

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Albury / Wodonga Community Crew

On October the 7th Community Crew ran a fundraising event to support the school to complete some much-needed maintenance of our bike track.

The mystery bus tour was a great success and raised over \$2500 towards resurfacing the bike track.

Community Crew's support did not end with this fundraising event, they have also reached out to people in the community for support. Through their tireless work they have obtained additional funds to cover materials to resurface the bike track as well.

Through networking with organisations such as Twin City Car Club where they have arranged equipment and volunteers to assist with the resurfacing project. Thanks to Community Crew and the work and donations from local community members, we have now secured the expertise, time, equipment and money to cover materials required to resurface the bike track.

We would like to thank Community Crew, participants on the Mystery Bus Tour and all other community members for their support and generosity to such an important project for our school and students.



2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

**2024 Foundation Students
Meet & Greet - 31st October
3.30pm - 4.30pm**

**Green Pod Camp
2nd-3rd Nov.**

**Fancy Lah De Dah Day Dress
up day - 7th Nov.**

**Orange Pod Camp
8th-10th Nov.**

**Post -School Expo
21st Nov 4pm-5:30pm @
Belvoir School Hall**

**YR12 Graduation
Wed 29th Nov.**

**Staff Professional Practice
Day (Student Free Day)
23rd Nov.**

**Wodonga Cup 24th November
(Public Holiday in Wodonga)**

**School Concert 1st Dec
10:30am - 2:20pm**

**Last Day of School Year for
Students 19th of December
3.00pm Finish**

**Staff Development Day
20th Dec**

BUS 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

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

World Teacher's Day

Teachers play an important role in our community and we thank them for their dedication to inspire children and young people. At Belvoir we have an amazing group of teachers and despite the challenges of the last few years, our teachers continue to bring their enthusiasm and passion and do their best to work and continue to put their students first.

Today we celebrated World Teacher's Day, with a morning tea to thank all of our teachers for the terrific job that they do. Our teachers and ES staff are certainly our greatest resource, and it was terrific to be able to recognize them in some small way for the work that they do.

Today provides an opportunity to recognise our teachers, say thank you and celebrate the incredible contributions teachers make in our communities. The 2023 theme is "Hats off to teachers!"

[World Teachers' Day - 27 October 2023 \(worldteachersday.edu.au\)](https://worldteachersday.edu.au)



Share your "hats off" selfie to celebrate teachers, and to tell us what they mean to you.

Grab your hat – beret, beanie, bucket, bowler – and create a post on social media, using [#WorldTeachersDay2023](#) and [@aitsl](#)



Belvoir Special School

"Together we can"

Join Us at the Belvoir Special School Post-School Expo on November 21st!

On behalf of Belvoir Special School, I would like to invite you to participate in our Post-School Expo on November 21st. The purpose of this event is to provide our school families with valuable information and resources regarding the various support services and options available to their children after completing Year 12. We believe that your organisation's presence at this expo could greatly benefit our students and their families as they plan for their future endeavours.

Event Details:

Date: November 21, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Venue: Belvoir School Gymnasium

Why Attend:

Connect with Our Community: By participating in this expo, you'll have the opportunity to engage with our school community, which includes parents, guardians, and soon-to-be graduates.

Showcase Your Services: This event offers a platform for your organisation to showcase the services and opportunities you offer for post-school programs, including internships, apprenticeships, educational courses, and more.

Support Student Success: Your participation will help students and their families make informed decisions about the best path forward, empowering them to succeed in the future.

To confirm your participation or for any inquiries, please contact us at jake.sanders@education.vic.gov.au or call the school [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:0260598987). We kindly request that you RSVP as soon as possible to secure your stall at the expo. Please let us know if you need a table, how many chairs and if you need electricity for your stall.

Sincerely,

Jake Sanders – Senior School Leading Teacher

Belvoir Special School

54 Gayview Drive, West Wodonga, 3690

jake.sanders@education.vic.gov.au

[\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:0260598987)

**DRAWN ON
8TH
DEC 2023**



Belvoir Christmas Raffle

Belvoir Special School would like to ask for your help in organising and contributing items to be used as prizes for our 2023 Christmas Raffle. Contributions of vouchers or products will be much appreciated.

Please contact Belvoir School if you have any ideas, connections or leads that may help our school to gather items for our famous Christmas Raffle.

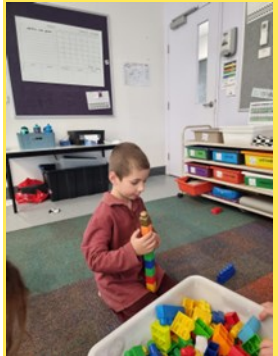


ROOM 4 NEWS

Kim Mc, Raquel & Jordan

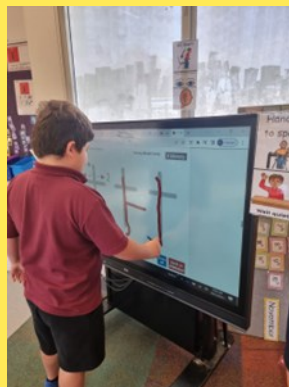


Room 4 has had a great start to term 4, and we have had lots of fun already! We have started term topic of STEAM and been problem solving and building towers as tall as possible, with different types of blocks.



Problem solving how to make towers taller, stronger or bigger and working as a team. In literacy we have been reviewing our Alphabet letters.

We have also been practicing our writing skills and enjoying our learning walks during both literacy and numeracy.



Participate in the exciting sport of Softball

Ages 8 & Up

No equipment needed

Every Thursday

Starting September 7th

4:30pm-5:30pm

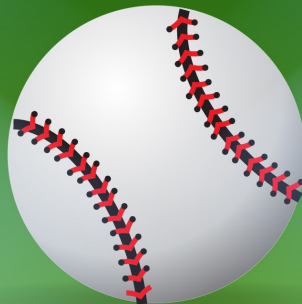
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,
Wodonga.

*Become
a
Junior*
WARRIOR

Contact: Tracey Chadwick - 0407592722



<https://www.facebook.com/wodongasoftball>



VPC Studies

As part of their VPC studies, students from room 21 and 22 have been collaborating with Wodonga Landcare. Karen and Jo, who are passionate conservationists, have been guiding us in weekly sessions, teaching us about the significance of natural areas around Albury-Wodonga. This term, we have been fortunate enough to visit a site where squirrel gliders and sugar gliders live. We also walked across a small section of the rail trail that goes through a wetland. We learned about the importance of nest boxes for native fauna. These boxes act as tree hollows for animals to live in, and we were given the opportunity to use a pole camera connected to a mobile phone to look inside. Students also learned about the different ecosystems and how they influence what animals may live in the area. Belvoir looks forward to continue collaboration with community organisations such as Wodonga Landcare, who have provided excellent learning opportunities for our students.



Our services

Aged Services



Transport

Safe, reliable, door-to-door transport service for all your transport needs



Domestic Assistance

General cleaning and household duties around the house.



Assisted Shopping

Providing one-on-one assistance with your grocery shopping.

Disability Services



Transport

Safe, reliable, door-to-door transport service for all your transport needs



Home Support

Providing you support with a range of personal day-to-day tasks



Individual Support

Support for you to stay connected with your community.



School Leaver Employment Support

Helping you become job-ready after you graduate high school.



Support Coordination

Support for you to maximise your NDIS plan.



Capacity Building

Supporting you to develop skills that will help you achieve your aspirations.



Day Program

Designed to fill your days with fun, skill-building activities.



Short Term Accommodation

Respite care that allows you and your carer to have a break.



Group Activities

Start planning your next fun-filled day, night or outing.



1300 704 530

intake@communityaccessability.org.au
www.communityaccessability.org.au



ROOM 9 NEWS

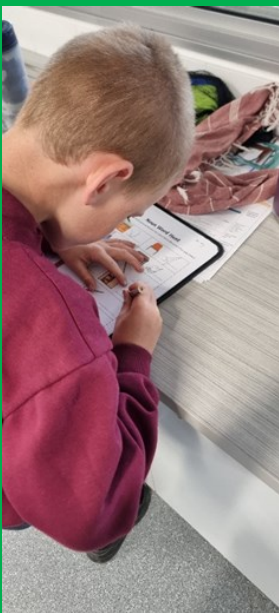
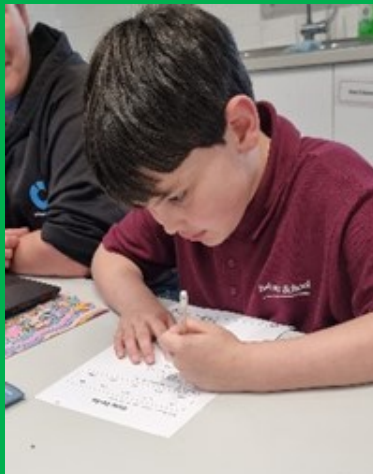
Erica, Lynsey, Sian & Judd



What a fantastic start to term 4 we have had in Room 9. Students started the term with an outing in week 2, where they began to identify what towns need which links into this term's topic of 'Town Planning'. Based off what students have learnt about towns and their learning about products and materials, they are looking forward to creating a part of a town to connect with the other green pod classes.

Over the past 2 weeks some of the green pod students have participated in an excursion to Beechworth. Students participated in a range of activities at the Beechworth Bee School and had a visit to the Burke Museum to experience 'How Granny Lived', where they learnt about what life was like in the past. This week's excursion also included a trip to the bowling alley and dinner and a movie in the Life Skills house.

In literacy this term students are learning how to structure sentences and extending their phonological awareness. In the coming weeks students will begin to use this knowledge to create their own short texts. In math sessions, students have been learning about location and direction, with a class favourite activity being using the Beebots.



Belvoir Special School's

OP SHOP

We are selling second
hand school uniforms!

on Tuesday at 2pm-3pm
and Friday at 9am-10am

at the Life Skills House
next to the front gate

Starting
WEEK 2
Friday



please donate your outgrown uniforms to the office



WMY C1

Felicity Limbrick



We have had a busy start to term 4. We have moved classrooms to a quieter place in the school.

Last week we went to the Albury Skate Park. We are enjoying getting creative with design briefs and enjoyed our Egg drop. Our Year 9s have begun their transitions to Wodonga Senior Secondary. We are also enjoying our new ATLs such as Mechatronics, Art, Music and Drama. We are also enjoying our Food Technology and Science lessons where we are learning about our Solar System.





Mental Health Month is celebrated each year in the month of October. This month encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing, regardless of whether we may have a lived experience of **mental illness** or not. It also gives us the opportunity to understand the importance of good mental health in our everyday lives and encourages help seeking behaviours when needed.

Did you know that there is a Mental Health Practitioner Program at Belvoir Special School?

The Mental Health Practitioner (MHP) Program provides vital support and promotes positive mental health and wellbeing and addresses mental health concerns where they arise. The MHP role provides a valuable extra resource to school's existing wellbeing teams and supports schools by:

- Contributing to whole-school approaches to mental health prevention and promotion
- Providing direct counselling support and other early intervention services to students (where appropriate)
- Coordinating supports for students with complex needs.

Should you feel that your child would benefit from support through the Mental Health Practitioner Program do not hesitate to make contact via email grace.churches@education.vic.gov.au or calling (02) 6059 8987 and asking for Grace Churches (Mental Health Practitioner) to discuss further.



Grace Churches

Mental Health Practitioner

Belvoir Special School

grace.churches@education.vic.gov.au



Room 19 NEWS

Tony, Pam, Sharee, Brenda & Renu



Over the past 2 terms, students in Orange 19 have been learning about food production and growing plants. We have planted seeds and nurtured them into large healthy plants which have been producing some delicious vegetables. Our plants have been producing lettuce, snow peas, peas, carrots, silver beet, beetroot and broccoli, which we have all had a try of. These plants are beginning to finish their life cycle and we are beginning to plant and nurture the next stage of our plants which include tomato, corn, sunflower, capsicum, basil and thyme.

This week, Kyescha-Lee and Tyson cooked sausages and we had a cooked lunch on sausages and mashed potato with gravy as well as broccoli and carrot from our garden. Jack enjoyed the mashed potato, Shandy loved the smell of the onion gravy and Matilda basked in the sights and aromas in the kitchen.



we ALL have a role to PLAY

WayAhead
Mental Health Association NSW





**Are you a school leaver with a NDIS plan?
Unsure what your options are? Come and
meet with Omnia Inclusive Employment
Solutions, and explore your options for study,
work, social and independence!**

Are you looking for opportunities to try new experiences? Want to establish stronger community connections or develop independent living skills and find employment...Omina can assist.

We offer School Leavers Employment Supports, where step by step, we help young school leavers enhance their skills and confidence and support the journey to employment, further education or greater independence. We offer a free sample day, where you can come along and trial a day with Omina.

Interested

Call Nicki Lihou on 0409146295 or

Send an email to nicki.lihou@omnia-inclusive.com.au

Need help to make sense of your NDIS Plan?

Let us help!

Call to book your
**FREE Understand
Your Plan Session**
with an expert
plan manager.

In your session we'll:

- help you understand the funding in your NDIS plan
- explain the different budget categories
- discuss the kinds of supports you can use
- share tips and tricks about how the NDIS works.

It doesn't matter if you're self-managed, NDIA-managed or with another plan manager.

Call to make your
booking today.

We also have a huge
library of NDIS news
& disability-related
stories, PLUS the
NDIS ebook series!



Leap in!

Call **1300 05 78 78**

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.