing support and assistance in maintaining the safety of all individuals.

A few points to remember:

• STUDENTS ARRIVING AT THE SCHOOL BEFORE SCHOOL

We request that students do not arrive before 8.30am. They will not be supervised by staff. Minimum supervision is provided at 8:30. School gates open at 8:45. At this time students may go to their classroom and classroom staff are available to supervise students.

• STUDENT SIGNED OUT

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.

• DROP-OFF / PICK-UP ZONE

When using the drive-through Drop-Off / Pick-Up zone, please do not park here if you are visiting the classroom or need to talk to staff. This space is only for quick pick up and drop off.

For the safety of our community members, we do not want to have pedestrian and vehicle traffic mixed, especially as the area is used by buses for drop-off. In the afternoon, please wait until all buses have left before entering the school.

Pedestrians are encouraged at all times to use the marked Zebra crossings and footpath. At peak times (before and after school), the carpark crossing is supervised by a staff member. Please follow the directions of the staff member to ensure all users are safe. I would ask that as adults, we act as good role models by always using the Zebra crossing and if supervised, follow the directions of staff members.

• TRAFFIC RULES

We encourage all parents/carers to observe the speed limits (5km per hour, which is like walking pace) within the School for the safety of all community members.

• SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBOURS

We would appreciate your support if parking in surrounding streets. This includes parking responsibly and allowing traffic flow for the residents, particularly during afternoon pick-up. As we settle into the new term, thank you for your ongoing support and as always, please feel free to reach out with questions and concerns.

Pennie Moffat, Principal



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil Free Day
Friday 28th July

Book Week Parade
Tuesday, 22nd August

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



WMY R3 NEWS

Nicole & Kelly



Hello everyone, R3 is bustling with energetic students, ready for the new term. This term we are looking at Indigenous Australia as our Term Topic. It is very exciting as we will be connecting our learning to Literacy, informative narratives, where we will look at Dreamtime Stories, poetry, song writing and jokes. We will connect that to our Term Topic, looking at Dreamtime Stories, Art, clothing, culture and accommodation from the early days of settlement and explore how things have evolved over the years.

We have some amazing outings planned, where we will explore the Gateway Village and Murray Art Museum Albury (MAMA), and complete the Yindymarra Sculpture Walk. So, linking with Literacy, we have been looking at limericks. Our students had a go at making their own limericks and found it challenging to make them rhyme in the correct area, but with perseverance they got there. Read some of their hard work below.

A Limerick

There once was a Gamer from Scone

Every day, He would check his phone notifications.

But whenever His ps5 would break

The Gamer soon realised his mistake

That He fixed it Text from Within his home

By: Reilly A Grant

Date: 18/7/23

Bee pains

A Limerick

There once was a kid from Spain

Every day, he had a pain

But whenever mean kids hid behind trees

They got attacked by bees

That flew over the way from Spain

By: CJ

Date: 18/7/23

Noelani Rhymezone.com 18/7/2023

Name: DMITR

A Limerick 7-10 2-10

There once was a Leprechaun from Perth

Every day, he knew his worth

But whenever he felt down

The Leprechaun acted like a clown

That filled him with from lots of mirth

By: Noelani Noelani

Date: 18/7/2023

This week we also were invited to watch the 'Smashed' production aimed specifically about underage drinking. Smashed doesn't tell the students what to do, it enables learning. Our students viewed the short performance and were an active part of the discussions around underage drinking. They covered:

- The social and emotional causes
- The impact on young lives
- Social influence and decision making
- Where and how to help yourself and others

It was thoroughly engaging and very thought provoking. Below are a couple of snaps of how we viewed it. They had lots of little scenes and used music and images to create the scenes.



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)



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

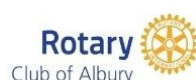


James Bustar: Comedy Juggler

**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.





ROOM 1 NEWS

Cas & Madi



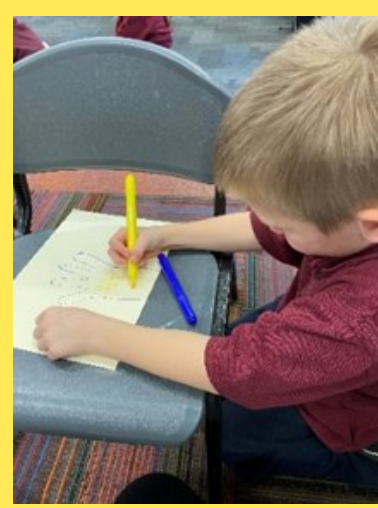
What a busy start to Term 3 we have had! We began the week with lots of wet weather and inside play. Luckily we have a Wii game in our room and lots of fun was had with bowling and hula hooping and other games. We have also welcomed a new student into our class.

During week 1 we enjoyed our class story 'Farmer Duck', a story about a lazy farmer and a duck and his farm animal friends that helped him. Our Letter of the Week was the letter F.



For Numeracy we have begun our learning about money and have enjoyed rolling the money dice and then matching the coins. We are learning to identify the features we can see on the coins. We have also had lots of fun playing a shopping game, where we sort all the items for sale into the correct shops before then buying them with the cards that have the correct coins on the them to match their price amount.

Last Friday our students participated in NAIDOC Week activities and really enjoyed the arts and craft as well as helping to cook Johnny Cakes.



This week we have begun sharing the Possum Magic story, learning about all the different foods Hush the young possum eats in various places across Australia to try and make herself visible again after Grandma Poss used her magic to make her invisible at the start of the story. Our Letters for this week and next week are B and U. This term we will be learning about 'Then' and 'Now' for our term topic and we have started our learning journey by exploring some transport options. We have looked at horses, trains, trams and cars so far. We look forward to seeing our parents during weeks 2 & 3 for our SSG meetings where we will discuss our learning goals for Semester Two.

From the Room 1 Team: Cas P & Madi McG.



CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK®

#CBCA2023

BELVOIR BOOK PARADE
TUES. 22nd August 9:30

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ARTWORK BY MATT OTTLEY

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PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Jane & Jess



The start to term three has been awesome with our focus change to DRAMA! Yellow pod are exploring the creature characters of The Gruffalo. Green pod are focussing on Shack, a play about students stuck in the Antarctic, by an Australian author. Purple pod have started viewing Compass, another Australian play for young people, and Orange pod are delving into the history of theatre and stage fighting!

New costumes for our senior students arrived this week, and some classes had a great time trying our Greek, Roman, Renaissance and Tudor looks!



SCRIPTS



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.](#)



2 more weeks to collect!

We are amazed at the number of requests we have received for more time to collect. That is why we are thrilled to announce we are extending collections for 4 more weeks!

You now have until the **4th of August** to get your Collection Boxes packed nice and full, and send them off to earn more points, and keep soft plastic out of landfill.

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).

Your support is much appreciated. Thank you.



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 \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](http://belvoirss.vic.edu.au)

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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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.