

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.

Transition Day Info:

This **Tuesday the 21st from 9.30-11.30** we will be beginning our transition sessions, students will have a visit with a new class group to a new classroom to begin this process.

The class lists are still being finalised and we continue to seek feedback as the transition experience progresses.

We will have a second transition session on **Tuesday the 28th of November 9.30-11.30**. Once classes have been finalised, social stories will be provided for students so as they can familiarise themselves with their new friends.

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

Transition Day— Tuesday 21st
NOV 9:30am—11:30am

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

Staff Professional Practice Day
(Student Free Day)- 23rd Nov

Wodonga Cup 24th November (Public
Holiday in Wodonga)

Second Transition Day
Tuesday 28th NOV 9:30am—
11:30am

YR12 Graduation—Wed 29th of Nov

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

Last Day of School for Students
19th of December 3pm Finish

Staff Development Day—20th Dec

Dyson's Buses

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BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

WE NEED YOU!!!

Parents, families, and carers!



The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Community of Practice are currently conducting a review of Belvoir's School Expectations. After consulting with the students on their thoughts around the current expectations and preferences for new expectations, it is now time to speak with our wider school community, that's where you come in!

How can you help?

We are glad you asked, we are hosting a parent/carers morning on Wednesday the 29th of November at 9am at the Life Skills House (on site at Belvoir)

In this session we will provide attendees with insight into what behaviour support currently looks like at Belvoir, why we're reviewing the school expectations and give you a valuable opportunity to have your say as to what the expectations could look like in the future.

***If you are able to attend please RSVP to
cassie.treloar@education.vic.gov.au
by 4pm Monday 27th November.***

Immunisation Catch-ups



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Secondary school immunisations are provided to students to reduce their risk of contracting preventable diseases and some cancers. Health advice regarding immunisations recommends students receive the following:

Year 7

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine (one dose)
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (one dose).

Year 10

- Meningococcal A, C, W, Y vaccine (one dose).

There are a number of students in years 7 to 12 who may have missed these important vaccines. This puts students at an increased risk of illness.

If your child missed out on their school-based vaccinations, please speak to your GP or local council immunisation service about how they can catch up. To check if your child is due for any vaccines, refer to their immunisation history statement on the Australian Immunisation Register, using your MyGov account. If your child is aged over 14, they may need to access their immunisation history statement themselves, through their own MyGov account or the Medicare mobile app.

New HPV vaccination resources to assist young people with disability
Young people with disability should have the same access to preventive healthcare and immunisations as everyone else. Vaccinations can be stressful, and there are sometimes unique barriers for people with disability.

Cancer Council Victoria, in consultation with Murdoch Children's Research Institute and Scope Australia, has developed the following resources for parents and carers to improve the vaccination experience for young people with disability:

[Help your child with disability get the HPV vaccine](#) (fact sheet)

[Supporting your child with a disability with vaccination](#) (videos)

[Preparing for school vaccinations](#) (social story).

**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.



Belvoir Special School

"Together we can"

Belvoir Special School – Orange and Purple Pod Senior Students Post-School Expo

Event Details

Date: Tuesday November 21, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Venue: Belvoir School Gymnasium

On behalf of Belvoir Special School, I would like to invite you to join us at our Post-School Expo on Tuesday November 21st. The purpose of this event is to provide families with valuable information and resources regarding the various support services and options available to their children through their senior school years. It will also allow you to explore the different options available for your child once they have completed year 12.

The aim of the expo is to provide disability organisations and support services the opportunity to showcase what they offer and to give parents/carers the chance to speak to a representative face-to-face.

By participating in this expo children and parents will have the opportunity to engage with our school community and help make informed decisions about the best path forward, empowering them to succeed in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Orange Pod Camp at Howman's Gap

Our Belvoir senior students recently attended the Orange Pod Camp held at Howman's Gap. This outdoor adventure camp provided an opportunity for our students to push their limits, build camaraderie, and create lasting memories.

The camp kicked off with a stroke of good fortune—perfect weather! The sun shone brightly over the mountainous landscape, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. Camp offered a diverse range of activities including canoeing, rock climbing, high ropes, giant swing, orienteering and challenge games.

Jake B – “The giant swing was fun, but the beds were just ok”

Lisa H – “It had a great climbing wall”

T.J – “It was fun, I enjoyed it a lot”

Some of the best memories made happened during our down time when the campers got to just spend time with each other. Whether they were relaxing in the accommodation lounge room or playing pool and table tennis in the games room, it was great to see how well everyone got along outside of school. The communal dining experience also allowed students and staff to share stories and laughter, fostering a sense of unity.

Thank you to the Belvoir staff for dedicating their time and effort to making the camp such a huge success. Thank you to the students for making the experience such a great one. Based on how quiet the bus trip was on the way home, I think everyone was suitably exhausted, which is a sign that it was a camp well done.





Friday 1st 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

Audience: All ages

Cost: Free

Location: The Cube Wodonga

Time: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Date: Thursday 7th December 2023

TERM 4 HYDROTHERAPY PROGRAM

In term 4 students have been attending Hydro sessions led by a Senior Physiotherapist & Fourth Year CSU Physiotherapy students, alongside the Belvoir Allied Health & Wellbeing teams.

All the students involved enjoyed working towards their goals in the pool, with all of them showing great progression and confidence week to week!

We thank all staff involved, particularly our Fourth-Year Physiotherapy students who have made a huge impact in supporting our students while on their placement.





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ROOM 1 NEWS

Cas, Madi & Marnie



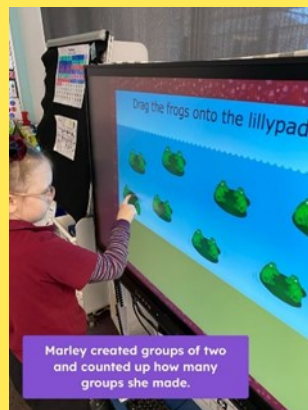
While Cas has been away our classroom story has been The Potato People which the students have really enjoyed. They got to make little potato people like Jack and his Grandma made in the book.



This term our students have also been learning about and painting aboriginal symbols with our local KESO (Koori Education Support Officer) Rosie. The students got to paint these symbols onto one of the totem poles that will be displayed at the school in the future.



We have continued this term's Numeracy focus with grouping, sharing and addition, alongside our usual counting and dice activities. We've been playing with some new puzzles and games to help increase learning and engagement with the numeracy topics.



Room 1 would really like to thank our substitute teacher Tara, she did a fantastic job of helping us to follow our planned learning program during the time that Cas was away.

From the Room 1 Team: Cas P, Madi M & Marnie S J

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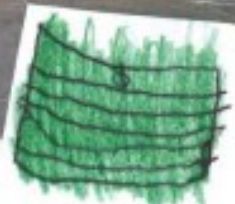
OP SHOP

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 21 NEWS

Scott, Bron & Jonathan



"When I was on camp I had fun singing Karaoke. I also loved going on the giant swing. I wasn't even scared!"
– **Isabelle Biggs**

"On camp we did rock climbing, archery, canoeing and a high ropes course. There was also a big swing and we got to see snow. My favourite activity was the rock climbing. I enjoyed camp, it was really fun."
– **TJ Davis**



"I went on Orange Pod camp to Howman's Gap and we got to sleep on bunk beds. I went rock climbing as well as on the high ropes and giant swing. I had bacon, eggs and toast for breakfast."
– **Kaitlyn Holland**



"I went on school camp. When we arrived we ate our lunch and began doing activities. My favourite activities were rock climbing and canoeing." – **Josh McLennan**

"Camp at Howman's Gap was amazing and I had so much fun. My favourite activity was the giant 16 meter swing. I also liked rock climbing and high ropes. I had a good time." – **Jake Brown**



"Last Wednesday we went on camp to Homan's Gap, near Falls Creek. We got to do lots of activities. There were boys rooms and girls rooms. We ate our meals in the dining room and next door there was a games room with two pool tables." – **Ayla Sedgwick**

Participate in the exciting sport of Softball

Ages 8 & Up

No equipment needed

Every Thursday

Starting September 7th

4:30pm-5:30pm

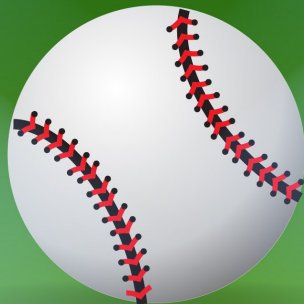
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ROOM 12 NEWS

Tonia, Christin & Alex



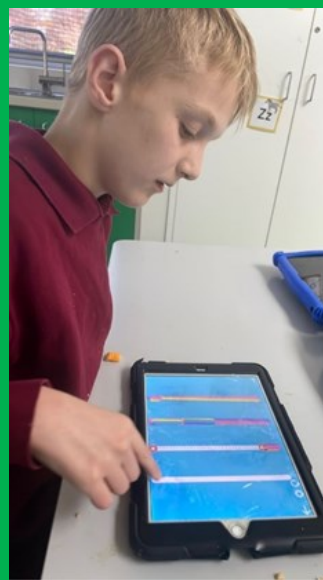
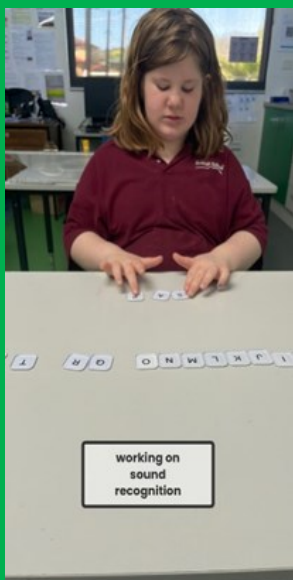
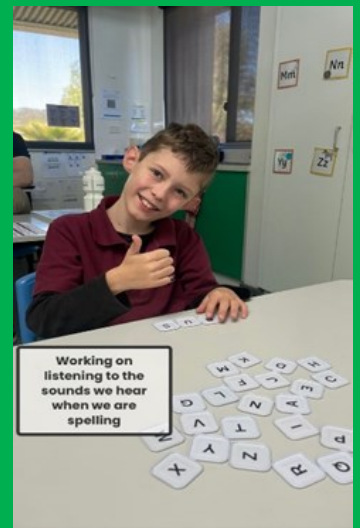
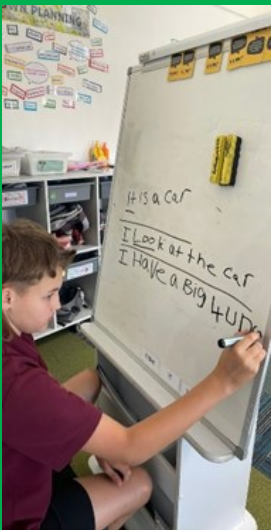
What a busy term it has been so far. Over the last couple of weeks Room 12 students have had the chance to participate in camp, were they had the opportunity to explore a variety of activity that included the Beechworth Honey school and Museum.

During our literacy program we have been focusing on identifying letter sounds at the start, middle and end of a word as well as producing an interesting sentence.

In numeracy we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes and are about to move on to multiplication and division.

Our term topic 'Town Planning' has been a class favourite. The students have enjoyed learning about how a town is built and the process behind it. They have enjoyed creating their own buildings to add to our Green Pod town that each class will present at the end of the term.

The last 4 weeks of term are jammed pack with lots of fun activities including transition and end of year concert.



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WMY R3 News

Nicole



This term we have been linking all our learning to our Term Topic of Design Technology. We have explored lots of new language in Literacy, and also linked Design Tech to all our Food Tech classes. We have made Matchsticks, Mummy Hotdogs, Graveyard Chocolate Cups, Cheeseburger Taco's, Muffin Pizzas etc. These have all required us to follow the design brief, be creative and produce some yummy food. In Science, we have been challenged to create solar powered creations and elastic band powered machines like the plane and helicopter you see in the photos on the next page.

We also had a challenge to build the tallest tower we could from toothpicks and marshmallows. This was super fun and we had to make sure they could withstand a mini earthquake! The earthquake was created by placing the towers on a trolley and rocking them.

We have also linked our outings to all our learning. We love going on our outings especially when we can take Sarge our school dog. We have visited the park, where we looked at its design. When we went back to school, we had to design our ideal playground. Another fun outing was to Hyphen. There, we explored the water colour exhibition, and then we went to the Grove and painted our own watercolour paintings. It was super relaxing and a fun experience. It was challenging trying to layer the water colours, but we all gave it a good go.

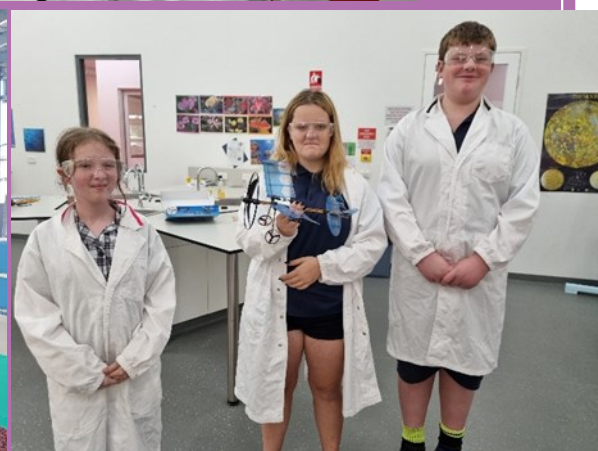
We've also visited Halve Waste in Albury which was amazing to see how much of our waste is actually recycled. If you get the chance, go visit the Albury tip and check out all the things they can recycle. We were also lucky enough to visit ConneXtions where we explored all the activities they offer. One of the most fun was being in their circus space and flying through the air. Another fun activity was going Geocaching. We had to locate hidden treasures around Wodonga using an app and following the directions.

In PE we have been playing Multisport – where we play up to 4 small sports games like hockey, basketball, tag and soccer all in 1 session at the Leisure Centre. PE is one of our most loved sessions in our week. This week we had Paul from Green Pod come and visit. He will be the teacher in C1 next year. He was pretty good at basketball. This term we have also been hosting our new Belvoir students into R3. We are enjoying sharing our lessons with the new students and seeing how much they are loving our program here at R3.



WMY R3 News

Nicole



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