

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

## Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Wednesday night we held our Year 12 Graduation. In 2023 we are sending into the community some of the most caring, genuine, headstrong, resilient, hard working and passionate group of students that we have had the pleasure of teaching and supporting. These traits have got this far. Their characteristics, their habits, their style and the way they carry themselves is so unique to them and will help them as they move out in to the community. We wish them all a wonderful life filled with happiness and joy.

It was wonderful to have family and staff there to help in the celebration. Each student was presented with an acknowledgement of completion of their secondary education at Belvoir. They also received an album which captures many important moments from their time at Belvoir and a graduation cake to share with their family and friends.

**A reminder to all families that the last day of school for Belvoir students is  
19<sup>th</sup> of December at 3.00pm.**



### 2023 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Christmas Raffle—Drawn 8th  
December**

**Last Day of School for Students  
19<sup>th</sup> of December 3pm Finish**

**Staff Development Day—20th  
Dec**

### Dyson's Buses

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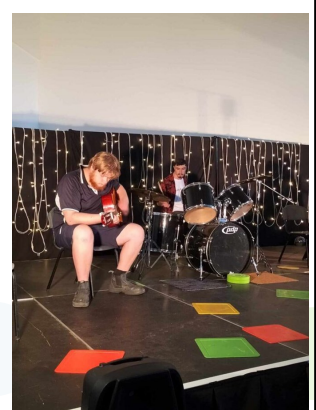
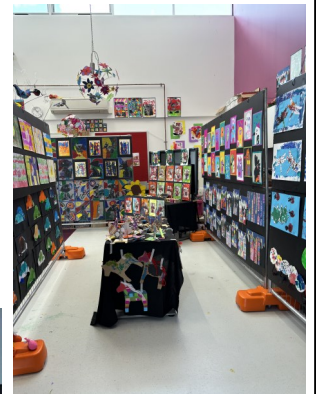
**Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813**



# Belvoir School Concert



It was wonderful to see so many people within the Belvoir community attend the primary and secondary school concerts on Friday. It was fantastic to join together as a community to celebrate the achievements and abilities of our students. The concerts were a great opportunity to see our students shine and celebrate our student's success for 2023. Thank you to all the parents and carers for helping us celebrate their achievements. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Viv and Andrea for coordinating the End of Year Raffle and Jess and Jane for all their work in coordination of the concert. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to ensure such a successful event. I would like to thank the staff and students for all their hard work over 2023. The performances were all amazing and they highlighted how much our students have grown and learnt over 2023. The end of year concert is a wonderful event and highlights that "Together, we can" achieve amazing things".





# Embrace ACTIVATE

## Education Session



On Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> November a small group of students & staff from Belvoir attended the Embrace ACTIVATE education session held at La Trobe University. The day was centred around a new film EMBRACE KIDS which is a film for 9-14 year olds and their teachers, parents and carers. It aims to educate and inspire audiences to create a world where we are not held back by the thoughts we have about the way we look. The audience is encouraged to figure out what makes them unique and special, and use that to spark change. The film utilises role modelling of adaptive body image responses, media literacy, vicarious inter-group contact, counter-stereotypical content and counter-attitudinal advocacy to promote compassion towards self and others.

After viewing the film, which was a highlight of the day, students participated in several workshops, helped create an art installation at Wodonga Tafe & listed to a key note speech from Embrace creator, author, film maker & Australian of the Year Taryn Moffat... we were treated to a lovely lunch & goodie bags to round out a wonderful educational day.

I enjoyed the workshops  
They was one on self compassion  
We did meditation and we wrote  
our selves a kind letter  
They other workshops was one  
making changes to help others



i Really enjoyed the movie  
i Really Related to the film it made me feel like  
im not dealing with it alone i also enjoyed  
The workshop The people that was  
Running the work shop they make you  
Feel comfortable when we was learning  
about being your body im so happy that  
i got to go i learnt so much



**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.



# Repair Café

*Toss it? No way!*



## OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 2nd December 2023

What do you do with broken household items?

You can fix them at the Repair Café!

Our experienced repairers will help you repair them –  
for free!



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10am to 1pm  
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# 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





Flying Fruit Fly Circus presents

# BORDERVILLE

## 2 – 22 DECEMBER 2023



### CIRCUS ARTS SHOWCASE

FREE

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER – CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

The energy and enthusiasm of our Saturday program kids will fill the training floor to bursting at Circus HQ.

### NIGHT FLIES CABARET

FREE

MONDAY 7 DECEMBER – CIRCUS HQ, ALBURY

A dazzling display from the talented Night Flies, showcasing a wide range of entertaining circus acts.

### CIRCUS IN THE SQUARE: CHANGES

FREE

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 5.15PM, 6PM, 7PM

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 10AM, 11AM, 12PM

JUNCTION SQUARE, WODONGA

The extraordinary Fruit Fly ensemble will take your breath away with a brand-new work, Changes, performed throughout Wodonga Council's Fridays in the Square and Christmas Fun in Junction.

### THE LONG PIGS

\$25

WEDNESDAY 13 – THURSDAY 14 DECEMBER

BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE

Spine tingling original theatre, hilariously dark and frighteningly funny.



### AIRBORNE

\$25

THURSDAY 14 – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER  
GATEWAY VILLAGE AMPHITHEATRE

A breathtaking world premiere combining the art of the flying trapeze with the enchanting backdrop of the Gateway amphitheatre.

### YOU & I

\$25

FRIDAY 15 – SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER  
BUTTER FACTORY THEATRE

Jesse Scott and Lachlan Mcaulay return to the Border where their love story – of circus and of each other – began.

### THE GRAD SHOW

\$25

TUESDAY 19 – FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER  
BORDERVILLE THEATRE

The graduating class of 2023 performing their last show together as Fruit Flies in our brand new Borderville Theatre.



Find out more and book your tickets at

[www.borderville.com.au](http://www.borderville.com.au)

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Saturday 9am—1pm.**

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# ROOM 4

## newsletter

TERM 4  
(AND 2023 AS A WHOLE)

### OUR LEARNING

We have been working hard to take responsibility for our own learning during our literacy and numeracy rotations.



We are all so proud of what we have been able to accomplish.



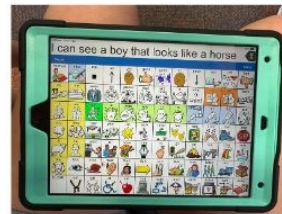
### OUR FAVOURITE THINGS

We have also taken available opportunities to reflect on our days and share these with our families on Seesaw



### ORAL LANGUAGE

Each day we have been using our Oral Language books and a LAMP device to make interesting sentences



### GETTING READY FOR EOYC

It's that time of year again and the boys are all excited for the End Of Year Concert this Friday





Participate in the exciting sport of Softball

Ages 8 & Up

No equipment needed

Every Thursday

Starting September 7th

4:30pm-5:30pm

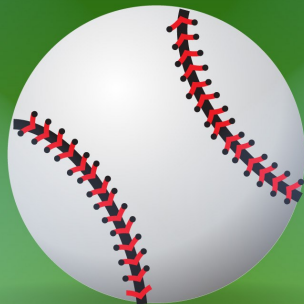
Gayview Park, Serpentine Ave,  
Wodonga.

*Become  
a  
Junior  
WARRIOR*

Contact: Tracey Chadwick - 0407592722



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# ROOM 8 NEWS

Kitty, Bridget & Heidi



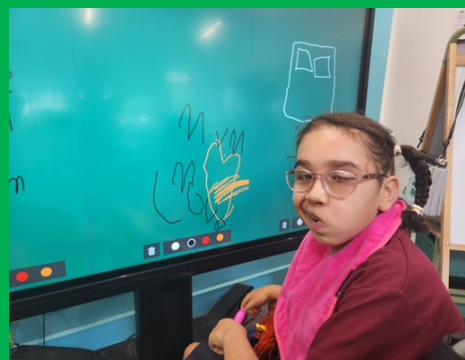
It's hard to believe that we are already in week 9 of this term. The students have worked hard this term, and they should be very proud of their achievements. We have a lot happening in Room 8 currently which is keeping us busy. Students have been practising hard with the rest of Green Pod to prepare for our End of Year Concert song, props and learning the whole school song. Students had a great time sharing their performances on Friday at the school concert with everyone.

In Literacy, students are focusing on independent writing by using the picture prompts. Students are encouraged to sound out the initial sounds of phonetic words. Students learnt about relationship between letters and sounds. In Speaking and Listening, the students enthusiastically participated in all the activities. The focus was for the students to develop their skills to give clear and concise directions.

During Numeracy, the students enjoyed learning of a range of topics including number, calendar months, multiplication, and division. Our term topic is Town Planning. In Room 8, all students have been busily preparing their class buildings to add to our Green Pod town that each class will present at the end of the term. The students have also been completing several assessments with maturity and commitment.

Cooking is always a favourite activity in Room 8. The students have participated in weekly cooking classes and enjoyed making chocolate cupcakes, pancakes, scones, sandwiches, smoothies, and milk shakes.

We are all looking forward to a fun finish with all the amazing activities planned for the last couple of weeks of term 4. Here is some of our awesome work.





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

**Date:** Thursday 7th December 2023



# 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



# Our services

## Aged Services



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### Domestic Assistance

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## Disability Services



### Transport

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