

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

## Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Just a friendly reminder for **ALL Respite workers** you **MUST** sign the child you are picking up or dropping off in and out of school, at the front office prior to taking the student from the schoolgrounds.

- If it is your first time picking a child up you need to see the Admin staff at the front office so we can take a copy of your photo ID.

Congratulations to all of the students who dressed up for our annual La-De-Dah Day celebrations on Tuesday. It was fantastic to enjoy the sunshine in the Agora as each class paraded their fashions on the field. It was terrific to see so many parents in attendance for the parade and great to see all of the staff and students dressed in their finest racing clothes. The winning classes in each Pod were Yellow Pod Room 6, Green Room 8, Purple Room 18 and Orange Room 22.

Over the last three days Orange Pod has been on camp. The staff and students have had an amazing time and we look forward to welcoming them back this afternoon.



### 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

**School Council Meeting 15th November at 6pm at Belvoir**

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

**YR12 Graduation—Wed 29<sup>th</sup> of Nov**

**Staff Professional Practice Day  
(Student Free Day)— 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov**

**Wodonga Cup 24<sup>th</sup> November  
(Public Holiday in Wodonga)**

**School Concert 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 10:30 - 2:20**

**Last Day of School Year for  
Students 19<sup>th</sup> of December**

**Staff Development Day—20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

### Dyson's Buses

#### PHONE NUMBERS

**BUS 1: 0460 935 609**

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**BUS 4: 0460 869 012**

**Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813**

# Remembrance Day

11th November

Remembrance Day marks the date in 1918 when the First World War came to an end. It is officially observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month each year.

Remembrance Day will be marked by a pause at 11am on Saturday 11 November 2023 for a minute's silence, to remember people's service and sacrifice.

Victoria's Shrine of Remembrance will hold a commemorative service on Remembrance Day.

The service will be live streamed on the Shrine's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) channels from 10:30am. Refer to the [Shrine of Remembrance](#) website for more information.



**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.





**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Belvoir Special School**  
**Friends and Family are welcome!!!**

**Purple and Orange pods:** 11:30 Art Show open,  
Concert starts 12:00, BBQ and activities from  
12:45

**Location: Belvoir School Hall**







International Day of People with Disabilities (IDPwD) is a United Nations sanctioned day celebrated annually across the globe. The aim of IDPwD is to raise awareness, understanding and acceptance of the 4.4 million people living with disability in Australia.

This year's celebrations will be hosted by Wodonga Council in collaboration with Albury City and the Regional Disability Advocacy Service (RDAS).

To mark the day, an expo will be held on Thursday, December 7 at The Cube Wodonga.

The Expo is an opportunity for service providers and advocacy agencies to profile their services and run interactive activities.

Once the Expo concludes, attendees are welcome to make their way to the Council Chamber at 104 Hovell St for a guided virtual tour of the terrific public art that can be found throughout Wodonga.

This will be a fantastic event to connect with people and organisations in the area.

We extend our thanks to major sponsor [Enhance Physio](#) and community partner [Wodonga Eyecare](#), without whom this event would not be possible.

**Please note:** The Cube Wodonga is an inclusive venue that offers a range of accessibility amenities including accessible parking, wheelchair and scooter entry, an accessible restroom with an adult changing table, a hearing loop in the lobby and, if you require a break from the action, a low-sensory room will be provided.

**Session Information:**

Walk-ins are welcome

**Enquiries:** Cath Rinaudo - Diversity Equity and Inclusion Coordinator

**Contact:** [crinaudo@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:crinaudo@wodonga.vic.gov.au)

**Audience:** All ages

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** The Cube Wodonga

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM





# ROOM 6 NEWS

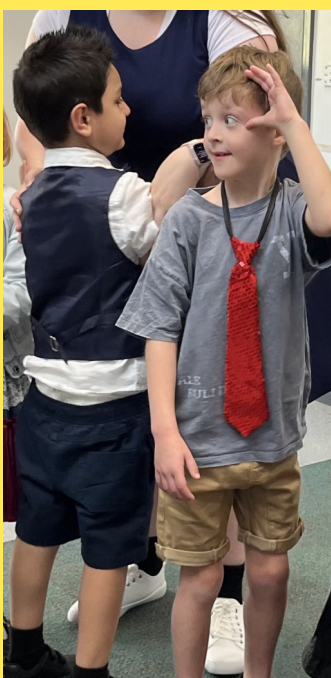
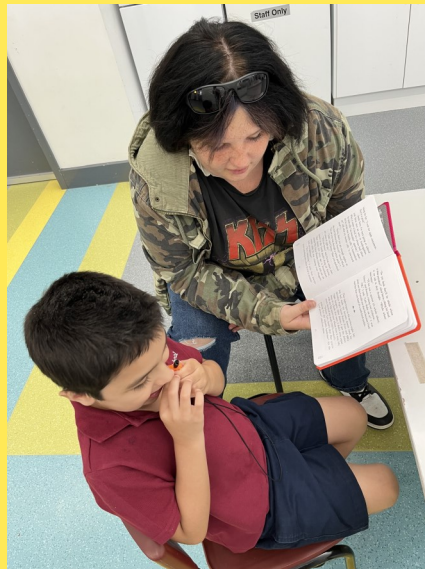
Chloe C & Kellie P



Room 6 have had an exciting few weeks. We have been doing some fun reading with some buddies from orange pod. Students have enjoyed going to the middle of the pod and listening to a student from orange pod read them a story.

We have also had the La-De-Dah day parade, where we all dressed in our best race clothes. Room 6 were lucky enough to win best dressed class in yellow pod!

Room 6 have also enjoyed participating in a fine motor skills program with our OT Cassie! We have done so many fun activities including making shapes with Play-Doh. We look forward to the rest of the term and all the fun activities to come!





# 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





# Room 20 NEWS

Luke, Graham, Jess T & Mick



Up in Orange Pod we have plenty of opportunities for our senior students to engage with staff and students around the school, and also the wider school community. In Room 20 we take responsibility for the school fruit delivery; every week students collect, sort, and deliver fruit to each Pod.

We also move around the school a lot as part of our ongoing Staff Café project. Every week, along with our peers in the Individual Pathways Program (IPP), we collect food orders from all staff. Then after we cook our menu items we personally deliver these orders back to the assigned rooms. This provides great practice for our work-related skills and helps encourage our students to interact with lots of different people.

This term the IPP classes have started another project: the Belvoir Op Shop. Our students have washed, folded, and sorted second-hand school uniforms that have been donated to the school. Every Tuesday afternoon, 2pm-3pm, and every Friday morning, 9am-10am, we open our open shop to the public. Come visit us at the Life Skills House (next to the front gate) and support our students while getting a bargain.







# ROOM 11 NEWS

Paul, Gail, Imogen & Phoebe



This term saw Green Pod partake in a staged camp across all three age groups in our pod! All camps encompassed a day trip to Beechworth for some fun and exciting activities like the Bee School at Beechworth Honey and taking a step back in time at the Burke Museum!

It was so great to see so many students thoroughly enjoying the camp, exhibiting safe behaviour away from school and stepping out of their comfort zones and having a go at some of the activities we got to experience throughout the day!



Participate in the exciting sport of Softball  
Ages 8 & Up

*Become  
a  
Junior*

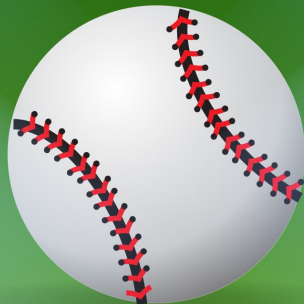
**WARRIOR**

No equipment needed  
Every Thursday  
Starting September 7th  
4:30pm-5:30pm  
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,  
Wodonga.

Contact: Tracey Chadwick - 0407592722



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







# Room 18 News

Elissa, Katrina & Sue



Room 18 have been very busy so far in Term 4. Last week, we were very fortunate to go on an outing to the Halve Waste Education Centre in Albury. We went on a bus tour showing us the many different areas of the centre, where waste is sorted into their different sections to be either recycled or put into landfill. We were having such a great time that we forgot to take any photos! Our favourite fact we learned is that some of the food waste is made into a smoothie to feed the maggots, which are then freeze dried and fed to animals. Yuck! We also enjoyed an outing to the Albury Skate Park.

In Maths we have been learning about money and have enjoyed many different activities to practice using money, including playing Monopoly!





# P.E NEWS

Todd



It's been an exciting time in our Physical Education classes, and here are some of the highlights for you.

In our PE sessions, teamwork has been a focus many of our students have been working on. Students have been having a blast working together in small games and activities.

Our bike track has seen some impressive action as students pedalled their way to newfound confidence and skills. It's not just about riding bikes; it's about riding high on self-esteem!

But that's not all; we've also continued the touch of magic to our sessions with our Lu projector. Students have been immersed in new games that not only keep them active but also boost their hand-eye coordination. It's like stepping into a world of fun and adventure right in our gym.

We're all about keeping PE lively, and we're thrilled to see the enthusiasm and energy our students bring to every class. With their smiles and energy, every day in PE is a victory.

Stay active, stay happy, and let's make PE an unforgettable adventure!





# 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**

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[www.communityaccessability.org.au](http://www.communityaccessability.org.au)



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3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.