

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.

A reminder for our second transition session is 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.

It has been a wonderful week 8! We had a very successful transition morning on Tuesday, our staff did an outstanding job of supporting our students who did some wonderful work with new groups of students in the new classroom spaces, including our new Foundation students.

We have some major school events happening in week 9 including our **Year 12 Graduation at Wodonga Golf Club on Wednesday the 29th of November.**

We also have our whole school Art show and **End of Year Concert on Friday the 1st of December in our school hall!** The Junior concert begins at 10.30am, and the senior concert at 12noon, we hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful Wodonga Cup long weekend!

2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

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

YR12 Graduation—Wed 29th of Nov

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

Christmas Raffle—Drawn 8th
December

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

Staff Development Day—20th Dec

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

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.***

Repair Café

Toss it? No way!



OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 2nd December 2023

What do you do with broken household items?

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Friday 1st December at Belvoir Special School
Friends and Family are welcome!!!

Yellow and Green pods: 10am, Art Show open,
Concert starts 10:30, BBQ and activities from 11:15

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

Location: Belvoir School Hall



**DRAWN ON
8TH DEC
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.

Community Accessibility

CHRISTMAS MARKET



19 December 2023

Murray Valley Centre - 1B Pearce St, Wodonga VIC 3690

- market stalls • meet santa • homemade gifts • live music
- workshops • sweet treats • cake stall • refreshments
- games • handmade goods made in-house • food vans



ROOM 3 NEWS

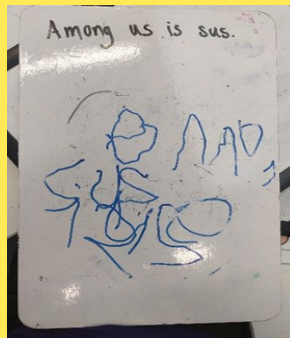
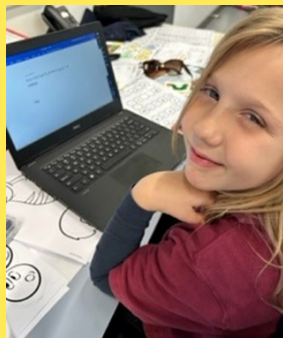
Mel, Georgia & Alicia



Its hard to believe we are nearing the end of the year, with only a few weeks of term to go! We have certainly been very busy in Room 3.

We have continued to practise our writing using an alternative pencil, such as a keyboard to help us write words and sentences. We have also practised writing letters and words on the white boards. Room 3 have been using their special interests as a starting topic and this has seen some amazing work created by the students!

In maths, we have covered following directions and telling somewhere how to get from place to place around the school. We have also played some fun games that involve directions. We have also been working on connecting numbers with their written name and counting quantities and students have made great progress with their numeracy skills and recognition of numbers.



Ollie has been enjoying using the whale to blow bubbles, spending time in the standing frame, reaching for hanging toys and his favourite has been participating in the hydrotherapy program.

Room 3 enjoyed dressing up for La De Dah Day at school and joining in the parade in the agora on Melbourne Cup Day. We also tried some spooky dress ups due to the student's interest in Halloween.



Room 3 have been exploring design and making/building things in our Learn to Play space. We have been able to follow the design process and instructions or create something from our own ideas, and have been having lots of fun while doing this!

We are excited to start some Christmas activities soon, and to show everyone our song that we have been practising so hard for the End of Year Concert on Friday 1st December. We hope to see lots of families there!

Immunisation Catch-ups



Immunisation Catch-ups

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).



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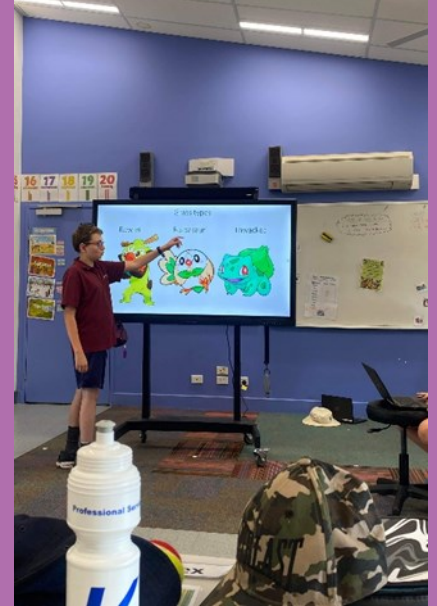
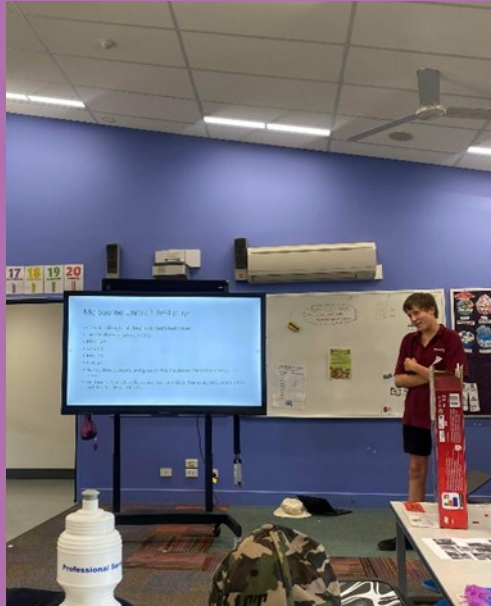
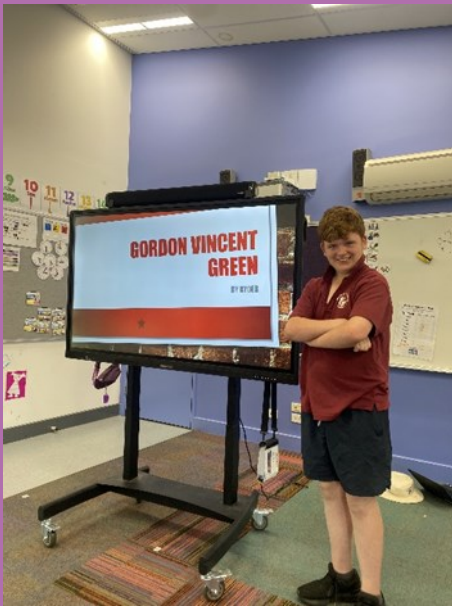


ROOM 13 News

Josh, Michaeli & Phoebe



With the end of Term 4 coming up very quickly, Room 13 has been finalising some of our work from the year. The students have been using technology to create pieces of writing by developing PowerPoints to share with the class. They enjoyed learning how to copy pictures, edit and add text to their slides and were fantastic at presenting in front of the class!



We have recently started learning about shape which is our last maths topic for the term. The class has been learning different shapes and have been finding these shapes in the environment around us. Below is a craft activity where the class created some of their favourite animals using shapes.

Our end of year concert practise is in full swing, we have been busy crafting our costumes and spending plenty of time rehearsing our act. We can't wait to see you all there!





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



Visual Arts NEWS

Olivia & Tegan



Our Senior Art classes have been cooking up something seriously cool this term. The Purple and Orange Pods are diving headfirst into the world of STEAM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math.

Picture this: our budding artists are going wild with all sorts of materials and tricks. They're not just drawing; they're throwing in some serious math skills for mind-blowing perspective drawings. Who knew math could make art look so rad?

And science? Oh yeah, we're mixing up colours like mad scientists. The result? A palette of colours that'll make your eyes pop! It's like art class meets chemistry.

But wait, there's more! We're bringing in the builders. These kids are crafting things that'll make your jaw drop and it's seriously awesome!

Now, the real showstopper? Our upcoming Art Show! Mark your calendars, parents—it's happening next week. Our Art superstars can't wait to flaunt their creations. It's not just art; it's a whole experience of fun, creativity, and a sneak peek into the cool world of STEAM and all other brilliant learning experiences our Belvoir students have undergone in 2023. So, grab your squad, and we'll see you there for a day of art, performances, laughs, and maybe a little bit of magic. Don't miss out!



Visual Arts

Belvoir Special School's

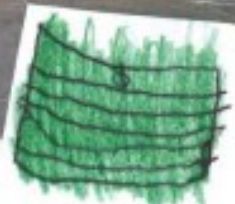
OP SHOP

We are selling second
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WEEK 2
Friday



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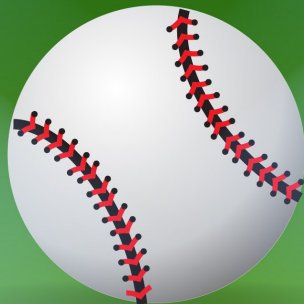
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2 – 22 DECEMBER 2023



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MONDAY 7 DECEMBER – CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

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CIRCUS IN THE SQUARE: CHANGES

FREE

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 5.15PM, 6PM, 7PM

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10AM, 11AM, 12PM

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FRIDAY 15 – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER
BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE

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THE GRAD SHOW

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TUESDAY 19 – FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER
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